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2026 **Hawaii** **VOTER** **GUIDE**

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A MESSAGE FROM **THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER**

Aloha

Aloha Hawaii Voters!

We are excited to share the 2026 Voter Guide. This guide is part of our ongoing commitment to provide accessible and reliable election resources for all.

As a registered voter, you will receive your ballot in the mail 18 days before Election Day. Please take a moment to check that your voter registration is current, so your ballot is delivered to the correct address. If you have moved or changed your mailing address since the last election, update your registration as soon as possible.

When your ballot arrives, vote and sign the return envelope. Your signature is important as it enables election officials to verify your identity and maintain the integrity of the voting process. Remember, your ballot must be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day in order to be counted.

Your vote matters, and your vote makes a difference. Thank you for being an active part of Hawaii's democratic process. Together, we can ensure safe, secure, and transparent elections for everyone.

Very truly yours,



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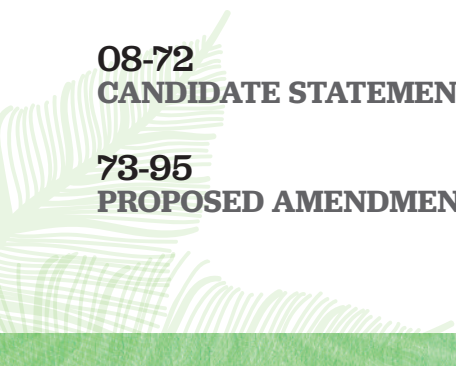
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WHAT IS THE VOTER GUIDE?

The Voter Guide ensures you have information about the elections process and the contests you'll be voting on. The guide includes information on voter registration, key dates, and resources like how to track your ballot and accessible voting. Additionally, statements and photos are submitted by the candidates running for office.

How are the statements and photos compiled?

Every candidate can provide a short statement and photo when they file to run for office. The statement must be less than 150 words, and candidates are offered the following guidance: Treat your statement as a resume; focus on what matters to your community; share your goals and vision; highlight relevant experience; stay positive; and avoid criticism of opponents.

The statements and photos are published in the guide as provided by the candidates. Also published will be the candidate's ballot name, legal name, political affiliation, and contact information. If the candidate does not provide a statement or photo, the phrase 'No Statement Submitted' or 'No Photo Submitted' will appear next to their candidate information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2026 General Election

- October 16: Look for your General Election ballot packet to be delivered in the mail.
- October 20: Voter Service Centers are open through Election Day for voter registration and accessible in-person voting. Visit elections.hawaii.gov for locations, dates, and hours.
- October 26: Final day for first-time voters to submit a paper Voter Registration Application for the General Election.
- November 3: General Election. Voted ballots must be received by 7:00 PM.

Who is eligible to register to vote?

You must be a U.S. citizen, a Hawaii resident, and at least 18 years old. If you are at least 16 years old, you can pre-register to vote and you will automatically be registered when you turn 18 years old.

What's the quickest way to register?

Online! With your Hawaii Driver License or Hawaii State ID, get registered in a matter of minutes at elections.hawaii.gov. If you don't have a Hawaii ID, a printable application is available through the website or at post offices and libraries.

How do I declare my party affiliation?

You'll notice that when you register to vote, you are not asked for your political party affiliation. That's not a mistake. Hawaii voters do not declare a political party affiliation when registering to vote.

Do I have to register to vote every year?

No, you do not need to register to vote before each election. You are however responsible for maintaining a current registration. If your name, residence, or mailing address changes between elections, you need to update your voter registration. Election officials rely on your current voter registration to know what ballot to assign you and where to send it.

Get in the habit of checking your voter registration at the start of every election year! Check and update your registration at elections.hawaii.gov.

Where do I vote?

Your ballot comes to you! Hawaii is a vote by mail state, which means that as a registered voter, you'll automatically receive your ballot in the mail every election. With voting by mail, our elections don't take place on just one day, your voting window really starts once your ballot arrives in your mailbox. You also have other options described in this guide. For example, you could instead vote in person at a voter service center, which has accessible voting devices.

VOTING BY MAIL

Here's what you need to know about voting by mail.

Your mail ballot:

- Is automatically sent to your mailing address
- Arrives 18 days before Election Day
- Requires your signature to be counted
- Needs to be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day

What if I didn't receive my ballot?

If you do not receive your ballot, contact your County Elections Division and they will issue you a replacement ballot.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake, misplace, or damage your ballot, request a replacement ballot from your County Elections Division.

Can I change my mind after I've returned the ballot?

No. Once you return your voted ballot and it is received by the County Elections Division, it is considered cast, and you will not be able to receive a new ballot.

How can I vote if I'm away during the election

If you will be away during the election, you may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to an alternate address. Simply complete an Absentee Ballot Application and indicate where you would like your ballot to be mailed.

COMPLETING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

1. Before voting, review both sides of the ballot. To vote, darken the boxes of your choice with a black or blue pen.
2. After voting, place your ballot in the secrecy sleeve. Then, place the secrecy sleeve in the return envelope.
3. Read the affirmation statement and sign the return envelope. You must sign the return envelope for your ballot to be counted.

RETURNING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

By Mail: Place your voted ballot in the mail using the pre-addressed, postage-paid return envelope. Be mindful of USPS delivery times to ensure it is received by the deadline.

By Ballot Drop Box: Drop your voted ballot at a ballot drop box location within your county. Visit elections.hawaii.gov for locations, dates, and hours.

Voted ballots must be received by your County Elections Divisions by 7:00 PM on Election Day to be counted.

PROCESSING YOUR BALLOT

Once your return envelope is received, the barcode on it is scanned. The unique barcode allows officials to track the return of your ballot and prevents anyone from voting more than once.

The signature on the return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter record. If officials are unable to confirm a match, you'll be notified to fix the issue within five business days post-election.

If your signature is successfully matched, your ballot is securely transported to the counting center. At the counting center, your voted ballot is processed through vote counting scanners.

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

Sign up for ballot tracking alerts via text, email, or voice call at elections.hawaii.gov. The service lets you know where your ballot is and sends key reminders including an alert when the ballot return deadline is approaching.

VIEW ELECTION RESULTS

After 7:00 PM on Election Day, you can begin viewing election results at elections.hawaii.gov. The results will continue to be updated until all valid ballots received by the deadline are counted.

You can expect the following release of results:

- Report 1 is released after the voter service centers are closed on Election Day.
- Report 2 is scheduled for release at 10:30 PM on Election Day.
- Election Day Final Report is released once all return envelopes have been signature checked by the County Elections Division and processed at the counting center.
- Election Final Report is released after the 5-business day voter signature curing period.



VOTER SERVICE CENTERS

For same day registration and voting, and accessible voting | Visit elections.hawaii.gov for locations, dates, and hours.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING

Accessible voting options are available. Consider which voting method meets your needs.

1. Vote at home with a paper ballot.

- **Automatic mail delivery.** Your ballot packet arrives directly at your mailing address.
- **You're allowed to have help.** If reviewing, marking, and returning your ballot poses a challenge, you can ask for help. You're permitted to ask someone you feel comfortable with to help read through your ballot, mark your choices, and be your witness if you cannot sign the return envelope independently. Your employer or your union agent is prohibited from helping.
- **Prepaid return envelope provided.** Return your ballot by mail in the provided return envelope. No additional postage is required.

To vote at home with a paper ballot: By registering to vote, you'll automatically receive a mail ballot every election. No separate request is needed.

2. Vote at home with an accessible electronic ballot.

If you have a print disability and are unable to read standard print, you're eligible to vote using an electronic ballot.

- **Convenient e-mail delivery.** Your electronic ballot is securely sent to your email address. The ballot itself is not connected to the Internet and is only transmitted electronically.
- **Compatible with personal assistive devices.** Use your at-home assistive devices to review and mark your ballot independently. The electronic ballot is compatible with all major browsers, device sizes (including smartphones and tablets), and personal assistive devices.

To vote with an accessible electronic ballot: When you register to vote, check the option to request an electronic ballot and affirm that you meet the qualifications. You'll need to provide your email address.

3. Vote at a voter service center using a ballot marking device.

If you are unable to hand-mark a ballot with a pen, visit a voter service center to use the accessible ballot marking device, Verity Touch Writer.

- **Enhanced accessibility features.** The Verity Touch Writer allows you to independently choose your ballot selections through an electronic interface. Device features include a large touchscreen interface, rotary wheel console to move through the ballot, compatibility with tactile switches and "sip and puff" devices, adjustable text size and screen contrast for increased visibility, and headphone capability for audio access.
- **Accessible machines are available statewide.** All voter service centers are equipped with the Verity Touch Writer. Voter service centers are open up to 10 business days leading up to Election Day, giving you ample time to visit a location to vote.
- **Not electronic voting.** The Verity Touch Writer is simply an electronic device to assist you in reviewing and marking your ballot. After voting, you'll print a paper ballot to be scanned for counting. The printed ballot is the same one used by all voters whether at the voter service center or by mail.

To vote using a ballot marking device: Visit a voter service center in your county. Registering ahead of your visit may reduce your wait time.

CAMPAIGN SPENDING

To view candidate contributions and spending, visit the Campaign Spending Commission website at csc.hawaii.gov/CFSPublic/menu/.

ETHICS COMMISSION

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I'm Nathan Berning, an independent progressive running for Congress. I believe housing, healthcare, food and transportation are human rights, and being able to keep your baby is a human right. Hawaiian families deserve abundance, not scarcity. My plan is Universal Housing Abundance, free housing, healthcare and transportation, as well as more affordable food, clean water, protected land, and full support for mothers, children, kupuna, workers, and families. I built a national nonprofit called Let Them Live and have helped over 1,000 families in crisis. I know how to turn big ideas into action. If elected, I will fight for a future where every Hawaiian family has a home, every child is welcomed, every resident can afford to live, and Hawaii leads America into a new era of human dignity, innovation, and aloha.



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Aloha! I'm U.S. Congressman Ed Case, humbly asking for your kōkua to continue my service in Congress. These are uncertain and difficult times, from unacceptably high costs of living, to our economy and jobs, international relations, federal finances, environment, social safety net and more, all while our foundations erode. We must change course to a better way forward. That demands strong, smart and experienced leadership in Congress that can best navigate change, solve problems, defend democracy, and help Hawai'i. If re-elected, I'll move to the top 25% of House seniority, expand my role on our powerful Appropriations Committee, and increase my ability to just get things done. And I'll keep working hard, staying in touch, speaking honestly, listening carefully, representing all of Hawai'i, and fighting for our country and for real solutions that will make your life better. I deeply appreciate your consideration, and ask for your support. Mahalo.



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I am a Coach, Fitness Professional, Teacher, and Community Organizer. From working in the service industry, volunteer coaching, starting a non-profit (Hapa Mana) and now running for congress, I have always been a community first minded person. I have never wanted to run for office but have always paid attention to politics. This brought me to the realization that corporate parties will serve their masters. To have a party that will serve the common people, it must be filled with the common person. The top issues I will focus on are Universal Health Care, Non-violence and Cost of living. My vision is a future where every individual has the opportunity to thrive. My passion for community empowerment and inclusive leadership drives the mission to create a more equitable and prosperous society. By fostering collaboration and leveraging diverse perspectives, I am dedicated to building a thriving future for the people.



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I ask for your vote to humbly walk the halls of Congress and boldly speak and advocate for the people of Hawaii as your Congressional Representative in Washington, DC. I am a fourth-generation Kaneohe resident. My great-grandfather was a rice farmer in Kaneohe, my grandfather worked at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and my father and mother preached the Gospel overseas. After nearly 24 years of service in the US Army, I returned home with my family to Hawaii, to serve my neighborhood and community. My initial priorities are maintaining Hawaii's strategic importance at the center of the Pacific, accessing federal funds to upgrade waterways and transportation infrastructure, and reforming federal shipping regulations to give our businesses and consumers fair and equitable access to the mainland and global markets. My work experience and education can be found at www.linkedin.com/in/adriellam. Vote Adriel Lam, US House of Representatives, Hawaii Congressional District 1.



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Election record – 2-0 (Win/loss) Hawaii’s Senate Minority Leader. Hawaii’s highest ranking Republican. The only Hawaii state lawmaker elected in 2024 without taking any donations. The only Hawaii legislator with a “no gift” policy. The only Hawaiian in this race. Described by political analysts as a maverick, an independent, and a hands on leader popular for policies geared towards keeping Hawaii residents from being priced out, Senator Awa has also developed a reputation for speaking truth to power under any circumstance. Since elected in 2022, Awa has spent thousands of hours turning public lands into spaces that grow food. The senator personally tends to aina in his district, raising ulu, mountain apple, banana, coconuts, and other food for his community while fending off invasive pests. On social media, Awa is the most followed state lawmaker in Hawaii. The father of two is also a proud graduate of Kahuku High.

I’m running for Congress because too many local families are struggling just to stay in the place they love. The rising cost of housing, food, gas, healthcare, and utilities are pushing our people out and making our children question whether they can build a future here at home. The truth is, the system has been rigged for too long to benefit the rich and powerful while everyday families pay the price. That’s why I don’t take corporate PAC money — because I work for the people of Hawai’i, not special interests profiting while local families fall behind. As a mother, this fight is personal. Every day, I’m fighting to lower costs, protect our land, defend local opportunity, and make sure Hawai’i remains a place where working families can afford not just to survive, but to stay, raise their children, and thrive for generations to come.





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My name is Gary Cordery, and it is my privilege and honor to announce my candidacy for Governor of Hawai'i. As a husband of 45 years, father of two, and grandfather of seven, I believe in the importance of 'Ohana and the legacy it represents. These values anchor the vision for our campaign. As a successful General Contractor, I understand managing employees, logistics, resources, and the professional relationships required to complete projects on time. In 2020, my wife Kim and I founded the Aloha Freedom Coalition, an organization supporting the individual rights of people and thousands in Hawai'i joined to affirm these rights. Our pro-Hawai'i campaign will embrace transparency, integrity, and accountability, where stewardship of the people's resources will be reflected in tangible policy, resulting in opportunity and justice for all. Together, we will turn the tide from disappointment and despair to abundance for the people of Hawai'i.



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My top priority is making Hawaii more affordable for every family. In my first term in office, we delivered the biggest tax cut for the middle class in state history, we doubled the earned income tax credit and the food tax credit, and increased the child and dependent care credit. We are building new housing at a scale we haven't seen in decades, including 46,000 units of affordable housing — which will help bring housing costs down for everyone. We have also made the largest investment in reducing homelessness in our state's history — we are building 30 kauhale villages statewide, communities of tiny homes that are getting people off the street permanently and helping them turn their lives around. There is still more work to do on these challenges — that's why I am running for a second term as governor, and what I will continue to work on if elected.

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My name is Daniel Anthony, and I am running for Lieutenant Governor because I believe Hawai'i's best days are still ahead of us. Our ancestors crossed vast oceans with courage, faith, and a vision for future generations. Today, we are called to show that same courage. We face rising costs, declining trust in government, and growing challenges to our way of life—but I refuse to believe that Hawai'i's future must be one of decline. Rooted in Aloha 'Āina, family, and faith in our people, I am committed to restoring trust through transparency, accountability, and servant leadership. I will fight to protect our lands, strengthen local food security, support small businesses, and ensure government serves the people—not the other way around. This campaign is about more than politics. It is about inspiring a new generation to believe that Hawai'i can once again be a place where families thrive, communities are



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Aloha. I'm Derek Kawakami, born in Hilo, raised on Kaua'i, and a husband, father, and lifelong public servant. I'm running for Lieutenant Governor because Hawai'i needs trusted leadership that brings people together and delivers results. Over two terms as Mayor of Kaua'i, we've led through COVID-19 and natural disasters, repaired roads, expanded affordable housing, eased the tax burden on local families, strengthened public safety, and ensured visitors contribute their fair share. I'm ready to bring that same people-first approach to every island. Families across Hawai'i are struggling with the cost of living, housing, and homelessness, and with the fear that their children won't be able to stay in the place they call home. As Lieutenant Governor, I'll work with the Governor, counties, and communities to deliver practical solutions rooted in aloha, respect, and trust, so our keiki, families, and kūpuna can thrive.





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Here’s what I’d like to accomplish: 1. Term limits for all elected officials. 2. Extend legislative sessions from five months to ten months. 3. Align fiscal year with calendar year. 4. Really balance the budget. 5. Legalize possession and cultivation of cannabis. 6. Give counties more autonomy. 7. Protect local product names like “Ka’u Coffee”. 8. Decouple electricity generation from the distribution system. 9. Implement point-of-origin labeling for local produce. 10. Fully fund governmental retirement and health obligations. 11. Pay good teachers more. 12. Let principals spend their operating budget any way they see fit. 13. Create county school boards. 14. Let parents decide which school is best for their keiki. 15. Require prisoners to work. 16. Focus on criminal rehabilitation. 17. Reimplement capital punishment. 18. Implement a flat percentage state income tax. 19. Eliminate sales tax on food and drugs. 20. Tax agricultural land at the lowest rate.



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I am proud to help increase healthcare in Puna, including a future Keaau Healthcare Center; a future DoH mobile dialysis and HICHC’s Keaau dental center expansion. I decreased traffic issues by having HDoT partner with the county to improve Stainback and create a future Mamaki/Hwy 11 merge lane to ease the upper Puna-Hilo commute. For lower Puna, traffic since 2014 was eased by expanding Hwy 130 from 2 to 4 lanes from Keaau to Kaloli, creating a protected right turn from Shower and contra-flow lanes during morning rush hour. During times of crisis, I acquired \$60 Mil for matching funds for the county to acquire full FEMA funding for the 2018 lava disaster. In 2023, I helped protect women’s reproductive rights by shielding providers from out-of-state anti-abortion laws and recently, I helped SNAP recipients during the 2025 fed shutdown. Please re-elect me so I can do more.

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The reason I'm running for office goes back to my parents. My father was an immigrant from China who came to this country with nothing. With one state job as a UH professor, he was able to buy a home, put my brother and me through school and college, and retire comfortably. Today, it would cost me 40 years of my entire salary to buy the house he bought in 1983. It's no longer possible for young people to work one job, raise a family, and buy a home. That's why I've chaired the Housing committee for 8 years, fighting to bring the Singaporean housing model to Hawaii. I've championed innovative ways to reduce homelessness, mental health, and youth engagement in government. We've delivered tens of millions of dollars for our district's schools and other public facilities. I humbly ask for your vote.

I believe strong families build strong communities. As a husband and father of three, my faith teaches me that public service is a responsibility, not a platform for personal ambition. Hawai'i needs leaders who will listen carefully, speak honestly, and make decisions with humility, courage, and accountability. I know the pressures families face: rising costs, limited housing, concerns about education, and the many challenges of raising children and caring for kupuna. I will work to protect parental rights, strengthen local communities, support responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and defend the dignity of every person. My commitment is simple: to serve with integrity, put families first, and help build a Hawai'i where faith, freedom, responsibility, and aloha can flourish for generations to come.

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Aloha! My name is Wallyn Christian, and I was born and raised on O’ahu. I am honored to be running for State Senate District 13 to serve as a strong voice for our community. For years, I have spoken up for the people of Hawai’i, advocating for issues that impact our families, keiki, kupuna, small businesses, and future generations. I believe we can build a more affordable and prosperous Hawai’i where local families can live, work, and thrive. I would be grateful for your vote and the opportunity to represent you. Together, with aloha, respect, and a commitment to service, we can work toward a brighter future for our keiki and generations to come. Mahalo for your support, and have a blessed and prosperous day! God bless the people of Hawai’i!



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Aloha neighbor, as a fourth-generation resident of this district—with my children representing the next generation—my family’s roots here run deep, and my commitment to our community is lifelong. For over 30 years, this has been more than where I’ve lived and worked; it’s where I’ve built my life. As a dedicated public servant, prosecutor and legislative liaison for over 15 years, I’ve worked with lawmakers, public and private entities, and community partners to create laws that make our neighborhoods safer and our government more transparent. As a mother of two, raised by a hardworking middle-class family, I understand the pressures local families face, the high cost of living and need for affordable housing. This life experience and proven record make me uniquely qualified to deliver real results for our community. I would be honored to serve you in the State Senate, and humbly ask for your vote. Sincerely, Tricia

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Hi I'm Max Hanna and i want to be your next State Senator, that's a bold ask from a 21 year old who hasn't done government work. But I want to be in a place where I can better society by working with people to promote solutions for the citizens rather than the special intrests. I'm running as an Independent because this job is about Representing the Citizens not Towing the Party line and with your Vote of Confidence, We can achieve real reform, if you want to learn my policies please contact me as I'd love to discuss policy with you, Thank you.

Aloha! It is an honor to serve as your State Senator for the Central O'ahu communities I call home. Born and raised in Mililani, I'm a Mililani High and UH graduate with deep Central O'ahu roots and a lifelong commitment to service. As a longtime community leader, I've served in government, our schools, community organizations, and as Chair of the Mililani-Waipio Neighborhood Board. As your Senator, I'm in our communities working hard for you. With your support, I'll keep fighting for affordability, safe communities, stronger schools & infrastructure, and a stronger Central O'ahu.



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Central Oahu is more than just a district on a map, it is our home. It's where we raise our children, support our local businesses, and build our futures. But today, too many working families are facing high costs, strained school resources, and long commutes. As a private-sector leader, local mother, and lifelong member of our community, I'm running for State Senate District 18 to bring common-sense solutions and fresh energy to the State Capitol. I believe in building on the strong educational foundations laid before us while delivering real economic relief and local jobs for our community.





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As a proud product of our local public schools and a lifelong member of this community, I am committed to serving the people who shaped me. From my work on the Waipahu Neighborhood Board and with the Hawaii Foodbank to serving in the State Legislature, my focus has always been on giving back and making a difference. I understand the challenges our families face because I have lived them alongside you. That is why I remain dedicated to finding practical solutions, strengthening our community, and ensuring that every voice is heard. It has been an honor to serve you, and I humbly ask for your continued trust and support as we work together to build a stronger future for our community.



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If elected, my goals include: -improve the economy -safer communities -make housing cheaper -less homeless -reduce the cost of electricity -improve commute times on the road -better education

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Married to UtuFa’asili J. McDermott for 39 years;we raised 8 children and now blessed with over 20+ plus grandchildren. Served as an elisted and officer of Marines, Desert Storm veteran. Served 16 years in the State House. Unsuccessful Republican nominee for US Senate, two times. Not to sound immodest, I Blew the whistle on Red Hill, relentlessly demanding its closure. Secured, approximately 80m for Campbell High school’s new building and many smaller items. Protector of children from gender ideaology being forced upon them at the tenderest of ages (kindergarten) YES,BOE policy mandates sexuality education in kindergarten...this is demonic. Please , Democrats leave our children alone!!



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I am proud to run for state Senate District 20 to represent the hardworking families of ‘Ewa Beach. My career reflects a lifelong commitment to public service, communication, and community engagement. With more than 30 years of government employment, I understand how public programs and policies affect our communities and how to navigate the system to deliver results. As a government public relations professional, I built a reputation for clear communication, transparency, and responsiveness—ensuring residents’ voices are heard. My 20+ years as a television broadcaster strengthened my ability to inform the public and connect with people across our community. As a real estate professional, I developed strong negotiation skills—bringing people together and finding practical solutions. I will bring experienced leadership, clear communication, and effective negotiation to the state legislature to advocate for ‘Ewa Beach and deliver meaningful results for our community’s future.





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Jonathan Kennealy was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii and graduated from Waiakea High in 2000. Jonathan is an Army Veteran and has a background of about 20 years in law enforcement. Because his parents were both small business owners in Hilo, and he owned his own business, Jonathan understands the struggle of owning a business in Hawaii. His love and priorities align with God, his family, and the people of Hawaii. Jonathan believes in bringing Hawaii to a place of self-sustainability, lowering taxes, and helping the people of Hawaii to thrive not just attempt to survive.



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Rep. Sue Keohokapu Lee Loy is honored to represent Hilo’s House District 2. Sue was proudly educated at Hilo’s public schools: Waiakeawaena Elementary, Waiakea Intermediate, Waiakea High, Hawaii Community College, and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Following a career in land use planning, Sue was elected in 2016 to the Hawaii County Council. She was elected to the Hawaii State House in 2024 and serves on the Finance Committee, Human Services Committee, and as Vice Chair of the Health Committee. In her first term, Sue brought home over \$60 million in capital improvements and grants-in-aid to help working families. Sue continues to seek economic opportunities like engaging the community in revitalizing Banyan Drive, and transforming rural health care to empower our local hospitals, clinics, and health care workers. Showing up, listening to the community, and advocating for Hilo have been and will continue to be cornerstones fo





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I'm Austin Martin, and Hawaii Island is my home. I'm running for State House District 3 because our community needs a representative who lives our reality: the high costs, the long commutes, the worry about whether our kids can afford to stay. I've spent years working in our local civic and political community, and I've seen how much we can accomplish when neighbors organize and demand better. In office, I'll focus on the basics: making life affordable, protecting our land and water, supporting local agriculture and small business, and keeping government honest and out of your way. I'm not beholden to any machine. My loyalty is to the people of this district. Let's build a future where our families can thrive right here at home. Mahalo, and I humbly ask for your vote.

Chris Toshiro Todd is currently in his fourth term representing House District 3, which covers a portion of Hilo, Keaukaha, Pana'ewa, Orchidlands Estate, 'Āinaloa, Hawaiian Acres, Fern Acres, portions of Kurtistown, and Kea'au in the Hawai'i State Legislature. Born and raised in East Hawai'i, Chris is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science. He previously held several positions at Suisan Fish Market and Hawai'i Paper Products. Chris remains deeply committed to advocating for working families at the Capitol and is also passionate about creating pathways for local youth, both in Hilo and Puna, to reach their professional and personal dreams.





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Greggor Ilagan has served District 4 in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives since 2020. His public service began in 2004 with the Hawai'i Air National Guard, where he served for six years specializing in combat communications and satellite systems. In 2012, he was elected as the youngest member of the Hawai'i County Council. Greggor continues to focus on agricultural growth, reducing traffic congestion, improving transportation, and supporting economic development in Puna. Rep. Ilagan is working to move Puna's priorities forward, including an alternate route, a permanent two-jetty solution for Pohoiki Boat Ramp, a public library and transit hub in Pāhoa, improved school facilities, expanded emergency healthcare access, stronger agricultural businesses, and better insurance access in Lava Zones 1 and 2. His priority is to keep showing up, listening to residents, and advocating for a safer, better tomorrow for the people of Puna.



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Aloha, my name is Zak O'Finn Wittenhagen, and I am running for District 4 Representative because I know what it's like to be ignored by the "higher-ups." For me, this is about more than a vote—it is about the privilege of serving a community that has been left behind. From installing bus stop coverings to addressing the persistent issues on Highway 130 and the Pohoiki bridge, I am ready to be your voice. As a bluntly honest "country boy" who has relied on EBT and SSI, I understand the struggle. The skyrocketing cost of living is forcing locals to leave the land they love, and that is unacceptable. I stand firmly with our first responders, military, and healthcare workers. Let my honesty and lived experience work for you. Together, we can ensure District 4 is finally heard. Elect Zak O'Finn Wittenhagen for District 4.

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Born and raised in Hōnaunau, I am proud to represent the place that shaped who I am. I am the first Native Hawaiian woman to represent our district in the State House and the youngest serving female elected in the state. As Chair of the House Committee on Culture and Arts and Co-Convenor of the Working Families Caucus, I fight every day to build a Hawai'i where communities and working families can thrive. I have championed paid sick and family leave, universal childcare, tax fairness, and affordable housing. I am committed to fully funding our schools, protecting our 'āina, strengthening climate resilience and emergency preparedness, and expanding access to quality health care and civil liberties for our LGBTQ+ neighbors. Together, we can build a more prosperous and sustainable future for our community. I will always lead with aloha and put people first in every decision I make for Hawai'i.

My husband and I moved to the Big Island in 2016, first living in Kona before building our home in Captain Cook. We are deeply committed to serving our community and preserving the values that make Hawaii special. My background includes management roles with mainland companies, including serving as a Deputy Director overseeing several hundred employees. After moving to Hawaii, I continued working in management with local retailers. In 2020, I became a volunteer leader in the West Hawaii Republican Party. I currently volunteer with the American Red Cross. I assisted during the Lahaina wildfire disaster and the 2018 Pahoehoe lava emergency. My husband and I attend Kahikolu Congregational Church and enjoy exploring the beauty of the Big Island. Hawaii's legislators can do a better job representing the people. I am committed to being a public servant who listens, leads with integrity, and works hard for our community.





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My name is Monique Perreira—born and raised in Hawai‘i, a proud veteran, small business owner, wife, mother, and grandmother. My conservative values are the driving force behind my pursuit to serve my community and provide real representation for the people of Hawai‘i. I’m not a career politician. I’m running because our families are struggling, and the current leadership is failing us. The cost of living is too high, public safety is at risk, and government has lost touch with the people it serves. I will fight to eliminate the general excise tax on essentials like food, medicine, and hygiene products. I will support our local farmers and ranchers so we can grow more food at home, and push to reduce shipping costs by exploring reforms to the Jones Act. I will demand accountability, root out corruption, and protect your hard-earned tax dollars. Together we can build a stronger Hawai‘i.



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Aloha. My family and I have lived in the district over 40 years. During my six terms as State Representative, I secured funding for important public infrastructure including the new Waikoloa Library, the Waimea Community Emergency Evacuation Center, Pololu Trailhead parking lot, the new South Kohala Courthouse, Kawaihae North Small Boat Harbor, Kawaihae Commercial Harbor, Waiaka Bridge replacement, and improvements to Akoni Pule Highway and Kawaihae Road in Waimea. I serve as Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, leading legislative efforts to promote ethics, prevent public corruption, improve transparency and accountability, strengthen public campaign financing, and ensure secure elections. I work hard to improve affordable housing, public education, public safety, and environmental protection to help families, children, and kupuna, as well as the businesses that support our economy including agriculture, tourism, astronomy, healthcare, and knowledge-based businesses. I seek re-election to continue this important work. Mahalo!





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Tyson Miyake is a lifelong Maui resident proudly serving House District 10, representing Wailuku, Waikapū, Hayashi Village, Paukūkalo, and portions of Waiehu. During the 2026 Legislative Session, Tyson served as Vice Chair for both the House Housing Committee and House Transportation Committee and as a member of the House Finance Committee. He focused on addressing Hawai'i's rising cost of living by supporting policies that increase housing opportunities, improve infrastructure, strengthen local jobs, and support working families. Born and raised on Maui and a graduate of Maui High School, Tyson understands firsthand the challenges local families face every day. He believes in accessible, responsive leadership and remains committed to listening to the community and finding practical solutions that help Maui families and communities thrive.



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Aloha Neighbors, affordability is my top priority! I work for you: You deserve a Representative who is #WorkingForThePeople, not big corporations! I refuse their contributions. I'm #NotForSale. We have completed 465 affordable housing units in Kihei, set aside \$250million for housing infrastructure, reduced your taxes and increased tax breaks for working families! I passed bills to protect small businesses, disabled and kūpuna, funded healthcare and rent supplements, reduced energy costs and stopped a new state gas tax. I protected your environment and way of life at every opportunity. I support kūpuna, #Unionworkers, Teacher pay raises, #LocalFarmers, reducing student debt, expanded healthcare, #LowerTaxes #Education. #Legalizelt! I'm #ProChoice: Democracy, Freedom and #ReproductiveRights are on the ballot: I won't stand by while our constitution and way of life are attacked by (R)adical opponents. I will stand up for YOU! Representing you is my privilege and honor. Thank you for voting(D) #TAmato



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Maui is not for sale. I will listen to every voice in District 11 — regardless of political affiliation. After several tragic fires, economic shutdowns, and the vote to eliminate short-term rentals, the decisions we make now will determine whether local families rebuild and lead Maui's future — or are forced to leave while outside investors reshape our island. Government should answer to the people and spend taxpayer dollars wisely. My priorities are clear: • Strong infrastructure — increased funding for fire and police, safe emergency exits, an overpass at the high school, well-maintained parks, and boat ramp. • State-of-the-art healthcare, including mental health services and protection of informed consent. • Education first — higher teacher pay and expanded school choice. As your District 11 House Representative, I will put Kihei, Wailea, and Makena first — delivering balanced, community-driven representation without increasing taxes.

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I'm running for State Representative for Upcountry Maui because I cherish this land and want to restore quality of life to its residents. I'm from a multi-generational Maui family that has always cared for the people of Hawaii. My grandfather rooted our family here after his service in WWII, and operated the inter-island commuter airline connecting local families between the islands for decades. I believe we can restore and diversify our economy, creating more opportunity for our keiki. Let's pull down barriers to entry, unnecessary regulation, and over taxation. I'll advocate for common sense laws, simplified governance, and incentives for local families. Our system has created unattainable housing costs. As a construction project manager by profession, I know how to build, what makes building more efficient, and cost effective. I'll work to protect local families access to housing. Please join me to bring common sense change and restore Hawaii.





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Aloha! My name is Mahina Poepoe, and I am running for re-election to the State House of Representatives. Serving as your representative for the past two terms has been a privilege and responsibility that I do not take lightly. I've worked hard to deliver on campaign promises with a voting record clearly reflective of my commitment to our people and 'āina. I've participated in introducing hundreds of measures including bills to protect cultural and natural resources, support small businesses and local food systems, expand access to healthcare, provide free meals in public schools, and improve public education, disaster preparedness, and government transparency and accountability. My focus remains to ensure that the quality of life for our residents and the health of our environment are brought to the forefront of decision-making. I humbly ask for your vote and continued support in the upcoming election. Me ke aloha 'āina, Mahina



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I am a fifty two year resident of the state of hawaii. In the spirit of the last five kings and Prince Kuhio, "I am a Republican from head to toe. Our legislature of the 51 districts ls mostly social democrats with very few conservative republicans. It is my hope to help balance the legislature between liberal and conservative policies. I am shocked by many of the bills that have been passed by this legislature and am devoted to bringing these social injustices by the far left wing to light. I am honorable and live by strict code of ethics.And family values. My goal is fuel security farms for families and peace between all the peoples of Maui _ Aloha RV

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Aloha kākou. I am Pā'ele Kiakona of Lahaina, running to represent House District 14. I was raised by an 'ohana that has cared for this 'āina for generations, and I carry that kuleana into this campaign. When the fires took our hometown, our community stood together. Alongside neighbors and kūpuna, I helped organize, advocate, and push for policies that put local people first. That work taught me that Maui's future must be shaped by the people who call this place home. My vision is OLA, to live and truly thrive. O: Our communities first, so local families can stay on Maui. L: Living in balance with the 'āina and wai that sustain us. A: Accountability in leadership, with government that listens to the people, not outside interests. If this is the future you want for House District 14, I humbly ask for your vote.



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I am running for State House District 14 because I care deeply about our community and believe our district deserves leadership that is present, practical and committed to service. As a Lahaina resident for over 20 years, a small business leader, and a community advocate, I have spent years working to support families, strengthen local businesses and help our community recover and move forward. I currently serve as President of the LahainaTown Action Committee, President of the Spinnaker AOA, and past Chair of the Maui County Liquor Commission. I also serve on the Maui Economic Recovery Commission, where I help bring community voices into important recovery discussions. If elected, I will focus on housing, wildfire recovery, dependable water and infrastructure, and support for working families and small businesses. I will lead with integrity, listen closely and work every day to deliver practical results for our district.





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I was born and raised in Wailua and live in Līhu‘e with my wife Sokchea and our two young children. For 19 years I’ve co-owned a small canoe manufacturing business. I previously served on the Kaua‘i County Council and now chair the House Committee on Housing. I’m running to reduce the cost of housing. We’ve made it too hard and too expensive to build housing in Hawai‘i. Decades of well-intentioned rules have piled up until working families can’t afford to live here and our kids leave for the mainland. It’s what I’ve been working on since the day I took office. My job is to make it easier to build homes — so working families can stay in the communities they grew up in. It’s an honor to represent the community that raised me as we work to improve the lives of our children’s generation and those to come.



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I’m a devoted Christian, husband, and father. My priority is keeping Kaua‘i, Kaua‘i while making essentials, especially housing, more affordable for local families. My job serving as your representative is to listen to your concerns and carry your voice. I believe in timely support not prolonged and costly studies. As President of my family’s small business, Global Algae, I’m building a sustainable future with high-quality job opportunities. I will use my business experience and Quantitative Economics degree to develop policies that enhance economic opportunities. Our algae farm works closely with the government, giving me experience of how policies affect working families and the cost of living. I will improve our government to deliver for Kaua‘i. I am committed to protecting agricultural lands, cleaning up our waste (sewer, solid, and governmental) and expanding opportunities to ensure future generations can stay and thrive on Kaua‘i. I humbly ask for you vote.

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Misty Cluett is a Christian, wife, mother, and small business owner committed to serving Kauai’s District 17 with integrity, accountability, and strong family values. Her faith guides her principles in leading with humility and listening with care. Adopted by her father whose roots trace back generations on Kauai, Misty came home in 2018 to care for her aging father. Before opening a small business with her husband, Misty spent nearly a decade managing complex programs and solving operational challenges at a Fortune 500 corporation. Her diverse background highlights proven leadership, organization, problem-solving, and fiscal responsibility. Keys for the challenges Kauai faces. Misty has seen how bureaucracy and bloat stifle individual achievement and believes in solutions like accelerated pathways for tradespeople, entrepreneurship, improved infrastructure, medical freedom and parental rights, and expanding attainable housing for local families. If we want change, we must be willing to elect change. Together, we can.

I have served as District 17’s State Representative for 16 years. For all those years I have maintained a perfect attendance record every legislative session. Prior to running for office in 2010, I worked in Kauai County Government for 36 years. All of my adult life has been dedicated to public service. As a senior member in the Legislature, I continue to be engaged in promoting legislation that addresses Hawaii’s high cost of living, as well as our district needs and concerns. Serving as the Majority Floor Leader for 8 years now, has demonstrated the trust and confidence colleagues have, in my ability to perform the responsibilities of that leadership role. I humbly ask for your support in my re-election to District 17, State House of Representatives.





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Aloha! Since being appointed on May 28, 2025, to fulfill the late Representative Gene Ward’s term, serving the people of Hawaii Kai has been the honor of a lifetime. Growing up in Hawaii Kai, Gene Ward was my representative, and our time together in the Waikiki Rotary Club helped spark my interest in public service. I am running to continue in his footsteps by being an accessible, responsive, and effective advocate for our community. Born and raised in Hawaii Kai, I understand the values and priorities of our residents. As a small business owner for more than 25 years, with roots dating back to my time at Kaiser High School, I bring real-world experience in leadership and problem-solving. I am committed to improving public safety and infrastructure, supporting small businesses, and preserving the character and quality of life that make Hawaii Kai such a special place to call home.



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Families in our district are facing rising costs, safety concerns, and a government that often moves too slowly. I will bring steady leadership, accountability, and common-sense solutions that put our community first. I’ve lived in Hawai‘i Kai since I was eight-years-old, and this community has shaped who I am. My wife of 35 years, Regina, and I have raised five sons. For more than two decades, we also cared for some of Hawai‘i’s most vulnerable keiki, fostering about two dozen medically complex infants. I began my career as an apprentice with Plumbers Union Local 675 and have spent nearly three decades working as a journeyman plumber for the State of Hawai‘i, helping maintain critical infrastructure across O‘ahu. Now, I’d like to serve my community as your State House representative for District 18 because you deserve practical leadership who listens and delivers results. Mahalo for your vote!





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Serving Our Community with Common Sense. Born and raised in Kaimuki, my goal is to prioritize common-sense solutions while supporting responsible community spending. I am a firm believer in government transparency and accountability. I am passionate about community involvement and ensuring everyone’s voices are heard. Ultimately, I want to make sure our community is safe and our businesses are supported. Graduate of Kalani High School and University of Hawaii at Manoa. Entrepreneur and business owner. Co-founder of a private preschool. Condo association President. Local entertainer and handyman. Former math teacher of Kalani and Kaimuki High School.



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As your current representative for House District 20, I humbly ask for your support as I seek re-election. My vision is simple: a future where local families can afford to live in Hawai‘i and raise our keiki to care for this place. Prior to serving, I worked as a postdoctoral research fellow, a legislative staffer, and a community organizer. I have a demonstrated record of organizing with community to educate youth, prevent the displacement of local families, Shut Down Red Hill, and protect ‘āina for future generations. In my first term, I have been a steadfast champion for Hawai‘i’s working families, focused on addressing the root causes of our worsening affordability crisis. As your representative, I strive to keep you informed, and to maintain open and honest communication, even when we disagree. I look forward to working with you to build a stronger, more resilient community. Mahalo.





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I believe Hawai'i's future depends on healthier Kama'āina, a stronger economy, and government that lives within its means. Having spent 25 years living and building businesses in Austria, France, and China, I have seen firsthand what helps communities prosper and what happens when government becomes too large, too costly, and too disconnected from the people it serves. As your State Representative, I will fight to lower the cost of living, support small businesses, encourage responsible housing development, and demand greater accountability for taxpayer dollars. We need roads and public infrastructure that work, schools that prepare students for successful lives, and communities where families feel safe and secure. Too many Kama'āina are struggling to afford life in Hawai'i, while too many are forced to leave as a result. I will work to make government more efficient, strengthen our economy, and keep Hawai'i a place where families can build a future.



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As I continue building on my experience as a legislator, I remain committed to advancing practical, solutions-oriented policies that improve public safety, strengthen education, and expand affordable housing opportunities for local families. My voting record reflects consistent support for legislation that invests in our schools, supports working families and kūpuna, strengthens community safety, and addresses Hawai'i's cost of living challenges. Just as importantly, I will continue listening closely to the needs and concerns of our community and championing the issues that matter most to the people of Hawai'i. By working together, we can continue building safer, stronger and more resilient communities for future generations.

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Aloha! I was born in Makiki, grew up on Kaua'i, and have lived in Makiki since I returned in 2017. As a high school student, I worked a minimum-wage job to support my family and fund my higher education. After graduating from the University of Hawai'i with an economics degree, I pursued careers as the Alzheimer's Association policy manager, a legislative staffer, and now as the Public Affairs Director at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Serving five years as the Makiki Neighborhood Board Chair, I've gotten traffic signs installed, led community advocacy for bills that kept over 70 illegal game rooms shut down, and demanded the closing of Red Hill. I'm running for State Representative to continue this work and focus on reducing homelessness, supporting truly affordable housing for local residents, stabilizing condo insurance and HOA costs, and improving community safety. I humbly ask for your vote.

As a proud member of the Makiki community, I've spent much of my life bringing people together. Many know me from Da Braddahs, where for nearly 30 years I've connected with families across Hawai'i through laughter, culture, and local storytelling. Through my work in the nonprofit sector and public service, I've built partnerships, supported local families, and worked to address the challenges facing our communities. I'm running for State Representative because our residents deserve responsive leadership that listens, follows through, and delivers results. That means increasing affordable housing opportunities, improving access to childcare, addressing homelessness with practical solutions, and ensuring families have access to the resources they need before they reach a crisis. Our community also deserves safe streets, smoother roads, and sidewalks that are accessible for everyone, especially our kūpuna. Together, we can keep Makiki, Papakolea, Punchbowl, Tantalus, a safe, affordable, and welcoming place to call home.

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Aloha I am Tess Abalos. I was raised in Kalihi and come from a family with deep roots in Hawaii. My great-grandfather came to Hawaii as a sakada plantation worker, and his perseverance, faith, and commitment to family have helped shape the values I carry today. I am a business owner, community advocate, outreach coordinator, and founder of JESUS n’ ALOHA Marketplace and Green Citrus Clean. I hold a Master’s degree in Christian Ministry. My background includes counseling, life coaching, business mentoring, and community outreach, with a commitment to serving individuals, families, and local businesses throughout Hawaii. My life’s work has been centered on faith, service, leadership, and building meaningful relationships throughout Hawaii.



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In my first term, I am proud to have introduced legislation to limit corporate takeover of our democratic system, and to have supported tax changes to lower the cost of living for our Kalihi and Kapalama families. We were successful in winning key improvements that our community has waited on for decades, including investments in our infrastructure and beautification of the area around Kalihi Uka Elementary. There’s so much more to do, and I hope to earn your vote for a second term. I respectfully request your support. Mahalo, Ikaika 808-221-2843

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Shirley Ann Templo is the State Representative for Hawai'i House District 30, serving Kalihi, Kalihi Kai, Ke'ehi Lagoon, and Hickam Village. Born and raised in Honolulu, she is a proud Farrington High School graduate, and her family has called Kalihi home for three generations. Templo began her career in public service with the Honolulu City Council and later served on the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board. In the State House, she serves as Vice Chair of the Tourism Committee. Her legislative priorities include lowering the cost of living, strengthening public safety, expanding economic opportunities, and supporting education and working families. She has advanced efforts on wage protection, data privacy, and community-based literacy programs. Templo emphasizes accessible government, regularly engaging with constituents, and remains committed to practical, community-driven solutions that improve quality of life in District 30. She is honored to serve as the first Filipino female Representative in the Kalihi area.



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I am the daughter of a humble Filipino immigrant, who was born raised and currently live in Kalihi Palama. My grandfather worked the plantation fields, saved up his earnings to petition my father to have the opportunity of a new life in America. Coming from humble beginnings, my family lived in public housing and we all worked hard to earn the American dream. With the social services that were provided and the guidance from Saint Theresa school and church I learned to love my community and hold the values of family and hard work. Being a decades long humble servant of my community of Kalihi/ urban core Honolulu. I'm asking for your support as I continue to advocate for; affordable housing, reducing the cost of living, community safety, reducing crime and advocate for the health and well being for all! Mahalo.

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Aloha! My name is Linda Ichiyama and it has been an honor to serve as your State Representative since 2010. I was born and raised in Salt Lake and I am proud to call it home. I graduated from Salt Lake Elementary School, Moanalua Middle School, Moanalua High School, then went on to Georgetown University and UH Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law. I work closely with our area legislators to improve our schools, like the new MoHS Performing Arts Center and baseball/softball field. I humbly ask for your support in this 2026 election. Please feel free to contact me at lindaichiyama@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



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Aloha Neighbors, families, constituents and friends! I am running for office because too many families are working hard and still struggling to make ends meet. I have seen firsthand how rising costs, housing pressures, and unexpected expenses can stretch a household to the breaking point. People deserve a government that listens, acts responsibly, and puts people before politics. I believe trust in government starts with honesty, transparency, and accountability. When decisions are made behind closed doors, everyday people pay the price. I am committed to open communication, ethical leadership, and responsible use of public funds. My focus is on practical solutions that support working families, protect vulnerable residents, and strengthen our community. I will work with residents, community leaders, and public agencies to restore trust in government and ensure every voice is heard, because government should work for the people it serves. Mahalo, Nancy Valdez

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I was honored to serve as the State Representative for District 32 from 2022 to 2024. I am running again because our community deserves active, accountable leadership—leadership that shows up, works collaboratively, and delivers real results. During my first term, I worked hard to keep my promises and advocate for our neighborhood. I had hoped our current representative would uphold his promises and commitment to community engagement. Unfortunately, many have shared concerns about a lack of his visibility and responsiveness at a time when families are facing rising costs of living, public safety challenges, and pressures on our schools. District 32 deserves a representative who is present, engaged, and focused. I will restore effective representation and ensure your voice is heard and respected at the Capitol. I will show up, do the work, and earn your trust every day—just as I did during my first term.

Aloha Friends! Mahalo for electing me in 2024 as your State House Representative. It is an honor and privilege. My first two-year term has strengthened me for an even greater capacity to work full-time serving you. Living in the district and attending Moanalua Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, my roots in this community run deep. This is my home. I've run a business alongside community and church leadership positions. With 30+ years of engineering and construction experience, raising a family with my wife of 39 years and now grandchildren, I have life skills and understanding that come with the test of time. I am committed and dedicated to the betterment of our 'aina for our future generations. We need to protect their future. I humbly ask for your continued trust and vote for me this election. For more information, please visit www.VoteShimizu.com. Mahalo! Representative Shimizu





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Hello. My name is Gaius, I go by Kipi. I currently sit on the pearl city neighborhood board, I work a full time job installing window coverings and also a dog uncle. I'm interested in becoming a state representative to mainly focus on the needs of pearl city from road conditions, homeless camps and illegal dumping but these are things I think need fixing the question I have for you is what do you think is the problems pearl city is facing? what can we do to fix them? what solutions do you the citizens of pearl city have? Maybe I can find an answer, Maybe we can solve the problems. Let's try something new together. Thank you for your time.



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Gregg Takayama serves Pearl City by building a safer, healthier community that supports working families, expands educational opportunities, and honors our elders. Gregg was first elected to the State House in 2012 representing Pearl City, his home for several decades with wife Linda Chu Takayama and their three daughters. He is a former award-winning journalist who worked at KHON-TV; served as press secretary to late U.S. Senator Dan Inouye; and communications director at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Among his achievements: 2025 State Legislator of the Year, Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Top State Champion Award in 2019, AARP; Obtained more than \$55 million for Pearl City school improvements, plus \$30 million for modernization of the Pearl City Public Library; Cited as one of only two legislators who missed only two votes in the entire 2025 session (Civil Beat, "The Steady Presences," 10/26/2025).

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My name is Dr. Danny de Gracia, and I am running for office to be your voice, your hope, and your best friend at the State Legislature. These times call for representation that understands policy and can hit a home run for the people of Hawaii. My family was one of the first Filipino families to come to Hawaii, and my paternal grandfather died of a heart attack from working too hard. My father was the first college graduate and Air Force colonel in our family and helped win the Cold War. My family understands sacrifice and how tough it can be to live in Hawaii. As a Department of Health civil servant, a union worker, a University of Hawaii MPH student, an ordained minister, and one of you, I understand your needs and will fight to make your dreams come true. Together, nothing is impossible for us!



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Corey Rosenlee is committed to fighting for working families and delivering a brighter future for generations to come: He has been a social studies teacher at Campbell High School for almost twenty years. Under his guidance, thousands of West O'ahu children have learned the importance of civic engagement, community problem-solving, and social responsibility. From 2015-2021, Corey served as the President of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, where he worked to increase school funding, raise teacher pay, and provide air conditioning to cool our public education system's overheated classrooms. He is currently a member of the 'Ewa Neighborhood Board. From affordable housing to traffic mitigation to emergency preparedness, Corey understands the essential issues impacting our state. A lifelong champion of Hawai'i's most vulnerable people, he is ready to restore integrity to local government and provide real solutions to the problems faced by residents of our island home.

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As the former State House Representative of district 40. I am seeking re-election to continue the projects I have started in my district. Ongoing and future constructions will be underway as a result of the capital improvement projects I was able to secure for all the schools in my district. I also introduced and co introduced several bills and a couple of resolutions that have passed and will be adapted into law that will provide positive impact in the community. Aside from funding school projects, I was also able to secure funding from Grant in Aid for Weed and Seed, Hawaii Humane Society and Kuleana Coral Restoration. There are other accomplishments that were done such as installing a shelter in one of the bus stops in Hanakahi Street and providing solutions to complaints by constituents. I will continue to work hard for my district.



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My name is Julie Reyes Oda and I am running for re-election because I love ‘Ewa Beach and I love Hawai‘i. I am committed to working hard and being your voice in the State House. I will continue to fight for good schools, good jobs, safe communities, a strong economy, cutting government waste, and transparency in government. I will always be an independent voice for our community and I humbly ask for your support. Please visit JulieReyesOda.com to learn more about me.

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It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and your family in the Hawai'i House of Representatives over the last four years. I would be deeply honored and humbled to earn your support for another term. I remain committed to advocating for the priorities that matter most to our community: ensuring West O'ahu receives the infrastructure needed to keep up with our growing population, fighting back against "soft on crime" policies, supporting our law enforcement officers and first responders, opposing tax increases and burdensome regulations, protecting our natural resources, strengthening opportunities for local families, and keeping Hawai'i affordable for the next generation. As your Representative, I will continue putting local families at the center of every decision I make while standing firmly for common sense, accountability, and the values that make Hawai'i special. Mahalo for your time, consideration, and support. I humbly ask for your vote!

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BALLOT NAME:

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Aloha — I'm Anthony Makana Paris. Raised farming and fishing in West O'ahu, educated at Nānākuli and Kamehameha, and having lived through houselessness. I bring lived experience, faith, and grit to public service. I've worked with churches, unions, Hawaiian civic clubs, and neighborhood boards, and advocated at state and county levels. I hold degrees from MIT, UH, and GTU/USC. I'm not a politician of empty promises but a community leader that shows up consistently—rolling up my sleeves to bring people together. I believe a strong democracy is built by an involved, informed, and active citizens working for practical, lasting wins: affordable homes and rentals, lower costs for basics, housing-first solutions to homelessness, stronger support for farmers, better schools and facilities, reliable transit, resilient infrastructure, and local jobs. Grounded in respect and aloha, we can create a future that honors our past and lifts the next generation. Mahalo.

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Aloha District 43, I am Sheila Medeiros, the Republican candidate for Hawaii House District 43 (Makakilo-Kapolei). Since my 2024 primary, I have served nonstop: launching the Kapolei Food Bank Drive (October 14, 2024), feeding 700+ monthly; active on the Neighborhood Board; volunteering monthly at Pu'u o Kapolei restoration; supporting veterans via VA Daniel Akaka Food Bank Drive; collaborating with MCKT trauma awareness in schools; serving on Kualaka'i Council; working with R3D team to restore resilient reefs; planning a Kapolei farmers barter market; and assisting in directing and leading communications for Project Give Back Hawaii's inaugural 5K Aloha Run (December 19, 2026), honoring Gold Star families, wounded warriors, and first responders. If elected, I will prioritize infrastructure sustainability before new development, housing affordability, public safety, ADA sidewalk fixes, and resident-first government. I am committed to transparency, accountability, and putting Second City first. Mahalo for your support. With gratitude, Sheila Medeiros.



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Kanani Souza is the current State Representative for District 43, Makakilo and Kapolei, elected in 2022. Since elected, Kanani has been a strong voice in the Hawai'i State Legislature for her community and government reform. Kanani is an attorney licensed to practice law in Hawai'i and Washington, D.C. She is a 2003 graduate of The Kamehameha Schools and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Southern California. Kanani earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law. She also holds two additional law degrees: an LL.M. in environmental law from Lewis & Clark Law School and an LL.M. in air and space law from the University of Mississippi School of Law. In addition to her legal education, Kanani earned a Master of Education from Chaminade University. Kanani appreciates your continued support in the 2026 primary election.

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Born and raised on O'ahu's Leeward Coast, I am honored to serve as the State Representative for House District 44. Since first being elected in 2022, I have remained committed to being accessible, responsive, and present while delivering meaningful results for the people I represent. As Chair of the House Transportation Committee, I have worked to improve roadway safety, strengthen wildfire preparedness, expand mental health services, support education, protect animals, secure critical investments for our communities, and advocate for Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries. I am sincerely proud of what we have accomplished together in just four short years. I know I am a better representative today than when I first took office, and I remain committed to learning, growing, and earning your trust. What you have seen from me is the commitment, accessibility, and heart I bring to this work every day, and I humbly ask for your support.



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I was born and raised in Wai'anae, live in Nānākuli, and serve on the Neighborhood Board. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, Christian, and a Hawaiian Homestead lessee. I work in the child welfare system and have fostered at-risk children in my home for 14 years. I understand the challenges our communities face, and we are not strangers to hardship, struggle, or grief. If elected, I will fight for quality public education, child and family support services that reach the most vulnerable, economic growth that keeps families here, and reforms to Hawaiian Home Lands that fulfill the promises of Prince Kūhiō. I have served our community in courtrooms, classrooms, and my home. I am ready to serve you in the state legislature. I know what we are fighting for. As your representative, I will fight for our children, our heritage, our land, our faith, our families, and our future.

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My name is Kalehua Kaopua, and I am a Native Hawaiian wife, and mother of four. Like many Hawaiian families, my family has faced displacement — in the 1990s, we were pushed from our ‘āina, setting the stage for a life of struggle. When a lo‘i is struggling, you don’t blame the plant. You clear the water, restore the soil, and care for the roots so life can grow again. Our community deserves that same care. For too long, the Waianae Coast has been given temporary fixes instead of real solutions. Programs come and go, but the deeper challenges — housing, opportunity, food security, and community safety remain. If we want real change, we must heal the roots of the problems so our community can grow strong again. Our vision for Waianae and Makaha is built on the foundation of a healthy lo‘i. When Waianae rises, Hawai‘i rises.



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Committed to community. We have made tremendous strides in our community, from minimizing major crimes and violence to helping the fight on homelessness. I will continue to be transparent and fight on the behalf our our home to make sure get get what we deserve. A place of love, respect, and Aloha. Please consider voting for me to continue to work for you.

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As a native of Central O’ahu, I am passionate about representing the communities in which I grew up. I attended Kanoelani Elementary and Hanalani Schools before earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Hawaii – West O’ahu. I was raised across Central O’ahu including Whitmore, Wahiawa, Mililani & Waipio. In 2021, My wife, two boys and I purchased an old plantation-style home in Wahiawa, bringing my journey full circle. As an active community member and father of a young family in Wahiawa, I’ve observed that our people want to know their representative hears them and is working hard to preserve their way of life. I would be honored to protect and preserve our district for our children in the years to come.



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As a teacher, historian, and community representative, I have worked to strengthen Hawai‘i’s public schools, expand civic participation, protect working families, and build more resilient communities. I have fought for safer routes to schools, affordable energy policies, stronger ethics and campaign finance laws, climate resilience planning, and investments that support local families rather than deepen inequality. I believe government should be transparent, accountable, and grounded in the real experiences of the people it serves. In a time of rising costs, climate instability, and growing economic uncertainty, we need leadership willing to confront long-term challenges honestly and collaboratively. I remain committed to listening carefully, engaging directly with our community, and advancing practical policies that help Hawai‘i’s working families thrive now and into the future.

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Ten years ago I was elected to represent the North Shore and Ko’olaupia with two very concrete goals—fix the drainage at Kahuku High, and get a bypass road at Laniakaa. We finished our drainage project in 2020, and construction of the Laniakaa bypass will commence this summer. I can’t thank all of you enough for your support through the years, and as always if you have an issue please give me a call, I will get back to you as soon as humanly possible. Mahalo nui loa, Sean.



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Howzit. I have always focused on staying closely connected with the people of our community. When residents reach out to share the challenges they face in their daily lives, including the difficulties, the unmet needs, and the issues that need attention, I listen carefully. I bring those real experiences forward so the broader community can understand them, and I work diligently to transform that feedback into meaningful, on the ground improvements. This is my approach. I gather what I hear directly from you, highlight the important issues, and take concrete steps to create positive change that supports our families. Whether it means addressing a concern in the neighborhood or advocating strongly for someone facing hardship, I remain actively involved and committed to helping. It would be my honor to represent District 47.

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I have had the honor of serving District 49 for the past eight years and ask for your vote to continue to serve the people of Kaneohe and Kailua. I was a former public school teacher (7th grade science) before running for office. I am also currently a practicing real estate attorney. On the state level, I have sought and received funding for our schools and infrastructure. I've fought for student meal funding and passed bills to help local farmers, get faster medical treatment for injured workers, lower insurance costs, and hold state contractors accountable. I, along with Rep Kitagawa, have sponsored flu shot clinics, ewaste recycle drives, and school supply drives, among other community events. I humbly ask for your support to continue to serve our community.



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I have been an educator for nearly 20 years and am a local small business owner committed to serving families. Most importantly, I have been called out of both of these roles to protect the future of my children and yours. Through my work as a community leader, I have walked alongside families, empowering parents to make informed decisions about their children's education, supporting those most vulnerable and in need, and organizing community efforts that bring people together. If elected, I will protect parents' rights to govern the education of their children, maintain our local infrastructure from our roads to our community spaces and schools, and hold our state government accountable for how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent. I believe in showing up, listening, working hard, and partnering with the community I would represent to build a stronger future for our families in Kāne'ohe and Maunawili.

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BALLOT NAME:
FITZGERALD, Jesse W.M.

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As a lifelong resident of O’ahu, I spent my childhood in Laie, where I developed a strong sense of community and deep respect for nature. Later my family moved to Makiki where I graduated from Roosevelt High school. There, supportive teachers helped shape my intellectual growth and encouraged me to attend the university of Hawai’i. My love for Hawai’i and its people led me to earn a degree in anthropology with a focus on Pacific cultures. We moved to Kailua in 1996 and after graduation I followed in my father’s footsteps and joined his small, licensed painting company. Through that experience, I became acutely aware of the challenges and hard work facing small businesses and the cost of living crises affecting working class families. We need sustainable, affordable, organic agriculture, Medicare for All, higher wages, and retirement plans that insure dignity for our kupuna, children and ourselves.



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I am a dedicated husband, father, and public servant committed to a sustainable and affordable Hawaii. As Vice Chair of the House Labor Committee and a member of the Finance Committee, I have championed workforce development pathways for our youth and voted against legislation that would raise taxes on our local residents. I have been a fierce advocate for Hawaii’s most vulnerable, supporting critical bills that protect our keiki and kupuna, alongside measures to preserve our vital natural resources. My leadership is rooted in deep community service, having served on the Kailua Neighborhood Board and the Kalāheo High School Natural Resource Academy Advisory Board. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and am dedicated to building a safe, prosperous future where Hawaii’s next generation can afford to thrive.





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My name is Ke'eaumoku Kapu, and I am running for Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee for Maui. Our lāhui carries deep history, culture, and strength, yet many families on Maui still face real challenges—access to quality education, food security, and true self-sustainability. These are the foundations I am committed to strengthening. Education must do more than teaching—it should ground our keiki in identity, culture, and purpose. Food security is more than meeting today's needs—it's about restoring our ability to grow, share, and care for one another. Self-sustainability means creating real opportunities for our people to thrive, not just survive, by building strong resources and support systems for future generations. I am committed to restoring stability, dignity, and hope in every household by listening, serving, and standing with our people through integrity and action.



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LINDSEY, Carmen Hulu
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Carmen Hulu Lindsey has served as a Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs since 2012, bringing more than 14 years of leadership and advocacy on behalf of the people of Hawai'i. Appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy, she is recognized as a dedicated listener and strong advocate for Native Hawaiian rights and community well-being. A licensed real estate agent, Trustee Lindsey has worked to help local families achieve homeownership while advocating for Hawaiians' fair share of public land trust resources. She served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 2021 to 2024 and successfully negotiated an increase in Public Land Trust funding to OHA by raising the annual cap from \$15.1 million to \$21.5 million. Trustee Lindsey also played a key role in securing \$5 million from OHA to support victims of the devastating Lahaina wildfires.

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Aloha pumehana, I am honored to serve as your OHA O’ahu Trustee. I am committed and dedicated to improving the lives of our Hawaiian people. I am proud to be born and raised in an ‘ohana dedicated to service and to continue the legacy of aloha. My lifelong experience includes working at the Hawai’i State Legislature in both the House and Senate. My work at OHA includes focusing on legislative advocacy, our mission, Strategic Plan, including ea, health, education, housing, economic resiliency, land and water use, Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and Government Lands, traditional and customary rights and more, and working steadfastly in building and strengthening relationships legislatively, in community, in collaboration and partnerships that work jointly towards more options and opportunities for kanaka ‘ōiwi. With Hawai’i in my heart, I humbly ask for your vote in my re-election as OHA O’ahu Trustee. Please Remember to SHAKA and VOTE AKAKA!



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Aloha pumehana, Hawai’i is my home, and like you, I want to see our people and our ‘āina thrive. My name is Hina Wong, though most know me as Kumu Hina. For more than three decades, I have served as a cultural practitioner, educator, filmmaker, haku mele, and advocate, working to uplift Hawai’i’s people, culture, and future. I am running for O’ahu Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs because the decisions made today will shape the future of our families, housing, culture, and opportunities. We need leadership that listens, shows up, and remains accountable to the people it serves. My priorities are stewardship of OHA resources, expanding support for beneficiaries, creating pathways to economic opportunity, and protecting our ‘āina, culture, and ‘ike Hawai’i. I believe that when Native Hawaiians thrive, Hawai’i thrives. I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote. Me ke aloha, Kumu Hina





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As a 30-year educator, I have led multiple initiatives to center Hawai'i's history and repair the denationalization of our lāhui. I am running for OHA to advance Hawaiianization of our citizenry through concrete action, including a civic education framework rooted in the oath to uphold treaties and international law as the highest law of the land. My kuleana includes direct fiscal budget management, oversight of third-party vendors, and approval of program expenditures. I bring mission-oriented thinking to every decision, ensuring resources align with the organization's goals and with what is best for the 'āina and the people who call Hawai'i their home. I will hold OHA accountable for our trust responsibilities, managing lands and funds with the same rigor and expectations I have held all stakeholders to under my leadership for the last 30 years. Let us build a unified Hawai'i, a society working together to better the world.



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Ikaika Anderson is a lifelong Windward O'ahu resident and candidate for OHA Trustee At-Large. A proud graduate of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, he earned degrees in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. A former Chair of the Honolulu City Council, he represented Windward O'ahu for more than 11 years. A devoted father and grandfather, Anderson is committed to improving the quality of life for Hawai'i's families through stronger housing opportunities, quality education, accessible healthcare, cultural preservation, and economic prosperity. He believes OHA must uphold the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and stewardship on behalf of its beneficiaries. If elected, Anderson will work to ensure OHA remains focused on delivering measurable results, responsible governance, and meaningful benefits that strengthen Native Hawaiian families and communities for generations to come.



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Aloha! My name is Kanekoa Crabbe and I am running for OHA At-Large Trustee. I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii and humbly ask for your support and vote. I was born and raised in Mililani, Oahu and have resided on various outer islands and in Honolulu for employment and educational opportunities. I am extremely familiar with all 8 Hawaiian islands, from my undergraduate years at UH-Hilo on Hawaii Island, as an electrician and construction worker at various locations in Maui county and on Kauai and Ni'ihau as a commercial akule and crab fisherman. I am a selfless community servant who advocates for sustainable development, community-based collaborations and government transparency. I have BA and MA degrees in Communication and possess the education, motivation and leadership experience to make sound, just, unbiased and pono decisions for the betterment of OHA, their beneficiaries and for all the people of Hawaii! Mahalo!



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Brickwood Galuteria is a Native Hawaiian leader with more than four decades of service in public life, cultural advocacy, and community engagement. He has served as a State Senator, OHA Trustee-at-Large, radio/TV professional, and ceremonial leader, working across government, media, and nonprofit sectors. His experience includes advancing transparency, supporting kūpuna through initiatives like Kūpuna Power, promoting Hawaiian culture, and strengthening resources for community well-being. He has long focused on protecting 'āina, improving opportunities for Native Hawaiian families, and elevating community voices in state decision-making. His work reflects a commitment to cultural integrity, intergenerational equity, and ensuring that Native Hawaiian perspectives remain central in shaping Hawai'i's future. Brickwood humbly asks for your vote. Mahalo and Malama.



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Keoni Souza is the current Office of Hawaiian Affairs At-Large Trustee, elected in 2022. At OHA, Keoni is the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Investment and Land Management Committee. An advocate for cultural and ‘āina stewardship, Keoni is a Commissioner on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. He has built a diverse background as a Native Hawaiian musician, entrepreneur, realtor, and community leader. Keoni is a founding member of the Grammy-nominated and multi-Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award-winning group Nā Hoa. Keoni is a 2002 graduate of The Kamehameha Schools. During his tenure at OHA, Keoni has focused on responsible management of OHA resources, strengthening community engagement, and transparency in leadership. Keoni and his wife, Mahina, are raising their three children in Kapolei. Keoni remains committed to uplifting our lāhui and appreciates your continued support in the 2026 election. When Hawaiians thrive, Hawai‘i thrives!

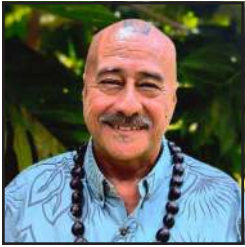


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The upcoming years will be pivotal ones for OHA and our beneficiaries. Recent Federal policy decisions are set to defund many programs currently serving Native Hawaiians. It will be imperative for OHA to stand ready to offset the negative impacts expected to arise. OHA must enhance our Strategic Plans and Grants programs to ensure that the services our beneficiaries have come to expect remain available to them. To accommodate these needs we must continue to advocate for our fair share of revenues and create a fair and just pro-rata formula based on an accurate account of the Ceded Lands inventory. Furthermore, because the majority OHA’s budget is currently derived from the Native Hawaiian Trust fund earnings, we must also continue to focus on the overall performance of our whole portfolio to produce the best results. I promise to bring all my years of experience to achieve these goals.





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Representation means more to me than a title; it means kuleana. Puna is one of Hawai'i's most diverse and rural communities, where voices too often go unheard while facing significant challenges due to limited resources and economic hardship. As a Native Hawaiian with generational ties to Puna, I feel a deep sense of responsibility to this place and the people who call it home. My approach is simple: listen first. I believe representative leadership should reflect the voices and needs of our community rather than personal agendas. With over 30 years of experience in Pahoia schools, plus my current role as the Puna Police Commissioner, I have learned how to connect our people to the systems meant to serve them. I am committed to advocating for practical, Puna-specific solutions that uplift our 'ohana, strengthen our community, and create a future that honors who we are.



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Eileen O'Hara has been a resident of Puna Makai for 46 years. She has worked in government both as a civil servant and an elected official, representing District 4 on the County Council 2016-18. She has been providing public benefit for community; most recently as executive director of Malama O Puna assisting in eruption recovery and food security projects. She graduated from UHH with degrees in agribusiness & economics, continuing to UHM where she earned masters and doctorate degrees in agricultural, natural resource, and environmental economics. She has been a business specialist for Pacific Biodiesel assisting in development of the biodiesel production plant in Shipman Industrial Park. She previously worked for HELCO doing photovoltaic projects and as a Planner for Hawaii County. Her priorities involve addressing alternative routes for Puna to ease traffic, programs to reduce crime and homelessness in the district, and projects to boost Puna's economy.
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I show up for Upper Puna as an experienced leader who takes my kuleana of public service seriously. My life is devoted to serving others, from food distribution and organizing volunteer chainsaw crews for disaster recovery to advocating for tax equity and holding dangerous dog owners accountable. As a lifelong Hawai'i Island resident and former small business owner, I understand the challenges local families and entrepreneurs face every day. When I see something broken or inefficient, I work to improve it through practical solutions, accountability, and community collaboration. Government should work better for those it serves by being transparent, responsive, and efficient with public resources. Whether by strengthening infrastructure, supporting public safety, or lowering the cost of living, I'm committed to leaving things better than I found them. I cherish my community, my farm, and my family, and I want to continue serving the people/place I love - Puna.



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Aloha! My name is Ikaika Rodenhurst and I am running to be our Hawaii County Councilmember for District 5, Puna Mauka. I am here to show up and fight for a better Puna. I'm a father of three, a football coach, and a civil engineer. My core values are integrity, commitment, and compassion. My top priorities are to improve our roads and infrastructure, expand our recreation opportunities, and build community resilience. I am a team player who is willing and able to work with anyone and everyone necessary to meet the needs of our community. We face unprecedented challenges today and the only way to overcome this is to come together as a community, Puna Kākou! We're all in the same canoe and need to paddle together to move our Hawaii island forward for our keiki and future generations. I humbly ask for your vote. Mahalo!

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I am running for Hawai'i County Council District 6 because this community is my home in the deepest sense. My ancestors have cared for this 'āina since time immemorial. I carry forward their legacy of stewardship and responsibility. District 6 deserves accountable representation that understands our rural realities: infrastructure, housing, agriculture, public safety, and economic opportunity. My goal is to strengthen local food systems, support small businesses and working families, protect our natural and cultural resources, and ensure county government operates with transparency and fiscal discipline. I bring over a decade of experience in public policy and legislative advocacy, along with firsthand knowledge as a farmer and social services provider. I understand how decisions at the county level affect families on the ground. I am ready to serve with integrity, listen with humility, and work tirelessly to build a future where our keiki thrive and our kūpuna are honored.

"Leads with Experience – Delivers with Teamwork" reflects how Guy Enriques will serve our community. During his two-year term on the Hawai'i County Council in 2008, he delivered results that made a lasting impact, including an \$18.9 million hurricane shelter and gym for Ka'ū, securing a \$500,000 budget to drill a potable water well in Ocean View, and bringing lifeguards to Punalu'u to protect families and visitors. Guy believes in keeping leadership simple: identify the needs of the district, bring together the team best equipped to address the issue, and guide projects to completion. The goal is to deliver real and visible results. Guy believes real progress happens through collaboration among Council members and the Mayor's administration. He is committed to representing Ka'ū, South Kona, and Volcano with integrity, listening to the community, protecting our coastline and local values, and strengthening our future together.





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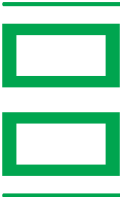
Mayor Richard Bissen, Jr. is running for re-election because he believes Maui Nui needs steady, courageous leadership to continue moving forward. During his first term, Maui County faced extraordinary challenges, including the devastating wildfires, housing shortages and pressure on local families. Under Mayor Bissen’s leadership, affordable housing production increased by 190%, with Maui County now on track to deliver more than 5,000 homes over the next four years. Mayor Bissen also secured \$1.6billion in federal recovery funding to help Lahaina rebuild and recover stronger for future generations. His administration continues working to improve infrastructure, strengthen disaster preparedness and protect Maui County’s cultural and natural resources. He remains committed to acquiring private water systems and returning water to public trust, ensuring local resources are protected for the people of Maui County. Mayor Bissen believes leadership must remain grounded in compassion, integrity, stability and service for all residents. Not pau yet.



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Aloha Maui County. I am Yuki Lei Sugimura, and I am running for Mayor because Maui Nui deserves to move forward with integrity, accountability, and leadership that prioritizes unity over division. As Mayor, I look forward to creating real housing opportunities for residents, easing the economic burden on local families, and supporting our business community so that Maui County’s next generation can afford to stay and thrive at home. We will refocus on core issues like these that affect all of Maui Nui, and we will do so with an approach that brings our communities back together. I have committed my life to serving my community – as a Councilmember, small business owner, and community leader – and I continue to find joy and purpose in producing meaningful results for Maui County’s residents. Let’s work together to move Maui Nui forward. Thank you!

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Claire “Kamalu” Carroll is currently serving as an Economic Development Specialist for rural areas within Maui County. Seeking to be seated as a Maui County East Maui Council member in this election year. Economic Diversification: Moving beyond reliance on tourism by developing more community farms on government lands to achieve greater food sustainability. Infrastructure and Environment: Addressing issues that focus on community well-being, sustainable development, and a balanced approach to economic and environmental challenges in Maui County. Uses such as outdated roadways and sewage overflows, which she linked to climate change impacts. Tourism and Housing: Acknowledging the importance of tourism for local employment while advocating for more affordable housing and stricter enforcement against illegal vacation rentals. Homelessness: Advocated for solutions like tiny homes and rotating shelters. Always engaging in the heartbeat of our communities in Maui County, and understanding different needs

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As the returning incumbent from East Maui, I will continue my work in environmental stewardship and natural resource management. My work in creating the East Maui Water Authority and the County Department of Agriculture ensures that our keiki will have food security and fresh drinking water for generations to come!The Federal cuts in Medicaid and SNAP benefits will leave our most vulnerable citizens, our keiki and kupuna, in dire conditions so making sure that they have the resources to manage higher costs will be essential. Finally, rebuilding Lahaina will be a daunting task that I am up for; including building up the sense of community and ‘Ohana back to a vibrant and resilient community. Mahalo for your continued support!

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Tamara Paltin is a dedicated community advocate and public servant who has represented West Maui on the Maui County Council since 2019. A former Ocean Safety Lieutenant, Emergency Medical Responder and longtime environmental leader, Tamara has spent her career protecting Maui’s people, culture, and natural resources. She helped lead the Save Honolua Coalition, working with residents and the State to preserve critical coastal lands and ensure community voices are heard in decisions that shape our future. On the Council, Tamara focuses on responsible rebuilding, protecting local housing opportunities, managing tourism responsibly, and strengthening community resilience. With a background in mathematics and education and years of grassroots advocacy, she brings thoughtful problem-solving and a collaborative approach to government. Tamara remains committed to putting residents first and building a sustainable, thriving future for West Maui.



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I’ve lived on Maui for 39 years, all on the westside. I have served this community, whether it was coaching sports, PTA’s, president of Lahainaluna H.S. Foundation and building a stadium through private funds, serving at Kumulani Chapel, HOA president, West Maui Taxpayers Association member, all while working full time, first as a proprietor of TCBY Yogurt and then as a promotional products salesperson. Having experienced both the 2018 and 2023 fires, we must resolve the fire mitigation issue now or all these new homes we see in Lahaina could suffer the same fate with another catastrophe. Also, the water issue with Pu’u Kukui will be critical to the aforementioned and help revitalize West Maui. Finally, being married for 45 years and raising 5 children has taught me about the purpose of life. Reaching retirement age, it’s time to repurpose my life and give back in this new direction.

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Ashley Awakea Lindsey is a mother, multigenerational Maui resident, community leader, and cultural advocate dedicated to preserving the island's history, culture, and character. She has served with the Wailuku Redevelopment Agency, Maui Planning Commission, and Maui Historical Society, supporting education, preservation, and thoughtful planning. Lindsey brings experience in land use, redevelopment, real estate, and community engagement, with a focus on balancing growth while protecting Hawaii's unique cultural and historic resources. As co-founder of Project Locavore and the annual Eat Local Maui Challenge, she has spent more than a decade connecting residents with local farmers, ranchers, fishers, and food producers to strengthen community resilience and support local agriculture. A lifelong advocate for civic engagement, Ashley is committed to supporting future generations through affordable housing, environmental stewardship, responsible growth, and transparent government.



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I am running for Maui County Council because I strongly believe that I can provide the proactive leadership our community needs and deserves. During my tenure as Maui County District Airport Manager, I witnessed firsthand the number of local families forced to leave our island home. This was primarily due to the high cost of living, especially following the wildfires. The disasters our community has endured tested us. In those moments, there was no time for politics – only time to act. I learned to work closely with various government and grassroot agencies to help provide aid and services when people needed it most. I saw what real leadership looked like. For me, it was not about politics, titles or talk. Instead, it was about showing up and working for the people of Maui County. If elected, I will listen to your concerns, represent and serve our community.

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Kauanoe Batangan is a Maui County Councilmember dedicated to delivering real results for our ‘āina and kama‘āina. A generational resident of Kahului, he brings proven experience at the federal, state, and local levels of government. Kauanoe founded the Daniel K. Akaka Congressional Fellowship, managed national advocacy to expand a marine sanctuary, and oversaw interisland ferry planning for Maui County. When the August 8, 2023 wildfires struck, Kauanoe stepped up as a manager in the Office of Recovery, organizing critical healthcare and social services for survivors. Kauanoe knows the cost of living is crushing local families. To build a resilient Maui Nui where our people can afford to stay, his leadership focuses on four core pillars: preserving our culture, diversifying our economy, investing in our people, and stewarding our lands. He will continue to listen with humility and fight for our shared future.



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As evident in my military career, I have dedicated my life to service for the betterment of all people, which is why I have submitted my application for the Kahului seat. I’m ready to work with anyone to accomplish local housing for local workers, fair pay for local jobs, and a government that earns trust through transparency and accountability. I have always stood for clean governance, clear communication, and accountability. This moment is no different. If we are asking our leaders to be transparent, we must hold ourselves to the same standard. My commitment is simple: I will follow the law. I will protect the integrity of this process. I will keep our community fully informed every step of the way, ensuring you are always in the loop. This is leadership grounded in kuleana, not convenience.





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As your Councilmember and Chair of the Water and Infrastructure Committee I have prioritized some of our community’s toughest challenges. My background in construction and land use equips me with the technical expertise to effectively address County projects; from expanding recycled R-1 water systems, to advancing critical flood mitigation, and the North-South Collector Road. I believe responsive government requires active listening; that is why I will prioritize ongoing community outreach through my South Maui Community Town Halls and open house talk story sessions. These gatherings are essential for identifying and addressing community priorities. If re-elected I will remain focused on securing sustainable water resources, improving infrastructure resilience, and ensuring South Maui’s growth is managed responsibly, to prioritize attainable homes for our residents. I ask for your vote to continue this vital work for our future.

Aloha Maui! I didn’t plan to run for the County Council again, but the message from residents was loud and clear; we must get back our majority that once focused on the needs of citizens over the needs of developers! My record during my previous Council tenure includes actually creating affordable housing projects, passing legislation to protect native seabirds and turtles from harmful lighting and chemical sunscreens and funding wetland restoration to address the root cause of flooding damage. I have been a constant advocate for infrastructure and local control at a time when our Council majority is approving unbridled luxury housing and even attempted to give Kula water rights to mainland venture capitalists. With a history of integrity, background in business (energy/agriculture), a reputation for transparency and accessibility, I. humbly offer my services again, at a time when grass roots support will be the most important factor.





BALLOT NAME:
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As a member of the Modoc Tribe, I know how governments use neglect as a power move to push for further displacement, control of water rights, control of agricultural land, and control of where the displaced are and aren't allowed to be. The government is in debt to the people, and we're here to collect. I refuse to be complicit while Hawaiians are pushed out more and more every year. The future can be ours if we're bold enough to reach for it. Injustice can be overturned if you know the candidate is true to the cause, and I can promise everyone that I stand for nothing more than the freedom of the people. Free energy, free water, free farming, and freeing the hanai in the foster care system from abuse and neglect at the hands of the system that broke their promises to help them. Demand accountability now!



BALLOT NAME:
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Aloha, I am Nohe Uu-Hodgins. Currently, the Councilmember for the Makawao, Haiku, Paia district. I was born and raised in Paia and my family goes back many generations on Maui. I am the proud mother of four. My husband, Koa, and our family live in Makawao. As your councilmember, I believe there is a balance between smart growth, respect for the environment, and respect for our local culture. In my current term, I have fought for workforce and affordable housing. Our island home needs housing now more than ever. I hope to provide a place that our great grandchildren can continue to call home. It is my honor to represent my district and Maui County and I hope to continue to do so. For more information or to contact me please visit my website at votenohe.com.





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Aloha, ‘o wau o Bobby Pahia. As a family business owner and agriculture leader with decades of experience in land use planning, water management, and infrastructure maintenance, my mission is to empower the next generation to deepen our shared connection to ‘āina and community. I’m running to bring that mission from the māla to the Maui County Council. My priorities center on three guiding principles to nurture a quality of life where all Maui Nui residents thrive together: protect ‘āina, provide cost-of-living relief, and empower collective leadership. We’ve seen the changes, said goodbye to too many special places and people who lost hope in their opportunities here at home. As a community, we need a more balanced approach where workers have a voice at the decision-making table and profits are reinvested in our community. Together, we can create generational impact to build a bright future here in Maui Nui.





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I am currently the chair of Maui County Council's Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee. I am a father, a farmer, resident of Lāna'i for more than 20 years, and advocate for the working class. I champion policy solutions that promote affordable housing, social equity, agriculture, water conservation, and sustainable land stewardship. For Lāna'i I have spearheaded the development of affordable housing, a skatepark, dog park, farmers market, and the County purchasing of an inter island ferry.

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Aloha! ‘O wau ‘o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, kupa’āina of Molokai, and a mother of two who drive my advocacy for a better quality of life for our keiki now and seven generations into the future. I’m a proud graduate of Molokai High School, with a law degree and certificates specializing in Environmental Law and Native Hawaiian Law, and a master’s degree in business administration. It has been a privilege to work by side-by-side with all of you in community, growing from our challenges to become more resilient. It would be an honor to continue serving the people of Maui County to ensure our community’s voice is supported with well-informed decision-making that centers protection for our ‘āina and advance policies lead us to collective abundance. I look forward to continuing work toward our shared goals together!





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Aloha! My name is Bernard Carvalho, and I am a candidate for Mayor of Kaua'i. Guided by the message, "TOGETHER WE CAN, TOGETHER WE WILL" I believe in action rooted in Aloha, Collaboration, and Community – Driven solutions. My leadership style is collaborative, and I have built strong relationships across communities, and all levels of government. I am deeply committed to protecting Kaua'i's unique culture and environment while ensuring responsible growth and opportunities for future generations. I served as Mayor of the County of Kaua'i from 2008-2018. During my service I led the island through natural disasters, economic recovery, and major infrastructure improvements. My public service includes civil servant, Department head and Kauai County Council. I am a graduate of Kapa'a High school and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I remain deeply rooted in the community that I serve. Let's stay connected. Email:TOGETHERWECAN2026@GMAIL.COM.



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I'm running for Mayor of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau because our island deserves strong, experienced leadership rooted in a lifelong commitment to service. I've dedicated my career to protecting and serving our community; 13 years with the Kauai Police Department, 21 years in the Hawaii Air National Guard, and multiple terms on the County Council, including serving as Council Chair. As your mayor, I will tackle our most pressing challenges: resolving the solid waste crisis, creating truly affordable housing, reducing traffic congestion through infrastructure improvements, and ensuring public safety. I'm committed to responsible budgeting, preserving our island's beauty and cultural values, and making government work efficiently for all residents. I believe in decisive action over empty promises. Our keiki deserve opportunities to build lives here, and our kupuna deserve to age with dignity in the community they helped build. I humbly ask for your vote.

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I am running for Kaua'i County Council to bring experienced, steady leadership focused on solving real problems with integrity, accountability, and a community-first approach. After 25 years of public service with the Kaua'i Police Department, including senior leadership roles, I understand public safety, responsible decision-making, and the importance of putting people first. My priorities include increasing affordable and workforce housing for local families and kūpuna, addressing the inflated cost of living, and ensuring growth is responsible and respectful of our 'āina and culture. I support well-planned construction and infrastructure improvements, including-wastewater and sewer systems, solid waste and trash services, water resources, and roads to protect public health and support long-term sustainability. I am committed to public safety, emergency preparedness, environmental stewardship, sustainable agriculture, youth opportunities, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and collaboration. My guiding principle is Service Before Self—putting the long-term wellbeing of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau ahead of politics.



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It has been an honor and privilege serving as your current council member of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau for a second term. Working alongside our community and local organizations in tackling our biggest challenges have been the hardest work of my life and at the same time the most rewarding. We have made a lot of progress but it always feel as if it is not enough and not fast enough. If elected, my commitment is to double down on our efforts in reducing the cost of living and continue to prioritize our local families, specifically our keiki and kupuna. It would be an honor to continue serving and I look forward to continue working on these challenges whether elected or not. Mahalo!



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Aloha, my name is Mike Coots. I was born and raised on Kaua'i, and this island has shaped every part of who I am. As a shark attack survivor, photographer, ocean advocate, and small business owner, I know what it means to face challenges, adapt, and keep moving forward. I'm running for Kaua'i County Council because I believe we need leadership rooted in community, common sense, and protecting what makes this island home. Our families are facing real pressures: housing costs, cost of living, aging infrastructure, and the challenge of keeping local people here. I want to help build a future where locals can afford to stay, our land and ocean are protected, and decisions are made with the people of Kaua'i at the center. I humbly ask for your support.



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Aloha, my name is Michelle Kaleiohi Correa, and I'm running for Kaua'i County Council to strengthen our island's future through balanced growth, respect for the 'āina, and support for local families. Kaua'i faces real challenges — high housing costs, limited job opportunities, and the need to protect our environment as we grow. I believe government must act with accountability, transparency, and aloha. My priorities include creating more truly affordable housing for local residents, investing in infrastructure that's resilient to climate change, and supporting agriculture, education, and small business so our keiki have opportunities to stay and thrive here. I will bring thoughtful, community-based decision making to the Council — listening carefully and respecting diverse perspectives. Every choice we make should strengthen our island's sustainability and preserve the culture and natural beauty that make Kaua'i unique. I humbly ask for your vote to serve on the Kaua'i County Council.



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Aloha Everyone, my name is Billy DeCosta and I am running for reelection. I served as your council member in 2020 and in 2022. During these 4 years I worked closely with our many different departments and other council members to set in place changes that brought a positive effect on our way of life here on Kaua'i & Ni'ihau. Some Bills I initiated were raising the Hotel and TVR taxes (about 11-14 million per year) that will be used to buy land and work with a developer to build middle class work force housing. My Ag bill added density by allowing locals to build more homes on their Ag land. Passed a flat tax bill to save Ni'ihau from several hundred thousands in taxes. My experience and abilities to work together with others allows me to be successful. I humbly ask you to vote for me.



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I'm running for County Council to protect what makes our island home, our land, water, and people, while building a more resilient future. In my first term, I've responded to community concerns and worked to address issues raised. Beyond bills and resolutions, I've focused on advancing solutions to major challenges, from solid waste and wastewater to our parks, supporting our teams and community, building capacity, and tackling issues like CRB, permitting concerns, reducing pesticide use, supporting local agriculture and small businesses, and improving how we manage tourism. With a background in environmental science and years of advocacy, I bring both technical understanding and community-rooted leadership. My focus is investing in infrastructure that protects our future and growing a County that keeps families here. I believe in transparent government, listening to our communities, and turning solutions into action. In the next term, I'm striving to delivering measurable progress for Kaua'i.



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I am running for Kauai County Council because I care about Kauai and I care about its future. I bring with me my business and accounting acumen, ten years of experience on the council, four of those years as the Council Chair, my commitment to community service, and the values and principles that were instilled in me from family, teachers, coaches, and community. Growing up here, I believe I can represent the people of Kauai and Niihau well because I am a regular, everyday Kauai resident who works hard and wants to make the best life for myself and my family. I would be humbled and honored to have your vote in this upcoming election.



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I am running for Kauai County Council because I love Kauai and want to ensure our island remains a place where local families can live, work, and thrive. Born and raised on the Westside of Kauai, I come from a working-class family and understand the challenges our community faces, including housing affordability, job opportunities, and the high cost of living. I have worked in education as a substitute teacher, coached high school canoe paddling, farmed, and built a small local business with my wife. These experiences have given me a well-rounded understanding of Kauai from the perspectives of workers, families, educators, farmers, and small business owners. I have also served on agriculture-related boards at the county, state, and federal levels, where I learned the importance of collaboration and thoughtful decision-making. I am committed to listening to the community and working toward practical solutions that support Kauai's people and future.



BALLOT NAME:

MATTOS, John H. (Scooby)

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LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF WEST KAUAI BORN AND RAISED. CATHOLIC , HUSBAND ,FATHER OF 5 ADULT CHILDREN . SERVED IN THE US NAVY RIGHT OUT OF WAIMEA HIGH, HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN 95, WORKED AT KAUAI COFFEE FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS , THEN AT PMRF FIRE DEPT FIREFIGHTER AND LATER EMT FOR ABOUT 18 YEARS, HIRED IN 2005 AT KIUC POWER PLANT AND BEEN THERE FOR PAST 21 YEARS TO PRESENT. I AM ACTIVE IN MY COMMUNITY AND CAN MAKE A POSITIVE ADDITION TO THE KAUAI COUNCIL FOR THE BETTERMENT OF KAUAI . IF ELECTED I WILL DONATE HALF OF WHAT EVER A COUNCIL MEMBERS SALARY IS BACK TO KAUAI COMUNITY LIVE EACH PAY DAY , NON PROFITS , CHURCHES ECT. I AM NOT DOING THIS FOR MONEY OR FAME OR TO BE A CAREER POLITICIAN . I AM WORRIED OF THE DIRECTION OF KAUAI !!



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I'm running for County Council because Kaua'i is my home. I'm a 4th generation, born and raised Kaua'i resident, and now I'm raising my family here. Council decisions affect all of our families, mine included. I believe we need to deliver the basics well: public health and safety, infrastructure, local housing, responsible finances, transparency, follow-through, and respectful public discourse. I've worked in the private sector, now serve in County government, own a small business, and come from a family that has served this community for generations. Through the County's Capital Improvements Program, I've helped move real projects forward that affect daily life. I don't promise to have all the answers, but commit to practical leadership, sound decision making, and keeping families at the center of what we do. I'm rooted in our community, ready to serve and I'm asking for the opportunity to do so.



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Aloha, my name is Cheree Rapozo. Born and raised on Kaua'i, I am a lifelong resident, business owner, and real estate professional. I began working at a young age in State and County summer programs, gaining experience in office operations and youth programs. Over the years, I have worked in escrow and title, construction, later as a legal secretary in the Prosecutor's Office, and spent much of my career in the visitor industry. This experience gives me a grounded understanding of our community. I love our island lifestyle and enjoy hiking, biking, canoe paddling, horseback riding, hunting, golfing, and being a proud grandma. I am running for County Council to bring a strong voice, greater transparency, and real solutions. From parks, roadways, infrastructure, solid waste, and wastewater systems, these issues need action. We must not overlook the housing gap for our local workforce. Mahalo for your consideration.



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My name is Taylor H. Shigemoto. I have decided to enter the public service arena and run for a seat on the Kauai County Council because of my deep-rooted passion and love for the residents of Kauai and Niihau. I was born and raised on the Garden Island and will forever call Kauai home. I truly believe that we Kauaians and Ni’ihauans are blessed and privileged to live in one of the most beautiful and unique places in the world. I realize, however, that to protect and preserve this beautiful and comforting lifestyle, we must all work together to maintain and perpetuate what is most important to our daily lives! What I truly hope to accomplish, if elected, is to use my strength in team building and belief in customer service to get the members to collaborate and make decisions for the benefit of all residents of Kauai.



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Born and raised on Kaua’i, I am a proud Kapa’a High School graduate and recently retired after 25 years as a Fire Captain with the Kaua’i Fire Department. Throughout my career, I was committed to serving the island and caring for the community when it mattered most. Today, I continue that service working in affordable housing, helping local families find a place to call home. I am running for County Council to give back to the island that shaped me. I understand the challenges facing Kaua’i—especially housing and the cost of living—and I believe in practical, common-sense solutions that put our community first. I bring years of experience, strong leadership, and a deep commitment to integrity in public service. I will work hard to keep Kaua’i a place where families can live, work, and thrive.

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I come from a generational Kanaka family with deep roots in this district. My parents were born and raised here, and I have lived from Waikīkī to Maunaloa (Hawai‘i Kai). Since my time at Vanderbilt University, I have been actively engaged in civic leadership, public testimony, and advancing responsible legislation. Housing affordability and cost of living remain urgent challenges. I support balanced housing solutions that prioritize long-term options for essential workers and local families while preserving neighborhood character and expanding opportunities for our local workforce. Strong fiscal accountability must guide every decision to ensure responsible stewardship and measurable results for residents. My work in public hearings has reinforced that accountable governance and fair elections are essential to maintaining public trust. Leaders must act as true public servants. I am ready to serve with integrity and transparency.



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I am an attorney, husband, father, and former Honolulu City Councilmember for District 4. My public service began 16 years ago at Honolulu Hale as a Council staff member, where I learned firsthand how city government can improve people’s daily lives. I later had the privilege of serving East Honolulu on the City Council. After stepping away from elected office, I focused on raising my family, building my law practice, and continuing to serve the community in different ways. I am running again with renewed energy, greater experience, and a deep commitment to listening, communicating clearly, and following through. I believe District 4 deserves practical leadership focused on safer parks, smarter housing, stronger neighborhoods, supporting small businesses, and making government work better for local families.





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It's been an honor serving you in District 6. I'm asking for your support for another term because we deserve a city where local families can actually afford to stay and thrive. My focus is clear: making Honolulu a place where housing is within reach, our small businesses thrive, and our public spaces are safe and accessible. I believe in policy that delivers results, not just talk. Since taking office, I've fought against bus fare and sewer fee hikes to keep more money in your pocket. I've prioritized local housing by creating innovative financing for affordable apartments right here in town and launched new grant programs to help our small businesses grow. From establishing the Downtown Business Improvement District to leading on the opioid crisis, I'm tackling the issues that matter most to our families. With your vote, I'll continue making Honolulu a "City That Works For You!"

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THESE STATEMENTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

QUESTION #1: Increasing the Timeframe for the Hawaii Senate to Consider and Act on Judicial Appointments.

QUESTION

Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to allow the Senate more time to consider and act on the appointments of justices and judges, by increasing the timeframe from thirty days to sixty days for appointments made between April 1 and December 31 when the senate is not in regular session or is about to adjourn the regular session?

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment would amend article VI, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution to extend from thirty days to sixty days the timeframe for Senate consideration of a judicial appointment if the appointment is made between April 1 and December 31, which is typically when the Legislature is nearing adjournment of a regular session or is not in regular session.

The Senate confirmation process for justices and judges of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Intermediate Court of appeals, and Circuit Courts, currently provides that the Governor shall make an appointment within thirty days of receiving a list of nominees from the Judicial Selection Commission. The Senate is then required to consent to or reject the Governor's appointment within thirty days or be deemed to have consented to the appointment.

Because the Hawaii State Legislature is a part-time legislature and only meets in regular session part of the year, the Senate may need to convene in a special session for the sole purpose of acting on a judicial appointment. The purpose of the amendment is to allow greater flexibility in scheduling special sessions and thus limit the number of special sessions that may be needed to consider judicial appointments.

MEANING OF "YES" VOTE

A "yes" vote would extend from thirty days to sixty days the time allowed for the Senate to consider judicial appointments made between April 1 and December 31.

MEANING OF "NO" VOTE

A "no" vote would make no change to the Hawaii State Constitution and leave in place the requirement that the Senate consider a judicial appointment within thirty days or be deemed to have consented to the appointment.

MEANING OF BLANK VOTE OR OVERVOTE

A "blank" vote is not tallied as a "yes" vote or a "no" vote upon the question. Instead, a "blank" vote is only counted toward the total number of votes cast. Similarly, an "overvote" is not tallied as a "yes" vote or a "no" vote upon the question. Instead, an "overvote" is only counted toward the total number of votes cast.

In order for a proposed amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to be ratified, it must be approved by a majority of all votes tallied upon the question (i.e., only "yes" and "no" votes). Additionally, this majority must constitute at least fifty percent of the total votes cast at the election (i.e., "yes," "no," "blank," and "overvotes").

For the full text of these
proposed amendments, go to
elections.hawaii.gov
or call (808) 453-8683.

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QUESTION #2: Directing the Hawaii State Legislature to Establish Procedures for Counties to Issue RISE Bonds, Exempt from County Debt Limits.

QUESTION

Shall the Hawaii State Constitution be amended to direct the legislature to authorize the counties to issue resilient infrastructure for shelter and equity bonds to fund public improvements in designated districts, repaid solely by future growth in property tax revenues within those districts, not by increasing real property tax rates, where such bonds are excluded from the counties' debt limit and are subject to accountability and oversight requirements as may be provided by law?

EXPLANATION

Article VII, section 12, of the Hawaii State Constitution directs the Hawaii State Legislature to authorize the counties to issue several types of bonds. This amendment to Article VII, section 12, of the Constitution would create a new type of bond called a resilient infrastructure for shelter and equity (RISE) bond and direct the Hawaii State Legislature to establish laws that would allow the counties to issue RISE bonds.

Article VII, section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution excludes certain types of bonds from the maximum amount of debt that a county is allowed to issue. This amendment to Article VII, section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution would add RISE bonds to the list of bonds that are excluded when calculating a county's maximum debt level, making RISE bonds exempt from the counties' debt limits.

RISE bonds are a form of financing payable solely from incremental increases in real property tax revenue received by a county from designated districts that result from the natural growth of real property values in those districts.

The proposed amendment does not authorize the creation of a new tax nor does it increase property tax rates.

MEANING OF "YES" VOTE

A "yes" vote would direct the Legislature to establish laws allowing the counties to issue RISE Bonds, which would be excluded from county debt limits, and authorize their repayment only from the future real property tax growth in the areas they help develop.

MEANING OF "NO" VOTE

A "no" vote would make no change to the Hawaii State Constitution, which currently does not allow the issuance of RISE Bonds.

MEANING OF BLANK VOTE OR OVERVOTE

A "blank" vote is not tallied as a "yes" vote or a "no" vote upon the question. Instead, a "blank" vote is only counted toward the total number of votes cast. Similarly, an "overvote" is not tallied as a "yes" vote or a "no" vote upon the question. Instead, an "overvote" is only counted toward the total number of votes cast.

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#1: Hawai'i: County Auditor's Power to Employ

QUESTION

Shall the Hawai'i County Charter be amended to allow the County Auditor to hire a deputy and exercise the same power, with respect to the employees within the Auditor's office, as the department heads in the executive branch?

EXPLANATION

The Office of the County Auditor does not have a deputy position. This proposal allows the County Auditor to hire a deputy and exercise the same power, with respect to the employees within the Auditor's office, as the department heads in the executive branch. If approved, the Deputy County Auditor would have the authority to act in the event the County Auditor is not available and perform other duties as directed by the County Auditor.

For the full text of these
proposed amendments, go to
**[www.hawaiicounty.gov/
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THESE STATEMENTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

QUESTION #1: Planning Commission Review of General Plan and Land Use Ordinances

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2027, to provide clarity and consistency in deadlines for planning commission review of revisions to the general plan, zoning ordinances, and other land use ordinances proposed by the council, and transmittal of related findings and recommendations to the council?

EXPLANATION

Currently, the Revised Charter of the County of Maui sets deadlines for a planning commission to transmit its findings and recommendations on proposed land use ordinances and General Plan revisions to the County Council that differ from when the Council can take action on those matters if a planning commission fails to transmit its findings and recommendations. For example, section 8-8.4 of the Charter requires a planning commission to transmit its findings and recommendations on General Plan revisions to the Council within 180 days of the final public hearing on the revisions, and to transmit findings and recommendations on land use ordinances within 120 days of the final public hearing on the ordinance. However, under Section 8-8.6, the Council may approve General Plan revisions and land use ordinances if a planning commission fails to transmit its findings and recommendations within 120 days from when the Council transmits those matters to a planning commission for consideration. This amendment would adjust the time frames for Council action on land use ordinances and General Plan revisions to be consistent with the deadlines for review by a planning commission. This means that the Council could act on revisions to the General Plan if a planning commission fails to transmit its findings and recommendations after 180 days following the final public hearing on the revision. Similarly, the Council could act on land use ordinances if a planning commission fails to transmit its findings and recommendations after 120 days following the final public hearing on the ordinance. Finally, this amendment would require the planning director schedule a public hearing for any Council initiated revisions to the general plan or land use ordinance within 60 days of transmittal to the Planning Department by resolution.

MEANING OF “YES” VOTE

A “yes” vote means that a planning commission’s deadline for transmitting findings and recommendations on land use ordinances and revisions to the General Plan would be consistent with when the Council could adopt those ordinances and revisions if no findings and recommendations are transmitted. It would also establish a deadline for the Planning Director to schedule public meetings on proposed land use ordinances and revisions to the General Plan.

MEANING OF “NO” VOTE

A “no” vote means that current deadlines for planning commission review and time periods for Council action would remain unchanged.

MEANING OF BLANK VOTE OR OVERVOTE

Neither a “blank” vote nor an “over” vote is tallied as a “yes” vote or a “no” vote and are only counted toward the total number of votes cast.

For the full text of these
proposed amendments, go to
mauicountyvotes.gov.



THESE STATEMENTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

QUESTION #2: Standardizing deadlines for voter initiative, recall, and charter amendment

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 1, 2027, to standardize the deadlines related to the clerk's processing of petitions related to voter initiative, recall of elected officers or board or commission members, and charter amendments?

EXPLANATION

Under the Revised Charter of Maui, there are three types of petitions to have a measure placed on the ballot for consideration by voters during an election. These include petitions to amend the Maui County Code (also referred to as a "voter initiative") under Article 11, petitions to recall elected officers or board and commission members under Article 12, and petitions to amend the Charter under Article 14. For all three types of petitions, the County Clerk is responsible for reviewing the sufficiency of the petition, including whether there are a sufficient number of valid voter signatures. Currently, the Charter establishes different deadlines for reviewing the initial petition and supplemental petitions, if any, for all three types of petitions. For voter initiatives, the County Clerk's Office has 45 days to review the petition, and 20 days to review a supplemental petition. For petitions to recall an elected officer or board or commission member, the County Clerk's Office has 20 days to review the petition and 10 days to review a supplemental petition. For Charter amendments, the County Clerk's Office has 15 days to review the petition and there is no provision for supplemental petitions. This amendment would standardize the review period for all three types of petitions to 45 days. The amendment would also increase the review period for supplemental petitions for voter initiatives and recall of an elected officer or board or commission member to 30 days.

MEANING OF "YES" VOTE

A "yes" vote means that the County Clerk's deadlines for reviewing the initial petitions for voter initiatives, recall of elected officers or board or commission members, and charter amendments would be standardized at 45 days, and the deadline for review of supplemental petitions for voter initiatives and recall of elected officers or board or commission members would be increased to 30 days.

MEANING OF "NO" VOTE

A "no" vote means that the existing deadlines for reviewing petitions for voter initiatives, recall of elected officers or board or commission members, and charter amendments would remain unchanged.

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QUESTION #3: Computation of Time

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 1, 2027, to establish a formula for computing Charter deadlines that excludes weekends and holidays?

EXPLANATION

The Revised Charter of the County of Maui sets various deadlines and time periods in which actions must be taken. On occasion, those deadlines or the end of those time periods fall on days when the County is not open for business, such as Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. This amendment would adopt a formula for determining deadlines and time periods in the Charter which excludes the first day and includes the last day, unless the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which case the deadline or time period would be extended until 4:30 p.m. on the next business day. This formula would be used to determine all deadlines and time periods in the Charter other than those containing a specific date, or those related to vetoing and overriding vetoes on legislation.

MEANING OF “YES” VOTE

A “yes” vote means that, unless the Charter specifies a date, or the Charter provision concerns vetoing or overriding a veto on legislation, deadlines and time periods contained in the Chart would be calculated by excluding the first day and including the last day of the period, unless the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

MEANING OF “NO” VOTE

A “no” vote means that deadlines or time periods established by Charter would continue to be calculated as written regardless of whether the deadline or last day of the period fell on a day in which the County was not open for business.

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QUESTION #4: Processing of Claims

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 1, 2028 to streamline the process for filing claims for personal injury or property damage by requiring that claims are filed directly with the Director of Finance or as provided by ordinance?

EXPLANATION

Currently, Section 13-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui requires that any claims for personal injury or property damage made against the County of Maui must be filed with the Office of the County Clerk. This amendment would require that these claims be filed with the Director of Finance or another individual designated by ordinance instead.

MEANING OF “YES” VOTE

A “yes” vote means that claims for personal injury or property damage made against the County of Maui would be filed directly with the Director of Finance or another individual designated by ordinance instead of the County Clerk.

MEANING OF “NO” VOTE

A “no” vote means that claims for personal injury or property damage made against the County of Maui would continue to be filed with the County Clerk.

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QUESTION #5: Removing the English Translation of the Hawai'i State Motto

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective upon passage, by removing the English translation of the Hawai'i State motto in the Maui County Charter Preamble, allowing the original phrase, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," to stand on its own?

EXPLANATION

Currently, the Revised Charter of the County of Maui Preamble includes the Hawai'i State motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," followed by the English translation, "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness" in parenthesis. This amendment would remove the English translation and keep only the Hawaiian-language phrase.

MEANING OF "YES" VOTE

A "yes" vote means that the English translation of the Hawai'i State motto would be removed from the Charter Preamble, and the original Hawaiian-language phrase would remain.

MEANING OF "NO" VOTE

A "no" vote means that the Charter Preamble would continue to include both the Hawai'i State motto and its English translation.

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QUESTION #6: Emergency Appropriations

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2027, to allow the Mayor, with approval from the Council, to pass an emergency appropriation for an application for a line of credit and clarify that the one percent limitation for emergency appropriations does not apply to funds that have already been allocated to an emergency fund?

EXPLANATION

Section 9-9 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui allows the County to make emergency appropriations to respond to a public emergency threatening life, health and property by ordinance, and specifies that emergency appropriations in a fiscal year may not exceed 1% of the total operating budget for that year. Currently, when there are not enough funds to cover these emergency appropriations, the Council may authorize the issuance of emergency notes. This amendment would remove authorization for issuance of emergency notes, and instead allow the County to apply for a line of credit with Council approval. The Amendment would also clarify that the 1% limitation on emergency appropriations does not include money that has already been allocated in an emergency fund.

MEANING OF “YES” VOTE

A “yes” vote means that the County could apply for a line of credit instead of issuing emergency notes when there are not enough funds to cover emergency appropriations, and that funds already appropriated into an emergency fund would not count toward the 1% Charter limit on emergency appropriations.

MEANING OF “NO” VOTE

A “no” vote means that the Charter would continue to authorize the issuance of emergency notes for emergency borrowing and would not specify whether funds that have already been appropriated into an emergency fund count toward the 1% limitation on emergency appropriations.

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QUESTION #7: Independent Nomination Board

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective immediately, to repeal the parts of the 2022 Charter amendment that created the Independent Nomination Board and related procedures for nominations for various County officers?

EXPLANATION

In 2022 the voters of Maui County approved a Charter Amendment establishing the Independent Nomination Board to recruit, evaluate, and nominate candidates for various County boards and commissions, as well as the County Clerk, the County Auditor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Prosecuting Attorney. Nominees for these positions are selected from a list provided by the Independent Nomination Board, unless the Independent Nomination Board fails to meet various deadlines. This amendment would dissolve the Independent Nomination Board and revert to prior methods of nomination and approval for these positions. As a result, the mayor would be able to nominate individuals to fill vacancies on a County board or commission, the Corporation Counsel and the Prosecuting Attorney without having to choose from a list of potential nominees provided by the Independent Nomination Board. The amendment would also allow the Council to appoint the County Clerk and the County Auditor without having to choose from a list of potential nominees provided by the Independent Nomination Board. In addition, the amendment would: amend deadlines for the mayor to submit nominations for boards and commissions to the Council; amend deadlines for the Council to act on nominations to boards and commissions submitted by the Mayor before they are automatically approved; allow the Council to adopt additional policies on the process for filing vacancies on boards and commissions by ordinance; allows the terms of members on boards and commissions to be set by ordinance; and removes the requirement that notice of public board and commission meetings be published in a newspaper and instead allows for notice to be provided as required by state law.

MEANING OF “YES” VOTE

A “yes” vote means that the Independent Nomination Board would be dissolved and the mayor would have authority to nominate members of boards and commissions, as well as the Corporation Counsel, and the Prosecuting Attorney, without having to choose from a list of potential nominees provided by the Independent Nomination Board. The County Clerk and County Auditor would be appointed by the Council without having to choose from a list of potential nominees provided by the Independent Nomination Board. It would also change various deadlines related to the nomination process and allow the Council to adopt additional policies related to boards and commissions by ordinance.

MEANING OF “NO” VOTE

A “no” vote means that the Independent Nomination Board and the nomination procedures adopted through the 2022 Charter amendment would remain in effect. Appointments to boards and commissions as well as for the County Clerk, the County Auditor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Prosecuting Attorney would continue to be subject to the existing Independent Nomination Board process.

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QUESTION #8: Reappointment of Members of the Board of Ethics

QUESTION

Shall the Charter be amended, effective upon approval, to authorize the Mayor to reappoint members of the Board of Ethics of the County of Maui, with the approval of the Council, for one successive term without an intervening waiting period?

EXPLANATION

Currently, Article 13, Section 13-2(5) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui provides that no member of a board or commission is eligible for a second appointment to the same board or commission until two years after the expiration of their prior term, unless the initial term is three years or less. This amendment seeks to create an exception for members of the Board of Ethics by allowing reappointment for one successive term without an intervening waiting period.

MEANING OF “YES” VOTE

A “yes” vote means that the members of the Board of Ethics could be reappointed for one successive term without an intervening waiting period. The existing reappointment restrictions for other boards and commissions would remain unchanged.

MEANING OF “NO” VOTE

A “no” vote means that the members of the Board of Ethics would continue to be ineligible for reappointment to the Board of Ethics until two years after the expiration of their prior term, unless their initial term was three years or less.

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THIS STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMENDMENT: Relating to Zoning Board of Appeals

QUESTION

Shall the Kaua'i County Charter be amended to expedite and clarify the Planning Commission's appeals process by removing all references to a Zoning Board of Appeals?

PURPOSE

The Zoning Board of Appeals has never been used, and its functions are being handled by Hearings Officers and the Planning Commission. This amendment would remove the Zoning Board of Appeals from the Charter and align the Charter with the current process.

BACKGROUND

The appeals process for the Planning Commission consists of three (3) options. An appeal may be heard by the Planning Commission, a Hearings Officer, or the Zoning Board of Appeals, although the Zoning Board of Appeals has never actually been used.

The Planning Commission has the discretion to conduct the hearing or refer the hearing to a Hearings Officer or the Zoning Board of Appeals. However, the Zoning Board of Appeals has never been put into practice, so appeals are currently managed by the Planning Commission and Hearings Officers. Removing the Zoning Board of Appeals is a recommendation of the Kaua'i County Cost Control Commission to clarify and expedite the appeals process.

The Zoning Board of Appeals was added to the charter in 2016, to reduce the workload of the Planning Commission. However, it has proven unworkable to find volunteers willing and able to commit to successive days and sometimes weeks of hearings in highly legalistic procedures. The duration of one hearing consisted of eight (8) hours a day and continued for nine (9) days. As a result, no Zoning Board of Appeals has been installed since it was created.

The appeals process is a hearing that is similar to a court proceeding with witnesses, cross-examination, and presentation of evidence. The Hearings Officers are attorneys that are familiar with the legal procedures and rules involved in these hearings. To use a volunteer board of seven people without legal training to conduct these hearings would likely result in more time and more costly court litigation. A neighboring county with a Zoning Board of Appeals is experiencing a two (2) year backlog of hearings and is considering using a Hearings Officer instead.

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proposed amendments, go to
[kauai.gov/Charter](https://www.kauai.gov/Charter)
or call (808) 241-4881.

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QUESTION #1

QUESTION

Should the Charter require annual funding for a Food Security Fund, without having to simultaneously increase real property tax rates to fund the appropriation, to support programs and grants that provide locally grown or produced food to Oahu residents, as well as non-local food only in an emergency?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter currently requires annual funding for five special funds: the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, Affordable Housing Fund, Climate Resiliency Fund, Honolulu Zoo Fund, and the Grants in Aid Fund. It does not establish a Food Security Fund, or require funding for programs that improve access to locally grown or produced food.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Charter would create a sixth special fund, the Food Security Fund, and increase annual funding for the Charter's special funds from 2.5% to 3% of estimated real property tax revenues. The six funds would each receive an equal share of the funding. The Food Security Fund would support City programs, grants, and subsidies that improve access to locally grown or produced food, strengthen O'ahu's food supply, and improve food security. During a declared emergency, a limited portion of the fund could also be used to purchase other food when necessary.

QUESTION #2

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to replace its preamble with language recognizing the relationship between the people of the City and County of Honolulu and the 'āina, honoring the wisdom of kūpuna and the legacy of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, and affirming commitments to transparent, accountable government and stewardship of natural, civic, and cultural resources?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter's current preamble describes the City's commitment to responsible government and public participation. It does not recognize the relationship between the people and the 'āina, Native Hawaiian cultural values, or the legacy of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Charter's preamble would be replaced with language: recognizing the relationship between the people of the City and County of Honolulu and the 'āina; honoring the wisdom of kūpuna and the legacy of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole; and affirming commitments to transparent, accountable government and stewardship of natural, civic, and cultural resources. The amendment would update the Charter's guiding principles but would not change the legal powers or duties established elsewhere in the Charter.

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QUESTION #3

QUESTION

Should an Office of Ōiwi Resources and Cultural Stewardship be established within the Office of the Mayor to oversee the management of Ōiwi resources within the City, develop related programs, and create a Cultural Advisory Council of kūpuna, cultural practitioners, and community representatives?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter currently provides the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission with the authority to advise and assist the federal, state, and City governments in carrying out historic preservation responsibilities, provide public education and training in historic preservation, and develop a comprehensive citywide historic preservation program.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Charter would establish an Office of Ōiwi Resources and Cultural Stewardship within the Office of the Mayor. The Office would coordinate Native Hawaiian cultural and natural resource stewardship across City departments, promote the appropriate use of the Hawaiian language, develop related programs, collaborate with government and community partners, and submit annual reports to the Mayor and City Council. The amendment would also establish a Cultural Advisory Council composed of kūpuna, cultural practitioners, and community representatives.

QUESTION #4

QUESTION

Should a nine-member LGBTQIA+ Commission be established to advise the Mayor, City Council, and City agencies on matters affecting the LGBTQIA+ community and recommend policies, programs, and legislation promoting social, economic, and political equality?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter establishes several advisory boards and commissions to provide recommendations on specific public policy issues but does not establish a commission dedicated to advising the City on matters affecting the LGBTQIA+ community.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Charter would establish a nine-member LGBTQIA+ Commission to advise the Mayor, City Council, and City agencies on issues affecting LGBTQIA+ residents. The Commission would be authorized to recommend policies, legislation, programs, and administrative actions, serve as a liaison between the community and City government, and employ staff as necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

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QUESTION #5

QUESTION

Beginning in 2032, should the City use ranked-choice voting to elect the Mayor, City Council, and Prosecuting Attorney, allowing voters to rank candidates in the order they prefer (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) in a single November election?

PRESENT SITUATION

City officials are elected through a two-step nonpartisan special election. When three or more candidates run for an office, a first special election is conducted with the state primary in August. If a candidate wins a majority, then they are elected. Otherwise, the top two advance to a second special election held with the state general election in November. Turnout in August is typically much lower than in November. This means a relatively small group of voters who may not represent the views of the City as a whole decides the options (or the winners) for everyone else. In the 2024 election, all City officials were elected in August. Additionally, Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 11-100 limits ranked-choice voting to only special elections to fill City Council vacancies.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

Beginning in 2032, ranked-choice voting will be used for the Mayor, City Council, and Prosecuting Attorney, and these offices will be decided in the November election by a larger and more representative electorate. Voters can rank any number of candidates in the order they prefer (1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, etc.). If no candidate receives a majority of first choices, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and those ballots transferred to each voter's next choice, repeating in rounds until a winner is determined. The City Clerk will also adopt rules and implement a public education program.

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QUESTION #6

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to require the Honolulu Police Department to 1) adopt policies to ensure the constitutional rights of all persons regardless of immigration or citizenship status are protected, and 2) assist federal immigration enforcement activities only when required by statute or court order, and after the requesting agency's identity and authority have been confirmed?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter currently requires the Honolulu Police Department to preserve the public peace, protect the rights of persons and property, prevent crime, and enforce state laws and City ordinances. It does not establish policies governing the Department's role in federal immigration enforcement or specify when officers may assist federal immigration authorities. Under Hawaii State Law, Act 141 (2026) prohibits all state and county law enforcement agencies, including the Honolulu Police Department, from providing information to federal immigration authorities for the purposes of immigration enforcement, but does not prohibit the Honolulu Police Department from complying with a judicial warrant, court order, or subpoena.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Charter would require the Chief of Police to adopt and enforce policies protecting the lawful exercise of rights guaranteed by the United States and Hawai'i Constitutions for all persons, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. Law enforcement officers could assist with or facilitate federal immigration enforcement activities only when required by a verifiable state or federal statute or a court order. Before providing assistance, officers would also be required to verify the identity and legal authority of the requesting agency through official channels for each individual action.

QUESTION #7

QUESTION

Shall the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu be amended to encourage increasing housing availability and preserving available housing as policies for the City and County of Honolulu?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Revised Charter does not contain a statement recognizing the City's shortage of housing available for long-term occupancy, the impact of housing-related outmigration, or a declaration that encouraging the use of the City's existing housing supply for city residents is a compelling governmental interest.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Revised Charter would include a statement recognizing the City's shortage of housing available for long-term occupancy, finding that housing-related outmigration is an existential threat to the City, and declaring that encouraging the use of the City's existing housing supply for city residents is a compelling governmental interest.

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QUESTION #8

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to clarify that the Affordable Housing Fund is a revolving fund, with repayments, interest, earnings, proceeds, and other receipts derived from the Fund to be redeposited into the Fund?

PRESENT SITUATION

Honolulu voters previously approved an Affordable Housing Fund that provides affordable rental housing for households earning up to sixty percent of the area median income. Housing projects that receive money from the Fund must remain affordable for at least sixty years. The Fund receives roughly eight million dollars per year in property tax revenues, which are used to purchase land, renovate existing buildings, or construct new affordable housing units. Currently the Charter does not specify what happens to money that is loaned from the Affordable Housing Fund and later returns to the City with interest.

Currently, the Charter provides that any funds remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not lapse. The Charter does not specifically state that repayment, interests, earnings, and proceeds from the Fund are redeposited into the Fund.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

It would clarify that repayments, interest, earnings and proceeds derived from the Fund are redeposited into the Fund. The Affordable Housing Fund could support a wider range of affordable rental housing, including affordable units within developments that contain a variety of uses (mixed-use) and price points for housing (mixed-income). Loan repayments, interest earnings, and other revenues generated by the Fund would remain available for future affordable housing investments, so that the Fund can grow and support more affordable housing units and projects over time.

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QUESTION #9

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to no longer require a second public hearing for any transaction related to City real property interests?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter requires the Department of Housing and Land Management to hold a public hearing to determine whether each real property transaction or activity related to city real property interests serves the public interest. Many transactions are quite small, such as easements for utilities or public access. As a result, the hearings are infrequently attended. Additionally, they impose significant costs on the City in staff time and advertising expenses. For transactions or activities affecting a City real property interest that exceeds one-quarter acre in size, the Department is also required to conduct a public hearing in the Council district where the real property interest is located. The Charter also requires the Department to prepare a report for each transaction or activity with specific findings that it serves the public interest, which must be approved by the Council.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

A separate public hearing requirement for City real property transactions will no longer be required, but the public will retain the ability to learn about and testify on all City property transactions when they appear on the agenda for City Council meetings.

QUESTION #10

QUESTION

Should the City be required to prepare and carry out a functional plan for the development of affordable housing?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter requires the City and County of Honolulu to prepare long-range functional plans for several major services, including parks, environmental services, and transportation. However, it does not require a comparable long-term functional plan for housing. As a result, housing priorities are addressed through individual programs and policies rather than a single comprehensive plan.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Charter would require the Director of Housing and Land Management to prepare and maintain a ten-year Housing Functional Plan, with updates at least every five years. The plan would be reviewed for consistency with the City's General Plan and Development Plans and would help guide future housing policies, capital improvements, and budget decisions. The requirement would take effect on January 1, 2030.



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QUESTION #11

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to allow the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and the Climate Resiliency Fund to award grants to federal income tax-exempt non-profit organizations that provide services that are consistent with each Fund's purpose?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter currently allows only the Grants in Aid Fund to award grants to federal income tax-exempt non-profit organizations that provide services to economically and/or socially disadvantaged populations, or provide services for public benefit in the areas of the arts, culture, economic development, or the environment.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

Both the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and the Climate Resiliency Fund would be allowed to award grants to federal income tax-exempt non-profit organizations that provide services consistent with each Fund's purpose.

QUESTION #12

QUESTION

Should the Revised City Charter be amended to allow the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, Affordable Housing Fund, Climate Resiliency Fund, and other funds established under Section 9-204 to receive funding from federal, state, philanthropic, and other sources?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter establishes several special funds that receive dedicated real property tax revenues. However, it does not expressly authorize these funds to accept additional revenue from sources such as federal or state grants, private donations, or philanthropic organizations.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The special funds established under Section 9-204 could receive funding from federal, state, philanthropic, and other authorized sources in addition to their existing dedicated funding.

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QUESTION #13

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to allow the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund to be used for historic preservation, and to preserve and protect buildings, sites, structures, and objects that have been acquired by the fund; to rename the Fund the Land, Natural Resources, and Historic Preservation Fund, and the advisory commission for the Fund the Land, Natural Resources, and Historic Preservation advisory commission; and to allocate proposal review for Fund use between the advisory commission and the O’ahu Historic Preservation Commission?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter currently establishes the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund to acquire and protect environmentally, historically, and culturally significant lands. However, the Fund generally cannot be used to preserve or restore historic buildings or other historic and culturally significant sites and objects. The Clean Water and Natural Lands advisory commission receives proposals for use of the Fund, and submits its recommendation to the Council.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

In addition to acquiring historically significant lands, the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund could also be used to preserve, restore, maintain, and rehabilitate historic buildings, sites, archaeological resources, and culturally significant objects. The Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund would be renamed the Land, Natural Resources, and Historic Preservation Fund, and the name of the advisory commission for the Fund would also be changed. Review of certain proposals for use of the funds would be submitted to the O’ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

QUESTION #14

QUESTION

Should the Charter be amended to increase the annual appropriation for costs related to operation, maintenance, and management of lands that were acquired using the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, from 5% of the moneys that were deposited into the Fund in the previous year, to 10%?

PRESENT SITUATION

Currently, the Charter limits the amount of the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund that can be used for operation, maintenance, and management of lands acquired by the Fund to 5% of the moneys deposited in the previous year.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The amount of moneys that may be used for operation, maintenance, and management of lands acquired by the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund will be 10% of the moneys deposited in the previous year.



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QUESTION #15

QUESTION

Should an Office of Data and Innovation be established to use data to improve city services, promote government transparency and civic engagement, ensure that the city uses artificial intelligence responsibly, and protect residents' digital privacy?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter establishes a Department of Information Technology (Section 6-1201) responsible for operating and maintaining the City's information technology and telecommunications systems. However, the Charter does not designate any office or officer as responsible for citywide data governance; for using data to improve the delivery of services; or for protecting the digital privacy of residents. A Chief Data Officer and two data specialist positions were created in 2022 by City Ordinance 22-31. Ordinance-based positions can be modified or eliminated by future administrations without a public vote.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The Office of Data and Innovation, led by an executive officer and reporting to the Managing Director, will become an integral part of City government. The Office will provide Citywide direction for data standards and strategy, data privacy, responsible use of artificial intelligence, and innovation in City services. Establishing the Office of Data and Innovation in Charter will ensure that the City will employ experts in data, innovation, and artificial intelligence, as these play a growing role in our society.

QUESTION #16

QUESTION

Should permanent resident aliens who are residents of the City and County of Honolulu be permitted to serve on City boards and commissions?

PRESENT SITUATION

City boards and commissions are groups of experts who volunteer to advise, assist, or oversee certain parts of City government without pay. Currently, you must be a registered voter of the City and County of Honolulu to serve on a board or commission. Many willing and capable long-term residents—including employees of international businesses, nonprofit organizations, and universities—are currently excluded from serving in these roles.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

Permanent resident aliens who are residents of the City and County of Honolulu would become eligible for appointment to most City boards and Commissions as long as they meet all other qualifications.

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QUESTION #17

QUESTION

Should quorum and board action be based on the majority of members eligible to vote, excluding vacancies and non-voting members?

PRESENT SITUATION

A majority of all members to which the board or commission is entitled constitutes a quorum, unless specified in the law or ordinance creating the board or commission or in any other law or ordinance. The Charter also currently requires a majority of the entire membership to take any action, and the entire membership has been interpreted to include vacancies and members who are not eligible to vote. As a result, some boards and commissions with vacancies and nonvoting members have been unable to take official action despite having enough members present to conduct a meeting.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The amendment would clarify that vacancies and non-voting members are excluded when determining whether a quorum is present and that, once a quorum has been established, official actions may be approved by a majority of the members present and voting, unless state law or the Charter itself requires a higher voting threshold. Neighborhood Boards, which are elected positions, would not be affected by this change.

QUESTION #18

QUESTION

Should the First Deputy of the Department of Human Resources be exempt from civil service provisions, like similar roles in other City departments?

PRESENT SITUATION

The First Deputy of the Department of Human Resources is a civil service employee. They also represent the City in negotiations with unions over civil service salaries, benefits, and privileges. In all other counties in the State, the same position is exempt from the civil service, as are first deputies in other city departments in the City and County of Honolulu.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The position of First Deputy of the Department of Human Resources will become an appointed position exempt from the civil service. This will make the position consistent with other counties and City departments effective January 1, 2027.



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QUESTION #19

QUESTION

Should the City Clerk be required to provide technical and secretarial services to the Charter Commission?

PRESENT SITUATION

The Charter requires the appointment of a Charter Commission every ten years to review City government and recommend Charter amendments. The Charter does not designate a permanent administrative home or guarantee technical or secretarial support for the Commission.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

The City Clerk would be required to provide administrative and technical support to the Charter Commission. The Charter Commission's authority, responsibilities, independence, and ability to propose Charter amendments for voter consideration would not change.

QUESTION #20

QUESTION

Should the Charter make a Councilmember, the Mayor, or the Prosecuting Attorney ineligible for election to any City office for two years if impeached, or if the official resigns after an impeachment petition has been filed, consistent with the provision for being recalled from office?

PRESENT SITUATION

Currently, a Councilmember, the Mayor, and the Prosecuting Attorney may still be elected or appointed to any other City office with no restrictions even if they have been removed from office pursuant to impeachment proceedings, or if they resign after an impeachment petition has been filed.

IF PROPOSAL PASSES

A Councilmember, Mayor, or Prosecuting Attorney who is impeached, or who resigns after an impeachment petition is filed, could not be elected or appointed to any City office for two years. This would make the restriction similar to the one that already applies to elected officials removed through a recall election.

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