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**DC50 General Election Endorsements,
see pages 4-5**



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DC50 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

State of the Council

*"Mail-in voting makes it convenient, easy,
and safe for everyone to vote..."*

Aloha All!

I hope that this message finds you and your families doing well!

I understand that these continue to be especially difficult times, but I want to thank you all for continuing to protect yourselves on and off the job by practicing good safety habits.

Please do not become complacent and always be diligent by wearing your face coverings; keeping at least six feet apart; never congregating with more than four people; and limiting the time spent in groups. We all need to be careful and considerate of one another. We will successfully overcome the obstacles caused by COVID-19 if we follow the rules and take personal responsibility. We can get through this together!

State of the Union

I am happy to announce that our union hall is OPEN for all services – administrative, training, dispatching, answering your questions, and so forth. The office staff is working in conformance with CDC guidelines, so please know that when you visit the office, you will be asked to fill out a questionnaire and have your temperature checked. Also, please remember that only members conducting official business will be allowed access into the building.

All business representatives continue to visit members and monitor the job sites to ensure that proper health and safety requirements are being adhered to. Please know that your business representatives work for you and are available to address any questions and concerns you might have.

Our local and international political departments continue to remain vigilant by lobbying local legislators, Congress and other elected officials to make sure that jobs go all union; that funding for projects and infrastructure are available along with continued health care for members – all amid the economic uncertainty that our state faces.

Political Action

I want to extend a big "MAHALO" to all of you who exercised your right to vote in the Primary Election. A special shoutout and congratulations to Keith Amemiya, mayoral candidate who will now move into the General Election.

On behalf of DC50, we also extend congratulations to the future President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris. I know that this team will bring much needed change and support for our union and our country – this will happen when we all take part and vote!

DC50 congratulates the candidates we endorsed who

will now go on to face challenges in the upcoming General Election. Please help us to help you by voting and electing public officials who have pledged to support our union members, jobs, labor, job creation and continued construction work. We need you to help by voting. It is not too late to get registered! Contact our office or any business representative for assistance.

The Political Action Committees of our Local Unions have prepared a list of candidates that District Council 50 has endorsed for the 2020 General Election. For your convenience, the list is printed on pages 4 and 5 in this edition of the Finisher. Please take the time to look it over before casting your vote.

Once again, voting will be done by mail. Ballots are scheduled to arrive at mailboxes on or about October 16, 2020, and should be mailed back by October 26, 2020, to ensure that the ballots are received by November 3, 2020, election day. As a reminder, this new mail-in voting procedure makes it convenient, easy, and safe for everyone to vote.

In this past election, there was an incredible amount of voting participation that has not been witnessed since the 1990s. According to the

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Our Future, Our Choice

Come November 3, 2020, we will have the choice to make a difference and effect much-needed change to our lives – our health, welfare, education, pensions, economy, infrastructure, and more. Most importantly, we can restore our basic rights as citizens regardless of color, ethnicity or religion.

Now is the time to come to terms with the fact that our government hasn't delivered what was promised in the last election. Things have gotten worse rather than better. They aimed to take our medical coverage, took away our right to claim union dues on our taxes, took away deductions for work-related items such as tools, clothing and safety footwear.

The U.S. Senate and its Republican majority are proposing the Heals Act, which falls far below our needs. Democrats proposed the Heroes Act, which will continue to help the unemployed, protect workers, prevent evictions and utility cutoffs, and provide hazard pay for workers. The differences are clear. We need every member to vote and mail their ballot in as soon as possible. Register to vote if you have not done so. Talk to your union representative if you need help registering.

Looking ahead to the General Election, it is District Council 50's top priority to reach out and meet as many members possible to convey the message that their single vote will make all the difference needed for change. We have to turn this catastrophe around and get back the balance in our lives. Their plans for addressing this pandemic that is ravaging our livelihood is not working. Complacency in some of our government departments are now causing disruption to the standards that have been established.

We as members of the District Council 50 Local Unions must band together. We have to commit ourselves to make the changes necessary to right this wrong for the future of our unions. Members deserve the pay, benefits and jobs that will keep our economy stable. We cannot get complacent. It doesn't cost you anything to practice your right to vote – just a few minutes of your time to cast your vote can make all the difference, as every single vote counts and will make the difference to make the changes. 🙌



Political Department Report

Hawaii's first mail-in primary election is in the history books. On August 8, 2020, a record number of voters participated in a Hawaii primary election. Although there were some close races, the mail-in process proceeded smoothly and without significant controversy.

Many of the candidates endorsed by District Council 50 and your local unions fared well in the primary. Of particular note is Honolulu mayoral candidate Keith Amemiya, who started out in the middle of a crowded field but surged ahead of other candidates to finish second in the vote count. Keith will now run in the General Election in November. A list of the candidates that DC50 has endorsed is printed on pages 4 and 5.

You may have heard in the news that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were chosen as the Democratic Party nominees for the 2020 Presidential election. The IUPAT has endorsed both Biden and Harris in the 2020 Presidential election. In his nomination acceptance speech, former Vice President Biden specifically mentioned his belief in and open support of unions – a most welcome contrast from four years of Donald Trump's incessant attacks on unions and working-class people.

General Election Information

The General Election will be held on November 3, 2020. Once again, this election will be by mail-in ballot. All registered voters should receive their ballots for the General in the mail by October 16, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be received by your County Elections Division by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Any ballots received after 7 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted, so please make sure to mail your ballots at least three to five days before Election Day. Mail-in ballots can also be dropped off at Voter Service Centers and designated Places of Deposit.

Walk-in registration and voting will also be available at Voter Service Centers beginning on October 20, 2020. Walk-in voting at Voter Service Centers will remain available until 7 p.m. on Election Day. A map showing the Voter Service Centers and Places of Deposit, together with their hours of operation, can be found through the link to the State Office of Elections' website below.

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Union Office COVID-19 Protocols

District Council 50 is continuously assessing its operations so that we can continue to provide excellent member services and ensure a safe workplace. Some of the changes that have been implemented to control the transmission of COVID-19 include: 1) Fewer staff working physically in the office – employees are encouraged to work remotely when possible; 2) Workstations have been modified to maintain six feet between workers; 3) High touch surfaces are disinfected regularly; 4) Steril-Aire UVC lights were installed in the office's HVAC system; 5) In-person meetings are cancelled until further notice – monthly membership meetings are held via ZOOM. Please contact the office to register (you must be in good standing and have a valid email address).

Anyone who feels sick or has been around someone that is sick should stay home to prevent spreading germs in the office. Maximize the use of telecommunication, including paying by check or credit card over the phone, signing the out-of-work list, scheduling training classes, getting DPR's, and filing for unemployment.

While most transactions can be done from home, sometimes there is need to come to the office. Some key changes include: 1) Upon arrival, call (808) 941-0991, option 0, to let us know you are here. We will ask COVID-19 screening questions. Please answer them honestly and completely to ensure we can provide you service; 2) If you are cleared for entry, you will be directed to the inside garage entrance (gray double door) to ring the doorbell so a staff member can take your temperature with a touchless thermometer; 3) Face masks are required for entry; Please don't bring guests – we are trying to limit the number of people in the office.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate through this evolving situation and comply with government directives. Take care and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. 🙌



DISTRICT COUNCIL 50

2020 General Election Endorsements

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

President - Joe Biden (D)
Vice President - Kamala Harris (D)

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	RECOMMENDATION
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UNITED STATES CONGRESS

US Representative, Dist. 1		OPEN
US Representative, Dist. 2	Kaiali'i Kahele (D)	DC50 Endorsement

STATE SENATE

State Senate, Dist. 2		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 5	Gil Keith-Agaran (D)	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 9		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 16		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 19	Kurt Fevella (R)	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 20		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 22	Donovan Dela Cruz (D)	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 25	Chris Lee (D)	DC50 Endorsement

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative, Dist. 1		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 2		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 3		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 4		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 5		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 9		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 10		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 11		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 13	Lynn P. DeCoite (D)	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 14		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 15	James Kunane Tokioka (D)	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 16		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 17		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 18		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 19		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 20		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 22		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 24		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 30		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 33		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 34		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 35		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 36		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 37	Ryan Yamane (D)	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 39		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 40	Bob McDermott (R)	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 41	David Alcos (R)	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 43		OPEN

State Representative, Dist. 44
 State Representative, Dist. 45
 State Representative, Dist. 47
 State Representative, Dist. 49
State Representative, Dist. 50
 State Representative, Dist. 51

Patrick Pihana Branco (D)

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HAWAII ISLAND

Mayor, County of Hawaii
 County of Hawaii,
 Councilmember, 1
 Councilmember, 5

Mitch Roth
 Prosecuting Attorney
 Heather Kimball
 Ikaika Rodenhurst

HI COPE Endorsement
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MAUI - LANAI - MOLOKAI

Councilmember, East Maui
 Councilmember, West Maui
 Councilmember, Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu
 Councilmember, Kahului
 Councilmember, South Maui
 Councilmember, Makawao-Haiku-Paia
 Councilmember, Upcountry
 Councilmember, Lanai
 Councilmember, Molokai

Claire Carroll
 Tamara Akiko Maile Paltin
 Alice Lee
 Tasha Kama
 Tom Cook
 Mike Molina
 Yuki Lei Kashiwa Sugimura
 Gabe Johnson
 Stacy Helm Crivello

Maui COPE Endorsement
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KAUAI

County of Kauai
 Councilmember, 1
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 Councilmember, 3
 Councilmember, 4
 Councilmember, 5
 Councilmember, 6
 Councilmember, 7

Prosecuting Attorney
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 Mason K. Chock
 Felicia Cowden
 Luke A. Evslin
 Arryl Kaneshiro
 KipuKai L.P. Kualii
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

City and County of Honolulu, Mayor
 City and County of Honolulu,
Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. III
Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. IV
Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. VII

Keith Amemiya
 Prosecuting Attorney
Esther Kia'aina
Will Espero
Jacob Aki

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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TRUSTEES (OHA)

At-Large Trustee
 Resident of Hawaii Trustee
 Resident of Molokai Trustee
 Resident of Kauai Trustee

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DC50 Endorsement = Candidate **SUPPORTS** DC50 initiatives. Please vote for this candidate.

OPEN = Candidate **DID NOT** seek DC50 endorsement **OR** there **WAS NOT** unanimous support by the DC50 PAC. Please vote for your candidate of choice.

HI Committee on Political Action (COPE) Endorsement = Candidate **SUPPORTS** union initiatives. Please vote for this candidate.

Maui Committee on Political Action (COPE) Endorsement = Candidate **SUPPORTS** union initiatives. Please vote for this candidate.

Kauai Committee on Political Action (COPE) Endorsement = Candidate **SUPPORTS** union initiatives. Please vote for this candidate.

Floor Layers Report

We are more than halfway through 2020 and the floor layers have been very fortunate to have a steady flow of work despite the COVID-19 pandemic. However, everyone needs to be conscientious about safety protocols and always keep their guard up. There were a few high rises that were completed in the beginning of the year, and there are more to come.

There are renovations of many offices and buildings – especially on military bases like Schofield, Kaneohe Marine Base and Fort Shafter. Installers have also been busy working on hospitals and elementary schools. Many have also been working on Kauai at Koa'e Makana, on Maui at Ka'anapali Ocean Resort, and on the Big Island at the Four Seasons Hualalai Resort.

With all the current and future projects ahead of us, please make sure you have your safety certification up to date. If you need help with your certifications, please contact the union office.

On another note, we ask for your help in supporting our candidates by voting in the General Election. Stay healthy and aloha! 🙏



COVID-19 Apprenticeship Adjustment

Since mid-March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the state with the stay at home order, the training department has had to make a number of overnight adjustments.

Since school was still in session, the first thing we took care of was finishing our Spring semester. The Training Department relied heavily

adjustments had to be made – especially in practicing patience – as all courses were online and on cell phones, laptops or other devices that could access the Internet.

At the end of the spring semester, training coordinators and apprentices learned a lot more about using the LMS, and that has proved to be useful as the pandemic continues to affect our normal routines even now during the Fall semester. Even though our Spring semester graduation was a little different, the district council still managed to provide each of our eight-semester perfect attendance apprentices with a well-deserved gift.

On August 15, the Fall semester officially started. The Training Department and University have made several changes to ensure that apprentices, instructors, and community stay COVID-19 free. One big change has been making the adjustment for training and classes and school lessons online or via ZOOM to reduce our school attendance as COVID-19 numbers keep rising. We all need to do our part to stay COVID-19 free, so please wear your safety glasses and face mask. 🙏



on the Learning Management System (LMS) made available from Finishing Trades Institute (FTI).

The transition from hands-on and in-person classes to online courses took our apprentices by surprise here on Oahu. A number of

Neighbor Island Apprenticeship Classes

District Council 50 is proud to announce the start of apprenticeship classes on the islands of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii. With the establishment of apprenticeship classes on the other University of Hawaii Community College campuses, District Council 50 will be able to provide more related hands-on instruction to its apprentices.

Along with face-to-face classes now available, we are also able to provide our members with distant learning capabilities. In addition to the Learning Management System (LMS), we are also capable of providing virtual classroom environments using ZOOM. With ZOOM, we are able to bring classes together from separate locations at the same time and also utilize instructors who do not reside on a particular island. In this day and age, having the ability to login using an electronic device to receive the best possible training is definitely an added advantage to our members and our industry.

This is only the beginning of the neighbor island classes, and we feel very confident that things will only improve as we move forward. Remember: District Council 50's main concern is the health and safety of our entire membership! 🙏

State of the Council

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Honolulu Star Advertiser, there were 406,425 votes cast by Saturday night's primary election deadline. Of these, 99 percent – or 400,592 – were delivered by mail-in ballot.

I cannot begin to express to you enough the importance of voting and that every vote counts! Mahalo in advance for your support and vote in the upcoming election. Remember, even a handful of votes can make a difference in any election, so make your voices heard!

Please keep safe out there. Take care of yourselves, your families and always remember to work safely! If you have any questions or concerns, please call me! 🙏

Ryder Valenzuela

Glaziers Report

Although there were a few cases of COVID-19 reported on some of the jobsites, none of the sites were shut down for more than a few days. To date, none of our members has contracted the coronavirus from these work sites. We are continually monitoring the safety procedures in place at the jobsites with jobsite visits.

The Glaziers are really busy and we are so short-handed that we are trying to recruit journeypersons from the Mainland. Projects that are current to 2021 and beyond are The A'ali'i, the Daniel K. Inouye Mauka Expansion Airport Project, Imperial Plaza Skylight Replacement Project, the Queen Emma Building Renovation Project, Azure Ala Moana, The Central Ala Moana, The Lilia Waikiki, and the Ko'ula Project.

Projects slated to start in 2021 are The Project at 902 Alder, The Block 803 Waimanu, Sky Tower Apartments Tower 1, Pohulani Elderly in Kaka'ako, the Hilton Waikoloa Renovation Project, HNL CONRAC Skylight, and The Mandrin Oriental Honolulu. Projects slated to start in 2022 are the Sky Tower Apartments Tower 2 and Ala Moana Plaza. The start of many projects depend on ending the COVID-19 pandemic, such as 1500 Kapiolani, Ka Haku by Hilton Grand Vacations, Ililani in Kaka'ako, and the Hilton's Homewood Suites at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. 🙏



Painters Welcome New Instructors

The Fall 2020 Painters Apprenticeship on Oahu has started the new semester with two new instructors onboard. We were very fortunate to have PD-I instructors Daniel Lata and Joshua Rodrigues join the program in spite of the pandemic. Honolulu Community College and the Apprenticeship Program take the health and safety of the apprentices, instructors, and staff very seriously and have focused on following recommended CDC guidelines. There have been several changes where the University has stepped-up health and hygiene measures, made face coverings mandatory when on campus, and we have ensured class sizes of 12 or fewer. With these changes in place, the need for instructors has never been more necessary. Please give a warm welcome to Daniel and Joshua! 🙏



Brandon Perez

We are pleased to welcome our new glazier instructor, Brandon Perez, to our family of dedicated instructors. Brandon has six years of experience under his belt and is currently employed with Alii Glass. Brandon is currently working on the UH campus at West Oahu and has a lot of other projects like the Symphony, Waiea, and Park Lane. Brandon is also a member of our Executive Board. He knows what it takes to become a successful glazier and wants to pass on the knowledge to the apprentices he will be teaching. When he is not working or teaching, Brandon loves to spend time with his wife and two wonderful kids. Once again, welcome to the family Brandon! 🙏



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District Council 50 Meetings

- Retirees Club meeting – have been CANCELED until further notice.
- All Local Union meetings are being held via ZOOM. Please contact the union office for information to get registered. You must register at least one day before the meeting is scheduled.

SPECIALTY WORKERS LOCAL UNION 1941

- Membership meetings – Second Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m., Union hall

PAINTERS LOCAL UNION 1791

- Executive Board meetings – Quarterly
- Membership meetings – Third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Union hall

DRYWALL TAPERS FINISHERS LOCAL UNION 1944

- Executive Board meetings – Quarterly
- Membership meetings – Second Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Union hall

GLAZIERS, ARCHITECTURAL METAL AND GLASSWORKERS LOCAL UNION 1889

- Executive Board meetings – Second to the last Thursday of the month at 4:45 p.m., Union hall
- Membership meetings – Last Thursday of the month at 4:45 p.m., Union hall

CARPET, LINOLEUM AND SOFT TILE LOCAL UNION 1926

- Executive Board meetings – Quarterly
- Membership meetings – Third Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Union hall

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY:
7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.,

SATURDAY:
7:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

District Council 50

Painters - LUI791	808-941-0991
Tapers - LUI944	808-946-6621
Glaziers - LUI889	808-946-3329
Floor Layers - LUI926	808-942-3988
SpecialtyWorkers-LUI941	808-473-8000
Toll-Free Neighbor Island	888-811-4020

DC 50 Joint Apprenticeship Training
808-947-6606
808-941-0991, Option 2

Trust Funds	808-523-9411
Toll Free Neighbor Island	877-523-9411

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