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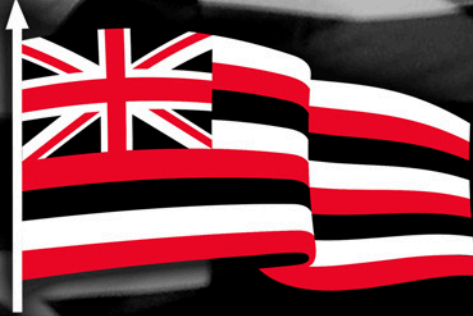
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Aloha mai kākou,

Hawai‘i voters will be electing five trustees to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs board in 2018. OHA’s Board of Trustees administers a \$370 million trust in the interest of Native Hawaiians, so it’s critical to be informed about the candidates and the positions they are vying to fill.

This month’s issue of *Ka Wai Ola* provides an opportunity for all candidates in the gubernatorial and OHA races to address our readers directly on key Hawaiian issues. On July 2, OHA, in partnership with Kamehameha Schools, will be hosting a “Super Debate” on Hawaii News Now, featuring Democratic primary candidates for U.S. Congressional District 1, lieutenant governor and governor. Other organizations will also be publishing candidate surveys and hosting candidate forums and debates. I attended one such forum myself recently at Windward Community College.

You can read about the candidates’ positions in *Ka Wai Ola*’s primary election guide. To put their answers in context, you can use OHA resources to get a better understanding of what the agency is trying to accomplish, as well as what role trustees play in helping OHA achieve its mission.

I believe that as Hawaiians, it’s our kuleana to be informed. That makes it OHA’s kuleana to be transparent. Since I became Ka Puhana in 2012, OHA has made increasingly more of our data available to the public. We collect comprehensive, impactful statistics about Hawaiians here and on the continent, not just because it’s a constitu-

tional mandate, but because we want that information to be accessed, understood and applied as we work together to improve the well-being of the lāhui and the state as a whole.

OHA was created during the 1978 Constitution Convention to right the injustices suffered by Native Hawaiians since the overthrow of the monarchy 125 years ago. The agency is an advocate for Native Hawaiian rights, including access rights mauka to makai for traditional and customary practices. OHA also has a rightful claim to ceded lands revenue, and the fiduciary duty to manage these funds to improve the conditions and well-being of Native Hawaiians. Ceded land revenue, OHA’s investment portfolio and revenue from OHA’s commercial properties allow the agency to provide grants, scholarships and other resources to our beneficiaries.

You can see how it all breaks down in annual financial statements and grant listings have been published in *Ka Wai Ola* and remain accessible online at www.oha.org. Each month, *Ka Wai Ola* also publishes how trustees vote on every issue, and board agendas and meeting minutes are housed on the website. OHA also publishes the *Native Hawaiian Data Book*, which contains comprehensive statistics that can be used for research, grant writing, creating programs, planning communities and setting policy. The Data Book can be found on our website, in libraries across the state, at the state Capitol and in Washington, D.C.

We try to help the public better understand OHA’s work by showcasing its real-world impact. We regularly publish stories about

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Jacob
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BY STERLING WONG

OHA’s disaster relief package for Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i Island’s flood- and eruption-impacted communities includes emergency loans and \$500,000 in aid to Hawaiian households and qualified kalo farmers.

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Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea celebrates sovereignty restoration PAGE 5

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Celebrations are planned for the 175th anniversary of Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea, which commemorates the restoration of sovereignty on July 31, 1843 and was designated a national holiday for the next half-century in the Hawaiian Kingdom.

SPECIAL INSERT

Decision 2018

Ka Wai Ola surveyed candidates for governor and OHA trustee about key Hawaiian issues in advance of the Aug. 11 primary election.

ECONOMIC SELF-
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HO'OKA HUA WAIWAI

To have choices and a sustainable future, Native Hawaiians will progress toward greater economic self-sufficiency.

OHA directs disaster assistance to Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island

By Sterling Wong

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs on June 7 announced a relief package of \$500,000 in aid for Native Hawaiians impacted by the natural disasters on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island.

"Our deepest aloha goes out to the people whose lives have been turned upside down by these natural disasters," said OHA Chair Colette Machado. "What is being announced today is just the first phase of OHA's assistance to our beneficiaries on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island. We will continue to work with these communities to understand their ongoing needs, and we also will be developing initiatives that provide longer term assistance."

Disaster Relief Aid

At a June 7 meeting, the OHA Board approved \$500,000 in disaster relief aid that will include funds for one-time, financial assistance to qualified Native Hawaiian households on both islands and qualified kalo farmers on Kaua'i, and funds to address other health-related issues caused by the eruptions on Hawai'i Island.

The elements of the disaster relief package were based on specific requests from the Kaua'i and Hawai'i communities. Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Trustee Dan Ahuna led a team of OHA staff on a site visit in May to assess damages sustained by the Native Hawaiian communities in Wainiha and Hā'ena. In addition, Hawai'i Trustee Robert K. Lindsey Jr. and island staff have been in constant

dialogue with community leaders to gauge the needs of those affected by the lava.

"We mahalo the many in our community, from the individuals to the grassroots organizations, who came forward immediately to provide kōkua to those in need," Ahuna said. "Our community has thrived through crisis before because we always come together. We understand that our role here at OHA is to follow the lead of the community and provide assistance as appropriate."

Trustee Lindsey also recognized the community-driven relief efforts on Hawai'i Island.

"I have so much aloha for the many who just showed up, rolled up their sleeves and helped," said Lindsey. "In these times of uncertainty, it's comforting to know that your neighbors are always here for you."

New Disaster Relief Loan Program

In addition, OHA's Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Board of Directors approved a new disaster relief loan. Native Hawaiians experiencing a loss as a result of the disasters are now eligible for loans of up to \$20,000 at four percent interest with up to six months of deferred payments. Loans may be used for home improvement, vehicle repair or replacement, or business stabilization.

The NHRLF was established in 1985 and is funded and overseen by the federal Administration of Native Americans. OHA administers NHRLF and the fund currently has \$15 million available to lend.

In addition, OHA administers a separate con-

sumer micro loan program that provides low-cost loans to Native Hawaiians experiencing temporary financial hardship due to unforeseen events. Loans of up to \$7,500 with a five percent interest rate can be used for unexpected home or auto repair and emergency health situations.

For information about these loans, visit www.oha.org/loans or call 594-1888.

Accessing OHA's Relief Aid

The emergency proclamations Gov. David Ige signed for Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island will allow OHA to expedite contracting with vendors to provide these relief services. OHA is in the process of securing vendor contracts for Kaua'i. Meanwhile, intake forms for flood relief assistance are currently available at www.oha.org/kauai and can be submitted at OHA's Kaua'i office located at 4405 Kukui Grove St., Suite 103 in Lihū'e.

OHA is in the process of securing vendor contracts for Hawai'i Island. Intake forms for lava relief assistance will be made available at www.oha.org/puna and may be submitted at OHA's Hilo office located at Wailoa Plaza, Suite 20-CDE, 399 Hualani Street. The completed forms will be forwarded to vendors once they are selected.

Impacted beneficiaries may visit www.oha.org/kauai and www.oha.org/puna for information on the agency's disaster relief efforts, including intake forms for relief assistance, upcoming resource events and other updates.

See videos from Hā'ena, Wainiha and Puna on OHA's YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/OHAHawaii. ■

Audit reviews OHA event and community grants

By Sterling Wong

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) appreciates that the state audit released June 1 recognizes that "the amount of grants that OHA budgets for each year is significant." The more than \$21.5 million in total OHA grants for the two fiscal years covered by this state audit and the February state audit substantially contributed to improving the lives of Native Hawaiians. These grants were awarded to more than 260 programs and events that, among other things, helped low-income Native Hawaiians rent and own homes; provided reading and math assistance to at-risk youth; trained Native Hawaiians to obtain higher-wage employment; and helped manage lo'i and fishponds to feed our communities.

The state audit released in February reviewed

OHA's non-competitive grants. This audit focused on our two competitive grants programs: our event grants, called 'Ahahui Grants, and Community Grants, which combined constituted more than \$7.5 million of the \$21.5 million in total grants OHA issued in fiscal years 2015 and 2016. In addition, the June audit reported on our implementation of the auditor's recommendations from 2013.

OHA appreciates that the June audit acknowledges that our community and events grants are "well-managed," and that OHA has made significant progress in addressing concerns identified in the 2013 state audit, fully or partially implementing all but one of the 23 recommendations from the previous report.

However, we recognize that the purpose of this audit is to identify areas of improvement so that OHA can continue to fulfill our mandate of better-

ing the lives of Native Hawaiians. Formal Board and administrative initiatives already underway to review and update OHA policies and procedures, including those related to our grants program, will consider the findings and recommendations from the June audit.

In closing, OHA remains committed to improving the overall administration and reporting of funds that we disburse to the Native Hawaiian community and to providing increased transparency and accountability to our beneficiaries.

Visit www.oha.org/oha-audit to review OHA's full response to today's state audit and the list of total grant awards for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

The audit did not review OHA's current grantees but *Ka Wai Ola* published OHA's FY18-19 programmatic grant awards in August 2017 at issuu.com/kawaiola/docs/kwo0817_web. ■

Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea celebrates the return of sovereignty to the Hawaiian Kingdom

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Did you know that the Hawaiian Kingdom had its own national holidays that were celebrated with as much zeal and pride as the Fourth of July is by Americans and Bastille Day by the French?

Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea, literally the day sovereignty was restored, was a holiday celebrated in the Kingdom of Hawai‘i. Modern observations of this day include ceremonies taking place at different sites around Hawai‘i, including a key commemoration at Thomas Square in Honolulu.

The following is a narrative of the events that brought about this important day.

In the year 1825, Richard Charlton arrived in Hawai‘i to assume the newly-created position of British ambassador to the islands. Fifteen years later, in 1840, his false claim to a parcel of land sparked the “Paulet Episode,” causing the forced cession and restoration of the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands.

To substantiate his claim, Charlton submitted to Kauikeaouli, King Kamehameha III, what he asserted to be a 299-year lease for the land in question. This land was not his personal residence, Waialele, but an adjoining parcel named Pūlaholaho which was occupied by the retainers and heirs of Ka‘ahumanu. Charlton attested that it was granted to him by Kalanimoku in 1826.

Kamehameha III rejected the claim, citing the fact that Kalanimoku, then kuhina nui or prime minister of the Hawaiian Kingdom, did not have the authority in 1826 to grant the lease. At that time, Ka‘ahumanu was kuhina nui, and only she and the king had the power to execute such grants.

Nearly two years after his claim was rejected, Charlton prepared to return to England to further press his case against the Hawaiian government.

Before taking leave, he appointed Alexander Simpson to assume the role of “acting consul” in his stead. Simpson was a Hudson’s Bay Company trader stationed in Honolulu. The Hawaiian government, however, never recognized Simpson as the legitimate replacement for Consul Charlton.

Charlton set sail in September of 1842. Lord George Paulet, a captain in the British Navy, was in Mexico when Charlton arrived there

Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea

July 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The annual Hawaiian Restoration Day commemoration includes education, cultural sharing, community networking and free music. Moani Akaka and Puanani Rogers will be honored. Free. Thomas Square, www.lahoiohea.org.

Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea ceremony and statue unveiling

July 31, 10 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu’s celebration includes the unveiling of a statue of King Kamehameha III at the renovated Thomas Square Park, followed by the inaugural sacred lei draping. The Royal Hawaiian Band will provide music and Puakea Nogelmeier will provide keynote remarks. Free. Thomas Square Park, Honolulu, moca-info@honolulu.gov.

en route to London. Having Paulet’s audience, Charlton voiced his complaints about the mistreatment he and other British subjects had received in Hawai‘i and promoted the idea of annexing the islands to the crown.

When Charlton’s story reached the ears of Rear Admiral Richard Thomas, a commander of British naval forces in the Pacific, Captain Paulet was sent to investigate the incident. He landed in Honolulu on February 10, 1843.

Paulet was quite set on the idea that Hawai‘i was his for the taking. He swiftly implemented the era’s commonplace diplomatic practice of gun-boat diplomacy, which forced the kingdom under duress via threat of violence. On February 25, 1843, Kamehameha III ceded Hawai‘i under protest and appeal to the queen of Britain.

One of Paulet’s earliest orders following the cession-under-protest ceremony in Honolulu was for all of the Hawaiian flags to be collected and destroyed.

Meanwhile, months before this British occupation commenced, Kamehameha III had sent his own diplomatic envoys abroad to secure international recognition of Hawai‘i as an independent nation. By mid-1843, the United States had already given their formal support

and France their verbal assurance.

Admiral Thomas, after hearing conflicting reports about the situation in the islands, entered Honolulu harbor on July 26 and immediately requested an interview with the king. Edmund James Carpenter described the scene in his book, “America in Hawaii.”

“This officer brought the agreeable news that the act of Lord George Paulet had been disavowed and the deed of cession repudiated, and by open declaration he announced that he does not accept of the provisional cession of the Hawaiian Islands made on the twenty fifth day of February 1843 but that he considers His Majesty Kamehameha III the legitimate king of those Islands and he assures His Majesty that the sentiments of his sovereign toward him are those of unvarying friendship and esteem that Her Majesty sincerely desires King Kamehameha to be treated as an independent sovereign leaving the administration of justice in his own hands the faithful discharge of which will promote his happiness and the prosperity of his dominions. The flag of the Hawaiian monarchy was then restored to its place the British flag removed and the episode ended.”

On July 31, 1843, Thomas officially restored the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands to Kamehameha III. The Union Jack was lowered and the hae Hawai‘i raised during a historic ceremony in Honolulu. The location of this event is known today as Thomas Square and was dedicated in honor of Admiral Thomas and this pivotal moment in Hawaiian history.

Later that same day, Kauikeaouli addressed his people on the front steps of Kawaiaha‘o Church, proclaiming what would become Hawai‘i’s motto:

“Ua mau ke ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono”

The sovereignty of the land is preserved through justice

This day was celebrated as a national holiday in the Hawaiian Kingdom for the next 50 years and is known as Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea, Restoration Day.

While Charlton’s land claim was resolved successfully by the kingdom and indirectly elevated Hawai‘i’s status as a member of the Family of Nations, it had another direct consequence: the Māhele of 1848, which forever changed the Hawaiian worldview of land tenure. ■

CEO MESSAGE

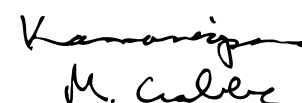
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programs we’ve funded, scholarship recipients we’ve helped graduate from college and research we’ve conducted. Video on our social media channels highlight cultural practitioners who are perpetuating our heritage and traditions; community nonprofits that are working on the ground to improve our beneficiaries’ health, economic standing and educational attainment; and the land stewards who protect our natural resources. In highlighting these accomplishments, we’re also letting our beneficiaries know about resources for rental and housing assistance, for vocational training and for continued strengthening of cultural identity through language, tradition and practices.

In addition to sharing its own work, OHA builds connections in our communities. Outreach staff on all islands are available to beneficiaries, and their interactions make us more effective advocates at the state Legislature and county councils. As land stewards, our staff members strive to exemplify great konohiki by including area experts and residents in planning, ensuring our comprehensive management plans reflect cultural uses and future aspirations identified by Hawaiians with ties to the area. Our staff is currently working on a community-driven master plan for our 511-acre Wahiawā property surrounding the Kūkaniloko birthing stones to protect that important cultural site while keeping in mind the needs of our farmers and others who use the land.

Our transparency is an invitation to the public to hold us accountable and help us in our efforts. As informed Hawaiians we can uplift the lāhui and create a great Hawai‘i.

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



Kamana’opono M. Crabbe, Ph.D.
Ka Pouhana/Chief Executive Officer

A stamp of success for Cardinal Mailing and Presorting Services

By Ku'ualohapau'ole Lau

As the youngest of three children growing up in the mailing business, Native Hawaiian business owner Malia Lageman recalls spending her long summer breaks sorting through mail. “My parents would bring home work for us in the summer time,” she says. “We would insert pieces into envelopes and they would give us a penny per envelope that we would do.”

Lageman is no stranger to the mailing business. In 1972, her parents purchased Cardinal Mailing Services from a family friend. After going to college, Lageman entered into a career in the mailing industry herself. However, it wasn't until 1999 that she had the opportunity to make the Cardinal Mailing Services her own, by purchasing the busi-



Malia Lageman, owner of Cardinal Mailing and Presorting Services. - Photo: Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

ness from her parents. Since then, Cardinal Mailing Services has gained clientele from a variety of businesses across the state. In 2011, Lageman expanded beyond mailing to presorting by purchasing assets from an outside company and bringing both businesses under one roof.



When the recession hit in 2009, Cardinal managers made employees a priority. - Photo: Ku'ualohapau'ole Lau

Lageman credits staff teamwork and dedication as the secrets to forming the successful businesses they have today. “Some of the employees here have been with us since the '80s, since I was a kid, and so they are kind of family,” says Lageman. These strong relationships have strengthened the productivity and fostered respect in the workplace. However, it wasn't always so smooth sailing.

When the recession hit in 2009, Cardinal Mailing & Presort Services faced the tough financial decision to layoff several staff members. However, with selfless attitudes and team-centered mindsets, managers agreed to take pay cuts ensuring that every employee would keep their job and benefits.

“For me the employees are probably the greatest joy. They are also the most difficult part of owning a business,” says Lageman. Her advice to those who are interested in starting up their own business is “Don't grow too fast,” and to bring on staff as the needs of the business grows. Lageman encourages other entrepreneurs to dream big and instill their values into their businesses.

A Mālama Loan from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has helped Cardinal Mailing & Presort Services by providing a \$100,000 loan for purchasing equipment to build the business. More than 2,000 Native Hawaiians have used OHA's low-interest loans to strengthen businesses, repair homes, and consolidate debt. To learn more about the Mālama Loan or OHA's other loan programs, visit www.oha.org/loans. ■

Lawai'a launches fishing gear enterprise

By Lisa Asato

Entrepreneur Isaac Brumaghim first started fishing in his 20s. A “self-taught lawai'a,” he was lured to the sport by the fun of it but knew he wasn't interested in getting a boat. Instead a friend encouraged him to try fishing from a canoe as “our Hawaiian ancestors did.”

Intrigued, Brumaghim did some research and what he learned about Hawaiian canoe fishermen “lit a fire under me,” he says. For Brumaghim, canoe fishing morphed into kayak fishing which, he says, offered “a lot more freedom” as far as hull capacity, workspace and vessel durability because it's made of plastic.

Brumaghim launched Aqua Hunters Collection LLC, a fishing gear and lifestyle brand in 2016. “I sell the gear that will make you look like (a fisherman), but I also sell the gear that makes you one,” he says. Aqua Hunters Collection sells hooks and wire, including packets of nickel titanium fishing wire “made with nitinol” and “easy to crimp or tie” – as well as clothing, hats, mugs and photography on his website, aquahunters.com. His fishing tackle are also sold in five shops on three islands: Lihū'e Fishing Supply on Kaua'i; New Maui Fishing Supply on Maui; and J. Hara Store, POP Fishing & Marine (formerly Pacific Ocean Producers) and 'Ewa



Isaac Brumaghim, owner of Aqua Hunters Collection, LLC, a fishing gear and lifestyle brand. - Photo: Courtesy

Beach Buy & Sell on O'ahu.

Brumaghim says his products benefit from social media endorsements when fishermen post pictures of their catch using his gear. Additionally, interest in his hooks has grown beyond kayak fishermen to include boaters “catching big tunas,” he says. “So slowly but surely I'm expanding into the hands of anyone who wants to fish open ocean out here.”

His own experience with his fishing tackle also tells a tale of their quality, resulting in days

when he can't miss. “I'm talking seven for seven, eight for eight, nine for nine. ... Every time I'm getting a strike, that fish is hooked. I have abilities at this point in my life, but my products are part of that too.”

His biggest catch from a kayak came in 2012 – a 103-pound yellowfin tuna. But Brumaghim considers his greatest accomplishment watching his three sons, Blaise, 11; AJ, 9; and Pancho, 5, “become fishermen right in front of my eyes.” That includes teaching them not only how to fish, but also cleaning and cooking the fish and thus self-reliance in feeding themselves. “That was the greatest gift I could pass on to them,” Brumaghim, 43, says. “It gives me that happiness and joy that I'm fulfilling a great goal of mine – to be a teacher to my sons.”

Another legacy of his has been working to unify the kayak fishing community in Hawai'i through a forum in 2004 to share stories, tips and to “grow the sport together,” to starting a highly competitive statewide kayak fishing tournament in 2008 that stretched for eight months and brought attention to the skills of local enthusiasts. He didn't continue the tournament because of family and business responsibilities, but Brumaghim says: “Truly the main goal was just to show the world how great Hawai'i fishermen were, and we did that. And that will always make us proud forever.” ■

OHA Mālama Loan Program

Isaac Brumaghim credits an OHA Mālama Loan with providing the capital for research and development and then field-testing on hooks and lines. It also helped him to purchase sample products of designs for his line of hats, sweatshirts, T-shirts and coffee mugs. “The main thing was that my OHA loan gave me the freedom and the money to go and take that step forward in bringing my ideas to light and basically purchasing products and building an inventory as well as the packaging,” he says. “Without any of those things it would have just been an idea. I would have been fumbling around for it forever. Sometimes you just need a helping hand from somebody who can believe in your ideas and your visions. I was granted that. I'm very thankful for them for giving me their support and their trust.” ■



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Pō'aono, Holo 6 i ke ahiahi

He wahi leo kono kēia iā 'oukou e kipa a nanea like pū kākou i ka malu niu o ka 'āina pulama 'ia nō 'o Helumoa. He mai.

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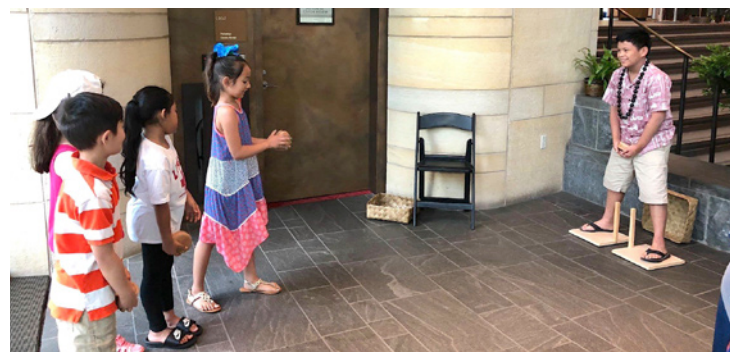


OHA IN THE COMMUNITY



2018 HAWAII FESTIVAL IN D.C.

The OHA D.C. Office celebrated our Hawaiian culture during the Hawai'i Festival at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. - Photo: Marilyn Farias



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>.

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- 'Ae (Yes)
- 'A'ole (No)
- Kānalua (Abstain)
- Excused

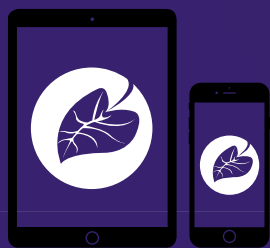
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	<i>Motion passes with eight AYES, and one EXCUSED.</i>										
June 7, 2018	Motion										
	Motion to authorize administration to utilize \$500,000 for Emergency Disaster Relief on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<i>Motion passes with six AYES, and three EXCUSED.</i>										

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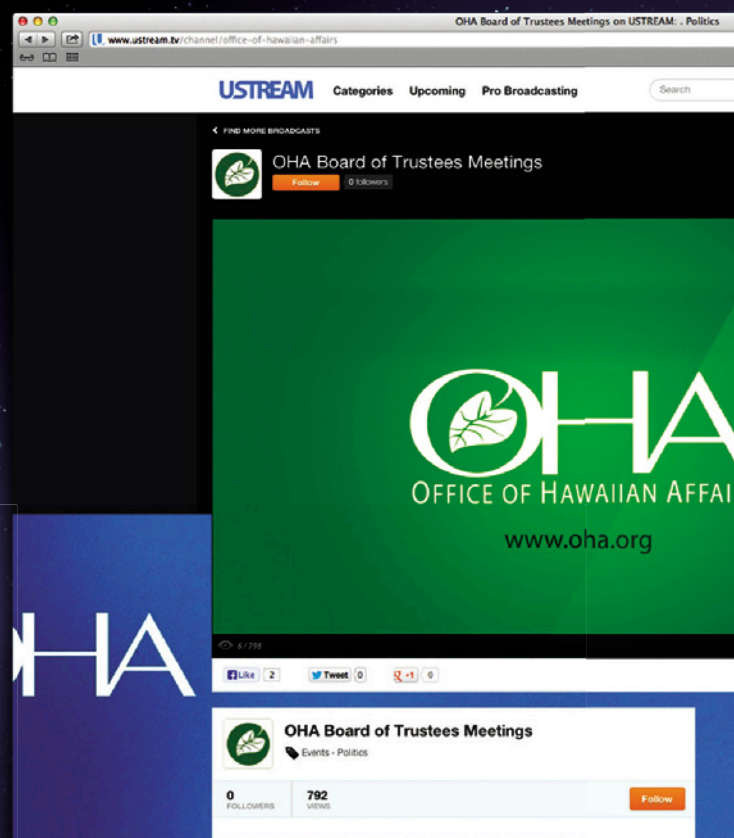
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- A** = Voted pro-Hawaiian.
- C** = Voted against the interests of Hawaiians with reservations.
- F** = Voted against the interest of Hawaiians.
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- = House and Senate seats up for election in 2018

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THE BILLS

PUBLIC LANDS TRANSFER – OPPOSE S.B. 2237

Consolidates ownership of lands currently being used by the Department of Education (DOE) under the DOE and removes these lands from the “public lands” category in order to make it easier for the DOE to develop and commercialize these lands in order to raise funds. These lands are primarily Kanaka Maoli lands or “ceded lands” (former Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and government lands) to which Kanaka Maoli never relinquished their rights. These lands should not be removed from the “ceded lands” inventory without first consulting the Kanaka Maoli people.

LEASE LIBRARY LANDS – OPPOSE S.B. 2919

Creates a pilot program allowing the DOE to generate revenue for public libraries by giving out 55 year leases for public library sites to the highest bidder. These library lands are public lands the majority of which are Kanaka Maoli national lands. There is no requirement for Kanaka Maoli consultation and no stipulation for 20% of revenue to be used for the betterment of “native Hawaiians.”

HILO LAND LEASE EXTENSION – OPPOSE S.B. 3058

Authorizes the extension or modification of the terms of certain public land leases within the Hilo community economic district. OHA testified that by authorizing the extension of leases, this bill could invite century-long leases that would substantially inhibit the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and future generations from ensuring the best and most appropriate uses of trust lands that could provide much greater benefits for both “Native Hawaiians” and the public.

KULEANA LAND – SUPPORT H.B. 860

Helps Kanaka Maoli families with kuleana lands by alleviating the economic stress of defending themselves against quiet title actions. Kuleana lands were granted to Kanaka Maoli tenant farmers between 1850 and 1855 and include gathering, access, and agricultural rights, as well as the right to build a dwelling. Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1% of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely possessed by corporations but a precious few are still in the same families today, keeping their ancestral tie to their lands.

AIRPORTS CORPORATION – OPPOSE S.B. 2996

Authorizes the establishment of the Hawaii Airports Corporation within the Department of Transportation with the authority to exchange, transfer, or convey lands. Airport lands are primarily Kanaka Maoli lands or “ceded lands” (former Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and government lands) to which Kanaka Maoli never relinquished their rights. These lands should not be removed from the “ceded lands” inventory without first consulting the Kanaka Maoli people.

PUBLIC LAND REDEVELOPMENT – OPPOSE H.B. 1469

Establishes procedures for designating public land redevelopment districts and modifies public land lease restrictions. OHA testified that by authorizing options for renewal of lease terms for any and all public lands, as well as allowing indefinite extensions of lease terms for certain lands, this bill could invite century-long leases that substantially inhibit the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) from exploring future uses of trust lands that may provide much greater benefits to both “Native Hawaiians” and the public.

MAUNA KEA – OPPOSE S.B. 3090 AND H.B. 1985 SD2

Establishes the Mauna Kea Management Authority (MKMA) and gives over the governance and management of 11,400 acres of Mauna Kea lands to MKMA. Although the measures put a limit to the number of telescopes allowed on Mauna Kea, the creation of MKMA undermines pending litigation regarding the future of sacred Mauna Kea and its fragile environments and sidesteps powerful efforts of Kanaka Maoli and the public toward healing and resolution.

KOHO PONO LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD 2018 SENATE

SENATOR	DISTRICT	OPPOSE S.B. 2237 PUBLIC LANDS TRANSFER	OPPOSE S.B. 2919 LEASE LIBRARY LANDS	OPPOSE S.B. 3058 HILO LAND LEASE EXTENSION	SUPPORT H.B. 860 KULEANA LAND	OPPOSE S.B. 2996 AIRPORTS CORPORATION	OPPOSE H.B. 1469 PUBLIC LAND REDEVELOPMENT	OPPOSE S.B. 3090 MAUNA KEA	OPPOSE S.B. H.B. 1985 SD2 MAUNA KEA
● ROSALYN BAKER	South and West Maui	F*	F	F	A	C*	F	F	C
STANLEY CHANG	Hawai'i Kai, `Āina Haina	F*	F*	F*	C	F	F	F*	F
DONAVAN DELA CRUZ	Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa	F	F	F*	A	F*	F	F*	F
● J. KALANI ENGLISH	Hāna, Moloka`i, Lana`i	F	F	F	A	F*	N/A	F*	F
● WILL ESPERO	`Ewa Beach	F	F	F	A	F*	N/A	F*	F
MIKE GABBARD	Kapolei, Makakilo	F	F*	F	A	F	F	C	C
● BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	Kaka`ako, McCully, Waikiki	F*	F*	F*	A	F*	F	F*	F
● JOSH GREEN	Kona, Kā`ū	F	F	F	A	F	F	F	C
● BREENE HARIMOTO	Pearl City, `Aiea, Hālawā	F	F	A	N/A	C*	F	C*	N/A
LES IHARA, JR.	Kaimukī, Palolo, Mō`ili`ili	C	F	A	A	F	F	F	C
● LORRAINE INOUE	Hāmākua, Waimea	F*	F	F*	A	F*	F	F*	A
● KAIALII KAHELE	Hilo	F*	F*	F*	A	F*	F	F*	F
GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN	Wailuku, Kahului	F	F	F	A	F*	F	F*	F
● MICHELLE KIDANI	Mililani, Waikēle	F*	F*	F*	A	F*	F	F*	F
DONNA MERCADO KIM	Kalihi Valley, Moanalua	F	F	F	A	A	F	C*	C
RONALD KOUCHI	Kaua`i, Ni`ihau	F	F*	F	A	F	F	F	N/A
● CLARENCE NISHIHARA	Waipahu, Pearl City	F*	F	F*	A	C	F	F*	F
KARL RHOADS	Liliha, Kalihi, Nu`uanu	F	F	A	A	C*	F	F*	F
● GIL RIVIERE	Ka`a`awa, Kahuku, Lā`ie	F	F	A	A	C	F	C*	C
RUSSELL RUDERMAN	Puna, Kā`ū	F	F*	F	A	C	F	C	C
● MAILE SHIMABUKURO	Nānākūli, Wai`ānae	F*	F*	F*	A	N/A	F	F*	C
BRIAN TANIGUCHI	Mānoa, Makiki, Papakōlea	C*	F	F	A	A	F	C*	C
LAURA THIELEN	Kailua, Waimānalo	F	F	A	A	C	F	C	C
● JILL TOKUDA	Kāne`ohe, He`eia	F	F	F	A	F	F	F	A
GLENN WAKAI	Kalihi, Salt Lake	F*	F	F*	A	F*	N/A	F*	F

ELECTION DATES

PRIMARY:

Saturday, August 11, 2018

GENERAL:

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls are open from

7:00 am to 6:00 pm



VOTE 'A'OLE

VOTE NO TO ANOTHER COSTLY STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Voters will be asked in the upcoming General Election whether a State Constitutional Convention should be held.

→ There are other ways to pass laws that allow for greater transparency and full public access and input.

→ The entire State Constitution can be changed including existing protections and rights for Native Hawaiians.

→ Hawai'i's Constitution has strong protections for public workers.

→ Hawai'i's Constitution provides strong environmental policies.

→ A State Constitutional Convention is costly and tax-payers will be forced to pay for it.

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● HENRY AQUINO	Waipahu	F	F	F	A	F	F
● DELLA AU BELATTI	Papakōlea, McCully	F	F	F	A	F	F
● TOM BROWER	Waikiki, Ala Moana	F	F	F	A	F	F
● ROMY CACHOLA	Kalihi, Sand Island	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● ISAAC CHOY	Mānoa, University	A	A	F	A	F	F*
● RICHARD CREAGAN	Na`ālehu, Kailua-Kona	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● TY CULLEN	Royal Kunia, Village Park	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● LYNN DECOITE	Moloka`i, Lānai, Hāna	F	F	F	A	F	F
● CINDY EVANS	North Kona, Kohala	F	F	F	A	F	F
● BETH FUKUMOTO	Mililani	F	F	F	A	F	F
● CEDRIC GATES	Wai`ānae, Mākaha	F	F	F	A	F	F
● SHARON HAR	Kapolei, Makakilo	F	F	F	C	F	F
● MARK HASHEM	`Āina Haina, Kuli`ou`ou	F	F	F	A	F	F
● TROY HASHIMOTO	Wailuku, Waikapū	F	F	F	A	F	F
● DANIEL HOLT	Chinatown, Pālama	F	F	F	A	N/A	F
● LINDA ICHIYAMA	Salt Lake, Āliamanu	F	F	F	N/A	F	N/A*
● KANIELA ING	Kīhei	F	F	F	A*	F	A
● KEN ITO	Kāne`ohe, Maunawili	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● AARON LING JOHANSON	Moanalua, `Āiea	F	F	F	A	F	F
● JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE	Kahalu`u, Waiāhole	F	F	F	A*	F	F
● BERTRAND KOBAYASHI	Kahala, Kaimuki	F	F	F	A	F	F
● SAM KONG	`Āiea	A	F	F	A	F	F*
● LEI LEARMONT	Wahiawā	F	F	F	A	F	F
● CHRIS LEE	Kailua, Waimānalo	F	F	F	A	F	F
● MATTHEW LOPRESTI	`Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe	F	F	F	A	F	F
● NICOLE LOWEN	Hōlualoa, Honokōhau	F	F	F	A	F	A
● SYLVIA LUKE	Makiki, Nu`uanu, Pauoa	F	F	F	A	F	F
● LAUREN MATSUMOTO	Waialua, Kunia	F	F	F	A	F	F
● BOB MCDERMOTT	`Ewa Gentry	F	F	F	A	F	N/A
● ANGUS MCKELVEY	West Maui	F	F	F	A	F	F
● JOHN MIZUNO	Kalihi Valley	F	F	F	A	F	F
● DEE MORIKAWA	Kōloa, Waimea, Ni`ihau	F	F	F	A	F	F
● NADINE NAKAMURA	Anahola, Hanalei, Kapa`a	F	F	F	C	F	F
● MARK NAKASHIMA	Hilo, Hāmākua	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● SCOTT NISHIMOTO	Kapahulu, Mō`ili`ili	F	F	F	A	F	F
● TAKASHI OHNO	Liliha, `Ālewa Heights	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● RICHARD ONISHI	Hilo, Kea`au, Volcano	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● SEAN QUINLAN	Halei`wa, Kahuku, Lā`ie	F	F	F	A	F	C
● SCOTT SAIKI	Downtown, Kaka`ako	F	F	F	A*	F	F
● JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA	Puna	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● CALVIN SAY	Palolo, Kaimuki	A	A	F	A	F	F*
● GREGG TAKAYAMA	Pearl City, Waimalu	F	F	F	A	F	F
● ROY TAKUMI	Pearl City, Waipi`o	F	F	F	A	F	F
● CYNTHIA THIELEN	Kailua, Kāne`ohe Bay	F	C	F	A	F	A
● CHRIS TODD	Keaukaha, Pana`ewa	F	F	F	A	F	F*
● JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA	Līhu`e, Hanamā`ulu	C	C	F	C	F	F*
● ANDRIA TUPOLA	Nānākuli, Mā`ili	F	C	F	A	F	C
● GENE WARD	Hawai`i Kai	F	F	F	A	F	F
● JUSTIN WOODSON	Kahului, Pu`unēnē	F	F	F	A	F	F
● RYAN YAMANE	Mililani, Waipi`o Gentry	F	F	F	A	F	F
● KYLE YAMASHITA	Kahului, Kēōkea, Kula	F	F	F	A	F	F*

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES RESPOND



David Ige
DEMOCRAT



Colleen Hanabusa
DEMOCRAT



Andria Tupola
REPUBLICAN

KPAC asked all Hawai`i's Gubernatorial candidates their stance on issues of concern for Kanaka Maoli. Here are the responses we received.

1. Do you support the transfer/sale of any portion of the 1.8 million acres of "ceded lands" aka stolen Hawaiian lands out of the Department of Land and Natural Resources? Yes or No? Explain.
IGE – Yes | HANABUSA – Yes | TUPOLA – No

2. Do you support providing legal protections and automatic property tax exemptions to kuleana land owners confronted with quiet title actions and forced tax auctions?
IGE – Yes | HANABUSA – "It is difficult, if not impossible, to answer this question without knowing the history of specific kuleana parcels of land." | TUPOLA – Yes

3. Do you support the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea? Yes or No? Explain.
IGE – Yes | HANABUSA – Yes | TUPOLA – No

4. Would you support the allocation of funds to make all public acts and transactions available in Hawaiian? Yes or No? Explain.
IGE – Yes | HANABUSA – Yes | TUPOLA – Yes

5. How do you deal with the houseless issue?
IGE – "We use a multi-generational 'Ohana Nui approach and invest in children and families. We help families break the cycle of poverty and address the root cause or social determinants of health, which include healthcare, education, safety, living/work environments, and housing..."
HANABUSA – "The houseless issue is a complex multifactorial issue that merits a multifaceted approach...the state must actively lead and show true partnership with the counties in addressing the houseless issue statewide..."
TUPOLA – "My approach to the houseless issue is to find community solutions unique to each community. There is no one size fits all solution and each community has specific resources that can fill the gap where government falls short..."

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2018
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The candlenut tree



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

In 1959, the Hawai'i Legislature named the kukui (candlenut) tree the official emblem for Hawai'i because of its numerous uses and symbolic value.

The kukui tree served a variety of functions in old Hawai'i. Among those uses, the kukui provided an adhesive, fish bait, dyes and pigments, medicines, and nuts for lei-making. The kukui was also used in fire-making, healing and tattooing. Kukui was made into storage containers, and its buoyant wood was used as floats.

Today, kukui's best-remembered function is as a light source. The

mature nut-meat's oily-character provided enough oil to burn and emit light within the hale (homes, buildings) in old Hawai'i. The 'ōlelo (word) kukui means lamp, light or torch in Hawai'i's native language. The sum of its functions gave the kukui significant importance.

Kukui's origin and introduction into Hawai'i is uncertain. Its origin is not Asian, as most other introduced-plants. Kukui is native to Malaysia, Melanesia and Polynesia. Isabella Abbott suggests the seed (nut) made kukui easy to transport from any point in our ancestors' 2500-mile migration route to Hawai'i. The kukui grows easily in moist environments, and sizable groves are still seen on mountain slopes everywhere in Hawai'i.

In old Hawai'i's lore and traditions, the kukui is considered the kinolau (body form) of the god Lono; more specifically, Kamapua'a, the pig god, who is one of Lono's family. Every pig represents Kamapua'a. One

kukui variety has a leaf with three-points that resemble the snout and ears of a pig.

Several groves of huge, old, kukui trees are part of Hawai'i's mo'olelo (story, tale, legend). Kukui trees grow to massive size, given suffi-



Kukui, or candlenut, is the official tree of Hawai'i. - Photo: Forest and Kim Starr

cient water and space. Thus, kukui groves can provide a shaded, spiritual, magical meditation area.

On Moloka'i's east-end is Lanikaula, or Ulukukuialanikaula (the shading kukui of Lanikaula).

This was the secluded dwelling of Kalanikaula (the Heavenly Seer). It was customary to seal a vow there, by pounding a lock of the devotee's hair into the soft wood of a kukui tree with a sharp stone.

On Kaua'i Island, near Kīlauea, grew a small grove of ancient kukui trees. This sacred grove was named Kauhakake. On important occasions in history, Kaua'i chiefs and their people would meet in council there. At Makawao on Maui was Liliko'i, a famous grove and place to rest, well-known for its fragrant and sweet kukui nuts. In Kona on Hawai'i Island, the natives remember two famous kukui groves, Kuaukukuila and Kukuiala'inamona. Also, below Kapāpala, a solitary kukui tree grew on a barren plain. Pele once rested in its shade.

Groves of kukui along the Hamakua coast, once known as the domain of Kamapua'a, were cleared by commercial sugar planters years ago. Prior to clearing the kukui, this area was known to support great numbers of wild boar that fed on fallen kukui nuts.

Finely chopped, roasted kukui nuts mixed with a little salt make a delicious condiment for raw fish. A word of caution: It must be used very sparingly! Kukui is a very powerful purgative, eating too much can mean significant pilikia (trouble), even a trip to the emergency room.

There are several medicinal uses for parts of the kukui. I personally experienced only one—several times. When we were young children, my mother used the kohu kukui (also called pi'iku or kulukulu a) on us. That's the juice that oozes up into the "well" of a mature, green kukui nut, where it was disconnected from the stem. My mother would separate the nut from the stem, use gauze to collect the juicy kohu kukui, then wipe our tongues and inner-cheeks with it. That was to wipe away and clear our tongues and mouth of the "stuff" that caused colds. It is bitter, bitter, bitter! I still shiver at the memory. She laughed heartily at my questioning and complaining about the experience...once, well into my adulthood! My mother maintained, emphatically, that it works. ■

Ali'i passed on lessons in pono leadership

By Nanea Armstrong-Wassel

Through purposeful mentorship and specialized training, Hawaiian youth are properly prepared for success in their designated endeavors. This is a Hawaiian cultural characteristic that has prevailed among all classes of society. Good leaders – good people – are influenced by those who teach and lead by example.

Young ali'i were expected to model and emulate their mentors. They were provided with kahuna (specialists) specially chosen to teach them how to strategically and responsibly wield power, and how to control and mālama their resources. These skills were foundational for the proper care of one's people.

This was the way Kamehameha I was trained in the court of his uncle Alapa'inui for the first seven years of his life and later by the warrior

ali'i Kekūhaupi'o. The following advice given to Kamehameha I during his early mentorship is attributed to Kekūhaupi'o:

“O ke ali'i i lilo i ka le'ale'a a mālama 'ole i ke kanaka me ke kapu akua, 'a'ole ia he ali'i e kū ai i ka moku.” [The chief who is taken with pleasure-seeking and cares not for the welfare of the people or the observation of the kapu of the gods is not a chief who will become a ruler.] ('Ōlelo No'eau no. 2451)

This proverb has since become a famous 'ōlelo no'eau (wise saying) imparting that success comes not by seeking idle pleasure and superficial importance, but by living up to one's beliefs and caring for the welfare of others.

Countless lessons passed on through mo'olelo (stories) speak of ali'i who epitomized good and honest leadership, hard work and genuine concern for the well-being of their people. However, just as

many stories exist about the 'ino ones: leaders who were selfish and cruel, and who did not care for the best interests of their people.

It is often remarked that after Kaleleake'anae, the battle of Nu'uānu, Kamehameha I immediately set about restoring the agricultural capabilities of the areas devastated by combat. He knew that the only way he could bring about peace and stability, and exemplify good governance, was to return life to the land and feed the people. Kamehameha also knew that he could not place the burden of feeding his large Hawai'i Island armies on the people of O'ahu. He had a responsibility as makua (father) to the newly-conquered population.

John Papa 'Ī'i, 19th-century Hawaiian historian, politician, judge, and close Kamehameha family kahu and advisor witnessed the personal participation of Kamehameha I in the large-scale planting efforts:

When Kamehameha went to Nu'uānu, mounted on his horse, Kawaiolaloa, many of the children, including Ii, followed him with great interest. They found innumerable people all over the farming area, from down below the present road at Niuhelewai to the bend in the road where the houses of the Portuguese now stand...The men, scattered systematically from a spot on the upland side to a place on the seaward side, dug and beat on the banks with dried coconut-leaf stems. The next day they trampled in the wet patches and planted taro. [Mary Kawena Pukui trans.]

Reverend Stephen L. Desha also describes how Kamehameha I modeled for his Hawai'i Island ali'i what pono leadership would look like under his tenure. Desha illustrates in his newspaper serial, Moolelo kaaono Kuhaupio ke koa kaulana o ke au o Kamehameha ka Nui:

However, before he [Kame-

hameha] began his journey, he commenced the planting of kalo at the place called Kapālama and Niuhelewai...Not only did his warriors participate, but Kamehameha encouraged his ali'i from Hawai'i to enter into this work of farming on the land over which they had triumphed. [Frances Frazier trans.]

Kamehameha's rule exemplified the practice of "e 'ōpū ali'i." This practice emphasized being a kind and generous ruler by ensuring the security, protection and nourishment of the people. As part of this practice, Kamehameha secured Niuhelewai, Kapālama and Nu'uānu Valley as his own personal farm lands. These famed lands were the starting point and resource base for his island circuit to provide manpower and food for his people.

In this season of elections, may we be fortunate enough to have leaders who will civically engage in their governing responsibilities with the same aloha for Hawai'i and its people as did our ali'i of the past. ■



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Hāloalauniakea Early Learning Center is a place where keiki love to go to school. It's also a safe place where staff feel good about helping their students to learn and prepare for a bright future.

The center is run by Native Hawaiian U'ilani Corr-Yorkman. U'ilani wasn't always a business owner. She actually taught at DOE for 8 years. A Mālama Loan from OHA helped make her dream of owning her own preschool a reality. The low-interest loan allowed U'ilani to buy fencing for the property, playground equipment, furniture, books...everything needed to open the doors of her business. U'ilani and her staff serve the community in 'Ele'ele, Kaua'i, and have become so popular that they have a waiting list.

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YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN - KE AU HAWAI'I

Perspectives of a
Young Hawaiian Leader

JACOB KA'ŌMAKAOKALĀ AKI

Ke Au
Hawai'i's vision

No kākou e nā pua
e ho'oulu ai (It is
for us, the descen-
dants, to rebuild)

We celebrate the
vibrancy of Native
Hawaiian culture,
recognize pivotal events
that altered the course
of Hawai'i's history,
and honor the advance-
ments made by Native
Hawaiians that con-
tinue to enrich the lives
of all people of Hawai'i.

A generation has passed since more than 40,000 Hawaiians gathered at Aloha Stadium for Ho'olokahi – Hawaiian Unity Day – the culmination of the Year of the Hawaiian, Ho'olako, in 1988.

Today those who remember Ho'olako can look back on three decades of accomplishments, while young Hawaiians can consider how to build off these advancements over the next 30 years and beyond. On Aug. 4, thousands of Hawaiians can join together for Ke Au Hawai'i, a Year of Hawaiian festival at Aloha Stadium. Ke Au Hawai'i recalls Ho'olokahi in 1988 – but in a different location, and in a different era.

For a perspective on what the Year of the Hawaiian means in 2018, we asked Jacob Ka'ōmakaokalā Aki, a 23-year-old emerging leader who has advocated for Hawaiian issues at the state Legislature, at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs annual convention and even at the United Nations.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU
TO BE HAWAIIAN IN 2018?

I believe that in this day and age, having the koko doesn't necessarily make you Hawaiian. To me, being a Hawaiian in 2018 means that

ADVANCEMENTS

Advancements over the past 30 years (since the last Year of the Hawaiian celebration in 1988):

- > Creation of Kula Kaiapuni immersion schools
- > Growth of Hawaiian focused charter schools to 15
- > Creation of Kahaka'ula o Ke'elikōlani Hawaiian language immersion college
- > In 1994, return of the island of Kaho'olawe to the people of Hawai'i
- > Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage: raised global awareness mālama honua
- > Repatriation of Kalani'ōpu'u's mahiōle and 'ahu'ula to Hawai'i
- > Creation of laws to protect iwi kūpuna and sacred burials
- > Resurgence of Native Hawaiian action to reaffirm our people's relationship with 'āina, kai and our environment; imbed our customs, traditions and values in government and decision making processes
- > Creation of Papa Ola Lōkahi, serving Native Hawaiians in health care and wellbeing, in 1988 through the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act
- > Various Acts of Congress and Executive actions at the federal level recognizing the special legal and political relationship between the federal government and the Native Hawaiian people, based on their unique political status as Hawai'i's Indigenous people

ANNIVERSARIES

These are accomplishments from the last generation.

- > 125 years since the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom
- > 100th anniversary of the first Hawaiian Civic Club by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole
- > 40th anniversary of the creation of the Hawaiian Language immersion programs; Hawaiian language was brought back from the brink of extinction; more than 20,000 people now speak the language
- > 25th anniversary of the issued formal apology by the President of the United States for America's role in the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom on January 17, 1893
- > 40th anniversary of the creation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs by the 1978 Constitutional Convention, and various advancements of Native Hawaiian rights through the amendment of the Hawai'i State Constitution
- > 40 years since the State recognized Native Hawaiian rights to a pro rata share of Public Land Trust revenue; that portion of Hawaiian Kingdom lands currently held by the state as a public trust

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Mahalo to Ke Au Hawai'i organizers Kamehameha Schools, Kaiwi Entertainment, Hawai'i's Finest, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Tourism Authority and Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

'Ōlelo Hawai'i as a medium of education from pre-kindergarten to the 12th grade and into post-secondary and college; more parents are choosing 'Ōlelo Hawai'i and Hawaiian Cultural Based Education as the medium of education for their keiki.

We have also experienced a resurgence in cultural practices that have inspired a new generation of Kanaka 'Ōiwi practitioners. This new generation of practitioners, many of whom are deeply rooted in language and culture, are beginning to innovatively and creatively integrate traditional practices with contemporary art and culture (i.e. Manaola, Kealopiko and etc.)

More importantly, we have made significant advances in reclaiming our identity as a people. Embedded in that endeavor are major efforts to reclaim our history. Within the past 30 years, we have seen an increase in Kānaka 'Ōiwi scholars who are beginning to tell our mo'olelo through our own lens. Non-Hawaiians have been telling our story for too long and we are making great strides to change the narratives.

As a lāhui, we continue to suffer from many socio-economic disparities that have plagued our people for generation, thus, contributing to the historical trauma that we continue to experience today. However, as we are changing the narrative and beginning to uncover more of our own, we are beginning to learn more about ourselves. As Dr. Lilikalā Kame'elehiwa explains, "..... (we are) seeking historical answers for present-day dilemmas.

As more Kānaka 'Ōiwi are beginning to engage in our language and culture, we are seeing an increase in Kānaka 'Ōiwi pride.

you have an understanding of what your role and kuleana is in the efforts of advancing our people forward. Being Hawaiian is understanding your kuleana.

WHY IS IT IMPOR-
TANT TO HAVE THIS
YEAR PROCLAIMED YEAR
OF THE HAWAIIAN?

I believe that the Year of the Hawaiian can serve as a catalyst for unity amongst our people. 2018 is a significant year because it marks 125 years since the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom; 100 years since the founding of Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i and the establishment of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs; 40 years of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i as an official state language; over 35 years since the beginning of the 'Ōlelo Hawai'i movement; and 30 years since the issuance of the Apology Resolution by President Clinton.

Ke Au Hawai'i can serve as a platform for us to celebrate our successes, but more importantly, it serves as a reminder for the hard work that we have ahead of us. I think every year should be the year of the Hawaiian, but 2018 can serve as the starting point of where we want to steer our lāhui for the next thirty years.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE
MOST SIGNIFICANT AD-
VANCES FROM THE
PAST 30 YEARS?

Over the past 30 years, our lāhui has made significant advances in regard to the revitalization of our language, culture and identity as a people. Today, our keiki have the opportunity to engage with



ABOUT JACOB

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His passion includes: Hawaiian language, Hawaiian culture, politics and being of service to the Hawaiian community. ■

Jacob Ka'ōmakaokalā Aki. - Photo: Michi Moore

Conservationists hold Hawai'i convention

By Treena Shaprio

Scientists, policymakers, conservationists and educators will convene at the Hawai'i Convention Center this month for the 25th Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference.

The theme of this year's conference is Ulu Ka Lālā I Ke Kumu: From a Strong Foundation Grows an Abundant Future. The 'ōlelo no'eau "Ulu ka lālā i ke kumu" means "the branch grows from the tree trunk," and this year's conference will build on past conservation efforts.

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance, an organization comprised

of public and private members who put on the annual conference. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is HCA's chair this year, in recognition of the importance of our natural environment and its intrinsic relationship with our beneficiaries and importance as a foundation of who we are as a people.

From the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance website: "We remember and honor the foundations, and forge ahead, using new and better tools and techniques that our forebears did not have access to. We recognize that without our ancestors, we would not have the knowledge and resources we have

today. We also trust that one day our own work will be the kumu, so we build the science and praxis to buttress the future we desire. At the 25th annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference, we will reach from our rich foundations of bio-cultural stewardship and innovate scientific exploration towards an abundant future for our environment and our communities."

Regular registration for all three days of the conference is \$370, but group rates and single-day options are available, as are discounts for educators and students. Special registration rates may also be available for Pacific Islanders and qualified non-profit staff.

Visit www.hawaiiconservation.org/conference/2018-register for more information, email registrar@pacificrimconcepts.com or call (808) 864-9812 or (808) 386-3238. ■



A community-based working group is refining a management plan that balances use of OHA's Wahiawā lands with protection of the sacred Kūkaniloko birthstones. - Photo: OHA Land Division

Kūkaniloko master planning mid-point update

By Office of Hawaiian Affairs Staff

In 2012, OHA acquired 511 acres of agricultural land surrounding a five-acre parcel containing the Kūkaniloko Birthstones in Wahiawā, O'ahu; a portion of the former Galbraith Estate. As the sacred birthplace of many of Hawai'i's renowned ali'i, OHA must ensure its use of the lands surrounding Kūkaniloko are compatible with the cultural significance of the site.

To achieve this objective, in 2016, OHA began a two-year process to create a Kūkaniloko Master Plan (KMP). The KMP is being informed by a wide range of expert and community input from a 10-member, community working group, other targeted stakeholders and open public meetings.

Most recently, on May 24, 2018, OHA held a second public meeting at the Wahiawā District Park and presented to 32 attendees about the planning progress thus far. Attendees were given the opportunity to review a mind map of the major proposed components for the Plan, which are centered around three guiding principles:

Ho'omana – to understand, care, and be inspired by the life, function and resources of this sacred place.

Ho'ona'auao – to safeguard, enhance and amplify Hawaiian



Many of Hawai'i's ali'i were born at Kūkaniloko. - Photo: Kai Markell

cultural knowledge.

Ho'oulu 'Āina – to inspire and be inspired by the growth of land and people.

Community members were allowed to ask questions and provide comments to OHA, its contractors and members of the community working group.

OHA intends to consider this additional input as it moves towards the completion of the KMP in August 2018. When the KMP is complete, OHA will conduct a final round of community engagement, which, along with targeted stakeholder meetings, will include a third public meeting. Information regarding future meetings and the conclusion of the Master Plan process will be made available on OHA's website. ■

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He mana ko ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i!

Na Kalani Akana, PhD

He mana ko ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i! Ua 'ike maka kēia kanaka i ua mana'ō o ka mana 'ōlelo ia'u e nānā ana i ka loina pani o ka Papa 'Awalani, kekahi hui 'imi 'ike o ka papahana 'awa, a alaka'i 'ia e Kamana'opono Crabbe, he haumana 'o ia na Hōkūlani Holt Padilla no Maui. He papahana

ka mea nani a pa'akikī o ka 'ōlelo nō na'e nā mele mo'okū'auhau hiwahiwa o ka lāhui: e la'a, ka "Mele a Pāku'i;" Ea mai Hawai'i Nui Ākea;" a me "Eia Hawai'i (Mele a Kamahu'alele)." Ua ho'opa'a 'ia ka 'ōlelo ki'eki'e loa ma kēia mau mo'okū'auhau. 'O ka mea nani loa ia'u nā ha'i 'ōlelo o nā kākā'ōlelo 'ekolu, no ka mea, pono nō lākou e haku i nā mo'oleo e pili ana i ka



Kamana'opono Crabbe, PhD (haku), Nahulu Maihō (kākā'ōlelo), Kainoa Pestana (kākā'ōlelo), Kaua Newman (kākā'ōlelo), Keoki Pescaia (Kahu Kānoa), Mahi La Pierre (Kahu Kānoa), Kealoha Domingo (Kahu Kānoa), Kahooli'i Keahi (lawelawe), Kalā Domingo (lawelawe). - *Ki'i: Samuel K. Kapoi*

i kōkua 'ia e ka 'Aha Kāne, a no laila, no nā kāne wale nō ka papahana. Eia ho'i, he papahana no ka ho'oulu, ho'omāhuhua, ho'omau i ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i ma o ka loina a me ka ho'opa'a 'ana i nā mo'olelo, mo'okū'auhau, mele, a me nā pule – he mau mea waiwai a hiwahiwa ia mau hō'ikena i ka 'ōlelo.

'Elua makahiki a 'oi lākou i lae 'ula ai i ka papahana 'awa a e ho'opa'a nō i nā mo'olelo, mele mo'okū'auhau, mele pule, a e maopopo pono e pili ana iā Kāne, ka mea nāna i kanu i ka 'awa ma Hawai'i, a i kāna hua'i wai puna me Kanaloa ma nā wahi like 'ole a he mau mo'olelo no ua mau wahi; e la'a, Kapunahou ma O'ahu.

Nani hemolelo ka mai'au o nā kahu kānoa a me nā lawelawe i ke kaumaha 'awa a kūpono nā oli. 'O

mea hanohano nona ka 'apu 'awa, i 'ōlelo no'eau, i 'ōlelo kaulana, a i 'ōlelo ki'eki'e loa e like me ka hua 'ōlelo "mikololohua" a me ke "kaumaha" ('a'ole ia ka na'au lu'ulu'u).

'O kekahi kumuhana 'ē a'e o ka Papa 'Awalani ka ho'oili. Na Hōkūlani Holt i I ho'oili i kona 'ike iā Kamana'opono a nāna i ho'oili i ka 'ike i kēia mau haumana i puka. A Laila, pono nō nā haumāna e ho'oili i ka 'ike, ke a'o a me ka hō'ike 'ana i ka papahana i ka 'ohana a me ke kaiāulu.

No laila ma o kēia hō'ike a'u i 'ike maka a i lohe pepeiao ai i ua 'ōlelo no'eau a'u i "ike" ai a e waiho hou nei iā 'oukou a pau: He Mana ko ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. 'Ae, he mana nō! ■

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Prince Lot festival returns to 'Iolani Palace



Hālau Hula 'O Hokulani performs at the Prince Lot Festival in 2017, the first year it was held on 'Iolani Palace grounds. - Photos: Moanalua Gardens Foundation

Submitted by Moanalua Gardens Foundation

Ka Hanohano O Kamehameha... The Glory of Kamehameha, the 41st Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival, will return to 'Iolani Palace on July 21 and 22. The festival honors Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, who helped reprise hula and reigned as Kamehameha V from 1863 to 1872 at his official residence on the palace grounds.

Admission to the Palace during the festival will be free. Presented by Moanalua Gardens Foundation (MGF), the festival is the largest non-competitive hula celebration in the islands. The festival recently received aio Media's top award for best heritage and cultural event. "We are deeply grateful to aio Media and the Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association for this award. This recognition would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our festival committee, staff, volunteers, sponsors and donors, and our board of directors, who work tirelessly to make the festival the success that it is," said Alike Jamile, Executive Director and President.

"We also wish to acknowl-

edge the many kumu hula and their hālau who showcase the best of our hula traditions each year. They are the heartbeat of the festival," Jamile said. "We encourage the entire community to join us for two days of great hula, food and cultural activities at the palace."

Founded in 1978 by MGF as a gift to the community, the festival now attracts thousands of residents and visitors each year.

Opening ceremonies on Saturday will include the Royal Order of Kamehameha, presentation of MGF's Malia Kau Award to renown Nā Kumu Hula Nalani and Pua Kanaka'ole, followed by an impressive line-up of premier hālau hula (hula groups) who will perform both kāhiko (ancient) and 'auana (contemporary) hula.

Hālau from every major island will be

Masako Negele of Hālau Hula O Namakahulali.

participating and their kumu have been encouraged to include dancers from their out-of-state branches.

On Sunday, MGF will honor respected chanter Kalena Silva with its Namakahelu Oli Award as part of the opening program. The event will also feature a Hawaiian-themed craft fair, cultural demonstrations and more.

Local food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Limited edition tee shirts and souvenir kōkua buttons will be on sale. Proceeds from these merchandise sales will help cover the costs of the festival.

The public, and visitors, are welcome and encouraged to bring their beach chairs and mats and enjoy the fun, food and festivities in the magnificent setting of 'Iolani Palace. No commercial photography is allowed.

The Prince Lot Hula Festival is an OHA legacy event. Other festival sponsors and supporters include the Hawaii Tourism Authority, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, 'Iolani Palace, Hawaiian Airlines, Matson Navigation, Pasha Hawaii, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau, O'ahu Visitors Bureau, the Honolulu Star Advertiser, MidWeek, 'Ōlelo Community Media, and Urgent Care Hawaii.

For more information, please call 839-5334 or visit MGF's website at www.moanaluagardensfoundation.org. ■



Ka Hanohano O Kamehameha, the 41st Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival

HĀLAU HULA PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE – 'IOLANI PALACE

Saturday, July 21 – 9 am to 4 pm

- 9 am Welcome and sponsor acknowledgements, Kimo Kahoano
- 9:05 am Opening procession, Royal Order of Kamehameha

Malia Kau Awards Presentation

- 9:30 am Hālau o Kekuhi, Kumu Hula Nalani Kanaka'ole
- 9:55 am Hālau Hula o Maiki, Kumu Hula Coline Aiu
- 10:20 am Nā Pualei O Likolehua, Kumu Hula Niuli'i Heine
- 10:45 am Hālau Hula Kamamolikolehua, Kumu Hula Pohai Souza
- 11:10 am Ka Hale i o Kahala Hālau Hula, Kumu Hula Leimomi I-Maldonado
- 11:35 am Hui Ho'oulu Aloha, Kumu Hula Pomaika'i Kreuger

LUNCH BREAK – NOON TO 1 PM – Concert

- 1:00 Welcome back, sponsor acknowledgements – Kimo Kahoano
- 1:10 pm Hālau Hula O Namakahulali, Kumu Hula Shirley Recca
- 1:35 pm Hālau Hula 'O Kaleipuaimea, Kumu Hula Cynthia Makalapua Bernard
- 2:00 pm Hālau Hula O Kukuakaola, Nā Kumu Hula Elsie Ryder, Mel Enos and Sulu Tafaoimalo
- 2:25 pm Hālau Ha'a Hula 'O Kekau'ilani, Na Pua Hala 'o Kailua, Kumu Hula Charlani A. K. Kalama
- 2:50 pm Ka Ipu Ha'a 'o Kekau'ilani, Na Pua Hala 'o Kau'ai, Japana, Europa and Canada, Kumu Hula Puna Kalama Dawson
- 3:15 pm Hālau Māpuna Leo, Kumu Hula Kamana'o Mano'i-Hyde
- 3:35 pm Pau – Hawai'i Aloha

Sunday, July 22 – 10 am to 3 pm

- 10:00 am Welcome, sponsor acknowledgements - Kimo Kahoano
- 10:05 am Opening Procession
Presentation of Namakahelu Oli Award
Ho'okupu by Kalena Silva Haumana
- 10:30 am Hālau Hula Ka No'eau, Kumu Hula Michael Pili Pang
- 11:05 am Hula Maunalei, Kumu Hula Lelehua Maunahina Bray
- 11:30 am Hālau o Ka Hanu Lehua, Kumu Hula Kamaka Kukona

LUNCH BREAK – NOON TO 1 PM – Concert

- 1:00 pm Welcome back, sponsor acknowledgements - Kimo Kahoano
- 1:05 pm Pua Ali'i 'Ilima, Nā Kumu Hula Vicky Holt Takamine and Jeffrey Kāneka'iwilani Takamine
- 1:30 pm Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima, Kumu Hula Mapuana de Silva
- 1:55 pm Ka Pā Nani 'O Lilinoe, Kumu Hula Lilinoe Lindsey
- 2:15 pm Hālau Hula 'O Hokulani, Nā Kumu Hula Leinani Lauaki, Kehaulani Kawai and Leonani Naho'oikaika
- 2:35 pm Hālau Kealakapawa, Kumu Hula Michael Ka'ilipū nohu Canopin
- 2:55 pm Pau – Hawai'i Aloha



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2017 Keiki Hula. 2nd place Kaikamahine-Halau Kekuaokala'au'ala'ilahi. - Photo: Roy Yamasaki

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July 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; July 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; July 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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July 14, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This workshop aimed at educators provides information on digital resources that can enrich classroom lessons, such as Hawaiian databases containing demographic, geographic, cultural, historical and place-based information. Free, register at <https://bit.ly/2sVsh07>. Nā Lama Kukui, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, 594-0232, kaimom@oha.org. Proudly sponsored by OHA in partnership with Nānā I Ke Kumu.

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July 11, 18, 25, 4:35 to 7 p.m.

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48TH ANNUAL 'UKULELE FESTIVAL

July 15, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

'Ukulele virtuosos, internationally-known musicians, local celebrities, players from around the world and an 800 student orchestra will provide hours of entertainment. Free. Kapi'olani Park, www.ukulelefestivalhawaii.org.

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July 19-21

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41ST PRINCE LOT HULA FESTIVAL

July 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; July 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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who reigned as Kamehameha V and helped to reprise hula. Admission to the Palace during the festival will be free. 'Iolani Palace lawn, moanalua-gardensfoundation.org. OHA is a proud sponsor.

ROAD TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING WORKSHOP

July 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hawaiian prospective homeowners can register for a Nānākuli Housing Corporation workshop that helps participants prepare to purchase a home, as well as maintain it. Workshops include workbooks and one-on-one counseling. Free. NHC-Baseyard Hawai'i, register at 520-2607 or email nhc.enrollment@baseyard.com. Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Nānākuli Housing Corporation.

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July 21, shows at 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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2ND ANNUAL MĀLAMA NĀ KEIKI FESTIVAL

July 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Expectant mothers, young families, prospective parents and

supportive 'ohana are invited for a family-friendly day of activities aimed at improved prenatal care, birth outcomes and parenting skills on Hawai'i Island. Free. Na'ālehu Park, 808-969-9220, lisa@hmono.org. Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



The Tonga Sisters to perform at the BISAC's 6th Annual Summer Jam. - Photo: Courtesy

SUMMER JAM 2018 - HEALTH AND FITNESS FAIR

July 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy fitness demos, taste food samples, check out health fair resources, take part in health screenings and cheer on your favorite strength competitors. Free. Edith Kanaka'ole Tennis Stadium, www.summerjamhawaii.com. Proudly sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

LĀ HO'HO'I EA

July 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 175th Anniversary of Hawaiian Restoration Day includes education, cultural sharing, community networking and free music. Moani Akaka and Puanani Rogers will be honored. Free. Thomas Square, www.lahoioiea.org.

LĀ HO'HO'I EA CEREMONY AND STATUE UNVEILING

July 31, 10 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu's celebration includes the unveiling of a statue of King Kamehameha III at the renovated Thomas Square Park, followed by the inaugural sacred lei draping. The Royal Hawaiian Band will provide music and Puakea Nogelmeier will provide keynote remarks. Free. Thomas Square Park, Honolulu, moca-info@honolulu.gov. ■



Kalaupapa exhibit travels to Los Angeles ho'olaule'a

Submitted by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa will display its award-winning historical exhibit at the 40th anniversary ho'olaule'a of the Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California, July 21-22.

The event, which is expected to draw thousands of Native Hawaiians from around California and neighboring states, will be held at Alondra Park in Lawndale. The ho'olaule'a will feature food booths, craft and boutique vendors, hula performances and more.

"We couldn't be more excited to be invited to this important cultural gathering," said Valerie Monson, executive director of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. "This gives us the chance to share this exhibit with a new audience, reach more descendants of Kalaupapa and talk about our plans for The Kalaupapa Memorial."

The exhibit, "A Source of Light, Constant and Never-Fading," focuses on the strong relationship between the royal family and the people of Kalaupapa along with other often forgotten chapters of this history. The exhibit, told in the words of the people of Kalaupapa and those who knew them, includes historical and modern day photos. In 2014, the exhibit was presented with a Preservation Award by Historic Hawai'i Foundation.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is a nonprofit organization made up of Kalaupapa residents, their family members and descendants and friends of the community.

The 'Ohana has been recognized for its efforts to help descendants of Kalaupapa reconnect to their ancestors. Over the past 10 years, the 'Ohana has helped more than 800 descendants of Kalaupapa learn

more about their kūpuna who were sent to Kalaupapa because of government policies regarding leprosy. The 'Ohana digital library of data from various records has information on more than 7,000 people who were sent to Kalaupapa.

The biggest project of the 'Ohana is to establish The Kalaupapa Memorial that will list the names of those who were forcibly isolated there under the old laws. The Kalaupapa Memorial Act was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama. The 'Ohana has since been completing required environmental compliance and developing a Conceptual Design of the Memorial. It is hoped The Memorial will be dedicated in the fall of 2020.

The historical exhibit that will be on display in California is a traveling version of the exhibit. A more permanent form of this exhibit is on display at 'Iolani Palace through September 28. See the Palace website for details. ■



Two of the panels from the exhibit, "A Source of Light, Constant and Never-Fading," by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa that will be on display at the Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California's ho'olaule'a later this month. Another version of the exhibit is on display at 'Iolani Palace through September 28. - Photo: Kawena Komeiji

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Decision issued in East Maui stream flow case

The Native Hawaiian communities of East Maui have fought for 30 years for the restoration of sufficient stream flow to support their kalo farming, subsistence practices, and native stream and coastal marine life, as required under the state constitution and laws. That the contested case hearing underlying the June 20 state Commission on Water Resource Management decision took nearly two decades to resolve is in many ways an injustice in itself.

While OHA is still fully reviewing the 300-page document that establishes minimum interim stream flow standards for 25 streams, we believe the decision represents a significant step to achieving justice for our East Maui beneficiaries who have sought a fairer distribution of public trust water that has been monopolized by industrial sugar interests for more than a century.

OHA expresses its gratitude to the attorneys of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, who for over a decade have worked tirelessly to vindicate the rights wrongfully denied to our East Maui beneficiaries; to the hearings officer and commission members and staff who have dedicated a substantial amount time and resources to hopefully correct this ongoing injustice; and most of all to our beneficiaries themselves who have sacrificed so much to hold the state and powerful corporate interests accountable to our constitution and to the public trust.

— Joint statement from OHA Chair Colette Machado, Maui Trustee Hulu Lindsey and CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe

'Iolani brings back kama'āina, military pricing

Starting July 1, 'Iolani Palace will resume offering discounted admission to kama'āina and military members to encourage more local residents to visit.

The discounts apply to both the guided and audio tours, which would cost \$23 and \$16 respectively, a savings of \$4 per ticket with valid Hawai'i state or military ID.

OHA KŌKUA FOR KAUA'I FLOOD VICTIMS



OHA's Phyllis Ono-Evangelista and Kaliko Santos help North Kaua'i beneficiaries complete forms for disaster relief assistance from OHA. The Resource Fair hosted by OHA on June 16 at Hanalei Elementary School was one of three outreach events OHA hosted on Kaua'i in mid-June to connect Hawaiians with resources to help recover from the heavy rains and flooding that damaged properties extensively. - Photo: Mehana Hind

"We hope that the new kama'āina and military pricing will encourage locals and military members alike to come visit a Hawai'i landmark steeped in history," said Cindy Ascensio, 'Iolani Palace guest services manager. "It enables local residents and service members to take advantage of their proximity to the palace and play tourist for the day."

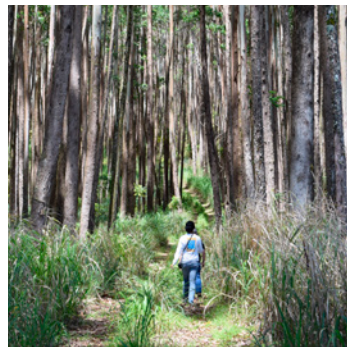
Tours can be booked online at www.iolanipalace.org/visit.

Kamehameha searches for Hāmākua harvest operator

Kamehameha Schools (KS) is searching for an operator to harvest 10,000 acres of forest on Hawai'i Island's Hāmākua Coast.

Pa'auilo-based Hawai'i Forest had initially been selected, but notified KS in June that it was withdrawing from lease negotiations.

"Kamehameha Schools remains committed to the stewardship of these lands and the harvesting of the existing eucalyptus forest," said Marissa Harman, Kamehameha Schools Director of Asset Management for Hawai'i Island. "We look



Umauma eucalyptus forest. - Photo: Kamehameha Schools

forward to developing a post-sugarcane era vision for KS properties in Hāmākua. We thank the community for its patience and support as we continue to find a forest operator."

More air monitoring for Hawai'i Island

The state is installing 10 permanent air quality monitoring stations around Hawai'i Island to enhance data collection related to vog conditions around the island.

There are currently five permanent stations at Hilo, Mountain View, Pāhala, Ocean View and Kona. The

new sites haven't been determined but the Department of Health (DOH) has identified areas that need monitoring, including South Kohala, North Kona and South Kona on the west side of the island.

DOH is inviting Hawai'i Island residents to suggest additional locations for monitoring stations that will enhance response efforts to the ongoing eruption at Kīlauea. The state plans to install 25 stations total, which will provide real-time data from different parts of the island that emergency responders can use to advise residents and visitors about how they can protect their health and safety.

"The input we have received from residents during community meetings has been invaluable," said Dr. Bruce Anderson, health director. "We want to encourage ongoing dialogue so we can better address their concerns and ensure an effective response."

New locations will have to be selected based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory requirements. The community can email their suggestions to the DOH's Clean Air Branch at cab@doh.hawaii.gov

Seniors urged to watch for fraud related to new Medicare cards

New Medicaid cards will be arriving in mailboxes soon and the state Attorney General, the U.S. Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and the State Executive Office on Aging ask the public be on alert for fraud.

The Hawai'i Attorney General's Office released the following guidance:

- The new Medicare cards began rolling out to Hawaii Residents via US mail, since the last week in May, and residents will continue receiving them through July.
- Multiple cards to one household may arrive at different times.
- Your new card will not include your social Security number, gender, birthdate or signature.
- Medicare will not call you about your new card.
- The new cards are free. There is no cost to you.
- To ensure delivery, update your current address with the Social Security Administration at: (ssa.gov/myaccount), or call them toll free at 1-800-772-1213)
- The only thing changing is the way your card looks. Your Medicare benefits will remain the same.
- Once you receive your new card, you should destroy your old card.

"Be cautious with any communication regarding the new Medicare cards, so you don't fall victim to scams that will cost you money and aggravation. Never share or confirm your Social Security number or Medicare number with anyone who contacts you by phone, email, or in person, unless you have given the person permission to contact you in advance. You should report any suspected scam or fraud immediately," said state Attorney General Russell Suzuki.

Contact Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawai'i if you or someone you know comes across any suspected fraud or related scams at 586-7281 or toll free at (800) 296-9422. This is a free and confidential service. ■

HTA Offers Funding to Programs Supporting Hawaiian Culture, Hawai‘i’s Natural Resources and Community-Based Events in 2018

The Hawai‘i Tourism Authority has announced funding support will be provided to qualified applicants for programs in 2018 that perpetuate Hawaiian culture, preserve Hawai‘i’s natural resources and present community-based festivals and events.

Funding will be awarded through a request for proposals (RFPs) process for three HTA programs, Kukulu Ola, Aloha Aina and Community Enrichment, which are offered to help improve the quality of life for residents and enhance the visitor experience for tourists.

“How we celebrate the Hawaiian culture, protect our environment, and share our way of life in communities is key to Hawai‘i’s future and why we place such importance in supporting groups and individuals committed to these ideals,” said George D. Szigeti, HTA president and CEO. “These programs help guide how our communities embrace sustainability and uphold the qualities that make the Hawaiian Islands such a magnificent place to live and visit.”

The three programs that HTA has issued RFPs for and will provide funding support to qualified applicants statewide in 2019 are as follows.

> Community Enrichment (RFP 19-01): HTA is supporting community-oriented programs, festivals and special events promoting culture, education, health and wellness, nature, agriculture, sports, technology and “voluntourism” for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

> Kūkulu Ola (RFP 19-02): HTA is seeking programs that enhance, strengthen and help to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture by supporting cultural practitioners, craftsmen, musicians and artists.

> Aloha ‘Aina (RFP 19-03): HTA is supporting programs that help

preserve and enhance the quality of Hawai‘i’s treasured natural resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

The deadline for applicants to submit proposals to HTA seeking funding support for their programs in any of the three categories is Friday, August 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Program applications are available at HTA’s website at www.hawaii-tourism-authority.org/about-hta/rfps.

All inquiries should be directed to Ronald Rodriguez, HTA procurement officer, via email at contracting@gohta.net or by phone at (808) 973-9449.

RFP Information Sessions HTA is hosting public information sessions on all islands about the application and award process for the RFPs at the following locations. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend and ask questions about receiving funding support.

- > Maui** - Thursday, June 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Maui Arts and Cultural Center, Alexa Higashi Meeting Room, 1 Cameron Way, Kahului
- > Kaua‘i** - Friday, June 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Kaua‘i County, Pi‘ikoi Building, Room A & B, 4444 Rice Street, Suite #330, Līhu‘e
- > O‘ahu** - Friday, June 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Hawai‘i Convention Center, Room 320, 1801 Kalākaua Avenue, Honolulu
- > Moloka‘i** Tuesday, June 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Kūlana ‘Ōiwi Hālau, DHHL / OHA Conference Room, 600 Maunaloa Highway, Kaunakakai
- > Kona** - Wednesday, June 27, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – County of Hawai‘i Council Chambers, West Hawai‘i Civic Center, Council Conference Room, Building A, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona
- > Hilo** - Wednesday, June 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m. – County of Hawai‘i, Aupuni Center Conference Room, 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo
- > Lāna‘i** - Friday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Lāna‘i Culture and Heritage Center, Room #126, 730 Lāna‘i Avenue, Lāna‘i City ■

WAIKOLOA AHUPUA‘A, SOUTH KOHALA, ISLAND OF HAWAI‘I

ASM Affiliates is preparing a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) to support environmental permitting associated with the proposed development of TMKs: (3) 6-8-002:005, 006, 028, 029, and 030, located in Waikoloa Ahupua‘a, South Kohala, Island of Hawai‘i. This CIA will serve as a companion document to the environmental documentation being prepared in compliance with HRS Chapter 343.

We are seeking consultation with any community members that might have knowledge of traditional cultural uses of the proposed project area; or who are involved in any ongoing cultural practices that may be occurring on or in the general vicinity of the subject properties, which may be impacted by the proposed project. If you have and can share any such information please contact Bob Rechtman brechtman@asmaffiliates.com, or Lauren Tam Sing ltamsing@asmaffiliates.com, phone (808) 969-6066, mailing address ASM Affiliates 507A E. Lanikāula Street, Hilo, HI 96720.

NORTH KOHALA DISTRICT, ISLAND OF HAWAI‘I

All persons having information concerning unmarked burials on a roughly 40-acre property (TMK: (3) 5-9-001:008) in Kahuā 1st Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i are hereby requested to contact Dr. Bob Rechtman, ASM Affiliates, Inc. (808) 969-6066, 507A E. Lanikāula St., Hilo, HI 96720, and/or Mr. Kea Calpito, DLNR-SHPD Burial Sites Program (808) 933-7653, 40 Po‘okela St., Hilo, HI 96720.

There is an existing DLNR-SHPD approved Burial Treatment Plan that addresses some of these burials, but a proposed change in land use necessitates updating that plan and including additional burials that have been discovered subsequent to the approval of that plan.

Appropriate treatment of the remains will occur in accordance with HRS, Chapter 6E, respective to this burial site. The landowner intends to preserve the burial in place, following the preparation of a Burial Treatment Plan in consultation with any identified descendants and with the approval of the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council. All interested parties should respond within thirty (30) days of this notice and provide information to DLNR-SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from these specific Native Hawaiian remains, or cultural descent from ancestors once residing or buried in the same *ahupua‘a* or *moku*.

BURIAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IS HEREBY GIVEN that an in situ human burial site, designated as State Inventory of Historic Places (SIHP) # 50-80-14-7066 Feature 178, and additional isolated human skeletal remains designated as part of SIHP # -7066 Feature 170, and SIHP # -7067 (a previously identified in situ burial site), were identified by Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i, Inc. during the course of data recovery fieldwork conducted in 2013, related to the Princess Ka‘iulani Hotel Redevelopment Project, Waikāki Ahupua‘a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMKs: [1] 2-6-022:001 and 041.

Following the procedures of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E-43, and Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-300, these remains are believed to be over 50 years old. Based on the context, they are reasonably believed to be Native Hawaiian.

Background research indicates that these remains were located on or near the border between Land Commission Award (LCA) 104 F.L.:5, awarded during the *Māhele* to M. Kekūanao‘a, and LCA 2084:3, awarded to Keohokahina. Other LCAs in the project area or its vicinity are: LCA 1506 to Waikāki, Wahine; LCA 2006:3 to Male; LCA 2079:1 to Kauhola;

LCA 2082:2 to Kuene; LCA 6324 to Kameheu; and LCA 8559 B:31 to W.C. Lunalilo.

The landowner is Kyo-ya Ka‘iulani, LLC. The contact person with Kyo-ya for this burial notice is Mr. Michael Takayama, Director of Real Estate [2255 Kalākau Ave., 4F, Honolulu, HI, 96815, TEL (808) 931-8621]. Prior archaeological work within the Princess Ka‘iulani Redevelopment project area between 2011 and 2015 has resulted in prior finds of human skeletal remains and burial sites. Appropriate treatment for these prior finds has been worked out in consultation with the recognized Native Hawaiian cultural descendants, the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), the landowner, and the O‘ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC).

The landowner proposes that the in situ burial (SIHP # -7066 Feature 178) and the fragmentary previously disturbed remains (SIHP # -7066 Feature 170 and SIHP # -7067) be preserved in place within established burial preserve areas. However, the decision to preserve in place or relocate these previously identified human remains shall be made by the OIBC in consultation with the SHPD and any recognized lineal and/or cultural descendants, per the requirements of HAR Chapter 13-300-33. Appropriate treatment shall occur in accordance with HAR Chapter 13-300-38.

All interested persons having any knowledge of the identity or history of these human remains are requested with 30 days of the publication of this notice to contact Ms. Regina Hilo, SHPD Burial Site Specialist, at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 555, Kapolei, Hawai‘i 96707 [TEL (808) 692-8015, FAX (808) 692-8020]. All interested parties shall file descendancy claim forms and/or provide information to the SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from these specific human remains or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the same *ahupua‘a* or district. ■



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Senator demonstrated dedication to Hawaiians

In May, Hawai'i paid tribute to the late Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka in public memorial ceremonies. OHA had an opportunity to give our aloha to Aunt Millie and their 'ohana. In paying my final respects to Senator Akaka, I was overwhelmed with emotions as I recalled this great man and our many years working together for the future of Native Hawaiians.

Senator Akaka's dedication to Native Hawaiians, and his landmark legislation to extend parity in federal recognition for Native Hawaiians, was paramount in his career. So much so that it was a key theme in the final words in the U.S. Senate in December 2012. This continuous excerpt below shows Senator Akaka's full intent of these words, his legislative legacy, and a career's commitment to self-determination for our people.

"I am proud to be the first Native Hawaiian ever to serve in the Senate, just as I am so proud to be one of the three U.S. Army World War II veterans who remain in the Senate today.

The United States is a great country. One of the things that makes us so great is that though we have made mistakes, we change, we correct them, we right past wrongs. It is our responsibility as a nation to do right by America's Native people, those who exercised sovereignty on lands that later became part of the United States. While we can never change the past, we have the power to change the future.

Throughout my career I have worked to ensure that my colleagues understand the Federal relationship with Native peoples and its origins in the Constitution. The U.S. policy of supporting self-determination and self-governance for indigenous peoples leads to Native self-sufficiency, resulting in our continued ability to



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be productive and to contribute to the well-being of our families, our communities, and our great Nation. That is why I worked to secure parity in Federal policy for my people—the Native Hawaiians.

The United States has recognized hundreds of Alaskan Native and American Indian communities. It is long past time for the Native Hawaiian people to have the same rights, same privileges, and same opportunities as every other federally recognized Native people.

For more than 12 years now, I have worked with the Native Hawaiian community and many others to develop the Native Hawaiian Reauthorization Act, which has the strong support of Hawaii's Legislature and Governor as the best path forward toward reconciliation.

My bill has encountered many challenges, but it is pono—it is right—and it is long overdue. Although I will not be the bill's sponsor in the 113th Congress, it will forever bear my highest aspirations and heartfelt commitment to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America.

I know I am just one in a long line working to ensure that our language, our culture, and our people continue to thrive for generations to come. I believe Hawaii has so much to teach the world and this institution. In Congress and in our Nation, we are truly all together, in the same canoe. If we paddle together in unison, we can travel great distances. If the two sides of the canoe paddle in opposite directions, we will only go in circles."

OHA faces great opposition in the work we do to empower our lāhui. However, in taking example from our beloved Senator Akaka before us, we will not waver and we will not let forces hinder us from accomplishing what we know to be pono. We must unite and holomua forward. ■

OHA releases checks to Native Hawaiians impacted by April flood on Kaua'i

Office of Hawaiian Affairs News Release

HANALEI, KAUAI – The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) on June 20 distributed the first set of disaster relief checks to 58 Native Hawaiian households impacted by the April flood on Kaua'i.

The checks were distributed at OHA's Board meeting at the Waipā Foundation in Hanalei, Kaua'i.



Dan Ahuna

Vice Chair,
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and Ni'ihau

natural disasters on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island.

Since then, OHA began collaborating with Catholic Charities Hawai'i to distribute \$200,000 in OHA funds to Native Hawaiian households on Kaua'i affected by the flood. The one-time emergency financial assistance may be used for food, clothing, medicine, or other materials; emergency housing; medical and related services; transportation; and dependent child or elder care. In addition, OHA is



The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is providing aid to help our beneficiaries recover and rebuild their lives and homes after the flooding. - Photos: Jason Lees and Kawena Carvalho-Mattos

"This community is working extremely hard to bounce back," said Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Trustee Dan Ahuna. "The support OHA has been able to provide is an example of what we can accomplish when we as an agency stand behind our community. We have relief funds still available and urge people to help us get the word out to beneficiaries who still need kōkua."

On June 7, the OHA Board announced a relief package of emergency loans and \$500,000 in aid for Native Hawaiians impacted by the

partnering with the Waipā Foundation to distribute \$50,000 to kalo farmers affected by the flooding and is also offering disaster relief loans for a variety of needs.

For information on OHA's Kaua'i disaster relief programs, please visit www.oha.org/kauai or contact the OHA Kaua'i Community Outreach Center at 808-241-3390 or email info@oha.org.

Updates for OHA's relief efforts for Hawai'i Island will be available at www.oha.org/puna. ■

So Where is the “Forensic” Audit Trustees Promised?

The most frequent question I am asked by beneficiaries is “Where is the forensic audit?” While the term “forensic” is just an informal nickname, we all know that we are talking about the independent audit for fraud, waste and abuse, which the Trustees authorized back on February 8, 2017.

Thanks to a May 22, 2018 Committee on Resource Management update, I can now tell you the shocking truth. After over a year of endless delays and obstacles, the independent audit has not even started! That's right. As of the deadline for submitting this article, we do not have a signed contract with any auditing firm to perform the work!

As chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, I've done everything within my power to honor the wishes of beneficiaries that we conduct this audit. And I can assure you that Trustee Hulu Lindsey, Chair of OHA's Committee on Resource Management, has tirelessly supported and advocated for it too.

Unfortunately, OHA's execution of the procedural hoops to jump through has taken place at a snail's pace.

Although trustees unanimously approved the independent audit, we have heard excuses over the past several months as to why it is not necessary.

Clean bill of health?

One excuse is the claim that OHA has had many annual audits, and these audits have, according to OHA's CEO and some trustees, given OHA a clean bill of health. Don't be fooled! The reality is that these audits are merely required “financial statements” audits. They simply show that our financial statements are in order, but are not designed to systematically look for fraud, waste and abuse.

Don't believe the State's scathing audit of OHA?

Another excuse is the claim that the recent State Auditor's reports on OHA (which are available at <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/18-03.pdf> and <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/18-03.pdf>) are mistaken in their scathing criticism of OHA. But to that, I simply ask, “Who are you going to believe?” Please see my *Ka Wai Ola* May 2018 article, entitled “Why the State Audit is Good Medicine for OHA,” for a fair analysis. The reason the State has an independent auditor look into agencies is because there needs to be an external watchdog.



Keli'i
Akina, Ph.D.

Trustee,
At-large

So why has the Independent Audit been delayed?

Perhaps it is best to consider what the independent audit is going to look into, and ask “who would be threatened by a thorough investigation?” Based on the original action item approved by the trustees, the independent audit will look for fraud, waste and abuse in the following areas:

- OHA's limited liability companies
- All contracts over \$100,000 and a sampling of smaller contracts
- Incidents that have raised red flags with other agencies, such as the State Procurement Office.

Presumably, if there is nothing to hide in these areas, there should be collaborative cooperation among trustees and administration, who are the top stakeholders with regards to the independent audit. Unfortunately, we won't know what, if anything, is being hidden until the independent audit is performed. What we do know is that beneficiaries deserve to be given the truth.

The time has come for beneficiaries to speak up and hold your trustees accountable. You can call or write trustees, or you can come to our public Board meetings to demand that the independent audit be made a top priority. ■

Trustee Akina welcomes your comments. You may reach him at TrusteeAkina@oha.org or (808) 594-1976.

Visiting Mike Hodson of Waimea

Aloha nui kākou! As we continue our journey around Hawai'i Island sharing stories of different kanaka, we head to Waimea to visit with Michael Lee Kahae-okalaniokapakipika Hodson. Mike, his sweetheart, Patricia Kainoa Hodson, and their 'ohana have lived in Waimea for many years. Many on Hawai'i Island know them through their family farm, WOW Farm Inc. That success story is worthy of a whole article by itself. However, I would like to share with you a little more about Mike and his 'ohana that some people may not know.

Mike grew up in his early years on the leeward coast of O'ahu. He spent time in 'Ewa Beach, Mā'ili and Wai'anae. He attended Campbell High School and Hilo High School. At the tender age of 19, he began his career at the Hawai'i Police Department. He spent 27 years in the department before retiring as a Narcotic Detective. His wife, Kainoa, also attended Campbell High School and then Honoka'a High School. She is a 3rd generation Waimea Hawaiian Home Lands lessee. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

For the past 13 years, Mike has been a homestead farmer. He has been the President of the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association (WHHA) for the past 8 years. He has been the Chairman of the Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation for the past 5 years. Working with Federal, State and County agencies, he led the “Veteran-to-Farmer Program” or “Farming for the Working-Class Program” as it was dubbed by the kama'āina of Waimea. Now, after 66 years of waiting and due to the WHHA's persistence coupled with support from state leaders, the Waimea Nui Community Development Initiative began construction in March 2018.

When asked about the future of Hawai'i

and our kānaka, he shared some personal thoughts. Here is some of what he had to say.

“It starts with our native Hawaiians as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Each of our 21 regions of homestead lands could be a political subdivision or state of the future Native Hawaiian Government. This would breathe life into Prince Kūhiō's plan of getting our people back on the land and fulfilling the main purpose of rehabilitation. Our people could go back to what we once were in being socially accepted, thriving culturally, being highly educated, being economically self-sufficient and politically sovereign.”

He cautions us to remember our differences and explains it in this way. “By lumping us all together as one language, one culture, and one belief, this amounts to a campaign of cultural eradication...a genocide of sorts.” He goes on to say, “...thirty years from now, each community may face regret and mourn for their old ways, region by region!”

Before passing in the 1990s, Mike's Tūtū Wahine, a retired teacher and fluent in our native tongue, told him how difficult it was to speak to our young people learning the language for the first time as adults in institutions of higher learning. “They are changing our language,” she would say. “The old tongue is dying, and the new University tongue is taking over. No can help. No more much of us left!”

“Today,” he says, “Let's not do it again! We must respect the different cultural practices of each native community! We must fulfill Prince Kūhiō's plan. We are a land-based people and our land base is different from district to district. Our cultural practices may be different from district to district. Let's not do it again!”

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Every two years, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs asks candidates in select Hawai'i primary and general races about key Hawaiian issues and publishes their answers in a special *Ka Wai Ola* election insert.

In advance of the primary election, *Ka Wai Ola* focuses on candidates for OHA's Board of Trustees, a nine-member elected board that sets policy aimed at improving the well-being of Native Hawaiians. OHA Trustees have a duty of loyalty, as well as a duty to administer trust assets solely in the interest of OHA beneficiaries. In 2018, five OHA seats will be on the ballot: Maui Trustee, O'ahu Trustee and three At-Large Trustees.

Ka Wai Ola invited all 24 OHA Trustee candidates to participate in a three question survey. The 19 responses we received are published as submitted, up to 300 words.

This year, *Ka Wai Ola* also posed three questions to gubernatorial candidates in hotly-contested primary races for the state's top office. Eight of 13 candidates for governor took the opportunity to complete OHA's questionnaire.

Learn more about candidates for U.S. Congressional District 1, lieutenant governor and governor at an upcoming Super Debate on July 2. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Kamehameha Schools are sponsors of the three-hour debate, which takes place at KS-Kapālama and will be televised on Hawaii News Now beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The registration deadline for this year's primary election is on July 12 but this year Hawai'i will also offer same-day registration at Early Walk In Voting sites, as well as at their assigned polling places on election day. Same-day registrants will need to complete a registration affidavit and provide government-issued identification, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government-issued document showing the voter's name and address. ■

Engaged Hawaiians effect change

By Sterling Wong

The arrival of this election season offers an opportunity for Native Hawaiians to reflect upon how the power of their vote has influenced the course of history in Hawai'i.

A consistent theme over time is that Native Hawaiians launch grassroots initiatives to address an injustice, and then they carry that momentum to the ballot box. When Native Hawaiians turn out in force to the polls, they have been able to tilt the political establishment to their needs.

Native Hawaiians Wrest Back Control of the Kingdom

For much of the kingdom period, western and business interests sought ways to reign in the political influence of Native Hawaiians. In addition to controlling the throne, Native Hawaiians represented an overwhelming majority (about 70 percent) of the kingdom's registered voters. Frustrated with native governance, westerners forced a new constitution on the kingdom in 1887. In addition to reducing the king to a figurehead, the Bayonet Constitution established a property requirement for voters of one legislative chamber and made other voter eligibility changes that strengthened the political influence of westerners at the expense of Native Hawaiians.

The new constitution outraged Native Hawaiians. In response, they became politically active, holding mass meetings, publishing articles in Hawaiian newspapers and circulating petitions. A Native Hawaiian-led political entity, called Hui Kālai'āina, was established to help organize native opposition.

When a native-led armed rebellion against the new constitution failed, Native Hawaiians turned to the polls. Hui Kālai'āina joined a coalition that resulted in a "landslide victory" for the party in the 1890 election. With 14 of the 24 House seats and all nine O'ahu seats for Nobles, the coalition was able to organize the Legislature; elect its president and control its committees; and overhaul the King's cabinet, according to legal scholar and historian Jon M. Van Dyke.

Van Dyke said that the 1890 election represented Native Hawaiians "effectively wrest[ing] control of the Kingdom from those who foisted the Bayonet Constitution on the Kingdom."

While the kingdom was overthrown three



Circa 1893, Hui Aloha 'Āina o Na Kane or the Hawaiian Patriotic League for Men, which petitioned against annexation. Captioned: Representative Committee of Delegates of the Hawaiian People to present a memorial to Hon. James H. Blount, praying for the restoration of the monarchy under Queen Liliuokalani. Included in the crowd are Sam M. Kaaukai, J. W. Bipikane, H. S. Swinton, J. K. Kaulia, L. W. P. Kanedlii, Joseph Nawahi, John Sam Kikukahiko, S. K. Aki, J. A. Cummins, D. W. Pua, John K. Prendergast, A. K. Palekaluhi, John E. Bush, John Mahiai Kaneakua, F. S. Keiki, J. K. Kaunamano, J. Kekipi, John Lota Kaulukou, and J. K. Merseburg. - Source: *United States Library of Congress*

years later, the 1890 election demonstrated the potency of the Native Hawaiian vote.

Native Hawaiian Territory or "Native Hawaiians Dominate Territorial Politics"

In the years following the overthrow of the kingdom, Native Hawaiians initiated an exhaustive effort to restore the monarchy. The native opposition is well documented and includes boycotting Republic of Hawai'i elections and affairs, the gathering of 38,000 signatures in opposition to annexation and another armed rebellion.

These efforts helped to dissuade the U.S. Congress from passing a treaty of annexation. But the events of the next few years made it clear to even the staunchest of Native Hawaiian patriots that a new political strategy was needed. In 1898, the U.S. laid claim to the islands through a congressional resolution. However, over the next two years, Republic of Hawai'i leaders were unable to convince Congress that voters in the new territorial government should be subject to property requirements. This meant that while the territorial governor would be appointed by the U.S. President, the Native Hawaiian vote would determine the composition of Hawai'i's new legislature.

Shortly after the passage of the Organic Act in 1900, which established the Territory of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiian political organizations gathered in Honolulu to discuss political strategy. The leaders of the convention were James Kaulia and David Kalauokalani, the

respective heads of Hui Aloha 'Āina and Hui Kālai'āina, the organizations that were at the forefront of the native opposition to annexation. The third prominent voice of the convention was Robert Kalanihiapo Wilcox, a former legislator who led the two previously-mentioned armed rebellions. The Native Hawaiians in attendance agreed to establish a new political party that would focus on local needs. The leaders of the convention then walked to Washington Place to speak to Queen Lili'uokalani about their plans. After hearing them out, the Queen told them:

We have no other direction left, except this unrestricted right [to vote], given by the United States to you the people. Grasp it and hold on to it; it is up to you to make things right for all of us in the future.

With the approval of their queen, the Native Hawaiian patriotic organizations turned seven years of grassroots activism into a comprehensive political campaign. Hui Aloha 'Āina and Hui Kālai'āina joined to form a new party, called the Independent Home Rule Party. The rallying slogan for the party was "Hawai'i for Hawaiians," the same motto used by supporters of both Queen Emma and Kalākaua in their 1874 election for the throne.

The first territorial election in Hawai'i was a decisive victory for Native Hawaiians. The Home Rule Party dominated the territorial legislature – winning 9 out of 15 Senate seats and 22 out of 30 House seats, and Wilcox became the territory's first delegate to Congress. Moreover, Native Hawaiians represented 33 of 45 legislators elected.

The Native Hawaiian vote shaped politics for the first three decades of the territory, as Native Hawaiians held the majority of registered voters through 1920 and a plurality through the 1930s. As a result of exercising their vote and also by joining the Republican Party, many Native Hawaiians were able to secure government jobs as a form of political patronage, according to Native Hawaiian scholar Davianna McGregor.

In 2018, it's easy to understand how Native Hawaiians may feel disenfranchised by the existing political landscape. However, the Native Hawaiian vote continues to carry the power to shape Hawai'i's laws and policies. If we exercise that power now, Native Hawaiians can have significant influence on the future of Hawai'i, just as our kūpuna did. ■

Governor

Question 1

Governor Lingle and Governor Abercrombie took the lead in ensuring that Native Hawaiians received their fair share of annual revenues and back payments from the Public Land Trust. Data shows that Native Hawaiians are not getting the 20 percent as provided by law. What specifically will you do to ensure Native Hawaiians are not made to wait another 12 years for an increase in annual PLT payments?

Question 2

What is your plan to address mass incarceration, correctional facility overcrowding, and the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in correctional facilities?

Question 3

If elected, how will you ensure that private companies pay their fair share for the commercial use of public lands and resources, including streams that have been historically diverted for former plantation operations?

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1. First of all, Hawaiian is a nationality and Native Hawaiian, “Kanaka Maoli” is my ethnicity. In this case, I would establish a specific plan and personally provide

oversight to enforce current agreement.

2. I pledge to encourage and support public, private and non-profit organizations to collaborate through education and natural resources to develop new work furlough programs for our overrepresented, incarcerated Native Hawaiian “Kanaka Maoli”. Bringing back these native intelligent cultural practices will place them back on the ‘aina for personal health, productivity and healing while serving our community through restoration of our fragile and neglected ecosystems. This simple native practice will increase rainfall, preserve our sandy shorelines and replenish our most valuable resource that supports all of LIFE – water, as well as reconnect our people to their homelands.

3. Accountability! I will ensure that private companies pay their fair share for commercial use of public land and resources by enacting an order to review past and present land leases, conduct property assessments and order environmental impact studies. Private companies that are found as a result of these studies to have had a negative impact on our environment and or public health and safety will have their land leases suspended under investigation and possibly revoked.

Private companies that have historically diverted streams will be held responsible to ensure that original water systems be maintained and or replaced with modern technology. This will ensure that justice of illegally diverted streams will flow as per Hawaii Revised Statute and Hawaiian Kingdom Law, to begin land restoration of our precious homelands so that we may work towards reinvesting our efforts towards organic local sustainable agriculture. Violations to environmental public health and safety laws will not be tolerated and will incur hefty fines and legal ramifications to provide viable solutions.

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 None
 None



1. I will demand publicly why its happening! Removing road blocks to repairing this situation.

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ripped off again)! Local/non-Hawaiians must not allow Hawaiians to be treated the way American Indians were.

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2. Overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in criminal justice system, mass incarceration and overcrowding e-mail this related to the marginalization of Native Hawaiians into poverty living conditions. To change the direction of their lives—prioritized using C.A.R.T.s.

1- BAIL REFORM legislation passed and implemented so people charged with manini, non-violent offenses aren't jailed because they can't pay high bail.

2- Ask Hawaiian groups to help rehabilitation of Hawaiian prisoners through public works—rebuild ancient sea walls, clear ancient waterways,

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3-After school A+ programs for elementary through high school in predominantly Native Hawaiian communities—emphasizing Hawaiian activities, values, culture

4-Hawaiian students from predominantly Hawaiian communities free college education a UH.

3. To ensure private companies pay their fair share for the commercial use of public lands and resources?

Following the C.A.R.T.s. method, asking the community what they want.

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1. The 20% which is agreed upon and is law from the Public Land trust shall be given to OHA as agreed upon. We shall insure that all state agencies that have a Public

land Trust be accountable for the issuance of the monies to OHA and that all state agencies shall report to the Legislature what was collected and what the 20% is. Our administration will also once and for all have the airport issues settled as the airport revenues should be a part of this as this is part of the Public land trust.

Our administration will sit down with OHA immediately to finally make everything pono by making the correct payments and paying for all pass dues payments that is obligate OHA under the law of our constitution. We shall ensure that this will be the beginning of on time yearly payments as to ensure that the Kanaka Maoli shall have their fair share for their lands that were taken away.

2. We plan on putting a team together to address the problem of overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in correctional facilities by addressing the core reasons why we have an overpopulation of Native Hawaiians in prison. We address this by tackling education, drugs, affordable housing and homelessness. We will also look into decriminalizing marijuana and releasing all nonviolent criminals that are arrested for minor drug charges.

We shall also look at how the justice system is treating the Native Hawaiians and look into the overhaul of our justice system.

We must also look into the cultural aspect and look at how we can better help the Native Hawaiian population to grow into the community so that they may be leaders in their communities helping out the young.

3. We shall ensure that all companies that are using public lands for commercial use pay their fair share by adding a special tax that will be automatically debited to a special account. This will include all resources including the streams that were diverted for plantation owners.

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1. I'll definitely examine this issue. But the #1 issue to me is that over 24,000 Native Hawaiians are being deprived of their rights to homesteads as

promised in 1920. It is my intent to insist that the Hawaiian Homes Commission produce an updated inventory of all Hawaiian Homelands.

2. The first thing I intend to do is reopen Kulani Prison and Olinda Prison. When I was in the legislature, these were both closed down on the basis that prisoners there were deprived of having proximity to their families which made visitation difficult. I intend to expand both prison sites so that they provide training in agricultural production and other forms of occupational training. I do not want any of our prisoners send outside Hawaii. I have diligently studied reforms in Australia and New Zealand.

3. First, we need a complete inventory of public lands, including streams, are being used for commercial purposes. Second, Supreme Court decisions which have already been made regarding diversion of water when Alexander & Baldwin and the plantations controlled things. The ancient Hawaiians had an Awai system which ensured that everyone downstream had access to the resources. Clearly, we need to evaluate all lands and uses to establish appropriate charges and make sure that all compensation is paid.

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1. The Settlement between OHA and the State of Hawaii in Act 15 of the 2012 Legislature resolved the issue of annual revenue and back payments

from November 7, 1978 to June 30, 2012. The settlement amount should serve as a guideline of what the parties believe is the revenue payments for that duration. The 200 million was the figure for both the Lingle and Abercrombie administration. I have always contended that to have good data, there needs to be a ceded land inventory.

2. As the former Senator of the 21st District (Ko Olina to Makua), I contended that this issue is best addressed first with the return of the prisoners incarcerated in mainland facilities to Hawai'i; they need to have contact with their 'ohana. I also believe that the State must develop alternative facilities to effectively rehabilitate those incarcerated by addressing their problems such as conditions which lead to the criminal activity and provide them with a pathway back to their families and communities.

3. This question raises a complicated issue as to which public lands. There are lands and water resources that were designated for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) and state public lands. The enforcement should be by the Commissioners as to lands under the HHCA. As to public lands, the availability of the lands should be made known to the public and the process must be transparent to ensure that a fair price is paid.

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1. I will uphold our constitutional and legal commitments to OHA and ensure revenues are paid as determined by the legislature. I'll continue to work in good

faith with OHA and the legislature to facilitate appropriate adjustments.

I am also working to better the condition of Native Hawaiians through the executive branch. I have obtained the highest levels of funding ever for Native Hawaiian programs at about \$50 million per year which will provide educational, housing, and other important opportunities. I understand that the State obligation to OHA is separate and apart from these actions.

2. Raising the socioeconomic status of Hawaii's people will do much to reduce incarceration levels and over-representation of Native Hawaiians. I am expanding quality educational opportunities, building affordable housing, and creating job opportunities. We need Native Hawaiians fully represented in all of society, including careers in science, technology, teaching, public safety, law, medicine, management, and leadership.

I strongly support programs that divert individuals from correctional facilities and provide services, treatment, and rehabilitation. We recently launched Hawaii's first pre-arrest diversion program to provide options to offer referral to harm reduction-based case management and community based services rather than arrest or citation.

3. I have upheld this critical public trust obligation by ensuring fair compensation for the use of public lands by enforcing laws that require fair market value. These include using public auction to promote fairness and competition as well as using appraisals to determine the fair market value for use of public lands. We are proactively resolving water use disputes in new and forward-looking ways and have reached settlements to restore flows, instream uses, and cultural practices, such as on Kauai and Maui.

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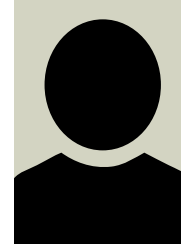
2. You Do the Crime, You Do the Time. Must have a Positive Vocational, GED and Hawaiian Programs for Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians. In our Prison System. Bring all Hawai'i Prisoners Home.

3. Enforcement of our State Laws. No persons or Private Business or Corporations will ever take over our State Resources. Amen.

**KIM,
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1. response
2. response
3. response

No
 No
 No

**LHEUREUX,
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1. Constitutionally, the State is bound, so I would ascertain why there is not an accurate inventory (process ongoing) of lands that make up the PLT, and

why there isn't public and transparent disclosure of revenues earned on PLT lands. I would also ask the Legislature if 20% of total revenues were greater than the sum of \$15.1 Million, where in the operating budget is that difference then allocated?

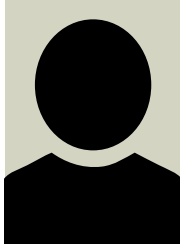
2. Mass incarceration as a population and over-representation of Native Hawaiian's in correctional facilities could be a "non-Native-Hawaiian" issue. Are sentencing protocols different or unfair to one segment of the population over another? We would need to pull the data on that census. There must be equity to sentencing and not biased in any which way to different cultures. Additionally, are sentences lenient or too harsh in specific non-violent cases? I would need to be shown the data across the spectrum. With regards to overcrowding, this is a National problem and it is one of the leading statistics by which America comes in first. What are we doing nationally? And what are we doing locally. Our goal would be to reduce that number. Our limited capital resources should be earmarked for schools, harbors, roads, and airport improvements, not building new prisons... so the answer would be, how do we decrease intake and decrease the amount of crime committed in the first place.

3. The issue of land use is always contentious in Hawaii... public lands specifically. I do not think we do enough to ensure proper use of private-public-partnership options or the preservation of significantly historic lands. The one thing Hawaii does not have enough of, yet everybody needs or has a requirement of... is land. There are benefits to the various (not all) land based revenue plans, but in order for them to work, the compensation must be equitable and agreeable between all parties.

EL, LINK

NONPARTISAN

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 None



- 1. No response
- 2. No response
- 3. No response

TANABE, VAN K.

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 No response



- 1. No response
- 2. No response
- 3. No response

TERUYA, TERRENCE

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1. I need more information on this because if Governor Lingle and Abercrombie provided revenues, and if this is required by law why and how

did the many other governors avoid this obligation. I also would need a forensic audit of OHA to verify the health of this organization. I am a structured problem solution person, I list problems by severity then get various solutions before any action is taken. Action techniques applied will need to be monitored to evaluate the effectiveness of the action to minimize any problem that may surface during this evaluation time period.

2. This also needs more in depth data. To help relieve overcrowding, I would like minor petty drug possession, non violent crime persons convicted be released on parole. Data needs to be collected to verify if truly Native Hawaiians are being over represented or are they just being thrown in the mix of being just "local".

3. Private companies should not be able to divert streams that provide needed water to our local communities who have farms. We need to share resources and be fair to everyone. If elected I will gather all the information needed to make sure our locals have a voice of what will or will not be tolerated in their communities.

TUPOLA, ANDRIA

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 State House Representative -
 District 43



1. I will do everything within my power to ensure what is owed to the Native Hawaiian people is paid. I voted in favor of HB 1747 requiring

the transfer of back-due Public Land Trust revenue and mandating an increase in annual payments. I will ensure that our departments and agencies understand the law so there is never a question as to how an administration should proceed. I will increase the departmental oversight including a process, such as the Public Land Trust Revenue Committee, to ensure strict accountability in reporting receipts from lands held in the Public Trust in a timely manner to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

2. The Department of Public Safety needs a major overhaul. We need to support programs like community court, provide adequate transitional services, and implement cultural rehabilitation programs that can help incarcerated Native Hawaiians. We need to partner with programs like the Pu'a Foundation that helps incarcerated women and Ho'omau Ke Ola that utilizes Native Hawaiian cultural practices to help incarcerated men. We need to address the constitutionality of transferring Hawaii State inmates to the mainland and help incarcerated persons reconnect to their families and their culture.

3. I will ensure that entities pay their fair share for use of public lands and resources by reviewing State permits and leases to private companies that are diverting public resources for private use, with little to no community compensation, and without consideration for the public trust doctrine or water code.

The government has to stop making decisions in favor of big corporations and special interests at the expense of the local community and without community input. When government leaders see community involvement as a benefit instead of a detriment, we can finally solve problems that have plagued our state for decades and build strong and prosperous communities.

Election Day

- > Primary: Aug. 11
- > General: Nov. 6
- Polls open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Register

- > Primary registration deadline: July 12
- > Primary absentee application: Oct. 9
- > Election Day Registration: Same-day registration will be available at Early Walk In Voting sites and at voters' designated polling sites with valid identification.

Voters can register to vote, update existing registration, confirm voter registration addresses and request to vote by mail at elections.hawaii.gov. A current Hawai'i Driver's License or Hawai'i State ID card and social security number are required to register. However, if these forms of identification are not available, identity may be confirmed with a current and valid photo identification and a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document showing your name and address.

Mail Ballot Request

- > Primary: Aug. 4
- > General: Oct. 30

Early Walk In Voting

- > Primary: July 30 to Aug. 9
- > General: Oct. 23 to Nov. 3

Election contact information

For voter registration and absentee voting information, contact your Clerk's Office.

- > County of Hawaii: (808) 961-8277
- > County of Maui: (808) 270-7749
- > County of Kauai: (808) 241-4800
- > City & County of Honolulu: (808) 768-3800

For additional voting information, contact the Office of Elections. (808) 453-VOTE (8683)
 Toll Free: 1-800-442-VOTE (8683)
 TTY: (808) 453-6150
 Toll Free TTY: 1-800-345-5915
 Email: elections@hawaii.gov
 Website: www.elections.hawaii.gov

Source: State of Hawai'i Office of Elections

Office of Hawaiian Affairs O'ahu

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AKAKA, KALEI

NPS

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⚡ None

📍 Currently Working in the Office of the Kamehameha Schools



Kapālama
Middle School

1. As an OHA Trustee, I will apply values learned, remembering the importance of doing things with the spirit of aloha, applying my educational foundation and experience working within the community, in education and at the Hawai'i State Legislature in both the House and Senate, and in Senate Committees on Higher Education, and Judiciary and Government Operations. With my dedication and commitment to meet the challenges of a Trustee, I'll keep in mind the goodness of our traditions to blend with a fresh perspective to OHA, representing a new generation with a strong sense of being global citizens wanting to help Hawaiians succeed, making Hawai'i a better and productive place for all Hawai'i and continue my 'ohana's legacy of service to Hawaiians and the people of Hawai'i nei and beyond.

2. I have a strong interest in revisiting the policies and budgetary process within the context of the recent state auditor's report to rebuild OHA by making some course corrections and developing a new Strategic Plan and resetting priorities.

3. With Hawai'i in my heart, I believe in the need to maintain balance and resourcefulness in search of good and sound options and opportunities, so we don't just live, but we thrive. The Strategic Plan needs to focus on quality of life issues, such as healthcare, home ownership, education for our children, economic opportunities and those fundamental things that every family and individual needs to succeed. The controversies that divide Hawaiians, such as self-determination, independence, or the status quo could be captured in a statewide dialogue, not exclusive to or the sole responsibility of OHA. This is the time in which we strive for the goal of unity, in which we stand, rise and move forward together as a unified voice.

BURKE, JACKIE KAHOOKELE

NPS

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📍 Artist/Designer/Planner



1. After graduating from Kamehameha, my life path led to three 10-year cycles that has influenced my life. The first traveling between neighbor island on a regular basis which gave me insight over the last 30 years of the growth and development of our aina. The second cycle was in media which expanded my creative possibilities and expressiveness through radio, print, television and film. Then the final third decade in academia, which enriched my cultural knowledge base and broadened my professional horizons and concluded with a Masters in Public Health and Masters in Urban and Regional Planning. As an entrepreneur starting the Breakfast In Bed Company, as an independent publisher of the *Oiwi Files*, a Hawaiian newspaper, and currently a franchise owner of the TAP Pool League, I understand perseverance and focus. I can manage complex projects, independent thinking transparency, and accountability. Also, 35 years of community service in over 20 organizations has given me deep community roots.

2. Managing OHA's trust resources is a monumental task that needs the inclusion of community and experts. It needs to have oversight from outside such as advisory boards, and a better platform of performance issues openly and transparently evaluated. There needs to be more control by Trustees, rather than the Administrator's Office & his highly paid staff (an unelected position).

3. All the six strategic priorities should be maintained but a more visionary approach could increase the benefits such as: creating our own Health care system; getting into the medical marijuana & hemp business to pay for our healthcare; creating and owning our own Bank and owning utilities to create sustainability revenue streams; create our own foreign trade zone to get out of the Jones Act and reclaim all military land to pay billions of dollars in rent.

KALIMA, LEONA M.

NPS

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⚡ None

📍 Research Analyst



1. I'm guided by the valued principles of God, Family, Community, and Nation. I developed legislation and repeatedly testified to implement change, specifically for opening adoption records. This is on the Federal and State levels. Adoption records are now open and accessible for native Hawaiians who are adopted and need to research these records for Native Hawaiian benefits.

I've testified on issues like homelessness, disaster funding, and other social economic issues affecting the real need of disadvantaged populations.

For the past 20 years, the Kalima v. State of Hawaii-Department of Hawaiian Homelands for claims affecting the beneficiaries of this Hawaiian trust. This was started in the late 1980s by legislation.

I've worked for OHA over 22 years and very familiar with all the processes and procedures throughout this state agency.

2. ACTION---Accountability, Compassion, Transparency, Initiative, Openness, No-nonsense. My personal mantra, "I'll put a chicken in your pot," aka envisioning OHA's funds meeting our people's needs. Not enough of the OHA corpus improve & or better beneficiaries immediate need. First month rent and deposit when one finally receives a Section 8 voucher, dental needs when one does not have coverage and its affecting their heart...did you know the 2 are connected? Drug and incarceration rehabilitation, and more.

What good is nationhood if we have failed our people's basic needs with millions of dollars down the drain? After \$30M in nationhood funding, we are no longer closer to the goal. Meanwhile, our people need help with tangible evidence that OHA cares about them.

3. A strategic plan is as good as its intended goals, implementation, and outcomes. Example: Governance—dead, especially with the Trump administration. Funds were spent; where's the initiative?

Assess the current plan. Survey the lahui, not just a chosen few. Strategize a plan to meet beneficiaries input and needs. God Bless.

KIA'AINA, ESTHER

NPS

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1. I have 25 years of policy experience on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander issues in Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, and Washington, D.C. This includes: Legislative Assistant for U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Robert Underwood of Guam, Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Ed Case, Land Assets Manager for the Kamehameha Schools, Chief Advocate for OHA, First Deputy at Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas at the U.S. Department of the Interior, and Executive Director for the Pacific Basin Development Council, a regional non-profit organization that serves the Pacific Islands.

2. I would make sure that I was fully trained on my fiduciary duties under OHA's constitutional and statutory obligations, in general, and to ensure OHA's trust resources are specifically expended to benefit Native Hawaiians. I would continuously educate myself, get the appropriate legal and ethics counsel from internal (OHA) and external (non-OHA) experts, and ensure that my staff were also fully trained. Lastly, I would encourage that OHA better leverage its resources with other entities that service Native Hawaiians to avoid duplication of roles and be more efficient in its spending of trust resources.

3. OHA's constitutional and statutory obligations should take precedence over any strategic plan.

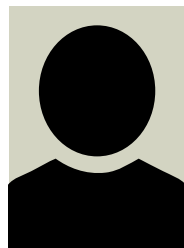
Aina must continue to be OHA's highest strategic priority beyond its current land assets. We need to be vigilant to increase OHA's percentage of public land revenues and continue to fight for Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, kuleana land rights, and "ceded land" claims. I also believe strongly in helping to protect all of Hawaii's land and natural resources, and we need to kokua the entire archipelago on climate change adaptation, watershed protection, and invasive species management.

Other strategic priorities would be Language and Culture, Housing, Workforce Development, and Native Hawaiian Well-Being.

**KING,
SAMUEL WILDER, II**

NPS

Age: No response
 ☒ None
 🌐 www.votesamking.com
 ☒ None

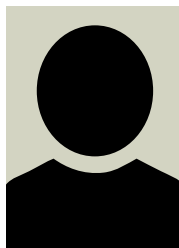


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**MOSSMAN,
PAUL L.**

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- 3. No response

**MURRAY,
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 & Community Outreach Officer,
 State of Hawai'i
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- 1. OHA must be transparent and accountable. I worked in communications at OHA for over a decade where

we had to fact-check and hold people accountable. I also have education and training in procurement and will ensure all laws are being followed.

I will use my skills to ensure every dollar will be spent wisely.

2. Prudently. First, I will address the concerns in the state audit by working with trustees and staff to craft sound fiscal policy.

Second, I will work with agencies serving Hawaiians to leverage all our abilities so we can better serve the Hawaiian community. By working together, we can do more for our beneficiaries.

A great thing about this melting pot we live in is that local people care about one another, and will come together for a good cause.

Together, we can build a brighter future for our community for generations to come.

3. Education, economic development, health, land, and culture.

Education allows people to better their situation. As a single mother working full-time, I was a non-traditional college student who earned my degrees. I have seen first-hand that an education can advance careers and open doors to higher paying jobs.

Economic development means higher paying jobs. I support jobs that pay a living wage. People shouldn't have to work 2 or 3 jobs just to make ends meet.

Health. Strive to improve the health and longevity of Hawaiians.

Land restoration, preservation, and responsible growth.

Culture. We are OHA. Everything should be done through a Hawaiian cultural lens. A good friend told me, "We are Hawaiian. Everything we make is Hawaiian. Make good things." OHA must continue the good work it does. But together we can do more. The next generation is counting on us.

ABOUT THE PARTIES

Political Parties in 2018

Hawai'i conducts a single party primary, which requires voters to indicate their political preference and vote only for candidates in that party. The candidates who receive the most votes will represent their party in the primary election. Political parties on the ballot in 2018 are:

- Constitution Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Republican Party

Candidates not affiliated with a party can run as nonpartisan candidates.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Elections

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of nine members who are elected to serve four year terms. All voters statewide are allowed to vote in each OHA contest. There are four at-large trustees, and the remaining five members are resident trustees, with one each for the islands of Maui, Moloka'i, O'ahu and Kaua'i.

OHA Island Resident Trustees

In 2018, the Maui and O'ahu seats

are up for election. Because only two candidates filed to run for the Maui seat, that race will bypass the primary and will be voted on in the general election. The O'ahu seat has multiple candidates, however, and all will appear on the primary election ballot. If one candidate receives the majority of votes cast (50.1 percent) in the primary, the candidate is elected. Otherwise, the two primary candidates with the most votes will face-off in the general election.

OHA At-Large Trustees

This year, three At-Large Trustee seats are up for election. Because there are more than seven candidates for at-large seats, all will appear on the primary election ballot. If one candidate receives the majority of votes, that candidate will be deemed elected and the four candidates receiving the next highest votes will appear on the general election ballot and the two who receive the most votes will be elected.

If no at-large candidates receive a majority of votes in the primary election, the six candidates with the most votes will advance to the general election. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. ■

Past Election Turnout

> **2016 PRIMARY**
 Total registration: 726,940
 Total turnout: 252,725 (34.8 percent)
 Absentee turnout: 156,519 (21.5 percent)

> **2016 GENERAL**
 Total registration: 749,917
 Total turnout: 437,664 (58.4 percent)
 Absentee turnout: 234,336 (31.2 percent)

> **2014 PRIMARY**
 Total registration: 697,033
 Total turnout: 289,398 (41.5 percent)
 Absentee turnout: 163,675 (23.5 percent)

> **2014 GENERAL**
 Total registration: 706,890
 Total turnout: 369,642 (52.3 percent)
 Absentee turnout: 189,107 (26.8 percent)

Source: State of Hawai'i Office of Elections

Office of Hawaiian Affairs At-Large

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AHU ISA, LEINA'ALA

NPS

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 ⚪ None
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1. Growing up in Kalihi, and being privileged to be raised by such strong women (my Mom was a devoted Christian), I excelled in school...went on to get my PhD all

while raising two children (both graduated from Kamehameha Schools) as a single parent. Being a State Representative(Chr of Economic Development Committee), State Board of Education member, Business Professor, Exec Director of UH Small Business Management and PKF Hawai'i's Center for Professional Development, Principal Broker for major hotels, etc... I think it's about time I go back to my roots and give back in whatever way I can help our Hawaiian people. As a Vice Chair of the State Board of Education, I had opportunities to experience the harsh environment our Hawaiian children grow up in. i.e. I'd witness homeless children go to school to eat breakfast...then run back to the beach after being teased, bullied, shamed! It broke my heart and brought back memories of my childhood at Kalihi Kai School and Kalakaua Inter when I was bullied, teased.... Education is my forte. So as change comes, and it is making itself known more today than yesterday, as the "Huliau" begins, "Life Will Be Better for our people." Onipa'a! EAlaE!

2. Being a Trustee for the past 3 years, I have tried as Ad Hoc Chair of the Economic Innovations Committee to INCREASE OUR REVENUE and not depend on the lawmakers who see us as ENTITLEMENTS... EAlaE! Rise UP! ONIPA'A!

3. The 'new' Strategic Plan will MAP out the details of how we get the "HIGHEST AND BEST USE" of our lands and investments...as we strive forth to create HOUSING for our people. Ever heard of Abraham Maslow's HIERARCHY OF NEEDS? This says that he Basic Needs must be met first...the Basic (Food) need of Survival. Only then can we progress on the fulfill the Physiological Needs of our people such as shelter, and then SAFETY before we can even bring about Self-Actualization....understanding, exploration, curiosity and knowledge..which Equals Solving our Own PROBLEMS! Aloha Ha'ala'a!

AILA, WILLIAM J., JR.

NPS

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 ⚪ None
 📍 Deputy Director, Department of Hawaiian Homelands



1. Having served as the Deputy Director of DHHL and the Chairman of BLNR and DLNR, I have more than seven and a half years

of executive experience in executing fiduciary duties. As Chairman of BLNR, I operated the Board as an open consensus driven board. As Deputy Director of DHHL, I worked with staff to present information to the DHHL Commission in an objective and transparent manner. DHHL and OHA share the same set of beneficiaries and I am familiar with the purposes of both Trusts. I would be ready from day one to proceed. At DLNR I was responsible for managing all of the ceded lands in the State, these are the lands with which OHA derives its income. During my tenure, DLNR cooperated with OHA and its consultants in reviewing potential additional sources of revenue on ceded lands. As an individual I assisted in advocating for OHA to be made a Co-Trustee to manage Papanahaumokuakea.

2. First, I would work with the other Trustees to agree on what our fiduciary duties and constitutional duties are. Then verify that decision with OHA legal Council. Once complete we would work with legal Council to create a legal, political, and communications strategy. Concurrently working with beneficiaries to build and then demonstrate support. Then implement the strategy as a plan. Anything that OHA does requires funding. I would make it a priority to work with the Legislature and Governor to increase OHA's share of the ceded lands revenue to a level that is fair and just.

3. I would continue to improve upon the existing six strategic plan priorities. They are critical to OHA's mission to the betterment of Native Hawaiians. In addition I would advocate for a seventh, restoring trust in OHA. This would include a review of spending policies and making the policies transparent.

AKANA, ROWENA NOELANI

NPS

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 📍 Trustee



1. As the senior Trustee, I have been at the forefront of all of OHA's struggles both here in Hawaii as well as Washington, D.C. I have helped to change a Bush Administration Policy on Hawaii's National Guard return from active duty to allow our soldiers to remain in the National Guard after being wounded and not be able to go back to their active duty units. Prior to this change, these soldiers were rotated out of the National Guard.

I have been instrumental in changing the laws in all the counties in Hawaii to allow Kuleana Land owners to keep their lands by showing their genealogy to prove their families have remained on their ancestral lands since the Great Mahele. The new property tax law now allows these land owners to pay a minimal tax of \$100 to \$300 and, in some cases, no tax at all. Prior to this, Hawaiians were losing their lands because of high taxes.

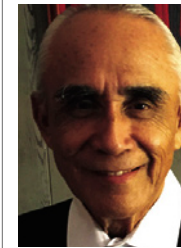
2. As a Trustee, it is imperative that we read the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 10, which explains in detail the responsibilities of each Trustee. I have always advocated for our beneficiaries to make sure that our trust dollars are spent on their needs. Housing, health, education, loans, grants, and lawsuits that force authorities to live up to their responsibilities to Hawaiians.

3. Housing because this is the immediate crisis that Hawaiians face today. You cannot concentrate on education or health or anything else if you have no roof over your head and your children have to bathe in public park showers. Further, OHA needs to partner with developers to develop housing that Hawaiians can afford and begin with rent to own town homes and transitional housing.

AKINA, ALVIN AUHANA

NPS

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 ⚪ None
 📍 Currently retired, 40 years in the hospitality industry



1. a. Through my many years of working with my peers and engaging in my community, I come with the kupuna wisdom and experience

of knowing the needs of my people. I believe in the principle that a political voice will enable my Kanaka people to support OHA's goals and aspirations and will seek redress of where ever there has been injustice has been perceived as such. I say without any fear and I speak up against any injustice or wrongs doing that have fundamentally weakened the integral of Kanaka's well being and their choice for a higher quality of life.

2. We live in an extraordinarily times and in a very diverse landscape and we as trustee have every opportunity to express a multitude of ways we can influence policy decision-making processes that should be benefiting every Kanaka. In the past, the trustees have failed its constituents and have not listened to their issues and needs. I want to be that change in this system and follow our obligations of trust as defined in our constitutional and statutory obligations. If elected, as part of my platform I would like to see a community selected advisory OHA commission board from every Island to be an advisory board to the OHA trustees.

3. a. To give Kanaka's that ability to be able to engage and argue and give them a voice and have them play a critical role in improving the quality of governance. It would be worth for OHA to provide the impossible to happen and make this governance a process of more of our kanaka to have actual participatory, instead of directives coming from the top down and be more from the constituent's grassroots of our 'ohana.

Limited to 300 words, so if you wish to read all my answers please email me at reefrocks@hotmail.com or call 808-325-6799. Mahalo Trustee At Large Alvin Auhana Akina.

AMSTERDAM, C. KAUI JOCHANAN

NPS

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 None
 Educator



1. My educational preparation, and practical, humanitarian, and public service will enhance my policymaking role of the OHA Board of Trustees. I received my Masters in the Philosophy

of Education from UCLA and advanced studies toward PhD and have been educated at eleven other universities, colleges, and institute including UC Berkeley, UC medical Center in Health Sciences, Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Neve Schector, Jerusalem, Hebrew Institute of Beit Israel for Rabbi education, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Hebrew Universities in Israel, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Stratford Institute, and UH at Manoa. Additionally, my service includes health research and health-care provider in the US, Greece, and Israel, President of three humanitarian, charitable organizations, Minority Recruiter for School of Dentistry, UC Medical Center, Officer in The Interim Government of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and Coordinator of 7 Restoration, self-determination Native Hawaiian Conferences, and longtime Neighborhood Board Member.

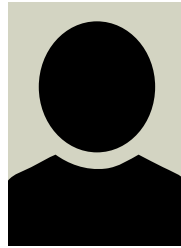
2. I would fulfill my fiduciary, constitutional, statutory, and resource usage responsibilities for Native Hawaiians by assuring, recording, and accounting that my actions conform to meeting such responsibilities to provide for the well-being of Native Hawaiians. I also would advance inter-agency auditing and reporting to support such obligations. Such actions would provide for transparency and accountability in meeting my and overall responsibilities.

3. With the six OHA Strategic Priorities of Aina, Culture, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Education, Governance, and Health, I would expand our vision, further advance existing priorities and innovate. For example, being a Hawaiian Jew, to preserve and advance Hawaiian culture and economic development, I would invite Israelis, being world class in agriculture, to assist in advancing our taro and fish pond industry. Additionally, with their expertise, experience, and success with self-determination and governance, they also can assist with our Native Hawaiian self-determination and governance. Accordingly, expanding our vision, I would advance existing and new priorities.

HANOHANO, FAYE P.

NPS

Age: No response
 None
 No response



1. No response
 2. No response
 3. No response

LEE, BRENDON KALEI'AINA

NPS

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 None
 Hawaiian Airlines



1. My life long experience with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has given me a well rounded understanding of the issues that are important to our

people. Having chaired the policy committee, co-chairing the planning committee for the Association's Constitutional Convention, and now being the Second Vice-President shows my progression in leadership. In 2016 over 125 Native Hawaiians came together from all political ideologies to draft a governing document for a Native Hawaiian Government. As the chair of that body I have proven track record of collaborative leadership that brings opposing sides together and help them to find common ground to build on.

2. The key reaching as many Native Hawaiians as possible. Seeking out programs that have the greatest impact to education, health, housing, and economic development and leverage trust resources with those programs ensuring resources are being used on these issues versus to create programs which then need to be funded additionally to be implemented.

3. Housing, our people need somewhere to call home. Poor grades, domestic violence, alcoholism, drug issues, and many other social issues that plague Native Hawaiians can all be attributed to housing issues. Our best and brightest students are leaving the State for more affordable housing.

Education, from preschool to post secondary. Post secondary does not mean just college, we also need support the trades and technical schools.

Economic development, Native Hawaiians need to be self sufficient.

Health, we continue to lead the state in all areas of chronic disease.

'Aina, as the State's 13th largest land owner it would be irresponsible to not have a plan on land management.

Although the previous strategic plan included culture, I have not. Culture should be inherent in all OHA does, infused in every aspect of our actions.

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 None
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1. Working with the real estate companies over the LAST 15 years I know first hand what it is like to be made accessible and render decisions that will affect

peoples livelihood and serving on a Non-Profit as a Board director I am aware of the process of how distributing awards via grants and so on. My independent, common sense approach to problem solving will be shown via the policies that the BOT make, adopt or amend in which the CEO and staff implement. Addressing the issue of financial malfeasance identified in the state auditors report via change in policy and personal position will be priority. Installing a internal auditor with special authority reporting to the BOT and the state auditor with full public transparency should stop the misspending. Lastly term limits for the Trustee positions

2. Hawai'i State Constitution, Article XII The board of trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall exercise power as provided by law: to manage and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the lands, natural resources, minerals and income derived from whatever sources for the native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rate portion of the trust referred to in section 4.

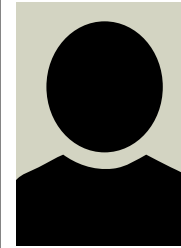
3. I would retain all six priorities!

1. Aina (Lad & Water) 2. Mo'omahu (Culture) 3. Ho'okahua Wauwai (Economic Self-Sufficiency) 4. Ho'ona'auao (Education) 5. Maui Ola (Health) are vital opportunities and need to be explored, promoted and funded to realized impact and empowerment on the La Hui. The Last one 6. EA (Governance) "Is Amended" to reinstate self determination via self governance via symposiums, academic debate and community dialogue. To learn the language of Law and the foundation of the past which is key to the future.

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 3. No response

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1. My life experience along with my experience in the work force, in the classroom and as a business owner have collectively provided me with

a wide range of depth, understanding, logical and analytical thought processes that amplify my ability to create policies that will not only enhance, but strengthen and empower our Hawaiian community and provide policies that will meet the needs of the greater Hawaiian community no matter their economic status.

2. In order for trustees to fulfill our obligation as fiduciaries, we must first seek to rebuild the trust between the trustees, administration and beneficiaries. While that is a task within itself, it is one of the first priorities that I wish to accomplish as a trustee. In regards to ensuring that the trust is specifically benefiting Native Hawaiians, the priority there is to work in collaboration with administration to ensure that funds are properly spent and accounted for.

3. Affordable housing, job readiness/preparedness, education and health and wellness rank among the top priorities that our beneficiaries want to see addressed as many are living paycheck to paycheck, working multiple jobs just to barely survive here in Hawaii. Land and ocean management and culture are also extremely important in continuing the perpetuation of our Hawaiian way of living and stewarding our natural resources in a responsible way that will ensure these resources remain for generations to come.

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👤 Research Analyst/Entrepreneur



1. As an OHA Trustee, my kuleana is to serve as a fiduciary of the trust for the benefit of Native Hawaiians. I have guided organizations through strategic

planning, introspection, and positive change - most recently as Vice Chair of 'Aha 2016, Minister of Social Justice and Community Service at Chaminade University, and now as President of the Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club. I will use my background as a farmer, fishermen, and small business owner, coupled with schooling from MIT, UH Richardson Law, and GTU/ Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara, to help OHA actively listen, receive, and consider the mana'o of its stakeholders. I come from the communities that OHA is designed to benefit - I was raised in Nānākuli, growing up houseless and part of an 'ohana racked with drug abuse. Now, I will use the education and experience I received from communities across Hawai'i to give back.

2. As a fiduciary, I will faithfully execute the duties of care, loyalty, good faith, confidentiality, prudence, and disclosure. The methods of 20 and 30 years ago do not work in 2018 and will not work in 2028 or 2038. We must grow together. Many active, local organizations already share the kuleana and expertise to serve our communities. OHA should focus on growing the trust resources while empowering these community organizations to create better housing, jobs, healthcare, and education for Native Hawaiians.

3. Native Hawaiians today have real needs, especially housing. OHA needs to address these needs immediately, and in ways that will be sustainable for the next seven generations. This means investing in economic drivers for the long-term benefit of Native Hawaiians. OHA's strategic priorities should be pragmatic, self-sustaining goals that drive real change: (1) Housing, (2) Jobs, (3) Healthcare, (4) Education, (5) Business Support, and (6) Trust Fiscal Growth.

**PUUOHAU,
KALI M.**

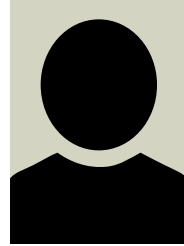
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🌐 None

👤 No response



1. No response
2. No response
3. No response

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POHAI**

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🌐 None

👤 Immediate past Executive Director,
The Native Hawaiian Hospitality
Association

1. As a new Trustee I will draw upon my extensive community experience working in non-profit sector for over twenty-two years as well

as my background in legislation and government as support staff and as a former State Senator. Especially helpful will be my network of contacts in business and the non-profit sector that can be called upon for resources to help OHA develop more partnerships and create innovative solutions to long standing problems. I learned lawmaking, committee service and government budget evaluation while serving as a Senator and these skill-sets are badly needed in the BOT.

2. Require a better system of documentation of NHs who are benefiting from programs, events and projects. Quarterly awardee programs/project presentations to OHA staff and the general public should be considered.

I will also recommend that a "Kanaka In Need" charitable fund be established for the Trustees with clear guidelines consistent with current law to include processes and criteria for expending funds to individuals who are truly destitute and in need of assistance.

3. True affordable home ownership is a very high priority. OHA can be a catalyst in bringing together multiple entities to find innovative solutions for home ownership. Further delay of addressing this most critical problem is creating a farther divide with those who own and those who never will. Potentially leaving Hawaii with a future generation of non-homeowners that will remain at the mercy of landlords.

The second highest priority should be economic empowerment and jobs. Our families will not be healthier if they are in survival mode. When everyone benefits from a good economy, all of Hawaii is better.

OHA's current strategic priorities are good but a temperature check should be done to determine effectiveness of programs and make adjustments if necessary before moving on to plan the next eight years.

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🌐 None

👤 Behavior Health Specialist IV



1. Being a Behavior Health Specialist IV for the Dept. of Education for the last 15 years has taught me the importance of taking care of our community.

I hold two degrees from Chaminade University-Honolulu (Community Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy). Working for the DOE has taught me the importance of teamwork, collaboration and relationship building. These qualities are necessary in any job, office, agency or corporation if it is to be successful and respected.

2. As a OHA trustee I pledge to honor my fiduciary duties First and foremost I pledge to continue the fight in the areas of ceded lands, revenues from the international airport, UH Manoa and Duty free shoppers to name a few. As a descendant of Native Hawaiians it is a privilege and honor to ensure that the trust fulfills its legacy.

3. OHA needs to continue its current Strategic Plan as we are still fighting battles regarding the betterment of the Hawaiian people. Priorities such as, "ACEES-GH" (aina, culture, environment, education, sustainability along with government and healthcare is an on-going battle and fight that needs improving. As we enter the 21st century I predict Hawaii being a Leader in fighting for our Water Rights, environmental sustainability, caring for our oceans and coral reef. Not to mention the importance of Healthcare. More than diet and exercise; it is about our mental health. Hawaii used to be number one in the nation for teen suicides. I think we're dropped down to number two, still high numbers though. There are many challenges we as a nation face today but's harder for Hawaiians because we've lost our identity, who we are as a culture. Olelo or language is key if we are going to survive. Someone once said "culture is only as strong as it's language....take away the language you take away the culture" In other words LANGUAGE is what defines us as a CULTURE.

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 Office Of Hawaiian Affairs
 Trustee At-Large



1. I believe that being involved in managing the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund for the past 18 years has given me the skills to prudently invest

the trust assets. The time I spent as the Chairman of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment has also taught me how to affect Public Policy and produced several of OHA's most successful Legislative sessions in terms of Board initiatives signed into law.

2. From a political standpoint, I believe that President Obama's 2014 executive order recognizing Native Hawaiians as the aboriginal, indigenous people of the Hawaiian archipelago and our special political and trust relationship with the United States, does a good job of protecting the Native Hawaiian Trust and our beneficiary's proprietary interest in it from any anti-Hawaiian type lawsuits. From an administrative standpoint, I believe that it would be prudent to take steps to assure that any action item that comes before the Board is compliant with all policies and laws that pertain to it and that it provides a benefit to Native Hawaiians. To this end, the Board of Trustees should have an attorney that represents them review all action items, and a budget analyst that represents them review all budget proposals.

3. As with OHA's last Strategic Plan, the new one should survey the broadest possible spectrum of the Native Hawaiian community and be developed based on what the most pressing needs are. Having said that, I'd advocate for focusing on housing and employment. Both are essential for any community to thrive.

**Office of
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Affairs**

Maui

Question 1

How will your skills and experiences enhance the policymaking role of the OHA Board of Trustees?

Question 2

As a trustee how would you fulfill your fiduciary duties and defend OHA's constitutional and statutory obligations to ensure OHA's trust resources are specifically expended to benefit Native Hawaiians?

Question 3

OHA's 2010-2018 Strategic Plan outlines six strategic priorities to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians. As this plan comes to a close, what strategic priorities would you suggest be the focus of OHA's next Strategic Plan and why?

**KAPU,
KE'EAUMOKU**

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1. I have been a strong advocate to Native Hawaiian entitlements while serving on boards and commissions for over 16 plus years in understanding

first of all our constitutional rights under article 12 section 7. County HRS 343 rules the States protection of historic properties under HRS 6E HAR 13-300, and by being at the forefront of every issue that comes to the table for discussion and to assure there is accountability when advocating for every and all problematic situation for Native Hawaiians. Our cultural integrity, customary practices and the protection and preservation of our historical sacred sites and especially the respect for our burials that are being disturbed and are not being clearly addressed.

2. I believe as a trustee we need to first understand our source of authority and power to govern our selves and demonstrate our resolve through unity and clarity of purpose in serving the interest of our people here in Hawaii. We need to empower our communities so they become the decision makers in carving out our rightful place here in Hawaii through the legislative body of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

3. By providing the necessary tools to our Native Hawaiian stake holders that way they become empowered when it comes to understanding our rights and responsibilities to our resources. To show them ways of taking ownership as was during the Mahele and assuring that we no longer accept status quo in our efforts to achieve self reliance, cultural integrity, economic viability and organizational reliability. I am very confident that by having the necessary leadership and the right human resource capacity to make measured progress we can start serving our beneficiaries with the tools they will need to find success, and if elected I will make it my priority to get it done.

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CARMEN HULU**

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 Maui OHA Trustee



1. The experience I have gained serving as the Maui Trustee for the past six years has definitely given me the skills to continue serving in a policymaking role on

the OHA Board of Trustees. I have seen our successes and our weaknesses. As the Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee, I have initiated an "internal" audit by an "external auditor" for OHA, focusing on fraud, waste and abuse. This audit was approved in February 2017 by the Board of Trustees and would examine activities and disbursements of our people's trust assets.

2. I would do what I have been doing—asking a lot of questions and initiating policy changes to strengthen our agency so we can fulfill our mandate to improve the conditions of our beneficiaries. We must also be fair in our dealings and be more accountable and transparent to regain the trust of our beneficiaries. Trustees must support and work with the State Auditor for complete disclosure of all information, fiscal and programmatic. The Board of Trustees have begun implementing the Audit recommendations, giving priority to areas where there was inadequate oversight of fiscal allocations.

3. A recent survey of our beneficiaries indicated that they believe our Strategic Plan should mainly focus on bread and butter issues—housing, employment, health (drug abuse), and education. Our people need decent work in order to purchase a home and afford a mortgage. Government must be innovative and involved in constructing affordable housing. The average person does not earn \$39 an hour, which is the income one must earn to qualify for a home that is categorized as affordable today in Hawaii. We must provide OHA funds to create programs that will help our people that are drug users so that they can become functioning adults in our communities. Our children need to be protected from drug dealers that attempt to exploit them. Finally, no student should be denied the opportunity for higher education. OHA needs to continue the education grants and increase the amount invested in our young people as we decrease the costs of our operations.

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