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**DC50 General Election Endorsements,  
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# State of the Council

**“Be on the lookout for your ballots in the mail and please vote!”**

By Ryden Valmoja  
DC50 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

## Aloha All!

**W**ow! Can you believe we're already heading into the holidays? This year really flew by so fast!

First and foremost, I want to express my thanks to all of you for enduring and pulling through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I know it was tough to be masked up and have to constantly worry about keeping safe and healthy – but you all did it and still continued to work hard! Mahalo to each and every one of you! We all know that COVID-19 is still among us, so please remain thoughtful and stay home when you're not feeling well, wash up, and gather safely as we head into the holiday season.

This year's Oahu Labor Unity Picnic was held on September 4, 2022, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Many union members and their families gathered at the iconic Waikiki Shell and had a great time. What an amazing day! It was almost surreal to see everyone in person again.

The General Election is right around the corner, and I know that I don't need to remind you how important your vote is. Many of our jobs depend on who is in charge of our state and we want to ensure that staunch labor supporters are in place. The DC50 Political Action Committee vets every single candidate to make sure that they are aligned with our union values before giving an

endorsement. Please be on the lookout for your ballots in the mail and please VOTE!

Lastly, our Women's and Young Lion's Committees continue to hold quarterly meetings and I encourage members to get involved. Union meetings are held monthly, so please join us on Zoom to get up-to-date information on your union, work, and upcoming projects. Meetings usually last about an hour. Please join in, ask questions, and get answers!

Mahalo and keep safe!

*Ryden Valmoja*



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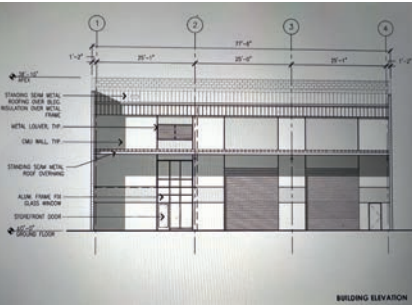
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# New Training Center Coming Soon!



We are pleased to introduce the new Training Center to all District Council 50 members. The project has been talked about at our monthly meetings and we just wanted to make everyone aware of the changes that we are making to improve our union.

District Council 50 has been working to maximize the footprint of the building for workspace and to meet City and County requirements for the building permit. After clearing the permitting process, the plans and specifications will go out to bid and move forward.

We know that parking will be limited, so we are looking into options nearby to meet our needs. Although the new training center could be considered small, we plan to use it to our advantage by keeping class sizes down and increasing instruction time members have with instructors.

We plan to use the facility mainly for upgrade training for members of all trades that will be on a rotating schedule between all trades.

## American Red Cross

The American Red Cross released a new version of the First Aid/CPR/AED program that took effect on September 1, 2022. The new program — designated as Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED — equips students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies.

The Red Cross program is designed for students who need certification that satisfies OSHA, workplace, or other regulatory requirements. Upon successful completion of the course, a valid two-year certificate is issued. District Council 50 safety instructors have been recertified and are prepared to instruct members on the latest lifesaving information and techniques. 🙌



Currently, apprenticeship classes are held at Honolulu Community College and those will continue as scheduled.

We were also awarded a grant from the International Union's Finishing Trades Institute that will allow us to almost cover the cost of four large pieces of equipment — a telehandler, forklift, boom lift and a scissors lift — that we will be able to use to certify members. We will be making announcements in monthly membership meetings on the development of the building so attend your local meetings to stay updated. 🙌

## Glaziers & Caulkers Work Forecast

This year is turning out to be a lot like last year for the Glaziers and Caulkers. Work hours for this year started off strong in the beginning of the first quarter and started to slow down towards the middle of the third quarter. However, we anticipate work hours to pick up dramatically at the start of the fourth quarter and finish strong going into the new year.

Some of the larger projects in progress for the Glaziers and Caulkers include: Sky Ala Moana, Waiea renovation project, and Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Tower renovation. The Koa Ridge and Ho'opili housing projects will extend for years down the road.

Projects that will start up in 2022 and roll into 2023 are: Hale Wai'olu Senior Residence, Victoria Place, Kokua Senior Living, Ala Moana Plaza, and Schofield Barracks Bldgs 2075 and 2076.

Also starting in 2023 are a number of projects in the three-to-five-month range. Slated to start this year are state projects, military base projects, and neighbor island projects. Some of the more prominent ones are the Ililani, The Park at Ward Village, and Hokuala, to name a few. Upcoming projects without definite start dates include the Grand Vacations Project and The Residences Mandarin Oriental Honolulu.

All in all, we should be extremely busy in 2023! 🙌



## From the Political Department

The recent 2022 Primary Election was unlike any normal election cycle for a number of reasons. First, numerous state and county district lines were redrawn as a result of data gathered in the 2020 United States Census. Second, a surprising number of incumbents chose not to run for office. Finally, many new, first-time candidates ran for office.

District Council 50's Political Department and your local unions worked hard to find the right candidates to support and to lay the groundwork for success in the political battles that are sure to come in the next few years. This work included interviewing scores of candidates, determining which ones to support, and then going out into the community to support those candidates that were chosen for endorsement.

A list of all candidates supported by DC50 was published in last quarter's edition of the Finisher. Though they still must win in the General Election, many candidates supported by DC50 won their primary elections. Your Political Department will continue to work to support those politicians that support us.

The Primary Election this year demonstrated yet again how significant even one vote can be. A recount in the race for State House District 35 showed that Cory Chun (who was endorsed by DC50) defeated Nathan Takeuchi by five (5) votes! Mr. Chun graciously called the Political Department immediately after the recount to thank us for supporting him. Remember, every vote matters, and we strongly urge you to participate in the November 8, 2022 General Election. 🙌



# 2022 IUPAT, DISTRICT COUNCIL 50 GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

## UNITED STATE SENATE

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	RECOMMENDATION
US Senate	Brian Schatz	DC50 Endorsement

## UNITED STATES CONGRESS

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	RECOMMENDATION
US Representative, Dist. 1		OPEN
US Representative, Dist. 2	Jill Tokuda	DC50 Endorsement

## STATE OF HAWAII Governor – Josh Green Lt. Governor – Sylvia Luke

## STATE SENATE

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	RECOMMENDATION
State Senate, Dist. 1		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 2		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 4		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 6		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 7	Lynn DeCoite	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 8	Ronald Kouchi	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 9		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 10		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 11		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 12		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 13	Karl Rhoads	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 14	Donna Mercado Kim	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 15		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 16	Brandon J.C. Elefante	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 17	Donovan Dela Cruz	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 18	Michelle N. Kidani	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 21		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 22		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 23		OPEN
State Senate, Dist. 24	Jarrett Keohokalole	DC50 Endorsement
State Senate, Dist. 25	Chris Lee	DC50 Endorsement

## STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	RECOMMENDATION
State Representative, Dist. 3		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 4		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 5		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 6		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 8		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 11		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 12		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 13		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 14		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 15		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 16	James Kunane Tokioka	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 17		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 19		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 20		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 21		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 22	Andrew Takuya Garrett	DC50 Endorsement
State Representative, Dist. 24		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 25		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 26		OPEN
State Representative, Dist. 27		OPEN

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## State Representative, Dist. 28

State Representative, Dist. 29

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## State Representative, Dist. 32

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## State Representative, Dist. 35

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State Representative, Dist. 49

State Representative, Dist. 50

State Representative, Dist. 51

## DISTRICT

Councilmember, 2

## DISTRICT

### Mayor, County of Maui

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

## DISTRICT

### Mayor, County of Kauai

Councilmember, 1

Councilmember, 2

Councilmember, 3

Councilmember, 4

Councilmember, 5

Councilmember, 6

Councilmember, 7

## DISTRICT

### Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. II

### Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. IV

### Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. VI

### Honolulu Councilmember, Dist. VIII

## DISTRICT

At-Large Trustee

Resident of Hawaii Trustee

Daniel Holt

Micah Po'okela Kim Aiu

Cory M. Chun

Rachele Fernandez Lamosao

Ryan I. Yamane

Janie Gueso (R)

David A. Alcos, III (R)

Sharon E. Har

## HAWAII ISLAND

### CANDIDATE

## MAUI – LANAI – MOLOKAI

### CANDIDATE

Michael Victorino

Alice L. Lee

Buddy James M.A. Nobriga

Tom Cook

Nohe U'u-Hodgins

Yuki Lei Kashiwa Sugimura

Riki Hokama

John Pele

## KAUAI

### CANDIDATE

Derek S. K. Kawakami

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## CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

### CANDIDATE

Matt Weyer

Tommy Waters

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

Ron Menor

## RECOMMENDATION

### DC50 Endorsement

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## OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TRUSTEES (OHA)

### CANDIDATE

## RECOMMENDATION

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**\*OPEN – Indicates that NO candidate had requested an interview/endorsement OR candidate(s) who were interviewed DID NOT support and align with the views and initiatives of the district council unions.**

# Help Wanted

**W**hy do I see so many “Now Hiring” signs everywhere? My favorite radio station runs countless ads for companies recruiting and offering bonuses. It seems like there’s not enough people to work, or nobody wants to work anymore. I’ve heard some people say it’s the new generation of kids not wanting to work, but I don’t agree.

I think when everything shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic, people had time to reflect and determining that they don’t want jobs that barely pay them enough to eat, let alone save and get ahead.

People are finally understanding the bigger picture. Over the last couple of decades, big business has worked hard to stack the cards in their favor. In the past decade alone big business has invested \$20 billion in federal campaign contributions – most of it going to Republicans. Powerful business trade associations like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce gave 84 percent of its contributions to Republicans. So, it’s safe to say that big business is represented by the Republicans.

Their goal is to get rid of unions. Labor unions have supported and fought for many of the benefits we have today. The eight-hour workday, the five-day work week, overtime pay, minimum wages, and Social Security are just some of the benefits we enjoy today because of unions.

Men and women who are members of our finishing trades

union here in Hawaii enjoy some of the best pay and benefit packages in the state. Union labor has a positive effect for non-union labor as well by raising the bar on pay and benefits. We must continue to fight for what we have. We need to support the



politicians that are pro labor and who will back unions. Over the past 60 years, big business has put powerful people in place to change labor laws that will weaken workers rights. So, I say to all our brothers and sisters, act and vote pro union! 🙌

## You Are Not Alone!

**O**ne of the least talked about issues in the construction industry today is the mental health of its members. No one wants to talk about it because they feel it is embarrassing to have personal and mental issues, and people do not want to show any weaknesses. As a result, it is an epidemic that if not addressed can cause serious harm to an individual.

The two-year hiatus from work and social gathering caused by COVID-19 has especially affected many individuals. Frustration, domestic problems, financial instability, and being distanced from friends and relatives have taken a toll on many and could even lead to fatal consequences. The stress has caused some people to turn to alcohol and drugs – and at times robbery – just to cope with the depression.

District Council 50 is taking the initiative to address this problem by providing help, guidance, care and references to community resources and professional help while ensuring complete privacy. Our union has taken steps to have its business representatives and training staff enlist in the Helping Hands Initiative. They have been enrolled in the course to help with mental health awareness and to provide support to every individual that needs help.

District Council 50 is building a caring culture that benefits all IUPAT members. Improving the individual’s health and wellness, to live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential is the goal. These efforts will aid in saving our members, friends and families lives and impact their quality of life. If at any time any member wants or needs help, your Business Representatives and Training Coordinators are available to assist. They all are trained and ready and willing to listen nonjudgmentally and serve as a vital link in finding resources in mental health first aid programs.

Contact your District Council 50 staff for more information. It’s okay to ask for help and to know what’s available when needed. The well-being of every District Council 50 member and their families is the key to a strong and united union. 🙌

## OSHA 10 Class

**I**n June, a union contractor requested that its current employees complete OSHA 10. Due to the lack of instructors available during the summer, Tapers Training Coordinator Mario Manrique, Jr. was asked if his certified instructor Garrett Russell would be able to teach the class. Within a month, the Training Department was able to send a letter to all contractors for all trades to participate in the OSHA 10 certification.



Instructor Garrett Russell was recently certified in OSHA 500 and stepped up to teach a large class that had a mixture of members from each trade. Tapers Training Coordinator Mario Manrique, Jr. assisted in teaching the certification class. After the completion of two successful classes, certification cards were mailed to each participating member.

District Council 50 Training Department would like to thank instructors like Garrett, who is always willing to help our members. He is a great asset to our Tapers Union and Training Department. 🙌

## Tri-West Installation Seminar

District Council 50 continuously strives to provide opportunities for its members to improve and enhance their skills. On June 16, 2022, the Floor Layers were given an upgrade seminar held at Honolulu Community College. The seminar was conducted by Tim Provence, a Tri-West installation trainer. Tim's workshop thoroughly explained instructions and designing strategies with hands-on demonstration of mockups providing an interactive learning opportunity for the Floor Layers membership.



Topics Tim covered included:

- New Commercial Sheet Vinyl – Armstrong Medinpure Installation and Heat Welding
- Plank Replacement – Drop Lock and Unilin Systems
- Use of Unifix Tool
- Armstrong S-1841 Underlayment and Moisture Barrier

The seminar was successful with the more than 30 members who attended leaving the seminar very enthusiastic about wanting to take what they learned back to their jobsites. 🧐

## Floor Layers to Compete for Title?

Aloha everyone! Once a month, IUPAT flooring business representatives across the United States meet on Zoom to discuss matters affecting the flooring industry, Information about new and upcoming products, and flooring news about what's happening in other states.



Among the topics touched upon during this meeting is the proposition of bringing back the Installer of the Year Competition. This would crown one journeyman and an apprentice who compete in the installation of covup sheet vinyl and pattern carpet in the mock-ups. The competition will be judged on workmanship and following blueprints within a time limit.

To start off this event, a competition would be held locally to determine one journeyman winner and one apprentice winner. Then, contestants will be sent to a second competition where they will compete with the other councils in the IUPAT. That winner will then go on to compete in the final contest called the Installer of the Year Competition in Las Vegas where they will represent their local as well

as the IUPAT by competing against floor layers from across the world.

The contest will last three days and will be graded by several judges. The winner will be recognized as being the best of the best in flooring and will also receive tools.



Journeymen and apprentices who wish to compete should have experience in installing sheet vinyl covup and patterned carpet, be able to read blueprints, and have a good attitude. In addition, apprentices are able to compete in the contest even if they are no longer in the apprenticeship program. If you are interested in participating, please contact our Training Coordinator and Business Representative. Notices for contest dates will be announced once they are confirmed. 🧐

## Walter Nunuha to Retire

District Council 50 member and brother Walter Nunuha is officially retiring from the IUPAT, Glaziers Union, and as an instructor for the Glaziers Apprenticeship Program at the end of this Fall 2022 semester. During his more than 15 years as an instructor, Walter taught apprentices from Monday through Thursday at Honolulu Community College.

Walter took his job seriously and was always willing to teach the future glaziers of Hawaii. Walter would always tell apprentices to be "like a sponge and soak up all the knowledge that the instructors were sharing." On the occasion of his retirement, District Council 50 would like to express its thanks to Walter Nunuha for his dedication to the Apprenticeship Program and Local 1889 for his work and contributions toward the betterment of our union. 🧐







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## District Council 50 Meetings

- Retirees Club meeting – have been CANCELED until further notice.
- Young Lions Committee meeting – Friday, October 21, 2022, 4:30 p.m., via Zoom; and Friday, January 20, 2023, 4:30 p.m., via Zoom
- Women's Committee meeting – Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

### SPECIALTY WORKERS LOCAL UNION 1941

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

### PAINTERS LOCAL UNION 1791

- Membership meetings – Third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

### DRYWALL TAPERS FINISHERS LOCAL UNION 1944

- Membership meetings – Second Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

### GLAZIERS, ARCHITECTURAL METAL AND GLASSWORKERS LOCAL UNION 1889

- Executive Board meetings – Second to the last Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom
- Membership meetings – Last Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

### CARPET, LINOLEUM AND SOFT TILE LOCAL UNION 1926

- Membership meetings – Third Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

## OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:**

**7:00 A.M. – 5:00 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	808-941-0991
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

## IN MEMORIAM

**PAUL AWO, FLOOR LAYERS LOCAL UNION 1926**

**WAYNE MAUNA GALENG, SR., FORMER MEMBER OF  
THE TAPERS LOCAL UNION 1944**

**RAYMOND G. LURBE, GLAZIERS LOCAL UNION 1889**