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MAULI OLA IS OUR DESTINY

Aloha mai kākou,

When you put sunscreen on your child, do you really know what you’re doing to the environment?

When it comes to our keiki, we will do anything to protect them. But if we step back and listen to our kūpuna, we know our responsibility goes deeper – especially when there are alternatives. We need to protect the kai, the ‘āina and our keiki.

So when I learned that sunscreens with oxybenzone are damaging our coral reefs, I understood we had to stop using it. Make no mistake, our keiki come first, but there are alternatives to oxybenzone and we can all find a safer alternative.

It got me to thinking about our ancestors and the mission of Hōkū‘a and Mālama Honua. The Polynesian Voyaging Society reminds us all that we are on one earth. We should act as one to protect our planet.

Nowhere was that more evident than at the IUCN World Conservation Congress held at the Hawai‘i Convention Center last month.

The world’s spotlight was on Hawai‘i and its community. We were able to showcase our cultural heritage as an indigenous people and showcase our ancestors’ ways of creating a sustainable community.

President Barack Obama expanded Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the days before the congress meetings and most importantly elevated OHA as a co-trustee. This means Native

Hawaiians have a greater say in what happens there. We will be able to bring our cultural lens on par with that of the federal government.

Think about that for a moment. We have a voice.

We will be at the table. We will be a global leader on protecting our oceans with our Pacific Island family. The president was listening, the IUCN was listening and soon the world will listen to the wisdom of our ancestors on building a sustainable future and to Mālama Honua.

Hawaiians and the indigenous people of the Pacific see the world as a whole – not just of its parts. We have a greater vision beyond our individual borders because we can see how the simple act of using an unhealthy sunscreen can affect our world as a whole.

But as we look globally we must also think locally.

Our elections are just around the corner. Venting on Facebook and Twitter is a great way to raise consciousness about the issues that challenge our communities. But imagine if all those on social media actually upped their game and made a difference by voting. Make your voice heard by voting with your feet and getting your ‘ōkole to the voting booth.

Learn about the candidates and exercise your constitutional right to vote by going the the polls and actually making a difference.

‘O au iho nō me ke aloha a me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

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Obama visits Honolulu and Midway

By Treena Shapiro

Less than a week after expanding Papahānaumokuākea to the largest marine protected area in the world, President Barack Obama made a stop in Honolulu to talk about the need to protect the ocean.

Addressing the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders and members of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Obama focused on climate change and conservation – issues of critical importance to island nations that are already starting to feel the impact of a changing environment.

Speaking at the East-West Center on Aug. 30, the president said, “Rising temperatures and sea levels pose an existential threat to your countries. And while some members of the U.S. Congress still seem to be debating whether climate change is real or not, many of you are already planning for new places for your people to live. Crops are withering



President Barack Obama visits Turtle Beach on Midway Atoll, Sept. 1, 2016. Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

in the Marshall Islands. Kiribati bought land in another country because theirs may someday be submerged. High seas forced villagers from their homes in Fiji.”

Expanding Papahānaumokuākea’s boundaries to twice the size of Texas offers an opportunity to look for solutions. “Seven thousand species live in its waters, a quarter of which are not found anywhere else in the world. Ancient islanders believed it contained

the boundary between this life and the next. Hundreds of brave Americans gave their lives there in defense of the world’s freedom. So this is a hallowed site, and it deserves to be treated that way,” Obama said.

Along with the expansion of the monument, the president also announced the Office of Hawaiian Affairs would be a co-trustee, on par with the State of Hawai‘i, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Elevating OHA’s status ensures that Native Hawaiians would have a voice in the governance of an area they hold sacred.

At the Sept. 1 opening of the IUCN’s World Conservation Congress, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell reiterated the importance of Native Hawaiian representation at the monument, pointing to the Papahānaumokuākea expansion as a potential model for the protection of indigenous people’s territory throughout the United States.

Another keynote speaker, Palau President Thomas Esang “Tommy” Remengesau Jr., raised the ante for the United States, chal-

lenging Obama to join the “big league” and follow Palau’s example of protecting 80 percent of its exclusive economic zone, a suggestion greeted with laughter and applause.

Though Obama was en route to Papahānaumokuākea during the opening ceremony, the White House that day announced that nearly \$40 million would be dedicated to programs to help the Pacific Islands become more resilient to climate change, in part through the advancement of clean energy technologies.

After learning more about Papahānaumokuākea during a visit to Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Obama addressed reporters:

“For us to be able to protect and preserve this national monument, to extend it, and, most importantly, to interact with native Hawaiians and other stakeholders so that the way we protect and manage this facility is consistent with ancient traditions and the best science available, this is going to be a precious resource for generations to come,” he said at Midway’s Turtle Beach. “I look forward to knowing that 20 years from now, 40 years from now, 100 years from now this is a place where people can still come to and see what a place like this looks like when it’s not overcrowded or destroyed by human populations.” ■

DOI Finalizes Pathway to Government-to-Government Relationship

— WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE —

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of the Interior announced a final rule to create a pathway for reestablishing a formal government-to-government relationship with the Native Hawaiian community. The final rule sets out an administrative procedure and criteria that the U.S. Secretary of the Interior would use if the Native Hawaiian community forms a unified government that then seeks a formal government-to-government relationship with the United States.

“This final rule provides the Native Hawaiian community with the opportunity to exercise self-determination by reestablishing a formal government-to-government relationship with the United States,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. “Throughout this two-year rulemaking process, thousands of voices from the Native Hawaiian community and the public testified passionately about the proposal. Today is a major step forward in the reconciliation process between Native Hawaiians and the

United States that began over 20 years ago. We are proud to announce this final rule that respects and supports self-governance for Native Hawaiians, one of our nation’s largest indigenous communities.”

The final rule builds on more than 150 Federal statutes that Congress enacted over the last century to recognize and implement the special political and trust relationship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian community. It also considered and addressed extensive public comments during the rulemaking process, which included public meetings in Hawaii and the mainland United States.

Native Hawaiians have not had a formal unified government since the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893. In 1993, Congress enacted the Apology Resolution which offered an apology to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for its role in the overthrow and committed the Federal government to a process of reconciliation.

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OHA APPLAUDS ADMINISTRATION

“The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) applauds the Obama Administration for bringing Native Hawaiians closer to having equality with other indigenous groups in the United States. Native Hawaiians have been the only major indigenous group in the 50 states without a process for establishing a government-to-government relationship with the federal government. This rule finally remedies this injustice. OHA will spend the next few days closely examining the rule to better understand how the Native Hawaiian people can – if they choose – pursue a government-to-government relationship.”

“As fiduciaries for the Native Hawaiian trust, the OHA Board of Trustees has supported federal acknowledgement of Native Hawaiian indigenous status in order to further strengthen and protect Native Hawaiian rights and resources. Having a federal rule available to Native Hawaiians is also an important step towards achieving Native Hawaiian self-determination and self-governance. During the 1978 Hawai‘i State Constitutional Convention, these two goals served as bases for the creation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Constitutional convention delegates in 1978 envisioned Native Hawaiians achieving ‘self-determination, methods for self-sufficiency through assets and a land base, and the unification of all [N]ative Hawaiian people.”

-- Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chairman Robert K. Lindsey Jr. ■

Aloha ‘Āina embraced globally

By Malia K. Evans

From the summit of Kahōkūwelowelo, you can view the entire coastline of the Waialua moku. In the west, the rugged cliffs of Ka‘ena are adorned in ‘ehukai. To the north, the sands of Waimea reflect the subdued golds and reds of the setting sun. As the sun descends toward the horizon, a chant is offered up by a group of UH Mānoa Hawaiian Studies students, faculty and Waialua community members. “E Kānehoalani e, E Kānehoalani e, Aloha kāua,” resounds among the sacred stones of Kahōkūwelowelo, once a residential complex for kahuna.

This significant cultural landscape was the locale for a unique field methods course that provided college students an opportunity to integrate traditional Hawaiian knowledge with western scientific methods, while supporting community stewardship goals.

The Mālama ‘Āina Field Methods Course taught by Assistant Professor Kekuewa Kikiloi and Kelley Uyeoka is offered through the Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at UH Mānoa. “These types of programs in the field allow academia to be of service to the community,” Kikiloi notes.

The place-based course was supported by a grant from Kamehameha Schools (KS) and focused on ‘āina in rural Waialua managed by KS. The course curriculum integrates traditional and contemporary management strategies to better understand Cultural Resource Management (CRM) across the dimensions of time and space. Students looked back in time through ethno-historical research of mo‘olelo, genealogical lines, land documents and Hawaiian language newspaper articles associated with the Kawaiiloa ahupua‘a.

“Through these resources, the voices of our kūpuna form a foundation for our research,” explains graduate student Kawena Elkington of O‘ahu. That foundation was further strengthened while students and faculty lived in the community during a week of intensive archaeological fieldwork which included general surveying, mapping, data collection and analysis.

Kahōkūwelowelo was chosen for the fieldwork component because of its significance, strong community interest and hope the field school would serve as a building block for community-based stewardship and educational programming, notes Sean McNamara, Cultural Resources Planner/Analyst at Kamehameha Schools.



Some of the haumāna, teaching assistants & faculty on the summit of Kahōkūwelowelo, Kawena Elkington (4th from right) — Photo courtesy of Kawena Elkington

Community interest in Kahōkūwelowelo was initiated through kama‘āina Bobby Robinson, whose advocacy efforts on behalf of the kahuna complex began over a decade ago. Plans to realign Kamehameha Highway near Laniākea, potentially impacting Kahōkūwelowelo, created a sense of urgency for the community. Robinson regards education as a vital tool in restoring the site and is pleased with the development of a restoration plan generated by the faculty, teaching assistants and students during their summer coursework.

The restoration planning process was informed by oral history interviews conducted with kupa‘āina and kama‘āina. The student cohorts were trained in culturally appropriate interviewing techniques to gather and analyze oral histories and place them within a historical context. Elkington emphasizes that, “not doing oral histories, an entire database of unique knowledge is bypassed; oral histories document people’s historical connections to their ‘āina and the intimate relationships they have with their environment.” These intimate relationships between people and ‘āina are especially significant in rural Waialua as agriculture and food production continue to be major factors in the traditional and con-

“Through these resources, the voices of our kūpuna form a foundation for our research.”

temporary history of this district. Research questions of island sustainability over time and traditional food production systems are integral to the broader field school research strategies. Kikiloi indicates that systematic inquiry to understand ancestral food systems and land tenure can benefit the needs of the region today in regards to goals of food sovereignty and community empowerment.

As more Native Hawaiians enter the archaeology and CRM fields, a paradigm shift in research that is responsive to Native Hawaiian needs, worldview and history is emerging.

Through the Mālama ‘Āina Field Methods Course, a new generation of culturally grounded, technically skilled cultural resource managers are being trained and reconnected to ‘āina. Introducing students to integrated methodologies of traditional and contemporary science empowers not only the haumāna, but creates a holistic framework where ‘āina is the source of knowledge and research is relevant and benefits the community under study. ■

Malia K. Evans is an anthropologist and advocate for preservation of Hawaiian cultural landscapes.

Kamakakūokalani nears 20 years

It’s been almost 20 years since the Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies opened the doors to its Dole Street facilities, and the program is inviting past graduates to join a yearlong celebration that begins in January 2017.

Alumni events, workshops and lecture series are open to all Hawaiian Studies graduates – including those who graduated before Kamakakūokalani was built. Anyone interested in helping plan or attend the anniversary events can email Dr. Lilikalā Kame‘eleihiwa at lilikala@hawaii.edu to receive information about upcoming activities.

The University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa established the Hawaiian studies program in 1985 and two years later elevated it to the Center for Hawaiian Studies in the School of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies. In 1997, the Center moved into its permanent building and five years later took the name of the late Gladys Kamakakūokalani ‘Ainoa Brandt, a revered educator and administrator for the public schools and Kamehameha School for Girls. During her tenure as chairwoman of the UH Board of Regents, Brandt was instrumental in the Center’s founding and construction.

Since 2007, Kamakakūokalani has been part of the Hawai‘i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, which also includes the Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language, Ka Papa Lo‘i o Kānewai and the Native Hawaiian Student Services Kauhale.

Translated, Kamakakūokalani means “upright eye of heaven.” The center’s mission is “to achieve and maintain excellence in the pursuit of knowledge concerning the Native people of Hawai‘i, their origin, history, language, literature, religion, arts and sciences, interactions with their oceanic environment and other peoples; and to reveal, disseminate and apply this knowledge for the betterment of all peoples.” ■

HEALTH

MAULI OLA

To improve the quality and longevity of life, Native Hawaiians will enjoy healthy life-styles and experience reduced onset of chronic diseases.

Grant provides assistance for women’s health screenings

By Glee Stormont

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. The Queen’s Women’s Health Center would like to encourage women to schedule an appointment for an annual screening mammogram, or x-ray of the breast. The health screening is a critical tool for detecting breast cancer, a disease in which early detection is the key to survival. Many women shy

away from getting screenings because they have no medical insurance or are underinsured. Fortunately, The Queen’s Medical Center-Women’s Health Center has received grant aid to help. In partnership with the Hawai’i State Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), Queen’s is committed to helping underserved women access regular mammogram and cervical cancer screenings, including breast exams, pelvic exams and Pap tests. To be eligible, women must meet program

criteria which include: age between 50 and 64 years old, be uninsured or underinsured; and have an income at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Women between the ages of 40 to 49 years or older than 65 and not enrolled in Medicare Part B may also be eligible. The program is focused on providing assistance to Native Hawaiian, Filipina and/or Pacific Islander women. All

Federal Poverty Limit for 2016

| FAMILY SIZE | ANNUAL INCOME | MONTHLY INCOME |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | \$34,175 | \$2,848 |
| 2 | \$46,075 | \$3,840 |
| 3 | \$57,975 | \$4,831 |
| 4 | \$69,875 | \$5,823 |
| 5 | \$81,775 | \$6,815 |
| 6 | \$93,675 | \$7,806 |
| 7 | \$105,575 | \$8,798 |
| 8 | \$117,525 | \$9,794 |
| Additional family member: \$11,950/year or \$996/month | | |

Source: Dept. of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)

women are encouraged to contact the BCCCP coordinator at 691-7726 for Oahu and (808) 553-3145 for Moloka’i General Hospital. Or you may email BCCCP@queens.org for more information. ■
Glee Stormont is a writer for The Queen’s Medical Center.

The future of Wao Kele o Puna



Wao Kele o Puna — Photo: Arna Johnson

By Office of Hawaiian Affairs Staff

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has begun the planning process for a Comprehensive Management Plan for Wao Kele o Puna. Wao Kele o Puna is a culturally and historically significant sacred area, encompassing 25,689.5 acres of low-land rainforest in east Hawai’i. The dense native forest is known to

be home to many akua and a rich resource for traditional Hawaiian hunting and gathering practices. A complex cave system was once used for burials, temporary habitation and transportation. But the forest is not without issue. The predominantly ‘ōhi‘a/uluhe forest is being affected by Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death, invasive species, the occasional lava flows and other

issues that pose a threat to forest health. In 2006, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) acquired title to Wao Kele o Puna as part of a joint effort initiated by the Pele Defense Fund and others to prevent geothermal development in the forest. The acquisition helps to fulfill OHA’s mission by contributing to the maintenance of Hawai’i’s natural and cultural resources, and protecting the exercise of traditional and customary rights. OHA has retained Forest Solutions Inc. to collaboratively prepare a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) to guide the future management of WKOP. The CMP will embrace modern day science, technology and proven best practices in conservation through a Native Hawaiian cultural perspective. The Plan is envisioned to provide a culturally competent stewardship framework to protect, preserve, enhance and perpetuate the cultural and natural resources of Wao Kele o Puna for current and future generations. A key element of the plan includes gathering a wide range of community input through-

out the planning process. Community consultation began in 2014, when Kumupa’a Cultural Resource Consultants, LLC, conducted an ethnographic study to help document the unique history and traditions of WKOP. For community participants, the top recommendation was the proper preservation and safekeeping of the forest to ensure it can be enjoyed and appreciated by future generations. Community-based, culturally appropriate management practices were also highly recommended. Since that time, OHA has formed an ‘Aha Kūkākūkā Advisory Council, a diverse group of subject matter experts, community leaders, and cultural practitioners. The purpose of the ‘Aha is to advise OHA and OHA’s consultants throughout the remainder of the planning process. OHA will be providing periodic updates on the planning process through *Ka Wai Ola* and other media outlets. As OHA moves forward, additional community input will be solicited. A public meeting will also be held in Puna to discuss the draft plan. Questions or comments regarding the CMP process for Wao Kele o Puna can be forwarded to Pua Ishibashi via email at puai@oha.org. ■

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More than 1,100 women in Hawai'i will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Women should have their first mammogram by age 40. Screening mammograms mean early detection and early detection saves lives. Uninsured and underinsured Native Hawaiian women age 40-64 may be eligible for free screenings. Call 808-691- 7726 to ask about the BCCCCP grant.



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Courtesy photo: Hakipu`u Learning Center

Tiny school earns big recognition

By Ka Wai Ola Staff

Hakipu`u Learning Center in Kāne`ohe received national recognition through the XQ Super School Project in September.

The Hawaiian-focused charter school, which serves 66 students from grades 4-12, was one of 50 finalists from across the nation in a contest that challenged educators to “rethink high school.”

Hakipu`u, occupying a small corner of Windward Community College, has a student-centered, project-based program that takes advantage of the campus’s proximity to the Ko`olau mountain range and Kāne`ohe Bay. Following the motto, “Ma ka hana ka `ike” (The learning is in the doing), learning often happens while tending the campus garden, practicing traditional fishing methods, playing sports and making scientific observations.

“With the guidance of their teachers and elders from the community, students at Hakipu`u learn to pursue their curiosity through rigorous independent projects rooted in the native Hawaiian culture and environment,” the school stated in a press release announcing the honor.

The “XQ” in the super school contest builds on the importance of IQ (intelligence quotient) and EQ (emotional quotient) and is defined as “a nimble flexible intelligence needed for today.”

The XQ Super School Project was founded in 2015 by Laurene Powell Jobs who, like her late husband Steve Jobs, saw a need to update existing education models with a combination of innovation and imagination. The project received 700 applications and after three evaluation rounds, Hakipu`u’s education model, teaching style, facilities and future plans earned it a spot in the final round. ■

OHA Board Actions

The following actions were taken by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, and are summarized here. For more information on board actions, please see the complete meeting minutes posted online at <http://www.oha.org/BOT>.

| August 25, 2016 | | Board of Trustees | | | | | | | | |
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| Motion | | Ahu Isa | Ahuna | Akana | Apo | Apolonia | H. Lindsey | R. Lindsey | Machado | Waihe'e |
| Motion to approve: (1) OHA's preliminary general funds budget of \$3,521,574 per fiscal year to fulfill its requirement of submitting OHA's FB budget bill to the State Legislature in December 2016 for the FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 biennium and (2) OHA's preliminary community grants program budget of up to \$3,200,000 per fiscal year for the FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 biennium. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motion passes with seven AYES, and two EXCUSED. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motion to approve OHA's Total Operating Budget Realignment #1 for fiscal year 2017. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motion passes with six AYES, one ABSTENTION and two EXCUSED. | | | | | | | | | | |

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Key Issues: **Species loss, ecosystem decline and climate change**

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**Navigating Island
Earth: The Hawai'i
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**Planet
at the
Crossroads**

Indigenous practices and values played a prominent role at the World Conservation Congress held in Honolulu last month. From the moving oli that launched the opening ceremony to the official document adopted by 8,500 members of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, native voices made an impact.

The outcome of the 10-day Congress was “Navigating Island Earth: The Hawai’i Commitments,” a document that identified opportunities to promote a “Culture of Conservation” by engaging spiritual and faith leaders, young people, the private sector and government in creating a sustainable future. The commitments affirm the value of considering traditional wisdom alongside modern knowledge in finding solutions to environmental threats, such as global warming, species loss and ecosystem decline.

The document concludes: “Our problems are complex, values are contested, and the future uncertain. Strong partnerships are needed to implement conservation at the scales required. We need to broaden and deepen the global dialogue about how we relate to nature, motivate collective action, and ensure that nature-based solutions are fair, just and enduring. The conservation community will meet these challenges emboldened by the creativity of human imagination, empowered by scientific and traditional knowledge, and inspired by the spirit of Aloha ‘Āina.”

We invite you to view more photos from the IUCN Congress, along with video of the opening ceremony and other featured events at www.oha.org.

The Aloha Spirit – Politeness, Hospitality



By Claire Ku'uleilani Hughes,
Dr. PH., R.D.

There was no match for Hawaiian hospitality in the old days. The welcoming “aloha” was always sincere and pleasant. Back then, Hawai‘i’s environment was uncluttered, relaxing, balmy and moderate with many scenic vistas to behold. Hawai‘i’s beaches were clean and uncrowded. The ocean was sparkling...and clean. Tourists mainly relaxed on the beach and enjoyed evenings dining by the sea – and no one bothered them. Based on the “aloha spirit”

and its beauty, Hawai‘i became a preferred destination for many wealthy tourists, who returned repeatedly.

The aloha spirit was standard practice in the Hawaiian community. Elders used respect, kindness and gentle conversation when greeting strangers, never prying and always offering comfort and refreshment. Kawena Pukui explains that in early Hawai‘i, upon seeing any stranger passing by, a Hawaiian would say, “Aloha e ka malihini. E hoi kākou i kauhale e ‘ai ai!” (Hello, newcomer. Come, let us go home, rest and eat.) The passerby could accept or decline the invitation. Never during the encounter did the host pry into the stranger’s business or origin. The host used an indirect comment of the obvious, “You have walked a distance in the sun.” The stranger could share more about himself, or not. The host and his wife acted,

using cultural norms, offering comfort and refreshment. “Come inside, sit down and rest until your weariness is gone, then have something to eat.” It was polite. Food was offered, with a softly urgent, “E ‘ai (eat).” Mrs. Pukui explained it was never polite to say, “Hungry? Perhaps you will like something to eat.” These words could embarrass the guest and hint reluctance on the host’s part.

When we moved to O‘ahu from Kaua‘i, I noticed my mother smiled and nodded at strangers as we walked in downtown Honolulu. I asked, “Why?” (We had no sidewalks and knew everyone walking in our old neighborhood.) She explained that it is important, and polite, to acknowledge the presence and existence of others when you see each other. My father would call across the street to people he knew. He’d whistle the “family whistle”

to uncles and cousins he spotted up ahead. And, we’d stop and chat with old pals. It was an exciting, social experience with him. Smiles and waves were standards in my childhood. Now, about a hundred years since Waikiki became a tourist spot, Honolulu city and its people have changed...a lot! There are no smiles or acknowledgements between passersby, and more disappointing, it is probably not welcomed nor safe.

Hawaiian parents spent much time teaching their children acceptable behaviors, as guests and hosts. We got “crash-course reminders” before arriving at a home without children (it was difficult not to get bored). Remember, “Yes, please, and thank you”; “Smile and answer questions nicely”; “don’t touch anything” and “Finish every bit of food served to you” (sometimes that was difficult). My mother told of “tests” to determine if you were hō‘oio (proudful). Sometimes a host will do something like serve you lumpy poi (usually, that indicates

hurried or careless preparation). If you ate around the lumps, leaving them at the bottom of the bowl, you would miss the fact that they were actually little bits of dried fish or squid (that’s ‘ono). We learned how to serve guests and to prepare for visiting family members and other overnight guests. All these tales were told so we would try really hard to measure up to standards of Hawaiian hospitality.

Much has changed today. Tourists come in huge numbers by jet planes-full. The welcoming “aloha” is often yelled at them. Busloads of visitors overrun scenic spots, testing the residents’ patience. There are far, far too many homeless people polluting streams and waterways with their waste. And, sewage spills!!! Auē, auē! We need to remember how we were kinder to each other. Smile and acknowledge others on the sidewalks and in stores! Call and wave to pals across the street. These are the pleasantries of life that are free and give us a lift! ■



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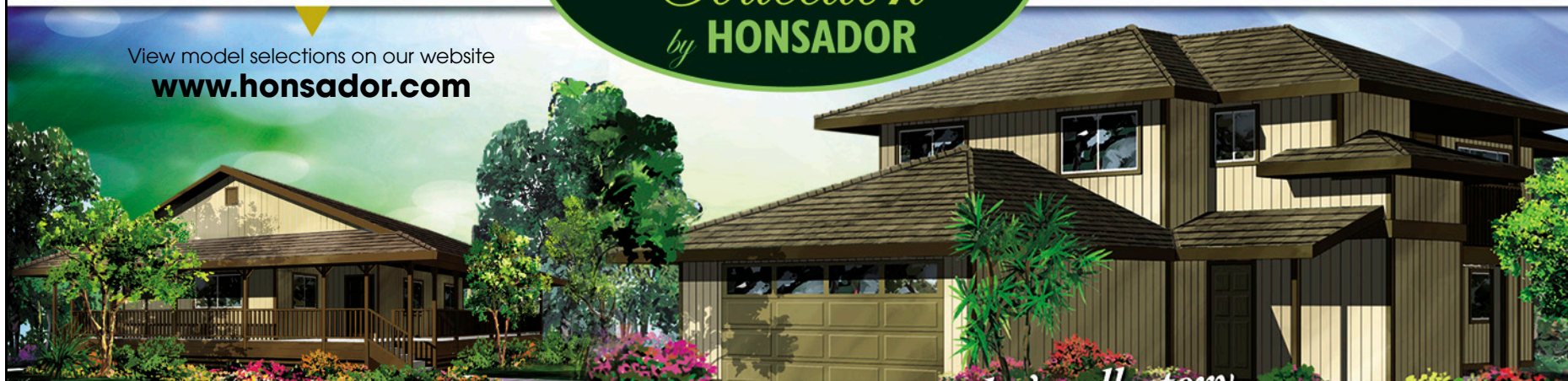
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VOTING

It's our Kuleana

Young local entertainers inspire others to show they care by voting

By Francine Kananionapua Murray

When you were a child what did you want to be when you grow up? An athlete? A teacher? President?

Modeling and dancing hula at the Polynesian Cultural Center from the early age of three, social media sensation Pashyn Santos always wanted to be an entertainer.

In July she did several interviews, including one on *Hawaii News Now*, about her internet video that had gone viral: “Hawaiian Pidgin Siri,” a popular spoof on Apple’s voice-activated virtual personal assistant and navigator software.

In the short video, Pashyn gets directions to Ala Moana from Siri, local-style. Pidgin Siri has had over 3.9 million views to date, transforming the raised-in-Wai‘anae local comedian into an entertainer with a worldwide audience, making one of her childhood dreams come true.

Now Pashyn is using her internet fame to encourage more youth to let their voices be heard during the upcoming general election.

“Growing up I had the opportunity to participate in ‘Kids Vote,’ which was a really cool activity to engage young children to go through an actual voting process and see what it feels like,” she recalled. “Ever since then I felt empowered to let my voice be heard. It was fun!”

Speaking of fun, Pashyn and her friends make voting a party. She invites them to join her at the precinct because she cares about

their future and wants them to feel empowered by voting like she does. They make a day of it, talk-

ing, singing and dancing – sharing the aloha spirit. “It’s a celebration honoring those who fought for us to have a

“I mana ka leo,” she reminds us. “Let your voice be heard. Vote.”

“If enough young people come out and vote, it could actually sway the election,” said Joseph Kūhio Lewis, Community Outreach Manager at OHA. “The decisions our elected officials make today can impact generations to come. So, it’s important for young voters to have a say on who represents their interest.”

Over the last few election cycles OHA has focused its efforts on reaching out to younger voters. “We’ve worked closely with local celebrities, attended large events frequented by younger voters, introduced a candidate game to make voting more engaging, and even partnered with social media influencers — like Pashyn Santos,” said Lewis.

Early this summer Pashyn and Wendy Santos, together with the crew at Viral 808 — a group of comedians and musicians — partnered with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to encourage youth to get out and vote, producing a sequel to “Hawaiian Pidgin Siri,” called “Auntie Siri Said Vote.” It’s comedy with a message as Pidgin Siri gives Pashyn directions on how to register to vote. Just 24 hours after the sequel was posted it had been seen by more than 120,000 viewers and made it on the news.

Asked what she would say to inspire people to vote, Santos made it simple. “I would encourage everyone to just go!” she said. “Get registered, which is really simple, and go with someone you live with!”

Tuesday, Nov. 8 – Election Day – is a holiday, making it easy to get to the polls.



voice,” she says in the short video that launched on National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 27. It’s just one in a series of pieces this hot local internet star has posted that has spread like wildfire on the ‘net.

Deciding who to vote for, however, requires a bit of research.

Selecting elected officials and policy makers who have positions on issues that you can agree with is vital in creating the future you envision. Years ago, Lewis came up with an innovative way for people to learn more about the candidates. “The candidate game is different, an interactive way of assessing candidates,” he said.

To bring Lewis’s idea to fruition, OHA partnered with Kanu Hawai‘i to develop a fast, fun way to get unbiased candidate information online. “It beats reading lengthy surveys and questionnaires,” Lewis explains. “You simply answer a series of questions and

the game will align you with the candidate that matches your interests.” The game will be available in late October at www.kanu-hawaii.org/vote2016.

Another quick way to remember which candidates you want to vote for this election is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

One, take the Special General Election section out of the October issue of *Ka Wai Ola*. Two, highlight the candidates you support and want to vote for. Three, bring it with you as your simple guide when you vote. Last, kick back and enjoy your day knowing your vote is your voice. It is valuable, and one of the most powerful things you have. ■



Ka Wai Ola staff asked Jordyn Danner, of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, a homesteader and former educator who manages OHA’s state-wide Vote to Rise campaign about the importance of civic engagement among the youth.

Register
Vote
Engage



1. WHY FOCUS ON YOUTH IN “GET OUT THE VOTE” EFFORTS?

Simply because every major issue on the table directly impacts our lives. Take climate change. My parents have lived in an awesome world – the impacts of climate change will hit me, hit my son. Youth have everything to lose or everything to gain. Simple.

2. WE’VE SEEN YOUNG PEOPLE GET VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS YEAR’S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BUT THAT DIDN’T SEEM TO BE REFLECTED IN THE VOTER TURNOUT AT THE PRIMARY. WHAT DO YOU THINK WE NEED TO DO TO CONVINCE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT VOTING IS THEIR KULEANA?

We must continue the work, continue to push, continue to connect the dots that passion alone is just passion. Passion connected to voting is power.

3. DO YOU THINK THE NUMBER OF UNCONTESTED RACES CONTRIBUTES TO APATHY? WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE?

Many in my circle of friends do have apathy about running for political office – based on what they see or perceive about the political system. Better mentors in the policymaking arena is a key element to bring forward political leaders that we may have agreements and disagreements with about issues, but that no matter which one, they show respect, morality, and a willingness to stand for something. And to say what and why that is.

4. IF WE CAN GET LARGER NUMBERS OF HAWAIIANS TO BECOME CIVICALLY ENGAGED, WHAT KIND OF SOCIAL CHANGE DO YOU THINK THEY COULD BRING ABOUT?

Hawaiians are the key to the overall prosperity and quality of life in our state. If we can exercise our voting voices, we know that our natural love of environment, of families, of education and constant learning, of culture and traditions, of economic self-reliance will come through. Our love of ‘āina, our inherent kuleana for others, will definitely be reflected in our political leaders.

5. ARE THERE ANY GOTV/VOTE TO RISE EVENTS COMING UP IN OCTOBER THAT YOU’D ESPECIALLY LIKE TO SEE PROMOTED?

- Wai‘anae Hawaiian Civic Club is holding a candidate’s forum from 3-9 p.m., Oct. 8, at the Waianae Civic Center. ‘Ōlelo TV will also be videoing this event.
- If anyone is interested in volunteering to do phone-banking, we’ll be picking that back up starting Oct. 17 until the general election.

The State Office of Elections is seeking volunteers for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, and what better way to serve your community than to get involved in the electoral process? Seven positions are available, with hours and stipends determined by position. See page 3 of *Ka Wai Ola*’s 2016 General Election Guide for more information or visit www.elections.hawaii.gov.

KIMIE MINER

A Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning singer and songwriter, also donated her time to encourage people to vote, producing a radio commercial and catchy jingle. “I got involved in this campaign because I believe in the importance of tomorrow,” Miner said. “It is up to us to help shape what tomorrow looks like by voting. I especially think young Hawai‘i can have more of an impact if they are encouraged to vote.”

The open honest down-to-earth Kamehameha graduate promotes pride in our heritage saying, “As Hawaiians, we have our roots and our routes. We know who we are, and we take that knowledge with us when we navigate and explore the rest of the world.” Kimie shares a love for nature and our island home in her soulful and addicting music. That’s why encouraging others to vote is natural for her. As she points out, “The future is ours. Understand the power of your voice and vote!”

Hi'ilei Aloha wins \$50,000 national award

Non-Profit Hi'ilei Aloha LLC wins \$50k U.S. Small Business Administration Competition

Submitted by Hi'ilei Aloha

Hi'ilei Aloha LLC, a nonprofit subsidiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, won a \$50,000 award in the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2016 Accelerator competition for its emerging native incubator located at Pacific Park Plaza, 711 Kapi'olani Boulevard.

On Aug. 31, SBA and its partners, including SBA's Office of Native American Affairs, announced 68 contest winners in 32 states. Four hundred incubators across the U.S. entered the contest, and 200 finalists were asked to submit two-minute videos for the final hurdle of the competition, resulting in three winners from Hawai'i. The other two Hawai'i winners are located on Maui and in Kona.

"Hi'ilei's capacity-building program is funded by OHA," said chief operating officer



Hi'ilei Aloha LLC. Martha Ross, incubator manager (left), and Mona Bernardino, chief operating officer (right), are meeting with Charlotte Rosecrans, a Native Hawaiian electrician for 16 years. The incubator is helping Rosecrans apply for a State contractor license under her new LLC's name. *Courtesy photo: Hi'ilei Aloha LLC.*

Mona Bernardino. "This award will allow our new incubator facility to reach more Native Hawaiian start-up businesses and nonprofits as we work to increase capacity in the Hawaiian community. We will use the prize to purchase videoconferencing and webinar

technology to expand our reach."

Incubator manager Martha Ross said, "Many in Hawai'i's communities are ready to fully utilize incubator support to strengthen and speed business and nonprofit progress from the early idea stage to flourishing sus-

tainability. Small businesses and nonprofits are the backbone of communities and economic development throughout the islands."

Hi'ilei Aloha's mission is to identify, promote, develop and support

"Small businesses and nonprofits are the backbone of communities and economic development throughout the islands."

culturally-appropriate, sustainable opportunities for Native Hawaiians. In addition to its funding from OHA, it has partnered with SBA's Office of Native American Affairs, USDA, Maui County, Hawai'i County and others to offer entrepreneurship classes and technical assistance. To see Hi'ilei's winning videos on the dreams of some Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs or to learn more about the incubator, visit <http://www.hiilei.org/Ke-Kumu-Oihana/In-The-News/2016-growth-accelerator-fund-competition-4089>.

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‘Aimalama

Kaulana mahina: The position of the moon

By Hui ‘Aimalama

‘O ‘Ikuā i pohā kō‘ele‘ele, ‘ikuā ke kai, ‘ikuā ka hekili, ‘ikuā ka manu.

‘Ikuā is the month when the dark storms arise, the ocean roars, the thunder roars, the birds make a din.

Aloha e gang, the lunar month that we are currently in (October 2 – November 1) is ‘Ikuā, also spelled ‘Ikuwā. As the ‘ōlelo no‘eau describes, this lunar month usually marks the beginning of the stormy season, and lots of action in the sky. Water spouts, sea squalls, strong winds and rough seas mark this time period, along with shooting stars

and meteor showers. Make sure to check out the Orionid Meteor shower which usually happens during this month, and will peak on the Lā‘au moons from Oct. 18 to 21. Up to 20 meteors per hour may be visible during this time. Preparations for the Makahiki ceremonies also begin during this month.

In recent years we have also noticed hīnano, the male hala flower, blooming during this month across the pae‘āina. Follow your nose to the sweet smells from the hala groves. Limu ‘ele‘ele is also noticed growing near the shorelines, possibly due to the increased rainfall. If you are an ocean person, the rough seas will begin to arrive as well as the koholā (humpback whales) and fisherman have noticed big kine he‘e during this time too.



ABOVE: Some fisherman have found large he‘e during this malama in the past. RIGHT: Limu ‘ele‘ele growing thick

Enough of us talking about what we see, go out and describe what’s around you! Go to <http://www.aimalama.org/resources/> and you will find a simple observation sheet that you can use to help record your surroundings and observations, as well as other useful resources to help you become your own kilo. ■



APPLY for an OHA Grant

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Community Grants Program supports non-profit organizations whose projects and programs serve the Native Hawaiian community to address its Strategic Priorities.

Solicitations and full details are currently available at
www.oha.org/grants

Community grants will be available for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2017 for the following grant categories:

- Housing Services
- Employment Core and Career Support Services
- Obesity and Physical Health Improvement Services
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- Perpetuating Hawaiian Culture
- Pae ‘Āina Sustainability

Orientations will be conducted statewide to provide information on Community Grants and the application process:

| ISLAND | DATE | TIME |
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| Moloka‘i | Tues., Oct. 4, 2016 | 10:00 am |
| Hawai‘i | Thurs., Oct. 13, 2016 | 9:00 am & 1:00 pm |
| Maui | Tues., Oct. 18, 2016 | 9:00 am & 1:00 pm |
| O‘ahu | Thurs., Oct. 20, 2016 | 9:00 am & 1:00 pm |
| Hawai‘i | Tues., Oct. 25, 2016 | 9:00 am & 1:00 pm |
| O‘ahu | Thurs., Oct. 27, 2016 | 1:00 pm |
| O‘ahu* | Tues., Nov. 1, 2016 | 10:00 am |

This schedule is subject to change.

Registration is required to guarantee a seat.
Full details are available at **www.oha.org/grants**.
*Web conferencing is available for these sessions.



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**SUNRISE AT MAUNA ‘ALA
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‘Iolani Guild, Prince Albert Circle and Hālau Hula o Nāmamoakeakua invite children and their ‘ohana to a special Sunrise Hawaiian Celebration honoring our monarchs for their legacy of peace and aloha. All are welcome to bring a lei or ho‘okupu to present at the end of the ceremony. 352-0013 or admin@malama-onakeiki.org.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

To have a local event listed in our monthly calendar, email **kwo@oha.org** at least six weeks in advance. Make sure to include the location, price, date and time. If available, please attach a high-resolution (300 dpi) photograph with your email.

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BUYER PREPARED-
NESS WORKSHOPS***Oct. 1, 8 and 22, 9 a.m. to noon*

OHA and Honolulu Habitat for Humanity will offer three workshops in three O‘ahu communities for prospective homeowners, with informational panels, goal setting exercises and access to community partners. Free, but must RSVP at 538-7070.

- Oct. 1: Blanche Pope Elementary School, Waimānalo
- Oct. 8: Key Project Community Center, Kāne‘ohe
- Oct. 22: Susannah Wesley Community Center, Wai‘anae.

**WINDWARD
HO‘OLAULE‘A 2016***Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

The 16th annual celebration includes performances by top island musicians and hula hālau, arts and crafts, food, keiki activities, art, a silent auction and more.

Free. Windward Community College, windwardhoolaulea.com.

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**NATIVE HAWAIIAN
CONVENTION***Oct. 10-12*

Themed “‘Auamo Kuleana,” the 15th Annual Native Hawai-

ian Convention brings together Native Hawaiian-serving organizations and community development experts. Attendees can also visit The Marketplace, a popular exhibition showcasing products and programs from Native Hawaiian artists, artisans, crafters and small businesses. Hand-crafted jewelry, locally-grown plants, organic products, clothing and more will be available for purchase.

Registration begins at \$25. Sheraton Waikīkī Hotel and Resort, 596-8155,

**KAPA KAHILU DEM-
ONSTRATION***Oct. 8, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.*

Kapa demonstrations complement Kahilu Theatre Foundation’s opening exhibit of the season, featuring work by top kapa makers in Hawai‘i, which runs through Nov. 3. Free. Kahilu Galleries in Kohala and Hāmākua, www.kahilutheatre.org, (808) 885-6868.

www.hawaiiancouncil.org.

TALK STORY FESTIVAL*Oct. 15, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

The 28th Annual Talk Story Festival 2016 features a lineup of Hawai‘i’s best storytellers. Full line-up and more information is available at www.honoluluparks.com. Free. ssun1@honolulu.gov, 768-3032.

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HŌ‘ALA 2016*Oct. 22, TBA*

Pūnana Leo o Waimea and ‘Alo Kēhau o ka ‘Āina Mauna invite you to an ‘Aha Mele (concert) honoring ‘Anakala Larry Kimua and his

many contributions as a haku mele (music composer) and his role in revitalizing ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian language). Featuring Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning musicians and ‘ono food. Kahilu Theater in Waimea, (808) 885-7166, kahilutheatre.org/Shows.

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KIDS FEST*Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

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Hawai'i Scraps English-only Rule For Prisoners Following Lawsuit

Submitted by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

The Department of Public Safety of the State of Hawai'i has rescinded a discriminatory and demeaning English-only mail policy in the midst of ongoing litigation filed by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. DPS' co-defendant in the case, Corrections Corporation of America, has yet to follow suit.

Since at least 2007, DPS and CCA have each had an English-only mail policy that prohibits prisoners, including those incarcerated out of state, from receiving letters written in the Native Hawaiian language ('ōlelo Hawai'i). In August, the DPS website was updated to reflect that all prisoners may now correspond in the Native Hawaiian language, as well as English.

"My language, my blood, my way of life, and my religion are everything to me," Mr. Arthur Vinhaca, the plaintiff in the lawsuit, said. "Even though Hawaiian was forbidden at school when I was growing up, my 'ohana has done all they can to keep the Hawaiian language alive. My 'ohana started a Pūnana Leo school on Kaua'i. My grandchildren go to Hawaiian immersion schools. They want to write letters in Hawaiian to me to perpetuate the language."

The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) filed the lawsuit suit on behalf of Mr. Vinhaca, a Native Hawaiian man whose grandmother, Katherine Kalaulahauole Nākāula, worked with other kumu to revive ancient hula and chants. NHLC's Litigation Director Sharla Manley and staff attorney Summer Sylva represent Mr. Vinhaca.

DPS publicly rescinded the policy after making admissions in the lawsuit last week that it allowed

inmates to correspond in other languages such as Samoan, Ilokano and Japanese for years. Attorney Manley stated, "This abolition of the English-only policy is long over-due. For years, there have been reports that letters in Hawaiian from Hawaiian families to their loved ones behind bars have been confiscated by prison officials here at home and in Arizona. Now, almost 40 years after our state decided to recognize the Hawaiian language as an official language in our state constitution, it still took a lawsuit to push DPS to rescind its regressive policy banning the Hawaiian language."

The lawsuit was filed in June 2016. Ms. Manley stated that the case is not over and the court must still resolve a number of other issues. For one thing, CCA's English-only rule is still on the books. Mr. Vinhaca is under the jurisdiction of DPS, but he is incarcerated in CCA's Arizona-operated Saguaro Correctional Center. CCA a has regressive English-only policy that was enforced against Mr. Vinhaca, denying him and his family the ability to correspond with each other, particularly his nieces and nephews attending Hawaiian language immersion schools.

Mail is the most practical, feasible means for prisoners' families to communicate with men imprisoned at Saguaro. Although in-person visits are permitted, subject to certain restrictions, the cost and distance for family members to travel from Hawai'i to Arizona to visit their loved ones is more than restrictive. And while phone calls are permitted, rates charged by CCA can be cost prohibitive. Accordingly, written correspondence is the primary means by which prisoners may receive communications from family members residing back home in Hawai'i. ■



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| Oct. 17, 2016 | Maui Office of Economic Development: Hāna and Moloka'i - Small Business Revitalization Grant Program | \$500-\$5,000 |
| Nov. 4, 2016 | U.S. Dept of Commerce: NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Hawai'i Program - Achieve informed citizens participating in coastal & watershed ecosystems decisions. | \$25,000-\$150,000 |
| Dec. 16, 2016 | U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services: NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities | Up to \$100,000 per yr. |
| Jan. 20, 2017 | Maui Office of Economic Development: Positive Maui County Impact - Economic Development Grant | Not Listed. |
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Challenge: Make the Ala Wai Awesome

Waikīkī's Ala Wai Canal is one of the nation's most polluted bodies of water but students may now have the power to change that.

The University of Hawai'i has announced an international design challenge to encourage young people to find ways to address issues like flood mitigation, ecosystem restoration and preservation, while incorporating community engagement, cultural connections and other solutions. Up to \$10,000 in prize money is available to winning entries.

"We are seeking ideas from the brightest young minds around the world to help us envision an inspiring, large-scale, systems thinking approach towards comprehensive ecosystem restoration of the Ala Wai watershed," said UH President David Lassner. The Ala Wai watershed is the most densely populated in Hawai'i, encompassing the valleys and streams in Makiki, Mānoa and Pālolo.

For more information, visit www.alawaichallenge.org.

Hawai'i Theatre reaches out to underserved residents

Hawai'i Theatre's new Arts for All initiative is making an upcoming performance accessible to low-income households.

Up to 600 reduced price tickets will be available for the Oct. 21 presentation of "Pōkahu" by Christopher Morgan and Artists. Morgan, a choreographer, danced hula as a child in California. As he moved into the study of modern dance, he wanted to connect his contemporary work to his Native Hawaiian roots.

"Pōhaku" uses storytelling, hula, modern dance, classical music and projection to explore themes like land loss and fractured identity through Morgan's personal stories.

Regular ticket prices start at \$47 but eligible low-income residents and seniors can get tickets for \$5 each. Visit www.hawaiiitheatre.

com for more information about Arts for All or to purchase tickets for "Pōkaku."

Sunscreen shown to harm coral

Scientists are warning ocean users that oxybenzone, a chemical commonly found in sunscreens, causes serious damage to coral reefs.

According to recent studies, oxybenzone leads to deformities in coral larvae that render them unable to swim, settle out or form new colonies. It's also contributing to coral bleaching, which puts reef health at risk and reduces resiliency to climate change.

Oxybenzone and other sunscreen chemicals can cause problems in human health as well, with negative effective on reproductive systems and skin allergies.

Although some sunscreens are advertised as 'reef safe,' the Department of Land and Natural Resources warn that no agency regulates these claims. Instead, users should read the label to make sure oxybenzone is not listed as an ingredient.

Products with zinc oxide or titanium dioxide are recommended instead.

Polynesian Football Hall of Fame names finalists

Five Native Hawaiians and two former University of Hawai'i players are included among the 18 finalists for the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Five inductees will be announced on Oct. 12 and honored during enshrinement weekend on Jan. 21-22.

The finalists were narrowed down from a field of 200 nominated players, coaches and contributors by a selection committee that included former head coaches, sportscasters and an NFL player personnel expert.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors, we congratulate the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Class of 2017 Finalists," said Jesse Sapolu, Chairman and Co-Founder.

In Memoriam: Ernie Cruz Jr.

As half of the Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning duo Ka'au Crater Boys, Ernie Cruz Jr. made an indelible mark on Hawai'i's music scene.

But entertaining and inspiring other musicians isn't Cruz's only legacy. His popularity as a musician allowed him to engage fans in his other passions, including an affinity for the ocean, perpetuating traditional culture and practices and empowering local communities to have a voice in management of their natural resources.

"Most people were unaware that Ernie was an Aloha 'Āina, a Hawaiian patriot, and his life was dedicated to learning about and sharing the essence of Hawaiian nationalism. It manifested in our political conversations, his presence at Hawaiian gatherings, and his love of the ocean," said OHA Ka Pouhana and CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe.

Cruz, 56, was found unresponsive in waters off Sandy Beach on Sept. 20 and died in the hospital that afternoon.

Growing up in Pālolo, Cruz saw the Hawaiian Renaissance take shape around him and the social consciousness that drove that movement was evident in Cruz's music, as well as his community service. In addition to working as a stevedore by day, Cruz served as secretary of the nonprofit Kua'Āina Ulu 'Āuamo (KUA).

"KUA serves as a backbone for statewide rural and Hawaiian community mālama 'āina networks to gather and learn from and empower each other," said KUA Executive Director Kevin Chang, who asked Cruz to be one of the organization's first board members. "Ernie would simply say he loved Hawai'i and that this was what the people we work with were all about. Caring for Hawai'i. Ernie believed common

people could make a difference. It is common local people he cherished playing music for."

Music was part of Cruz's upbringing. His father and namesake was known as the "Waimea Cowboy" for his signature song. His brother John is a fixture in the local music scene. His brother Guy, who passed Sept. 23 in hospice care, was also a performer. Cruz found his own fame in the 1990s alongside his childhood friend Troy Fernandez – the other half of the Ka'au Crater Boys. Their albums "Valley Style" and "On Fire!" both won Nā Hōkū awards for Contemporary Album of the Year.

As a solo artist, Cruz picked up another Nā Hōkū award for his 2002 album "Portraits," and was also honored as Male Vocalist of the Year.

Chang said Cruz was starting to find his voice outside of music, testifying at hearings, working with community members and lending his mana'o at events. And as Crabbe recalled, Cruz put people first. "When others had difficulty in balancing politics and friends who may have different views, Ernie always let us know that pilina, relationships, were important to him. He never belittled, insulted or demonized," Crabbe recalled. "He always approached me with his classic smile, the tough questions and a gallon of 'awa."

Cruz had recently expanded his 'ohana, marrying his wife Kahelelani and becoming a father to son Kailoa. Sharing a comment from one of Cruz's close friends, Chang said, "Ernie was expanding his experience as a human being and extending his aloha. We were lucky to know him at this time."

Crabbe added, "His legacy of music, his genuine aloha, and his love of country will influence many generations to come. Ho'i ke aloha i Pālolo, i ka ua Lililehua e kilihune nei." ■



"Each Finalist had an outstanding football career and are worthy of induction into the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame."

The full list of finalists is available at <http://www.polynesianfootballhof.org>.

Unique fish found at Papahānaumokuākea

Scientists made a rare discovery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands – a new butterflyfish species that lives in the deep coral reefs. Although the species was seen in video shot more than 20 years ago,

the extreme depth of its habitat made it difficult to provide a proper scientific description until now.

"Discoveries such as this underscore how poorly explored and how little we know about our deep coral reefs," said Randall Kosaki, NOAA scientist and co-author of the published description. "Virtually every deep dive we do takes place on a reef that no human being has ever seen."

Named after veteran diver Pete Basabe, who has helped collect reef fish for scientific studies and educational purposes, the Prognathodes basabei is now encountered regularly at Papahānaumokuākea.

"This new discovery illustrates the conservation value of very large marine protected areas," said Kosaki. "Not only do they protect the biodiversity that we already know about, they also protect the diversity we've yet to discover. And there's a lot left to discover."

Another newly discovered fish was named after President Barack Obama last month, in honor of his decision to expand the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to four times its original boundaries. The maroon and gold fish of the genus Tosanoides live only within the monument.

KA'OHE AHUPUA'A

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IS HEREBY GIVEN that human skeletal remains were identified in past archaeological investigations being researched by Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc., in the course of an archaeological condition assessment for the Wao Kele 'O Puna Forest Reserve Waiakahiula and Ka'ohe Ahupua'a, Puna District, Hawai'i Island, TMKs: [3] 1-2-010:002 (9,012.0 ac.) & [3] 1-2-010:003 (16,843.691 ac.).

Following the procedures of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 6E-43, and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-300, these remains are considered previously identified. Based on the context of the finds, they are over 50 years old and most likely Native Hawaiian.

Background research indicates Māhele Royal Patent # 8095 was issued to Mikahela Kekau'ōnohi in Waiakahiula Ahupua'a, as a part of LCA 11216:40. LCA 7713:12 was granted to Victoria Kamāmalu, and LCA 8452:15 to A. Keohokālōle (wahine).

The project proponent is Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA); the contact person is Mr. Pua Ishibashi, Land Assets Manager, OHA, (808) 933-3106.

The decision to preserve in place or relocate these previously identified burials shall be made by the Hawai'i Island Burial Council and the SHPD in consultation with any recognized lineal and/or cultural descendants, per the requirements of HAR Chapter 13-300-33. Proper treatment shall occur in accordance with HAR Chapter 13-300-38.

Any knowledge of the identity or history of these burials immediately contact Mr. Herbert Poepoe, at 40 Po'okela Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720, (808) 933-7650 Herbert.Poepoe@hawaii.gov. All interested parties respond within (30) days of this notice and file descendancy claim forms with the SHPD and/or by providing information to SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from this specific burial or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the in the same ahupua'a or district.

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approximately 18.57-acre parcel mauka of (behind) Clem Akina Park and west of 'Amauulu Road in Pu'u'eo Ahupua'a, South Hilo District, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i, are hereby requested to contact Herbert Poepoe, Burial Sites Specialist, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), (808) 933-7650, 40 Po'okela Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720 or Glenn Escott, Scientific Consultant Services, Inc., (808) 938-0968, PO Box 155 Kea'au, HI. Three of the burials have legible headstones with the names Mary Waahia Kepoo, Juanita Montania, and Hakau Akai. Treatment of the burials at the cemetery will occur in accordance with HRS, Chapter 6E. The applicant, Edmund C. Olson Trust II, proposes to preserve the burials in place for perpetuity, in accordance with a plan prepared in consultation with identified descendants and with the approval of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council and SHPD. All interested parties should respond within thirty (30) days of this notice and provide information to SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from the Native Hawaiian remains, or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the same ahupua'a in which the Native Hawaiian remains are buried. ■

Habitat for Humanity helps homesteader

Honolulu's Habitat for Humanity first completed home of 2016 allowed a Papakōlea homesteader to remain on the 'āina where she was raised.

Darleen Kaniho had been living in her childhood home for several years, despite aging infrastructure rendering the home uninhabitable. With the help of Habitat for Humanity, however, Kaniho now has a rebuilt 2-bedroom, 1 bath home.

Aging homes present a challenge to kūpuna in the older homesteads, as they may not know how to handle the repairs or cover the cost. Habitat for Humanity allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to leverage federal funds, while

DHHL can provide zero-interest construction loans to qualified applicants.

Community support sought for breast cancer walk

The American Cancer Society has begun fundraising for its 8th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event, which raises awareness and funds to combat the disease.

This year the walk will be held at Ke'ehi Lagoon State Park on Oct. 22.

Denise Walther of Kaua'i, featured as one of the American Cancer Society's Portraits of Hope, shared a message at the kickoff event: "As the saying goes, 'Life is what happens to you while

you are busy making other plans' is exactly what had happened to us. After the 'perfect storm' (of a cancer diagnosis) we were faced with lives quite different than we had planned. What came from this experience is that I realized what is truly important – after the healing of my body – was when the real work began with picking up the pieces and begin again. I am now the coordinator for the Reach to Recovery program and feel that it (Reach to Recovery) is absolutely necessary for women who feel lost, alone, and have no one to turn to."

Last year, more than 4,000 people participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, raising \$187,000 in Hawai'i.

To learn more or to sign up for the walk, visit www.makingstrideswalk.org/hawaii. ■



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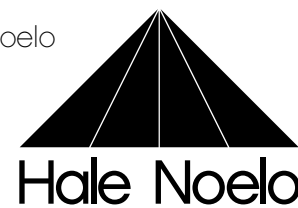
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Over 40 years ago, "management" was a very bad word in nonprofit organizations. Because management meant "business," and the one thing a nonprofit was NOT was a business! Today, nonprofits understand that they need management all the more because they have no conventional bottom line. Now they need to learn how to use management so that they can concentrate on their mission. For years, most nonprofits felt that good intentions were by themselves enough. (Peter Drucker: Managing In A Time of Great Change, 1995)

And although OHA is a state public agency with a high degree of autonomy and is responsible for improving the wellbeing of Native Hawaiians, it does take on a nonprofit perception. It has an asset base of nearly \$600 million plus land assets across the State making it Hawai'i's 13th largest landowner. Its Board is made up of nine members who are elected statewide to serve four-year terms, and are primarily tasked with setting up OHA policies and 'managing' the agency's trust as its top fiduciaries. We have to have discipline rooted in our mission. We have to manage our limited resources of our 'āina (land) and money for maximum effectiveness. And, we have to think clearly what results are best for our beneficiaries.

The self-assessment process is a method for assessing what we are doing, why we are doing it, and what we must do to improve our organization's performance. It asks these five essential questions: What is our mission? Who is our customer? What does the customer value? What are our results? And what is our plan? Self-assessment is the essential tool.

Drucker says, "The self-assessment tool forces an organization to focus on its mission. You cannot have the right definition of results without signifi-

cant input from your 'customers'... and please do not get into a debate over that term. In business, a customer is someone you must satisfy! If you don't, you have no results. And pretty soon, you have no business. In a nonprofit, whether you call the customer a student, patient, volunteer, (beneficiary)... or anything else, the focus must be on what these individuals or groups value – on satisfying their needs, wants and aspirations." (Drucker: Tasks, Responsibilities, and Practices, 1993)

The 'danger,' Drucker explains, is in acting on what you believe satisfies the customer. You will inevitably make wrong assumptions. "Leadership should not even try to guess at the answers; it should always go to customers in a system-



Leina'ala
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atic quest for those answers. And so, in the self-assessment process, you will have a three-way conversation with your board, staff, and customers, and include each of these perspectives in your discussions and decisions." (Drucker: Tasks, Responsibilities, and Practices, 1993)

OHA trustees, in my humble opinion, can expand our vision by listening to our beneficiaries, by encouraging constructive dissent and by looking at the sweeping transformation taking place in our society. We have vital judgments ahead: whether to change the mission, whether to abandon programs that have outlived their usefulness, and how to concentrate resources where we can match opportunities with our commitment to help build community and change lives.

Mahalo nui loa, A Hui Hou and God Bless! Trustee Leina'ala

Hard truths about OHA

A no'ai kakou... This could be the last time you read any hard truths about OHA in my columns. On August 24th, the BAE Committee and OHA's CEO proposed a new policy called "One Voice, One Message," which requires that all external communications be submitted to the CEO for review and approval prior to execution or engagement.

If this policy is approved, Trustees will no longer be able to publically voice their opposition to any board decision without facing severe sanctions for speaking out against the majority. So if five Trustees vote to approve a position, the remaining four Trustees will be forced to go along with the majority.

While it should be forehead slapping obvious why this is a terrible idea, allow me to list some of the reasons why:

- WE ARE A DEMOCRACY. The First Amendment guarantees we can express our opinions. Beneficiaries and voters who put us in office demand it. Only petty Dictators in third world countries gag dissent. First world democracies allow full and free discussions to take place. Just imagine if Democrats had tried to gag Republicans after Obama Care was passed. They wouldn't stand for it!

- WHY IS A PR FIRM WRITING OHA POLICY? - The proposed "One Voice, One Message" policy was prepared by Neal Yokota, President and CEO of Stryker Wiener & Yokota Public Relations, Inc. OHA policy must always be written in-house with the input and review of OHA attorneys.

- TRUSTEES ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO VOICE THEIR DISSENT. According to The Uniform Custodial Trust Act (HRS §554A-6), if we don't express our dissent in writing before a vote is taken, we will be liable for the illegal or neg-

ative actions taken by the majority.

- THE POLICY IS SHORT SIGHTED. Future Trustees could use "One Voice, One Message" to stifle dissent while they funnel millions in Trust dollars (grants, contracts, high-paying positions, leases) to their family and friends.

- WHISTLE BLOWERS. "One Voice, One Message" conflicts with HRS §378-62, which protects employees who report violations of law by their employers.

- THE MAJORITY IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT. If you had a vote on the mainland, I am sure that the majority would vote to outlaw interracial marriage.

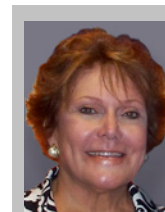
Does that mean dissenters should just go along with the majority? Hell no! Wrong is wrong no matter what the majority says.

- IT'S MISLEADING. "One Voice, One Message" sounds like Orwellian doublethink. It's not about unity at all; it's really about eliminating all dissenters, whether they are OHA Trustees or employees.

It's clear this is all part of a greater scheme by the Board Chair and the CEO. They recently passed another policy on sanctioning Trustees who go against any OHA policy. Now it's painfully obvious they did that to give serious teeth to this new policy gagging dissenters. "One Voice, One Message" is the final piece they need to empower the CEO at the expense of the Board of Trustees.

Thankfully, due to controversy, the proposal was deferred to the next BAE meeting. I will continue to strongly oppose it and I pray my fellow Trustees won't go along with such foolishness. ■

Interested in Hawaiian issues and OHA? Please visit my website at www.rowenaakana.org for more information or email me at rowenaa@oha.org.



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The Battle Of Kuamo'o Continues

In December 1819, three months before the missionaries arrived, a bloody battle was fought on Hawai'i Island just south of what is now Kailua town at a place called Kuamo'o.

The battle of Kuamo'o is not as renowned as others such as the battle of Nu'uaniu Pali, which was a strategic victory for Kamehameha the Great. Yet this battle was the singular most pivotal clash in Native Hawaiian history. It was a foreboding indicator of change to the entire construct of Hawaiian society. Whether the changes that have occurred are for better or worse remains an unanswered question.

Kamehameha the Great had been exposed to Christianity by European seafarers. Nonetheless, he remained true to the old religion, the kapu system, and the plurality of the ancestral gods.

Kamehameha passed away and was succeeded by his eldest son, Liholiho, who shared ruling authority with Ka'ahumanu, who had become a powerful persona in the royal court and given the title of Kuhina Nui.

With the support of other high-ranking chiefs, Ka'ahumanu and Liholiho ordered that the kapu system be abolished and all temples and god figures be destroyed.

Enter Kekuaokalani, nephew of Kamehameha the Great and a high-ranking chief upon whom Kamehameha had bestowed the responsibility of being the caretaker of Kū, the god of war.

Kekuaokalani was outraged by the idea of abolishing the religion he had vowed to protect. He was joined by many Hawaiians who threatened war against the Liholiho and Ka'ahumanu.

And so, one of the bloodiest and most defining battles of the kingdom commenced on the lava fields of Kuamo'o.

Kekuaokalani, a proud and fearless warrior chief, was joined on the battlefield by his wife, Manono. With a smaller, less-well-armed force, they knew this would be a fight to their death, and so

it was.

Kekuaokalani fell wounded. He lay dying as Manono fought beside him until she too was killed, falling onto his body. It is the stuff of legend. Indeed, a popular chant still sung today, "E Manono," celebrates her heroism.

But the kapu system as state religion was broken forever.

The battle of Kuamo'o brought a somewhat desperate condition of change to an entire system of life as Hawaiians had known it for centuries.

Many were confused. All the gods and religious practices that had guided their day-to-day lives were gone.

But while the abolishment of the gods with the Battle of Kuamo'o as a political act succeeded in changing the law, it fared less well in changing

hearts and minds. Some still carry on the old religious traditions. Some blend the old with Christianity in an amazing juggling of the two.

In many ways the Battle of Kuamo'o still rages. But the battlefield is not a physical place. It's a place where old and new Hawaiian cultural and political ideologies swirl about in a battle of minds attempting to sort out a Hawaiian future as an extension of where we've been.

Absent the leadership structure of the kingdom and a fading of the ali'i class, there is no traditional center of gravity to which Hawaiians can turn to navigate political and cultural disagreements.

My hope is that we will not end up with winners and losers as we did with the battle of Kuamo'o. That in the end we should take the heart-wrenching lesson that springs from the dying words of Kekuaokalani's wife, Manono, as she lay across his body on the battlefield and implored of the surrounding warriors: "Mālama ko aloha – keep your love." ■

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Storm Recovery in Waikapū

This month, Trustee Hulu Lindsey invited wetland-kalo farmer Hōkūao Pellegrino to write about historic flooding in 'Āao Valley.

On the night of Tuesday, September 13, 2016, many regions on Maui experienced heavy thunderstorms causing record-breaking rainfall, historic rises in stream levels and extreme flooding that had not been seen in decades. In fact, on January 21, 1916, 100 years ago, a similar storm and flood event killed 13 people and washed away 30 homes in the 'Āao Valley, Wailuku area. Fortunately, there were no loss of life in this recent storm, however, there were severely damaged roads, homes, kuleana lands, lo'i kalo farms, 'auwai irrigation systems and County and State Parks.

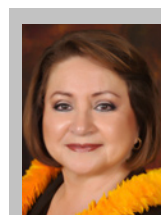
Waikapū, which is the smallest stream in Nā Wai 'Ehā, saw the stream rise over 10 feet in certain areas and widen over 15-20 feet on both sides of the stream banks while bringing down boulders that were half the size of a VW Bug. The storm filled numerous dry gulches from Waikapū Valley to Mā'alaea Bay with gushing water, which then flowed to the Keālia wetlands and out into the ocean.

Lo'i kalo farming continues to be a way of life for many of the kuleana land owners in Waikapū. During normal storm events, the traditional stone dam or po'owai, which dates back to the Mahele and irrigates these kuleana lands, would break. It is built to do as such, in order not to damage lo'i kalo, homes and properties below. This most recent storm, however, obliterated the North Waikapū Kuleana po'owai, filled in a large portion of the connecting 'auwai with

12 inches of silt and damaged lo'i kalo and ancient stone terraces.

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, Waikapū kuleana land owners and kalo farmers rallied the greater Maui community together for a work day to rebuild their massive po'owai, extensive 'auwai system, as well as clean up debris brought downstream by a neighboring ranch. More than 50 people showed up in support, which included East Maui and Nā Wai 'Ehā kalo farmers, kūpuna, friends and 'ohana. What would have been a daunting task and taken Waikapū kalo farmers days was completed in one with the help of many. The 'ōlelo no'eau, "'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia" or "No task is too big when done together by all" was the best way to describe the day's experience.

In the midst of widespread destruction and hardship caused by this storm, it is inspiring to know that simi-



Carmen "Hulu"
Lindsey

Trustee, Maui



Waikapū. — Courtesy Photo

lar stories of community engagement, resiliency and perseverance are occurring throughout Maui, as was seen in Waikapū with their restoration. The Waikapū community would like to mahalo everyone for their support and hopes this story inspires you to look around your own community and find ways to mālama kekahi i kekahi and kōkua aku, kōkua mai. ■



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KEOHOKAPU — The descendants of Theresa Kelekia & Joseph Keoua Keohokapu 'Ohana will be hosting a reunion from Oct. 6-10, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Come and join us for a time to remember our loved ones gone ahead and build relationships with the next generation. For more information and getting involved in the planning visit Facebook-It is under Keohokapu Vegas Gathering 2016. Aloha & a hui hou.

MOSSMAN - Our 2016 Mossman 'Ohana reunion is scheduled for Oct. 8-10, Windward, O'ahu. Activities include family story displays, family history, la'au lapa'au and lei making workshops followed by an 'Ohana Lāu, \$15/person, on Saturday, Oct. 8, a living history re-enactment at O'ahu Cemetery, Sunday, Oct. 9, featuring Capt. Thomas James Mossman, our common ancestor who sailed from Scotland to settle in the Hawaiian Islands circa 1846. Our reunion concludes with a family picnic, \$5/family, on Monday, Oct 10 at Sherwood Forest in Waimanalo. Registration,

8/2/16 - 9/1/16, is \$20/person. For more information, please contact Lisa Kealoha-Tupou at lisatupou@gmail.com.

2017

DUDOIT - Planning for the April 14 & 15, 2017 reunion is well on it's way. Monthly meetings are held at Godfrey Kaonohi's house at 47-641 Uakea Place, Kahalu'u, Hawai'i. This year we are honoring our Kapuna, so please come and join us at the

meetings and plan for a very special two day event. For information you can contact Howard Meheula at 808-393-8689, Colette Cordiero 808-234-3032 or Cathy Kaonohi at 808-239-8684. You can also follow us on Facebook at Dudiot unlimited. Mahalo and hope to hear from the Dudiot 'Ohana.

LINCOLN - The 'Ohana Lincoln Reunion Committee is planning our next family reunion for June 16 & 17, 2017 in Kona. Our Reunion begins on Friday, June 16 with a historic visit to our ancestral lands and continues on Saturday, June 17 at Hale Halawai. If you are of Lincoln heritage and want to attend, please contact the following Committee members for more information. Please be sure to leave a message if no one answers. You can also email me as well. Rowena A. Lincoln, 808-497-1219, email: Ehulani822@yahoo.com or Jonna Robello, 808-783-5423.

KULIOHOLANI-KONOWAHINE 'OHANA REUNION - The two surviving descendants of Alawa and his wife Ana Kulioholani are having a reunion. The descendants are Daisy Nakike Apua Alawa who married Kau Chit Aki, and her sister Ana Alawa who married Kamaka Pamaiaulu. Descendants of these two sisters: from Daisy Nakike Apua Alawa (Kau Chit Aki) are: Henry AhChoy Apua, Amoe Aki Yam, Edward Kau, Harry Aki, Sam Aki and Alex Aki. From Ana Alawa (Pamaiaulu) are: Julia Konawahine Pamaiaulu. Julia married Peter Kaiu Akiona and had ten children. Six of the surviving children are: Josephine DeLaura-Crow, Ramona Teves, Veronica Samera, Dorothy Kekuewa, Shirley Hering and Lorna Akiona-Terry. The reunion will be at the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Hale, 41-253 Ilauhole St., Waimanalo on Sat., July 1, 2017, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Cost \$15 for adults 8 years and up (includes 1 Bento), \$8 for children 5 to 7 years old (includes 1 Bento).

Under 4 years old is free (no Bento, but may purchase a Bento for \$8). Register on line at: <https://sites.google.com/site/kauakiohana/home>. Deadline February 28, 2017. For information or those who wish to help with the planning call John Aki at 808-492-5929 or email johnakijr@yahoo.com.

KINIMAKA - Kinimaka 'Ohana Reunion 2016 postponed to 2017. Kinimaka 'Ohana reunion will be July 2-5, 2017, Kona, Hawai'i Island. Contact Kaniu Kinimaka-Stocksdaile at email: kaniu@coco-nutwoman.me or call 808-313-1598 for more info. 'O wau no me ka ha'a ha'a.

KALAAUHINA-KEPAA - The descendants of Annie Kalaauihina, and William Ben Kepaa of Kuiaha, Maui, are planning a family reunion in Waimanalo, Oahu, from July 7th-9th, 2017. Children of Annie and William were: Hoopii, Miriam, Edward, Kailaka, Makaopio, Smith, William, Mikala, Annie. Tutu's second marriage was to Peter Halo. Children of Annie and Peter were: Mary Halao Kepaa Werner, and John Aiawale Halao Kepaa. Her third marriage was to Ben Piipii Kahele no issue (children). Plans for Friday, July 7th are for a casual get together at our cousins' home in Waimanalo. Saturday, July 8th is the Reunion Luau from 2-10PM on Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) property, mauka side of Hilu Street, in Waimanalo. Sunday, July 9th, we're winding down and simply spending time together. A small contribution will be asked to help offset costs. We will be sharing genealogy and would welcome yours. There's a family face book page "Kekaula (Kalaauihina-Kepa'a) Lau" that we can add you to. This is a closed group so please kokua and identify yourselves and your connection to the Ohana when you send a friend request. For more information contact Hudson Kekaula, hkekaula@hotmail.com 808-486-3941 (leave message) or Primrose Judge pjudge@alionscience.com 703-933-6622. ■

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As part of that reconciliation process, in 2000 the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice jointly issued a report identifying as its lead recommendation the need to foster self-determination for Native Hawaiians under Federal law.

"We heard from the Native Hawaiian community about the importance of this rule to preserving its culture and traditions," said Kristen Sarri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget. "This historic rule provides an opportunity for a Native Hawaiian government to exercise its inherent powers of self-government, self-determination, and economic self-sufficiency. It recognizes the special political and trust relation-

ship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian community and will help to more effectively implement the laws that Congress passed."

The decision to reorganize a Native Hawaiian government is one for the Native Hawaiian community — not the Federal government — to make as an exercise of self-determination. If a formal government-to-government relationship is reestablished, it could provide the community with greater flexibility to preserve its distinct culture and traditions. It could also enhance their ability to affect its special status under Federal law by exercising powers of self-government over many issues directly impacting community members.

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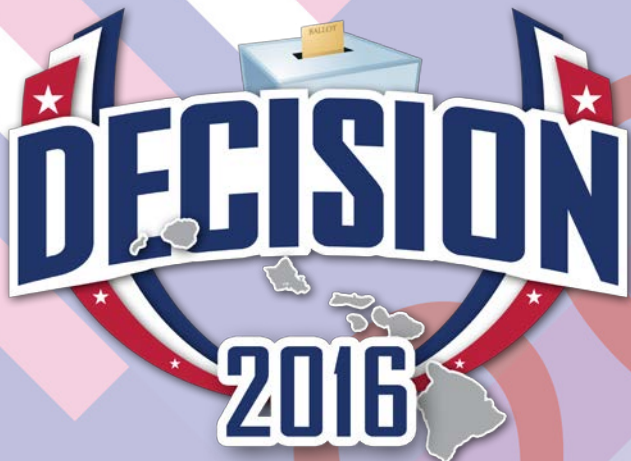
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U.S. CONGRESS

QUESTIONS

- 1. With the rising cost of health care in the state and the continued disparities and inequities faced by Native Hawaiians, will the improvement of Native Hawaiian health and wellbeing be a priority for you, should you be elected to Congress? YES or NO
- 2. Programs benefiting Native Hawaiians are as old as the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which was enacted in 1921. Despite previous bipartisan support for many Native Hawaiian programs, attacks on these programs have become commonplace throughout the course of each Congress. How will you address these challenges?
- 3. The Obama Administration demonstrated its support of Native Hawaiian self-determination and self-governance by proposing a federal rule that allows for a government-to-government relationship. Will you support Native Hawaiian self-determination and self-governance efforts on the state, federal and community levels?

U.S. CONGRESS CANDIDATES

U.S. SENATE

CARROLL, JOHN
REPUBLICAN



- 1. Yes
- 2. I fully support ALL programs benefiting Native Hawaiians, and have throughout my political career. Firstly, I will seek to fulfill the promise that every 50% blood quantum-qualified kanaka maoli shall have a new home lease, for a home and land they own outright. This will start with the 24,000+ Native Hawaiians still waiting for their land.
Hawaii is my home, and since I moved here (and never left) I've come to know the beauty of our islands and their people. Unfortunately, I've also come to know their plight. While federal apologies are nice gestures, Native Hawaiians need vocal advocates in Washington, with a thorough understanding and knowledge of history and of what the people need at present. I will be that advocate in Washington.
Many in Washington can't comprehend the importance of Native Hawaiian historical, ancestral, and cultural customs and the programs that protect them. Nor are they aware that Native Hawaiians—as an indigenous and ethnic people—consistently fall behind their counterparts in the areas of health and education, children especially. I will speak up in Washington on behalf of those kanaka maoli who have no voice.
- 3. Yes I will, to the extent the proposals are compliant with Kingdom law and are inclusive of all kanaka maoli.

GIUFFRE, JOHN M. (RAGHU)
AMERICAN SHOPPING



- 1. Yes
- 2. 1) Healthcare – Lifestyle Insurance
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Alcohol also runs about \$200 billion a year. 70% is from just 4% of drinkers – the alcoholics. Spend \$10 billion on rehab and you just save as much as \$150 billion a year.
This Lifestyle approach would do wonders for tackling Hawaii's healthcare issues as well. As USA Senator, I would match these reforms with greater funding for Hawaiians.
- 2) Address Challenges to Hawaiian issues - Change Terms of Debate
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American Shopping Party starts here. Get 300,000 shoppers to buy locally made Hawaii products 1 day a month – on the 1st Saturday of every month. That would be a billion dollars a year going for building Hawaiian community stores and communities. More importantly, it is a simple way to come together as one community.
- 3. Native Rule: Hawaii is a Kingdom
ASP begins with the premise that Hawaii is a kingdom, not a tribe. Get a (half) million shoppers to buy locally and you have the platform to win your independence. I have a 7 Step for mula to win Independence quickly. More details later.

SCHATZ, BRIAN
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Opponents of Native Hawaiian health, education, and housing programs have become increasingly aggressive in their efforts to curtail or eliminate these programs. As a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee, I have demonstrated that it is possible to protect and, in some cases, expand funding for these programs by aggressively advocating for Native Hawaiian programs with my Senate colleagues and by looking for opportunities to work with Republicans on these issues.
For example, this year, I successfully advocated for the inclusion of \$5 million in funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program after these funds were eliminated from the President's budget in 2015. Last year, I worked closely with Republican Senator Lamar Alexander to successfully pass an amendment that promotes Native Hawaiian language education. These efforts demonstrate the importance of working closely with Senators from both parties so that they can understand and support the unique needs of the Native Hawaiian community.
- 3. I support the proposed administrative rules promulgated by the Department of the Interior that will permit a Native Hawaiian Government to establish a relationship with the U.S. government.
If Native Hawaiians form a government consistent with those rules and seek federal recognition, I would likely support the request.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT I

HANABUSA, COLLEEN (W)
DEMOCRAT

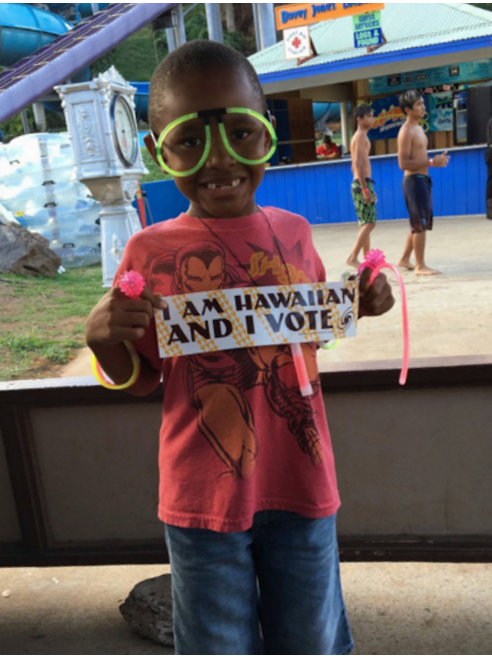


- 1. Yes
- 2. During my previous service in Congress, I was proud to serve on the House Natural Resources Committee and as Ranking Member of the Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. I was able to work closely with my Republican counterpart on the subcommittee—the subcommittee chair—to ensure that the needs and concerns of Native Hawaiians were considered in all relevant legislation.
I have stayed on the floor to 2-3 a.m. to argue for Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) funding for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Both times resulted with the promise from the Appropriations Committee's Chair and Ranking Member that they will include it in conference. They did keep their word.
I would continue to address challenges to Native Hawaiian programs in that way: working cooperatively whenever possible to educate my colleagues about our history and the importance of these programs and making sure our concerns are heard and considered. To be a strong and effective advocate, there is no substitute for mastering the issues and earning the respect of one's colleagues. I spent my last two years working on these issues in our Native Hawaiian communities. I have been successful in that in the past, and will continue to make it a priority.
- 3. Yes, I will continue my strong support for Native Hawaiian self-determination and self-governance. The many groups and individuals who have fought for the rights of Native Hawaiians—from Senators Akaka and Inouye to state-level advocates and those who met individually with the Department of the Interior—have earned our full support in continuing the push for these vital rights. Native Hawaiians deserve to be afforded the purpose and dignity that accompanies the control of their own destinies.

OSTROV, SHIRLENE D.
REPUBLICAN



- 1. Yes
- 2. Half the battle of understanding or supporting an initiative, policy, act or law is awareness. That understanding or support begins with the development and delivery of a fiscally responsible, honest, accurate, clear, relentless and consistent message. I believe I can bring that message forward. I believe a diverse group of congressional representatives; a blend of Republicans and Democrats; gives voice to varying and legitimate views of the people of Hawai'i. It is my goal to hear the questions and concerns of the people of Hawai'i and fellow members of Congress, to facilitate open and honest discussion and move towards honorable consensus, viable options and solutions. My 20+ years of military service in leadership positions prepared me to work with diverse groups and opinions to succeed in teams for the benefit of the mission. I believe I can successfully navigate these challenges.
- 3. Yes. There are different pathways to self-determination and self-governance. Each pathway identifies specific elements and steps for consideration in order for Native Hawaiians and their supporters to identify a system that best represents the will of the people. These pathways are not mutually exclusive. Each pathway can be researched, vetted and deliberated upon simultaneously. Open, respectful and consistent dialogue is key towards a final determination. I believe, my role in this effort is to malama the process. I am prepared to do that.



The nonprofit Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement used smartphone technology, stickers, glow sticks and candy to attract potential new voters at the Hawai'i Teen Muzik Festival at Wet-n-Wild Water Park. Hawai'i allows 16-year-olds to register to vote, so CNHA used the opportunity to promote the "16 for 2016" component of its Vote-to-Rise campaign to hundreds of teens. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has partnered with CNHA to increase voter turnout among Native Hawaiians. - Photo: Courtesy of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT II

GABBARD, TULSI

DEMOCRAT



1. Yes

2. Native Hawaiian services and programs are constantly under attack. That's why it's a fundamental responsibility of our congressional delegation to educate our colleagues in Washington D.C. on the importance of these programs in serving the interests of current and future generations of Native Hawaiians.

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During my four years in the U.S. House, I've made it a top priority to champion key programs for Native Hawaiians, like the Native Hawaiian Education Reauthorization Act, the Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act, and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act.

3. I'm honored to have spent time working with my mentor and friend, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka. The first Native Hawaiian elected to the United States Congress, Senator Akaka passed the Apology Resolution which acknowledges the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and recognizes that the Native Hawaiian people never directly relinquished their claims to inherent sovereignty as a people. On the path forward, Native Hawaiians, as a people, should be empowered to determine their own future and what kind of relationship they choose to have with the U.S. federal government.

KAAIHUE, ANGELA AULANI

REPUBLICAN



1. Yes

2. Once we are able to address the underlying root cause of our nation's and countries disparities, conditions will greatly improve.

I believe, that since Statehood, Hawaii has been in an oppressed state, and NOT treated fairly and well. As we take a look

back on the past century, it's pretty obvious that Hawaii is not where we should be at. And I think I made my point very clear on why Hawaii continues to be oppressed. I always thought of Hawaii as a beautiful tropical paradise, but it's not. This saddens me, which is the reason why I'm inspired to take a run in politics and to help take back Hawaii.

3. Yes, sure, I would bring all the Hawaiian leaders and activists together, bring them to the round table, and determine which is the right direction, and that everyone is agreeable. We are Americans, we are God's Country, and if HE feels that this is the proper path, and falls under the guidelines of his Holy Kingdom, then I believe that his Holy Kingdom should be restored. As long as it makes sense, then it's reasonable. All we have to do is use our common sense and of course our smartness. With the "smarts" that we have, we should be able to put something together that will work and benefit the Hawaiian people. Anything is definitely better than what we have today!! Our Hawaiians are jailed, prisoned, poorish, suffering, families are torn, we are priced out of housing, so anything at this point, that is a benefit for the Hawaiians, anything, is better than what we have today! We have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. I'm for the Hawaiian People, my family, my keiki's are Hawaiian, and I'm for my American country, and if we can find a happy solution for the Hawaiians, then I'm sure our American Country would give it.



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STATE
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QUESTIONS

- 1.** Do you think supporting the recognition of a Native Hawaiian governing entity is essential to protecting Native Hawaiian programs and assets?
Yes or No

2. Ten years ago, the state set the interim amount of Public Land Trust revenues owed to OHA at \$15.1 million a year. This dollar amount was intended to be temporary until the Legislature could revisit the issue to determine how it should satisfy the state's constitutional obligations to Hawaiians. Do you believe the annual \$15.1 million amount:

A. Is too low and should be increased

B. Is still sufficient and should be maintained

C. Is too high and should be decreased

D. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3.** Local subsistence communities rely on the health and abundance of their region's ocean resources to feed their families and support cultural traditions. Do you support allowing these communities to guide the regulation of the near-shore fisheries? (choose one)

A. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.

B. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.

C. No, Hawai'i fisheries are for the general public, and specific communities should not be given preference in guiding management decisions.
- 4.** Now that the plantation era is over, should the state restore diverted streams for kalo farming, other traditional practices and native ecosystems? (choose one)

A. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.

B. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.

C. Yes, but commercial uses that support economic growth, including employment, should be given priority.

D. No, the current system is working well.
- 5.** What do you think is government's biggest barrier to best serving the most people, and what is one specific policy that you believe will help change that?

STATE SENATE CANDIDATES

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 1

KAHELE, KAIALI'I
DEMOCRAT



- 1.** Yes

2. Is too low and should be increased

3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.

4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.

5. Procurement. Need to streamline the current policy and look at other creative, innovative options to systematize government.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 2

FOGEL, FREDERICK F.
LIBERTARIAN



- 1.** Yes

2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair

3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.

4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.

5. Most people don't want to be served. Improve the election process.

RUDERMAN, RUSSELL E.
DEMOCRAT



- 1.** Yes

2. Is too low and should be increased

3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.

4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.

5. Corporate money in politics. Lack of responsiveness by government to the people. I would enact video testimony so outer island people can participate equally.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 9

CHANG, STANLEY
DEMOCRAT



- 1.** Yes

2. Is too low and should be increased

3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.

4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.

5. Democracy depends on elected officials being accountable to all their constituents, rather than special interests. Democrats and Republicans alike agree that this nation's elite disproportionately control legislative agendas. Public financing helps ensure that elected officials are primarily accountable to their constituents.

I support the overturning the disastrous Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. But it is important that we remember that things were far from perfect before Citizens United v. Federal Election. Hawaii County successfully implemented publicly financed county elections in a model that should be replicated across the state.

SLOM, SAM M.
REPUBLICAN



- 1.** No

2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair

3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.

4. Yes, but commercial uses that support economic growth, including employment, should be given priority.

5. The barrier is throwing money at problems without properly addressing the cause of the problem, oversight of money spent and accountability for results.

As of press time, the following candidates did not provide responses to our survey:

STATE SENATE

- DISTRICT 1
ARIANOFF, KIMBERLY (L)

DISTRICT 10
PHILLIPS, ARNOLD T., II (L)

DISTRICT 11
KENT, JOE (L)
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (D)

DISTRICT 19
FEVELLA, KURT (R)



DISTRICTS

D1 - HILO; D2 - PUNA, KA'U; D9 - HAWAI'I KAI, KULI'OU'OU, NIU VALLEY, 'ĀINA HAINA, WAI'ALAE-KAHALA, DIAMOND HEAD

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 10

IHARA, LES, JR.
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. Biggest barrier is lack of competitive elections, with cost of campaigning too high for most would-be candidates. Should increase funding for candidate partial public funding program. As a public funding candidate, I agreed to limit my campaign spending to \$37,282 and can get up to \$5,720 per election in matching funds for individual donations up to \$100.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 11

AMSTERDAM, C. KAUI JOCHANAN
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. A big barrier is leadership stagnation and self-interest; the to change such a policy of term limits would help change that and give more citizens an opportunity to participate.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 13

OZOLS, HARRY
LIBERTARIAN



1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Getting public participation by periodical surveys of the public's opinion on important issues. My second priority is to preserve the trust placed in me by you in not wasting any of your hard earned tax money.
My third priority is to allow the people that reside in or visit our state as much freedom to enjoy this paradise as possible so long as it does not interfere with any other persons right to the same enjoyment

RHOADS, KARL
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. Lack of informed participation in the political process. I introduced a bill last year to automatically register anyone eligible to vote when they obtain a drivers license or State ID. In addition, everyone needs to stay informed about issues and the positions and character of elected officials.

TAM, ROD
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Lack of public communication and involvement of public in decision-making, thus, lack of government accountability.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 15

KALINOWSKI, ROMAN
LIBERTARIAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. Putting people in jail for victim-less crimes such as marijuana use leads to distrust between the people and government. Legalizing those plants would greatly help.



DISTRICTS

D10 - KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU, PALOLO, MAUNALANI HEIGHTS, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MŌ'ILI'ILI, ALA WAI; **D11** - MĀNOA, MAKIKI, PUNCHBOWL, PAPAŌLEA; **D13** - LILIHA, PĀLAMA, IWILEI, KALIHI, NU'UANU, PACIFIC HEIGHTS, PAUOA, LOWER TANTALUS, DOWNTOWN; **D15** - KALIHI, MAPUNAPUNA, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE, ĀLIAMANU, FOSTER VILLAGE, HICKAM, PEARL HARBOR

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Aloha, we support Mililani Trask for OHA Hawaii Island Trustee because Mililani has always had the interest of our Hawaiian beneficiaries at heart. She understands the legal trust obligations owed to the Public for transparency and accountability. For 40 years, Mililani has dedicated her life to working for the Hawaiian community to better the conditions of their lives.

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Left to Right: Kumu Hina Wong, Pat Brandt, Naiwi Wurdeman and Mililani Trask

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 15

WAKAI, GLENN
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. Collaborating. We need to embrace public private partnerships. The era of 100% taxpayer funded programs and infrastructure needs to be re-examined. I continue to reach out to businesses to help clean up the community, enhance homeless programs, or improve healthcare. Not every problem needs a financial solution.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 25

NAGAMINE, ROBERT K.
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. We need a balanced government of the major parties, so that there are "check and balances". Balanced decisions in government will help involved all of the people. Government should and must be run by the will of people and for the people.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 19

ESPERO, WILL
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. The biggest barrier is the limited revenues for the state versus the enormous needs and wants of the people. We need to consider more revenue sources like off-shore gaming and a lottery.

THIELEN, LAURA H.
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. Money. We all know money has too much influence over elections. But it also is the primary measure government uses when making decisions that affect our state - how will the decision affect Hawaii's economy, as measured in dollars or jobs? We do not have a comparable way to measure the impact on quality of life or the value of open space, or the loss of or persistent eroding of a natural or cultural resource. Hawaii should think big, and adopt a wider and long-term measure that government uses to weigh proposals for decision-making.

As of press time, the following candidates did not provide responses to our survey:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- DISTRICT 1
NAKASHIMA, MARK M. (D)
YOUNG, BYRON (R)
- DISTRICT 3
ARIANOFF, GREGORY (L)
- DISTRICT 4
SAN BUENAVENTURA, JOY A. (D)
- DISTRICT 6
LOWEN, NICOLE E. (D)
- DISTRICT 11
ING, KANIELA (D)
- DISTRICT 13
DECOITE, LYNN (D)
- DISTRICT 19
BISCHOFF, STEPHEN N. (R)
HIGA, ANTHONY J.L. (L)
KOBAYASHI, BERTRAND (BERT) (D)
- DISTRICT 20
ALLEN, JULIA E. (R)
- DISTRICT 28
KAAPU, CAROLE KAUHIWAI (R)
- DISTRICT 31
JOHANSON, AARON LING (D)
- DISTRICT 35
TAKUMI, ROY M. (D)
- DISTRICT 37
YAMANE, RYAN I. (D)
- DISTRICT 43
ELI, STACELYNN K.M. (D)
- DISTRICT 44
GATES, CEDRIC ASUEGA (D)
- DISTRICT 46
OSHIRO, MARCUS R. (D)
- DISTRICT 47
POUHA, FEKI (R)

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 3

ONISHI, RICHARD H.K.
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. I think that the biggest barrier to best serving the most people is being able to know what it is that the majority of the people supports, because the majority is generally silent and it is the minority, without the majorities support, that makes the most noise. Our efforts to make it easier for the public to participate in the legislative process has generally not provide us with input from the voices of the majority. I am not sure how to enable the silent majorities views to be heard.

PISCIOTTA, KEALOHA
GREEN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
- 5. Special interests have too much influence on our politics. I will support policies that promote government transparency, accountability and election reforms.
I have chosen not to take special interest funds. I believe as a State House Representative it would be my duty to work for the people of Hawai'i and that should begin with serving the people of my district first and foremost.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 4

JONES, LUANA
NONPARTISAN



- 1. No
- 2. Is too low and should be increased
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
- 5. I believe the rapid population growth in the islands has been, and continues to be, the biggest barrier to providing adequate services to most people. Starting with infrastructure, and overflowing into every other arena of public service needs, our finite islands (and resources) are being strained by a continuous influx and growth of population. Perhaps Nationhood (not exactly a policy) could help slow the influx of (US) people flying over to live here daily.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 4

STEPHENS, MOKE
CONSTITUTION



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. The biggest barrier to good government is the attitude that its function is to preside, provide, and protect. These are the responsibilities of individuals and fathers. The government has six functions: to unite the people, establish justice, ensure peace within our borders, promote the general well-being of society (not individuals), provide for the defense of the country, and institute policies that will secure liberty. It is my intent to have these principles taught in the schools.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 5

CREAGAN, RICHARD P.
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Is too low and should be increased
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
- 5. Income inequality: change tax structure

LAST, MICHAEL L.
LIBERTARIAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. No, Hawaii fisheries are for the general public, and specific communities should not be given preference in guiding management decisions.
- 4. No, the current system is working well.
- 5. Requiring union membership.

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DISTRICTS

D15 - KALIHI, MAPUNAPUNA, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE, ALIAMANU, FOSTER VILLAGE, HICKAM, PEARL HARBOR; **D15** - 'EWA BEACH, OCEAN POINTE, 'EWA BY GENTRY, IROQUOIS POINT, PORTION OF 'EWA VILLAGES; **D25** - KAILUA, LANIKAI, ENCHANTED LAKE, KEOLU HILLS, MAUNAWILI, WAIMANALO, HAWAI'I KAI, PORTLOCK



DISTRICTS

D3 - HILO, KEA'AU, KURTISTOWN, VOLCANO; **D4** - PUNA; **D5** - NA'ALEHU, OCEAN VIEW, CAPT. COOK, KEALAKEKUA, KAILUA-KONA

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STATE REP. | DISTRICT 6

PRATT, BRUCE C.
 REPUBLICAN



1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Surveys have shown that Hawaii's legislative and executive branches are considered among the most corrupt in the nation. A major component of that corruption is how our tax dollars are spent. We are in debt and that debt is growing. I will propose much clearer reporting of the state's budget and spending, which will begin the process for more accountable government.



DISTRICTS

D6 - KAILUA-KONA, HŌLUALOA, KALAOA, HONOKŌHAU; **D7** - NORTH KONA, NORTH KOHALA, SOUTH KOHALA; **D8** - KAHAKULOA, WAIHE'E, WAIHEHU, PU'UOHALA, WAILUKU, WAIKAPU

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 7

COAKLEY, JEFFREY (JEFF)
 REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Government is run by Big Business, Political power factions, Lobbyist and Special Interest groups. There is no policy that is going to correct that. If we truly believe that Government is Of the People, By the People and For the People then the only path to change is We the People need to believe that the power lies within us to make that change. We have given away our powers to bring about change and its time to take it back. How? Elect those who speak of WE and not I. For more information go to votejeffreycOakley.com Mahalo!

EVANS, CINDY
 DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. The fixed costs to run government are rising and taking away funds for programs and services. In order to get funds, we need a strong economy. I believe we need to work with all sectors that contribute to our economy. This includes supporting career pathways which bridges high school and higher education including vocational and technical training. Our businesses need an educated workforce. Our children need hope for a brighter future.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 8

REBOLLEDO, GILBERT (GIL)
 REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. The biggest barrier is the disrespectful and inconsiderate attitude that is present in too many of our elected officials. Help the troubled Board of Ethics to do their job better without any interference from elected officials.

SOUKI, JOE
 DEMOCRAT



1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair?
3. No, Hawaii fisheries are for the general public, and specific communities should not be given preference in guiding management decisions.
4. Yes, but commercial uses that support economic growth, including employment, should be given priority.
5. State has multi needs and it needs more funding to meet that needs. State basic responsibility is the health and welfare of its people.

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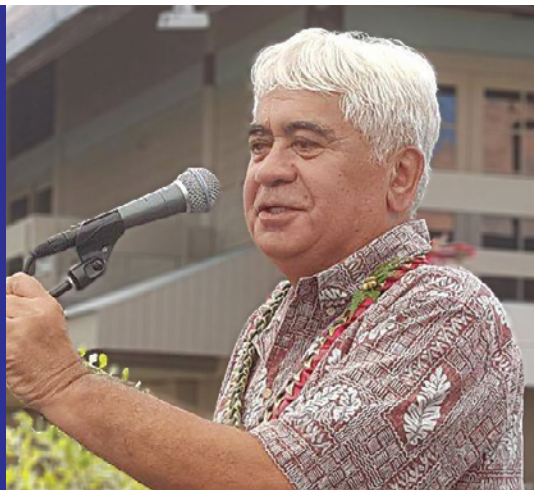
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 10

MARTEN, CHAYNE
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. Truth, the people do not believe in government any longer. Life is much more difficult then ever before and our leaders are not serving the people they serve special interest and the people know it. Legislation that actually benefits the people. new hospital in west maui new public elementary and middle schools. Freezing real estate property tax for seniors, Making sure kids who need it get a free breakfast at school. Building stronger families and communities. Local school control. using our agricultural lands to feed us. And not let the GMO companies take our prime ag lands.

MCKELVEY, ANGUS L.K.
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Refusal by the agencies of the executive branch to work with each other and to work with the public. They have acted on their own needs instead of engaging the community and working with them on both short and long term solutions. A policy of reasserting control over the agencies and forcing them to engage and work with the public should be implemented if they won't work to provide the projects and services that are truly needed.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 11

PEKUS, DANIEL A. (DANNY)
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Laws and Bills need to be straight forward and written so that not only lawyers know what they mean. They then become easier to administer, so trustworthy and transparency is important. Our tax dollars are being in appropriately allocated and we do not appear to know about it or have a choice. Good example: the Kihei High School will be one of the most expensive built in the nation per square foot by a large amount.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 13

NIKHILANANDA, NICK
GREEN



1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. The biggest barrier to serving is the exorbitant cost of standing for office. I would push for campaign finance reform and public financing of elections. This way, candidates would not have to beg for donations from wealthy individuals tied to the large landowners, multi-national developers and those who want to see Hawai'i continue down the road toward a population of those who have and those who serve those who have. With the ability to run for office opened to a larger cross section of our community, it will change the dynamics of the State legislature and County Councils.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 14

COMBS, SANDRA A. (SANDI)
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Wasteful spending and lack of communication and accountability creates a barrier to the public's involvement in their government. Encouraging effective two way communication will provide much needed input and feedback.

NAKAMURA, NADINE K.
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Departments, divisions, and branches of government that work in silos. They need to better work together to solve pressing problems and coordinate solutions. Encourage inter-agency problem-solving to reduce bottlenecks that frustrate the public and public servants alike.



DISTRICTS
D10 - WEST MAUI, MĀ'ALAE, NORTH KĪHEI; **D11** - KĪHEI, WAILEA, MAKENA; **D13** - HAIKU, HĀNA, KAUPŌ, KĪPAHULU, NĀHIKU, PĀI'A, KAHO'OLAWE, LĀNA'I, MOLOKA'I, MOLOKINI; **D14** - HANAIE, PRINCEVILLE, KĪLAUEA, ANAHOLA, KAPA'A, WAILUA

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 16

FRANKS, VICTORIA (VICKIE)
REPUBLICAN



1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. I believe truly listening to the wishes of the people--actually engaging them in dialogue--would help the legislators to know what their constituents really think. I believe that more major decisions should be brought to a public vote rather than made by the legislature who really don't know the will of the people.

MORIKAWA, DEE
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. It must be funding for housing. If we had lots of money, we could work in partnerships with private industry to development housing. The Kauai's Lima Ola Workforce Housing will be an example of how that might work for the whole State. Government and private industry work together to acquire the land and infrastructure, so costs to homeowners will be very affordable.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 17

ROSS, KARLEN
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. I would take a look at how we procure goods and services. It's not always the best idea to accept the lowest dollar bid, we should be looking at value. Quality vs. Price is something I learned as a small businessman and if applied on a state level we could solve problems before they start.

WARD, GENE
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. 1) The way the legislature handles conflicts of interest should be changed; the law is written so broadly that almost any perceived conflict is technically OK. The law needs to be tightened up and enforced.
2) The legislature needs more transparency, that is it should let the public know about legislative hearings on a much more timely basis, and have status of bills updated more quickly; and
3) Thirdly, there should be no closed doors at the Capitol and all hearings and floor sessions should be recorded and streamed to the public just like C-SPAN does at the federal level.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 20

SAY, CALVIN K.Y.
DEMOCRAT



1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. The biggest barrier is the recruitment and retention of our State and County employees competing with the private sector.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 22

BROWER, TOM
DEMOCRAT



1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Government needs to live within its means just like the rest of us do. Too much government spending hurts people struggling to make a living. People need to be able to provide for their families and feel confident about spending in our local economy. Seniors on fixed income cannot afford higher taxes and fees. Businesses need to be able to hold onto their workers and hire new ones. Furthermore, I believe that major tax and fee increases would not stimulate the economy.



DISTRICTS
D16 - NĪ'HAU, LEHUA, KŌLOA, WAIMEA; **D17** - HAWAI'I KAI, KALAMA VALLEY; **D20** - ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, PĀLOLO, MAUNALANI HEIGHTS, WILHELMINA RISE, KAIMUKĪ; **D22** - WAIKĪKĪ, ALA MOANA

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 22

HENSKI, KATHRYN
REPUBLICAN

1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Voters feel that even if they voice their opinions, their voices go unheard by the governing bodies. When serving as your legislator, my office promises to respond to every voter.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 24

BELATTI, DELLA AU
DEMOCRAT

1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. The challenges we face today are complex and require the balancing of many competing factors and diverse stakeholders. While special interest groups (whether "left" or "right," "progressive" or "conservative," "Democrat" or "Republican," "Main Street" or "Wall Street") would like to enact headline-grabbing policies, we actually need thoughtful leaders who are willing to work through complex issues, find solutions that may involve compromises, and - when necessary - make the tough decisions. There is not "one" policy that can ensure we have better leaders - except that we need to have a more engaged citizenry that is willing to hold their leaders accountable.

FENTON, LARRY
REPUBLICAN

1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Biggest barrier to serving the people are incumbent politicians who feel entitled to their position. Change is necessary to bring about accountability to the people of the district.



DISTRICTS

D22 - WAIKĪKĪ, ALA MOANA; **D24** - MAKIKI, TANTALUS, PAPAKŌLEA, MCCULLY, PAWA'A, MANOĀ; **D28** - KALIHI VALLEY, KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS, PORTION OF LOWER KALIHI

TIPPENS, MICHELLE ROSE
LIBERTARIAN

1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. Availability of government services is a significant barrier. Not to say there is a lack of services, but the offices and personnel that assist people in obtaining services are generally only open when most residents are also working. I feel that government offices should stagger employee schedules so that offices can be open earlier, later and on weekends. This allows people working a full time job to get help without missing work (and pay).

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 28

MIZUNO, JOHN M.
DEMOCRAT

1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. LISTEN - As elected officials we are to listen and serve the people. All lawmakers must be aware that we are employees for the people. This is government by the people for the people. The policy I would recommend is to dedicate our entire recess week during the legislative session in March to meet and LISTEN to our constituents and provide them with a plan of action - solutions. Lawmakers are only to meet with constituents during this time.

REMINDER

GENERAL ELECTION

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STATE REP. | DISTRICT 29

COAKLEY, KAIWIOLA
REPUBLICAN

1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. We must limit the number of terms politicians serve in office. Without term limits, even the best intentioned leaders will have too much authority and room for abuse of power. No one should be put into this position. Additionally, the government can only serve as many people as are alert and engaged. Therefore the public has a responsibility to participate and moreover, more qualified individuals ought to run for office so they can support neglected causes or bring light to marginalized issues.

HOLT, DANIEL
DEMOCRAT

1. Yes
2. Is too low and should be increased
3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. A lot of people have a negative view of the government at this point in time and I am not sure it is a specific policy that can change that but I think we can start by electing people in to office that we trust.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 31

CHING, ERIC H.L.
REPUBLICAN

1. Yes
2. Is still sufficient and should be maintained
3. No, Hawaii fisheries are for the general public, and specific communities should not be given preference in guiding management decisions.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Accumulation of power that is subject to outside influences that do not reflect what the people necessarily want. Term limits and random committee assignments would solve this problem.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 34

AGUSTIN, JACI
REPUBLICAN

1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. I believe the biggest barrier is availability. Once elected, I will have an in district office when the legislative session is out. Many residents do not have the luxury to sit in traffic, find parking and wait all day to speak to their Representative. Having an office close to them makes access and availability easier. I will also initiate a "home visit" request. This is where I will personally visit residents at their home to discuss issues.

TAKAYAMA, GREGG
DEMOCRAT

1. No
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
5. Elected officials need to be good listeners by being active parts of their communities. People often feel detached from government because they feel it's unresponsive to their needs or indifferent to their concerns.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 35

CLEMENTE, ROGER
REPUBLICAN



1. Yes
2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
3. No, Hawaii fisheries are for the general public, and specific communities should not be given preference in guiding management decisions.
4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
5. To serve the people and not political reasons.



DISTRICTS

D29 - KALIHI, PALAMA, IWILEI, CHINATOWN; **D31** - MOANALUA, RED HILL, FOSTER VILLAGE, AIEA, FORT SHAFTER, MOANALUA GARDENS, ALIAMANU, LOWER PEARLRIDGE; **D34** - PEARL CITY, WAIMALU, PACIFIC PALISADES; **D35** - PEARL CITY, MANANA, WAIPOI

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 36

FUKUMOTO CHANG, BETH
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. People think government is inaccessible. A lot of that conception starts while people are in school. It will be a slow process, but if we can get kids started on civic education early, I think it will make for a better government in the future.

LEE, MARILYN B.
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. There are probably a number of barriers depending which branch of government you are referring to. Trust is a big issue, and for the legislature a critical one. Making sure no empty bills are introduced, public vetting of bills and creating a strong culture of openness will help improve trust in the legislative process. I would make my official calendar available as has been requested by the Office of Information Practices.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 37

KUPUKAA, KATHERINE T.
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. No, Hawaii fisheries are for the general public, and specific communities should not be given preference in guiding management decisions.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. The biggest barrier in government's in best serving the people is dominance in a one political party. I don't know if there is a specific policy that could change that but I have been testifying for 25 years and they don't listen to you.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 40

MARTINEZ, ROSE
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. Self interest...uncooperativeness exist amongst individuals, or governmental agencies or political parties. Create a policy that encourages inter organizationl cooperation in all levels of government.

MCDERMOTT, BOB
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but commercial uses that support economic growth, including employment, should be given priority.
- 5. Get politicians out of the distribution of school construction money as it violates the concept of equity and equality.



DISTRICTS

D36 - MILILANI MAUKA, MILILANI; **D37** - MILILANI, WAIPIO GENTRY, WAIKELE; **D40** - EWA, EWA BEACH, EWA GENTRY, IROQUOIS POINT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 41

JEREMIAH, BRYAN E.
REPUBLICAN



- 1. Yes
- 2. Is too low and should be increased
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. Lack of accountability, transparency, and honest legislation that incorporates the voice of its people in the decision making process.
There are no policies current in place that will better serve our state and the underlying communities. As long as we continue to have a self serving one sided unbalanced legislative body we will never have a policy that addresses the needs of most of the people.

LOPRESTI, MATTHEW S. (MATT)
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, but the subsistence and cultural needs of residents should be balanced with the recreational and commercial needs of others, including visitors.
- 4. Yes, but there are other important water uses, and commercial uses should get some water to support economic growth and employment.
- 5. Access is empowerment. My constituents regularly reach out to me and my number one priority is to listen and assist with their concerns. If anyone can think of any other way I can be even more accessible to constituents, I'm all ears. In my first term in office we passed bills that made it easier for citizens to access the legislative process and have a voice by implementing a system for remote testimony for neighbor islanders as well. I've also pursued legislation that would strengthen ethics loopholes in the legislature and increase transparency and access to public information.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 43

TUPOLA, ANDRIA
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
- 5. The biggest barrier to serving the people is getting the leaders to understand the concepts of leadership and service. (1) you can not serve people you don't know. This entails getting out and being with the people regularly and realizing and accepting different perspectives (2) you can serve people if you aren't willing to work. Many people in government have different views on what service is and how to go about serving the people. There is no policy that can teach people leadership and service. It is a personal choice to educate oneself and lead by example.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 44

PA'ALUHI, MARC K.
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
- 5. It's biggest barrier is itself. Improve the communication and the ability to work functionally between county, state and feds. Cut out some of the unnecessary government agencies.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 46

NOLTIE, SCOTT A.
REPUBLICAN



- 1. No
- 2. Should be revisited to determine if it is still fair
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, but commercial uses that support economic growth, including employment, should be given priority.
- 5. One party rule is the biggest obstacle. There is no accountability to constituents, policies and laws are rammed down the citizens throats. A two-party system it's the only system which could restore accountability to government.

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 47

QUINLAN, SEAN
DEMOCRAT



- 1. Yes
- 2. Is too low and should be increased
- 3. Yes, it would allow communities to maintain traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles, while guiding the harvesting practices of others.
- 4. Yes, for decades plantation interests have diverted streams to the detriment of communities and the natural resources they rely upon.
- 5. The amount of money required to run a political campaign. Publicly funded elections and reasonable spending caps will ensure that our politicians work for the voting public, not large campaign donors.



DISTRICTS

D41 - EWA, EWA BEACH, EWA GENTRY, EWA VILLAGES, HOAKALEI, OCEAN POINTE; **D43** - EWA VILLAGES, KALAELOA, HONOKAI HALE, NANAKAI GARDENS, KO'OLINA, KAHE POINT, NANĀKULI, LUALUALEI, MĀ'ILI; **D46** - WAHIAWA, WHITMORE VILLAGE; **D47** - WAIALUA, HALEIWA, PUPUKEA, KAHUKU, LAIE, HAU'ULA, WAIHOLE, WAIKANE, SUNSET BEACH, PUNALUU, KA'A'AWA

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS RACE

For the convenience of voters, here is a reprint of the questions and responses we asked the candidates for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the August 2016 issue of *Ka Wai Ola*. Congratulations to Dan Ahuna, candidate for OHA Trustee of Kaua'i, who was unopposed, and congratulations to Colette (Pipi'i) Machado, candidate for OHA Trustee of Moloka'i, who won in the primary election. Best wishes to those in the general election.

QUESTIONS

1. What opportunities do you see for OHA and its Board of Trustees to help improve the physical, mental and spiritual health of our lāhui?

– *Aukahi Austin Seabury, Ph.D., Psychologist, Executive Director*

2. What is your strategy for achieving nation building?

– *Vicky Holt Takamine, Kumu hula*

3. Many of the most pressing issues facing the lāhui—such as climate change, and health and wealth disparities—are a part of global dynamics. How do we use our mana and ancestral values to help solve these contemporary, complex and pressing issues?

– *Kamuela Enos, Sustainable agriculture and indigenous enterprise advocate*

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CANDIDATES

OHA | HAWAII ISLAND

LINDSEY, ROBERT K. (BOB)



1. Health is one of OHA's six strategic priorities. COLLOBORATION is the path OHA must take going forward. Why? The needs of our lāhui exceed OHA's current resources to provide for these needs. My hope is that OHA will continue

to work to find ways to partner with our Ali'i Trusts: The Queen's Health System, Kapi'olani Children's Hospital, Kamehameha Schools, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust and Lunalilo Home. Other potential partners to enjoin: Papa Ola Lokahi and its satellite centers, our Hawaiian focused charter schools, faith-based organizations and our Hawaiian churches. We need to pool our resources and work together to extend our reach.

2. Our lāhui, when surveyed in 1978 (OHA's founding) and recently (four months ago) have made it clear: 'bread and butter' issues (education, health, housing and jobs) are what's important to them. It wants OHA to focus on these issues. In 2016 the majority of respondents see nation building as a bottom of the barrel issue. OHA must refocus, reboot and rethink its basic priorities if it is to be in alignment with the wishes of our people. I do have a nation-building strategy modeled around the Waimea Nui Development Project. I like and support it as it brings people together.

3. We have a heritage we must celebrate and honor. Our ancestors knew what it meant to be GREEN and live GREEN centuries ago. By taking care of the land (mālama 'āina), our forests, streams and ocean, we would be able to sustain ourselves forever. They knew to take just what they needed, when enough was enough. On the global level the Mālama Honua message being disseminated by Hōkūle'a on its worldwide voyage is truly special and a beacon for all. It's a message from our kūpuna. "Take care of the Earth and it will take care of you." On the local level (yes it starts right here at home), this September Hawai'i will host the World Conservation Congress. This is our opportunity to showcase the specialness and uniqueness of our cultural and natural assets, to boast in a quiet and humble way what our ancestors knew centuries ago which so many are just coming to know at a time when our Good Earth is in jeopardy because of industrialization, urbanization and rabid consumerism. Yes, environmental issues are global and overwhelming. Nonetheless in our small way in our isolated corner of the world's biggest ocean we can be part of the solution. Enlist in a local aloha 'āina initiative in your community, participate in a beach, stream or graffiti cleanup. Adopt a Highway (section of). Recycle. Be (and stay) informed about coral bleaching, rapid 'ōhia death, and invasive species. Join the Outdoor Circle, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, some worthy conservation cause.

TRASK, MILILANI B.



1. Initiating a program for Health & Wellness that integrates healthier practices in all 3 areas is a good beginning point. It should include education on the causes of poor health and how to take corrective measures (Dietary changes, exercise, regular check-ups) as well as understanding Mental Health needs (stress, fear, anger, violence) and corrective measures (Counseling, medication, anger management etc.) Spiritual support comes from ceremony, prayer and church affiliation. This program needs to be pursued in conjunction with other groups providing services in these areas. Partnerships increase expertise and provide for cost sharing. We have many Hawaiians with Health expertise, and today we have a Hawaiian Healthcare System that can interface with OHA on all islands.

2. Nation building can only be achieved by and through a statewide educational effort on our historical right to self-determination. Hawaiian educators should be tapped to spearhead this effort. In order to be legitimate, Hawaiians and need to voluntarily enroll in this effort and democratic procedures need to be followed. (i.e. voluntary enrollment by 51% of peoples residing on the 'āina, democratic elections of representatives, and majority ratification by the peoples themselves of any governing document. The initiative must arise from the peoples themselves, not the State Legislature or a State Agency like OHA. The current process stemming from Kana'ioliowalu and Na'i Aupuni excluded the Hawaiian people and came from the State. No Democratic election of delegates occurred, nor is there any verified roll of Hawaiian residents of our State.

3. Response: We need to think globally and act locally to address climate change. Hawaiian traditional knowledge can & should be applied to provide solutions. For example, mitigation the impacts of saltwater intrusion may require planting more salt tolerant species of traditional foods. Also, we need to integrate conservation practices (use less water, use water catchment, recycling and desalinization) into our daily lives. For Health – See answer to question 1. The application of Hawaiian Values is the appropriate way to live our lives whether we are addressing climate change or wealth & poverty disparities. Wealth & Poverty disparities may arise from unemployment, lack of critical skills or lack of education. There are many things that OHA can support including job training, supplemental skill building; literacy and basic accounting that would help unemployed Hawaiians find jobs. Hawaiian values are now being applied everywhere, recently I read about a book called "Managing with Aloha" that applies Hawaiian cultural values in the business arena.

OHA | AT-LARGE

AKINA, KELI'I



1. In its masterplan, OHA has identified great opportunities for advancing native Hawaiians, and I commend OHA for the goals in this document. Unfortunately, the trustees have fallen short of ensuring that these goals are met. According to the State Auditor: "Ineffectual oversight bars OHA from ensuring grants achieve intended results..." Additionally, tens of millions of dollars have been wasted on political agendas such as the push for federal recognition. The solution is to stop wasting trust money on politics and, instead, to spend it on solving homelessness and meeting the real needs of Hawaiians for housing, healthcare, jobs, and education. OHA does not lack the resources to help the Hawaiian people. Rather, it needs to manage them in an accountable and nonpolitical way. If elected Trustee, I will work hard to reform OHA so that it provides opportunities Hawaiians need.

2. I stand with those trustees who oppose the nationbuilding efforts by OHA that are dividing Hawaiians from nonHawaiians and Hawaiians from each other. True Hawaiian nationhood has always included all people regardless of race. As the 1840 Hawaiian Constitution states, "Ua hana mai ke Akua i na lahui kanaka a pau i ke koko hookahi, e noho like lakou ma ka honua nei me ke kuikahi, a me ka pomaikai." "God hath made of one koko (blood) all nations of men to dwell on the earth, in unity and blessedness." If we as OHA's beneficiaries continue to elect trustees who pursue a separatist, race-based nation, we will exclude our hana keiki, many of our parents, spouses, and our beloved haole friends from citizenship. If elected Trustee, I will work hard so that OHA stops dividing Hawaii's people and starts uniting them.

3. This is a great question because it looks to the future. In my university classes I teach students that Hawaiian wisdom has much to offer a world seeking economic and ecological sustainability. Sadly, the current trustee board has taken actions, which interfere with promoting Hawaiian values globally. Recently, OHA withdrew its approval for the Thirty Meter Telescope and then tried to keep the telescope if its sponsors would pay higher rent to OHA! Tragically, this financial greed has contributed to the potential loss of the telescope along with the loss of millions of dollars in scholarships, jobs and economic development for Hawaiians. The ancient Hawaiians were brilliant scientists and saw no conflict between sacred and scientific. That's why Nainoa Thompson and other Hokule'a navigators studied the stars in the Bishop Museum Planetarium as part of their sacred training. If elected Trustee, I will work hard to ensure that our keiki thrive in a world where Hawaiian values and scientific progress go hand in hand.

HAUNANI, APOLIONA



1. Opportunity must be aligned with a community readiness committed to achieve accountable outcomes for positive change to occur. Physical, mental and spiritual health of our Lahui, tested over time by diverse issues, stifled collaborative solutions for common concerns. Opportunities exist now for identified and willing Native Hawaiian leaders and collective people power, resources and a shared commitment to solutions to entice Native Hawaiian leaders of two major land preservation trusts – Kamehameha Schools and The Nature Conservancy (Hawaii) to collaborate with Native Hawaiians in implementing an environmental strategic plan for Hawaiian lands guiding generations to come. Opportunities exist now for OHA scholarships, educational/community development grants to expand mentoring of leader and worker skills in planning and implementing community and nation building capabilities for state, national and global impact. Opportunities await our collaborative attention. Readiness in communities, with OHA collaborating, is the key.

2. The nation building strategy initiated in 2015 by Native Hawaiians appeared headed for the election of delegates and convening of an 'Aha (Native Hawaiian Convention). The ongoing pursuit of nation building was forced to strategically redirect its efforts due to litigation filed by the "Grass Roots Institute" and two additional Native Hawaiians in Federal Court to halt the planned Convention. Ironically, two of the three Native Hawaiian litigants suing OHA are now running for election to OHA in 2016. A draft Constitution and Referendum by registered Native Hawaiians are planned and nation building remains a work in progress. As a current OHA Trustee I am committed to OHA's majority-approved position. However, as a re-elected Trustee I am committed to refining existing strategies consistent with additional input we seek from the majority of Native Hawaiians.

3. Native Hawaiian ancestors foresaw the role of our Lāhui to ensure survival of our cultural values by enabling mutual respect and peaceful collaboration among nations (and cultures) of the world. Native leaders dispatched to other global communities engaged and learned skills in readiness for impacting Hawai'i's future. Modern technology enables Native Hawaiians to witness peoples and cultures without even leaving Hawai'i yet understand that person-to-person contact is the preferred medium of communication. PVS's Hōkūle'a world voyage (supported by OHA) is a critical base from which Hawai'i's impact on island nations and global survival is crucial. OHA's decade role with Papahānaumokuākea and its global status is a catalyst for expeditiously investigating the rising ocean tides issue which gravely affects Hawai'i and Pacific archipelagos and adds cultivation of marine resources (on land and in ocean) critical to the lifelines of island nations globally. The East-West Center and the UH Matsunaga Peace Institute provide Native Hawaiians (and Pacific islanders) an institutional arena for mediation centers to address resolving differences/disputes among island nations and global countries.



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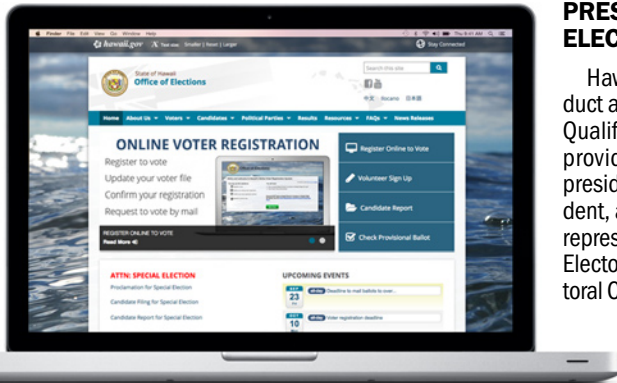
Looking to learn more about elections and voting in Hawai'i?

In every even numbered year, Hawai'i holds a Primary Election in August and a General Election in November.

Candidates for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and county contests also appear on the Primary Election ballot. All voters may vote in these contests regardless of party affiliation.

GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election is a candidate contest, meaning that voters may vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of partisan and nonpartisan affiliation. Voters will select federal, state, county, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs candidates, as well as Constitutional Amendments and Charter Amendments.



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ELECTIONS

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is a public agency responsible for setting policy and managing the agency's trust.

OHA is governed by a nine (9) member Board of Trustees who are elected to their seats to serve four-year terms. There is no limit on the number of terms a trustee may serve. Candidates for OHA are nominated at the Primary Election and elected at

the General Election. All voters statewide are allowed to vote in each OHA contest.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Hawai'i does not conduct a presidential primary. Qualified political parties provide candidates for president and vice president, as well as electors to represent the party at the Electoral College. The Electoral College officially elects the president and vice president of the United States.

When voters cast their vote for president and vice president, they are actually casting a vote for the slate of electors that has pledged support for that same candidate. The Electoral College is a body of electors who meet every presidential election to elect the next president and vice president of the United States.

Each State is allocated a number of electors equal to the number of its U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. Hawai'i has four (4) electoral votes out of the 538 electors nationwide.

The Electoral College will be held on: December 19, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

SELECTION OF ELECTORS

Qualified political parties and parties or groups that complied with the presidential petition requirements of HRS §11-113 shall submit to the chief election officer its electors and alternates, after holding a state party or group convention pursuant to the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the party or group.

Members of Congress and employees of the federal government are prohibited from serving as an elector in order to maintain the balance between the legislative and executive branches of the federal government.

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

In Hawai'i, the names of the candidates for president and vice president are used on the ballot in place of the elector's names. The votes cast for president and vice president determine which electors meet for the Electoral College.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The chosen electors gather at the Electoral College in their respective states to cast their votes for president and vice president.

The votes cast at the Electoral College are sent to the President of the Senate who reads them before a joint session of Congress on January 6th following the general election. The presidential ticket with the majority of votes is declared president and vice president.

If no candidate receives a majority of electoral votes (i.e. 270 out of 538), the U.S. House of Representatives elects the president from the three (3) presidential candidates who received the most electoral votes. Each state delegation has one (1) vote. The U.S. Senate elects the vice president from the two (2) vice president candidates with the most electoral votes. Each U.S. Senator casts one (1) vote for vice president. If the U.S. House of Representatives fails to elect a president by Inauguration Day, the vice president elect serves as acting president until the deadlock is resolved in the U.S. House of Representatives.

To learn more visit <http://elections.hawaii.gov>.

"WE HAVE NO OTHER DIRECTION LEFT, EXCEPT
THIS UNRESTRICTED RIGHT TO VOTE,
GIVEN BY THE U.S. TO YOU THE PEOPLE.
GRASP IT AND HOLD ON TO IT;
IT IS UP TO YOU TO **MAKE THINGS RIGHT**
FOR US IN THE FUTURE."

— QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI

Dates to Remember

Registration deadline
Oct. 10

Mail ballot request
Nov. 1 (Deadline)

Early walk-in voting
(And same day registration)
Oct. 25 - Nov. 5

General Election
Nov. 8 - 7am-6pm

RIGHTS
TO GATHER

RIGHTS
TO WATER

RIGHTS
TO TRADITIONS & CUSTOMS



Native Hawaiian voter turnout

Voter turnout is higher in districts with high percentages of Native Hawaiians.

51.7% of registered voters in the communities with the highest concentrations of Native Hawaiians vote; that's **4.2%** more than in communities with low proportions of Native Hawaiians.

Depicted below are the proportions of the Native Hawaiian populations in the state house districts with the highest and lowest concentrations of Native Hawaiians according to the 2010 U.S. Census Report.

THE 5 STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS WITH THE MOST HAWAIIANS ARE:

| District | % Hawaiian |
|--|------------|
| 45 Schofield, Mokolē'ia, Waialua, Kunia, Waipi'o Acres, Mililani | 49.9% |
| 44 Wai'anae, Mākaha, Mākua, Mā'ili | 49.8% |
| 51 Kailua, Waimānalo | 36.1% |
| 47 Waialua, Hale'iwa, Pūpūkea, Kahuku, Lā'ie, Hau'ula, Waiāhole, Waikāne, Sunset Beach, Punalu'u, Ka'a'awa | 32.3% |
| 13 Ha'ikū, Hāna, Kaupo, Kipahulu, Nahiku, Pā'ia, Kaho'olawe, Lāna'i, Moloka'i, Molokini | 30.6% |

THE 5 STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS WITH THE LEAST HAWAIIANS ARE:

| District | % Hawaiian |
|---|------------|
| 28 Kalihi Valley, Kamehameha Heights, portion of Lower Kalihi | 8.7% |
| 32 Moanalua, Salt Lake, Āliamanu | 8.3% |
| 35 Pearl City, Manana, Waipi'o | 8.0% |
| 11 Kihei, Waile'a, Mākena | 7.8% |
| 23 Mānoa, Punahou, University, Mō'ili'ili | 5.8% |

Source: Office of Hawaiian Affairs Research Department, 2010 U.S. Census, and the State of Hawai'i Office of Elections.



The districts with the highest and lowest concentrations of Hawaiians were compared to the State of Hawai'i Office of Elections total registered voting population. The districts with high proportions of Hawaiians are red.

| House District | Voter Turnout |
|----------------|---------------|
| 51 | 58.7% |
| 47 | 57.7% |
| 28 | 51.4% |
| 35 | 51.1% |
| 13 | 48.7% |
| 32 | 47.5% |
| 23 | 47.2% |
| 45 | 46.2% |
| 44 | 44.5% |
| 11 | 41.6% |

When aggregated, the five house districts with the highest proportions of Hawaiians show higher turnout rates than the five with the lowest proportions of Hawaiians.

Hawaiian Districts

Voter Turnout

Top 5
51.7%

Bottom 5
47.5%



CARE ABOUT HAWAII?

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE in what you think Hawai‘i’s future should be, how our traditions and resources should be sustained, and who are the best people to lead us. Your voice is part of a chorus, chanting for a strong and vibrant lāhui.

I Mana Ka Leo—let your voice be heard!

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ABSENTEE BALLOT

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November 8: GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Register to vote today or for more information on voting in this upcoming election, use the QR code below or visit **www.oha.org/vote**.



HAWAIIAN VOICE
VOTE

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