

**O'ahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of Hawai'i**  
**2018 Convention Minutes**  
**Moanalua High School Cafeteria**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Dr. Richard Halverson, called The 2018 Oahu County Democrats Convention to order at **8:23 AM**.

Chair Halverson called upon Jacob Aki to open the convention with an *Oli*, which was followed by the playing of the National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Hawai'i Pono'i*

**Initial CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair called on Credentials Committee Co-Chairs Raphael F. Leonard and Myra Jean Arzadon for the initial report of the Credentials Committee to present the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee: as of 8:08AM the Committee reported that there were 196 delegates and 8 Guests Raphael F. Leonard that the roll of the delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the 2018 O'ahu County Convention pending a final report.  
THE PRELIMINARY REPORT WAS ADOPTED PENDING A FINAL REPORT.

**STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION**

Chair Halverson directed delegates' attention to the Convention Standing Rules in the delegate packets. As provided by Section 12 of the County Bylaws, the O'ahu County Committee adopted these convention rules developed by the Rules Committee at the February 24, 2018 meeting.

Without objection or question the standing rules of the 2018 O'ahu County Convention in the form circulated were accepted as circulated.

**CONVENTION AGENDA**

Chair Halverson recognized Co-chairs Myra Jean Arzadon and Dylan Armstrong of Convention Planning Committee Myra who moved the proposed Convention Agenda as distributed to all delegates at registration. The convention agenda was adopted without objection.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Halverson appointed Dr. William Puette as Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Ken Farm as Sergeant-at-Arms for the 2018 O'ahu County Convention; Martha E Randolph as Recording Secretary; and Daniel Jacob as Convention Scribe.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Chair called on O'ahu County Treasurer, Raphael Leonard, to present the report, in the convention packet. The report was accepted and filed, subject to audit.

**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Halverson recognized DPH National Committee Woman Kate Stanley who presented an oral report.

## **THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Co-Chairs Marsha Joyner and Justin Salisbury, Anthony Austin delivered the report of the Affirmative Action Committee which is the same as it was in 2017. Lemomi Kahn moved that the 2017 report be accepted by the delegates for 2018. It was adopted without objection.

## **ADDRESSES BY ELECTED Officials**

Chair Halverson recognized the following Elected Officials who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to address the delegates:

State Senator Jill Tokuda; US Representative Colleen Hanabusa; U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono; and Governor David Ige

The Chair closed Registration at 9:20 am

## **THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Co-Chairs Melodie Aduja, and Donald Koelper delivered the report of the Platform.

Committee and moved that the recommended changes in the Committee's Report be adopted. The recommended changes to the Platform of the O'ahu County Democrats were adopted without objection.

Chair Halverson recognized the following Elected Officials who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to address the delegates: Mayor Bernard Cavalho Jr.; State Senator Wil Espero; Lt. Governor Doug Chin; and State Senator Donna Mercado Kim

## **RULES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Co-Chairs Cynthia Rezentes, and Charles Ice, delivered the report of the Rules Committee. It was moved by Co-Chair Cynthia Rezentes that the report on Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i be accepted **except for Proposed Amendment #1** and that the Bylaws as amended be adopted and referred to the State Central Committee for approval with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary. The proposed OCD Bylaw amendments **except for Proposed Amendment #1** were adopted and shall be referred to the State Central Committee for approval with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

**SEPARATION REQUEST:** by Michael Golojuch Jr. AGAINST AMENDMENT #1  
(Section 2, p. 2, lines 34-35):

(2.4) Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his or her absence or incapacity and/or by delegation. ~~The Vice Chairperson shall also serve as co-chair of the annual Oahu County Convention.~~

Michael Golojuch Jr moved to amend proposed Bylaw Amendmet #1 by adding a new subsection section as follows:

"(11.10) A member of the Executive Committee shall serve as co-chair of the annual O'ahu County Convention." After debate, the vote to amend Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1 by adding the new subsection failed.

The Chair then called for a vote to accept Amendment #1 as presented by the Rules Committee. Amendment #1 was adopted and shall be referred to the State Central Committee for approval with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

Chair Halverson recognized the following candidates for public or party offices who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to address the delegates

State Representative Beth Fukumoto; candidate Kim Coco Iwamoto;

State Party Chair Tim Vandever; Address by Pohai Ryan (running for Officer of Hawaiian Affairs at Large); William Aila Jr. (running for Officer of Hawaiian Affairs at Large; Sherry Alu Campagna (running for Congresswoman ); Gloria Borland (running for State Party Chair);

Keali'i Kealiilalanikulani Lopez (running for State Party chair); and Emmanuel Zibakalam (withdrew as candidate for State Party chair);

Sharon Moriwaki (Candidate District 12);

State Senator Karl Rhoades (District 13);

Vice-Chair Dylan Armstrong (running for House District 23);

Elton Fukumoto (running for House District 23); and

Kaui Dalire (running for House District 49).

#### **REMEMBRANCES:**

Chair Halverson recognized O'ahu County Representative to the SCC, Alan Burdick, to read a list of departed and asked for unanimous vote to suspend the rules and adopt a special courtesy resolution honoring Democrats who have passed away in the past year. Without objection the rules were suspended and the special courtesy resolution was adopted.

#### **Address in Memoriam by parents of Mark Takai**

Chair Halverson recognized the parents of the late Mark Takai to address the delegates. In memory of their son, they asked for party support of whichever candidates win Democratic nomination in the State primaries

#### **THE REVISED CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Raphael F. Leonard presented the revised report of the Credentials Committee. As of 11:25 AM the Committee reported that there were 327 delegates and 9 Guests. The Committee moved that the final roll of the delegates hereby submitted be the official final roll of the voting members of the 2018 O'ahu County Convention. Without objection, the Revised Credentials Report was Adopted as the final roll of delegates.

#### **ELECTIONS OF MALE and FEMALE O'AHU COUNTY AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES TO The Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Central Committee**

Co-Chairs Dylan Armstrong and Erynn Fernandez explained the Election Process. In accordance with Section 2 Paragraph 10 of the County By-Laws, the At –Large 120 representative are elected in even numbered years.

Since the requirements of the Constitution & Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i do permit nominations from the floor, Juanita Kawamoto and Alan Burdick being uncontested nominees for the positions of Female, and Male O‘ahu At-Large Representatives to the State Central Committee were, therefore, elected by acclamation as provided by Standing Rule 9.

Chair requests that convention delegates review the 13 new resolutions proposed by the resolutions Committee during the lunch break and follow necessary procedures to consider separately any resolution after Lunch

Announcement by Natalia Burke in honor of Glen Ida and the Governor’s sponsorship of the Convention Lunch in his honor.

### ***LUNCH RECESS***

Chair Halverson called the Convention back to order after lunch and played the recorded Video address by Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, after which the Chair recognized the following officials present to address the delegates: Council Member Trevor Ozawa; Tommy Waters; State Representative Kaniela Ing (running for US Congress); and Mayor of Honolulu City & County, Kirk Caldwell.

### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Co-Chairs Katherine Kogl and Larry Smith, asked the delegates to note the variances between the final versions of the proposed resolutions recommended by the committee and the versions posted online and distributed. The delegates were asked to refer to the distributed copies and mark the variances indicated on the projection screen.

Co-Chairs Kogl and Smith explained each variance one at a time.

In addition they announced that the following sentence was added as a matter of procedure to resolutions, 1,2,3,5,8,9,11,13: “Ordered that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the 2018 Hawai‘i State Democratic Convention”.

Chair Kogl moved the adoption of the 13 proposed resolutions as revised, with the proviso that the Secretary of O‘ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

With the exception of the proposed resolution for which separation requests were submitted, the remaining proposed resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10 as revised were adopted with the proviso that the Secretary of O‘ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

## **SEPARATION REQUESTS for PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13:**

### **Proposed Resolution #7: Urging The Board of Land and Natural Resources to Abide by the Principle of Malama 'Aina (formerly Do a Better Job)**

Was adopted by voice vote as proposed by Committee with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

### **Proposed Resolution#8 Supporting Investigation of the use of Ranked Choice Voting in all elections.**

After debate Proposed Resolution #8 was adopted with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary

**A Motion to extend the convention past 2 pm was adopted with 2/3 in the affirmative.**

### **Proposed Resolution # 11 Urging the United States Navy to retro fit its twenty jet fuel tanks or relocate them to a location away from the aquifer**

After debate Proposed Resolution #11 was adopted with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

### **Proposed Resolution #12: Urging Hawaii State Legislature to support and fund the Veterans Treatment Court.**

After debate Proposed Resolution #12 was adopted with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

### **Resolution #13: Relating to Ensuring Access to Medical Aid in Dying**

Motion by Michael Golojuch Jr. to substitute the original wording of Resolution #13 as he proposed it failed.

Proposed Resolution #13 was then adopted as proposed by the Committee with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Juanita Kawamoto moved adjournment at 2:30 pm which was adopted without objection.

Delegates and guests joined hands and sang *HAWAI'I ALOHA*

**Submitted by**

**Martha E Randolph**

**Recording Secretary for the O'ahu County 2018 Convention**

**STANDING RULES OF THE 2018 CONVENTION**  
**O'ahu County Democrats**

Adopted by O'ahu County Committee on February 24, 2018

**Rule 1. Registration Required.**

All Delegates to the O'ahu County Convention must register at the Moanalua High School Cafeteria, 2825 Ala Ilima St, Honolulu, HI 96818, on Saturday, May 5, 2018, between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM, at which time registration will close.

**Rule 2. Delegate Eligibility.**

- A. Persons eligible as provided in the Bylaws (*see attached provisions*) who are members in good standing of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i are eligible to be Delegates to the O'ahu County Convention after payment of a \$30 registration fee no later than Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Late registration fee of \$35 will be accepted from Thursday, April 26 through May 4. The registration fee on the day of the convention before 9:00 AM, Saturday, May 5th will be \$40.00.

**Rule 3. Convention Committees.**

Each Convention Committee shall convene on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Kalakaua Middle School Cafeteria, 821 Kalihi Street to consider submissions, to reformat, combine and/or revise submissions, and to adopt a committee report containing its recommendations that will be presented by the appointed chairperson or co- chairpersons of that committee.

**Rule 4. Submissions to Affirmative Action, Platform, and Resolutions.**

- A. The proposers of all platform provisions, affirmative action proposals, and resolutions shall submit one copy printed in Arial, 10-point type, with one-inch margins on all sides on 8.5" by 11" white paper. Proposed resolutions shall be limited to one page. In addition to a printed copy, a clean digital copy without markup or comment of the document must also be submitted. Digital copies should be saved as a Microsoft Word document or compatible format. Digital copies may be saved on a USB drive or e-mailed as an attachment to [convention@oahudemocrats.org](mailto:convention@oahudemocrats.org). A confirmation receipt will be sent to persons submitting material via e-mail.
- B. USB drive submissions should be clearly labeled with the following information: type of document (e.g. Resolution, Platform, or Affirmative Action), the title of the document, your name, and the software program used. USB drives will not be returned and shall become the property of the O'ahu County Democrats. Deadline for USB Drive submissions, accompanied by Hard copies sent by postal mail to "O'ahu County Democrats, 2018 Convention", P.O. Box 1793, Honolulu, HI 96806-1793" and must be postmarked no later than April 18, 2018. Floor submissions on May 5 will not be considered except by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates and must be accompanied by an electronic copy on a USB drive with 300 hard copies for distribution.

- C. E-mail submissions should include the following information in its subject line: "2018 OCD Convention TYPE OF DOCUMENT," where the words "TYPE OF DOCUMENT" should be replaced with one of the following words Resolution, Platform, or Affirmative Action. The body of the e-mail should include the following information: type of document (Resolution, Platform, or Affirmative Action), the title of the document, name of moving Delegate, and the software program used. E-mailed submissions of resolutions will only be accepted up to 4:30 P.M on April 18, 2018. Floor submissions on May 5 will not be considered except by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates and must be accompanied by an electronic copy on a USB drive with 300 hard copies for distribution.

Rule 5. Proposed Changes to the O'ahu County Bylaws shall:

- A. State the section and sub-section of the Bylaw proposed to be amended.
- B. State the Bylaw provision again with changes, additions or deletions set forth in Ramseyer format, i.e., bracket or strikethrough deletions and underline words to be added or inserted.
- C. State the rationale for the proposed change.
- D. If the proposal affects other sections of the Bylaws, identify those sections and state the appropriate changes. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be in Times Roman 12- point type with one-inch margins on all sides on 8.5" by 11" white paper. In addition to a printed copy, a clean digital copy without markup or comment of the document must also be submitted. Digital copies should be saved as a Microsoft Word document or compatible format. USB and email submissions should be submitted as discussed in Rule 5, above with Bylaws used as type of document.

Rule 6. Voting Cards.

Each registered Delegate entitled to vote will be issued a "voting card" which the Delegate shall raise when called upon by the chair to express the Delegate's vote. No one except the Delegate to whom the voting card is issued may use the card to vote. Each Delegate must return the voting card issued to him/her at the end of the convention or in the event that the Delegate must leave before adjournment. A voting card left unattended or in the custody or use of anyone except the Delegate to whom it was issued will be confiscated by the Sergeant-at- Arms.

Rule 7. Floor Participation.

Participation in the deliberations on the convention floor shall be limited to Delegates presenting official Delegate voting cards issued at registration to that Delegate. A Delegate wishing to speak shall use the public-address system and is entitled to speak only when recognized by the presiding officer.

- A. When recognized by the chair, the Delegate must state his/her name and district clearly.
- B. Delegates must use the appropriate microphone. A Delegate recognized to answer a request for information, parliamentary inquiry or to make a point of order only may not make any other motion, nor engage in debate, nor make any remarks for or against a motion being debated.

- C. All main motions and amendments made from the floor must be submitted to the presiding officer in writing and signed by the Delegate making the motion.
- D. Debate on each debatable motion shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speech, with a two-speech limit per Delegate on each debatable motion.

Rule 8. Separate Consideration of Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments.

- A. Proposed Resolutions recommended shall be considered for adoption in gross in the form in which the Resolutions Committee has submitted them. A Delegate who opposes or desires to amend any resolution as recommended and submitted by the Resolutions Committee shall give notice to the parliamentarian to consider separately that resolution prior to the presentation of the report of the Resolutions Committee and prior to the vote taken for adoption in gross of the remaining resolutions. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a resolution shall be recognized first to speak against the specified resolution.
- B. Proposed Bylaw amendments recommended by the Convention Rules Committee shall be considered for adoption in gross in the form in which they were recommended for adoption by the Convention Rules Committee unless a Delegate who opposes adoption of a particular amendment as recommended moves to consider separately that amendment prior to the vote taken for adoption in gross of the remaining amendments. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a recommended Bylaw amendment shall be recognized first to speak against the specified amendment.

Rule 9. Elections.

In 2018, elections will be held for O'ahu County State Central Committee (SCC) Representatives (one male and one female). Election of each SCC Representative shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. Election shall be by signed ballot unless there is only one nominee for a particular position in which case that nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation. OCC members shall not hold more than nor be a candidate for more than one office on the Executive Committee. In contested races, candidates may speak for two minutes each. Delegates shall elect candidates for contested positions using a single, first ballot; provided, however, delegates from each region shall have separate ballots to elect Regional Chairs where more than one candidate is running for the same position. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, then a second ballot between the top two vote-getters shall be conducted. Ties shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

Rule 10. Nominations.

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democrats and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, candidates must have filed nomination papers ten (10) days before Convention of the O'ahu County Democrats. Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor.



Rule 11. Agenda.

The County Convention shall act on recommended credentials, Bylaws and platform revisions, affirmative action proposals, and resolutions relating to the activities and functions of the City and County of Honolulu, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and O'ahu County Democrats prepared by the County Convention Committees or accepted from the floor. Resolutions will be considered in the time available.

Rule 12. Observers.

Observers may sit with their precincts, but the Convention Chair may ask observers to move to designated areas when votes are taken.

Rule 13. Minutes.

Convention minutes shall be taken by the Secretary of the O'ahu County Democrats, or such other person as designated by the Chair and shall be approved at a subsequent OCC meeting.

Rule 14. Parliamentary Procedures.

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i or the Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democrats or these standing rules .

Rule 15. Other Procedures.

Pagers and cellular phones shall be off, silent, or on vibrate mode and cellular phones or other communication devices shall not be used in the assembly hall. Video cameras or any other electronic recording equipment shall not be permitted in the meeting hall, unless first disclosed to and approved by the Chair.

From Section 11 of the Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (April 22, 2017):

(11.4) The delegate body of the Convention shall be comprised as follows.

- A. Each District shall have twenty four (24) delegates.
  - 1. The President, First Vice President, and District Council Person of each precinct shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
  - 2. Delegates shall be elected at the time of the Precinct Elections as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.
  - 3. If fewer than twenty-four delegates are elected because the State House District has fewer than eight (8) precincts, a number of At Large delegates to the O'ahu County Convention shall be allotted equal to the number of precincts in the district, multiplied by three (3), and then subtracted from twenty four (24).
  - 4. Elections of At Large delegates shall be held at the same time, and At Large delegates shall be elected by all district members present. If a district meets in more than one (1) location, At Large delegates for the district shall be allocated to each location at a percentage equal to the percentage of district precincts at each location.
- B. Each District shall make every effort to elect delegates composed of equal numbers of men and women.
- C. In addition to elected delegates, the District Chairperson of each district and members of the Executive Committee of the O'ahu County Committee shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
- D. Other Precinct officers shall not be precluded from running as a delegate.
- E. If, following the Precinct Elections, there remain vacant At Large delegate positions, the District Council shall be empowered to fill the remaining positions, up until ten (10) days prior to the convention, after that the District Chairperson shall be empowered, provided that;
  - i. Best attempts are made to ensure gender equity is maintained; and
  - ii. District Council meetings to fill vacancies shall be conducted by phone or email;
  - iii. Appointments shall be in writing.
- F. If an elected delegate cannot attend, they may appoint their own alternate provided that they notify the District Chairperson in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the convening of the convention and;
  - i. The appointed alternate reside in the district; and
  - ii. A best effort is made to ensure the selected alternate is of the same gender as the elected delegate; and
  - iii. An alternate shall act for no more than one (1) delegate at a time; and
  - iv. If the elected delegate does not appoint an alternate ten (10) days prior to the convening of the Convention, the District Chairperson shall be empowered to appoint the alternate, provided that a best effort is made to appoint an alternate of the same gender as the elected delegate.
- G. Each delegate to the O'ahu County Convention is entitled to one (1) vote.
- H. No official delegate shall be prevented from fully participating in the County Convention due to an inability to pay part or all of the established registration fee.

From Section 11 of the Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (April 22, 2017):

(11.5) Elected federal, state and County officials, or officials who may have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, who currently serve in office and are not precinct presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district councilpersons, shall have all the rights and privileges of a delegate subject to the following requirements:

1. Be a member of the Democratic Party in good standing; and
2. Have attained their present office in a partisan election as a Democrat or have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, or have attained their present office in a non-partisan State or County election, provided they are Democratic Party members in good standing and residents of O'ahu.

(11.6) Former Democratic Governors, Lt. Governors, O'ahu Mayors, State Party Chairs, and O'ahu County Committee Chairs, and the current state party chair who are not precinct presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district councilpersons, shall have all the rights and privileges of delegates so long as they are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in good standing, residents of O'ahu and ran for their elected office as a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

(11.7) The Co-Chairs and members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Affirmative Action, Platform, Credentials and Resolutions shall be appointed by the County Chairperson, in keeping with the Party's commitment to gender equity, from among the Convention delegates with the concurrence of the O'ahu County Committee.

(11.8) Voting members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Affirmative Action, Platform, Credentials and Resolution shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention. If at all possible the voting members shall be evenly divided between the regions. The members shall be appointed by the County Chairperson according to a process approved by the O'ahu County Committee. Each committee shall not exceed 5% of the total eligible county convention delegates.

(11.9) All members of the O'ahu County Democrats are invited to attend and voice their opinions in the Convention Committee meetings that take place prior to the annual County Convention.

**O'ahu County Democrats  
2018 Convention  
Moanalua High School  
Saturday, May 5, 2018**

7:00\* Registration and Breakfast Buffet

7:50 Assembly of Delegates

8:00 Call to Order  
*Oli* Hawaiian Caucus  
National and State Anthems

8:15\* Adoption of Initial Credentials Report  
Co-Chairs Mr. Raphael Leonard, & Ms. Myra Jean Arzadon

Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules  
OCC Chairperson Dr. Richard Halverson

Adoption of Convention Agenda  
Convention Planning Co-Chair Dylan Armstrong

Appointments:  
Parliamentarian Dr. William J. Puette, CP, PRP  
Sergeant-At-Arms Mr. Ken Farm  
Recording Secretary Ms. Martha Randolph  
Scribe Mr. Daniel Jacob

Treasurer's Report  
OCC Treasurer Mr. Raphael Leonard

8:25\* Democratic National Committee Report  
National Committeewoman Kate Stanley

8:30\* Affirmative Action Committee Report  
Co-Chairs: Mr. Justin Salisbury & Ms. Marsha Joyner

8:45\* Senator Jill Tokuda

8:50\* US Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa

8:55\* Convention Platform Committee Report  
Co-Chairs: Mr. Donald Koelper & Ms. Melodie Aduja

9:00 Registration Closed  
Remarks by Dr. Richard Halverson

*Addresses by Electeds and Candidates (3 minutes each)*

9:05\* Governor David Ige

9:10\* U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono

9:15\* Senator Wil Espero

9:20\* Lt. Governor Doug Chin

9:25\* Senator Donna Mercado Kim

9:30\* Convention Rules Committee Report  
Co-Chairs: Mr. Charles Ice & Ms. Cynthia Rezentes

10:50\* Kaua i Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.

10:55\* Representative Beth Fukumoto

11:00\* Kim Coco Iwamoto

11:05\* DPH Chairperson Tim Vandever

*Addresses by Electeds and Candidates (3 minutes each)*

11:15\* Remembrances: Dr. Richard Halverson, O'ahu County Chair

11:30\* Adoption of Revised Credentials Report  
Co-Chairs: Mr. Raphael Leonard & Ms. Myra Jean Arzadon

11:45 Election of O'ahu County Representatives to the SCC  
Co-Chairs: Ms. Erynn Fernandez & Mr. Dylan Armstrong

12:00 Recess for Lunch

1:00\* Convention Resolutions Committee Report  
Co-Chairs: Mr. Larry Smith & Ms. Katherine Kogl  
Announcements  
*Hawai'i Aloha*

2:00 Adjournment  
OCC Meeting Immediately Following Convention

*\*Designated times are estimates and shall not be considered an "Order of the Day"*

O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS  
Convention Affirmative Action Committee Report  
Kalakaua Middle School  
April 21, 2018

TO: Richard Halverson, Chair, O'ahu County Committee

SUBJECT: Affirmative Action Convention Committee Report

The O'ahu County Affirmative Action Convention Committee convened at 9:35 a.m. Members present included: Anthony Austin and Marsha Rose Joyner, Co-Chairs; TJ Jasper, Leimomi Khan, Justin Salisbury, and guest, Yoshie Tanabe, O'ahu County District 17.

After considerable discussion by the members of the committee, the following recommendations are made:

1. The O'ahu County Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i appoint an ad hoc Affirmative Action Committee, or if one is already established, update its membership. Members of today's committee made a commitment to join the OCC Affirmative Action Committee. The committee noted that little, if any, action has been taken on the recommendations made in the 2016 OCD Convention AA Committee report. A survey questionnaire was completed at the 2016 OCD convention, but the committee did not have access to it or of any analysis or recommendations made as the result.
2. Task the newly appointed committee to 1) Review and update the 2016 Affirmative Action Plan to the extent possible and provide a report at the first quarterly meeting of the OCC; 2) develop training and/or an orientation plan for Districts and Precincts on the meaning of affirmative action and how to implement the AA Plan of action; 3) Educate the membership on the various terms of underrepresented groups, for example, the differences between the terms of nationality, ethnicity, race; and on the proper reference to races, such as Blacks, Filipinos, Hawaiians, etc.; 4) Explore alternate names in place of "Affirmative Action" and update the mission, goals, and objectives of Affirmative Action planning.
3. Develop a system of accountability to implement the affirmative action plan. (Lacking any report on the 2016 Affirmative Action Plan, it was difficult for committee members to ascertain the progress the OCC had made on implementing it).
4. Post the 2016 OCD Convention Affirmative Action Committee Report on the OCD website. We note that it is missing from that website.
5. Post this report on the OCD website.

The discussions in the committee meeting were stimulating. Committee members understand the importance of affirmative action and that Hawaii is unique in that it has a widely diverse racial population. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i would be strengthened by a strong affirmative action program that reaches out and embraces all races, and especially underrepresented groups in the Party.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Austin and Marsha Rose Joyner  
Co-Chairs, O'ahu County Affirmative Action Convention Committee



**REPORT OF THE CONVENTION PLATFORM COMMITTEE**  
**O'ahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of Hawai'i**  
Moanalua High School | May 5, 2018

The Convention Platform Committee met at Kalakaua Middle School on April 21, 2018 to review the proposals submitted.

Two (2) proposals were submitted, one of which offered substantive changes to align the party platform with the proposed O'ahu General Plan, as amended in 2017. A copy of the platform's final draft, which contains the committee's proposed amendments, is attached.

The Committee recommends that the proposed amendments to the Oahu County Platform be adopted by 2018 O'ahu County Convention delegates, with the proviso that the Secretary of the O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary:

**(1) Preamble (Lines 12-36):** Itemizes 17 goals of Oahu Democrats, based upon the corresponding 17 sustainable development goals as adopted by the United Nations.

**(2) Agriculture (Lines 38-64):** Proposed amendments are as follows:

- (Line 42) Deletes the phrase “in order” for purposes of style and clarity.
- (Line 44) Replaces the term “native Hawaiian” with the indigenous term “kanaka maoli.”
- (Lines 60-64) Adds a paragraph to support a ban on the toxic ingredient chlorpyrifos in agricultural pesticides, support the establishment and enforcement of buffer zones where pesticides are being used in communities, and the mandatory disclosure of all public use of restricted-use pesticides (RUPs).

**(3) Education (Lines 90-120):** Deletes the word “weight” on line 105 and replaces it with the term “body image.”

**(4) Environment and Energy (Lines 122-162):** Proposed amendments are as follows:

- (Lines 126-128) Adds sentence which states that because 90% of O'ahu's electrical and transportation needs are powered by imported fossil fuels, increasing energy self-sufficiency is a major stride toward sustainability.
- (Lines 128-130) Rephrases subsequent sentence for purposes of style and clarity.
- (Line 135) Adds “that” for purposes of style and clarity.
- (Lines 136-140) Emphasizes the use of alternative renewable energy sources, adds language that conforms with the prior paragraph, for purposes of consistency, and adds a

sentence emphasizing support for net metering to foster the development and production of alternative renewable energy.

- (Lines 152-155) Adds a paragraph urging environmentally sound actions by the U.S. Navy to resolve the ongoing underground fuel storage tank issue on the Red Hill area of urban Honolulu.
- (Lines 156-159) Adds paragraph to support upgrades of septic tanks and wastewater sewage systems where feasible by 2025.
- (Lines 160-162) Replaces reference to the “Hawai‘i State General Plan” with “proposed O‘ahu General Plan, as revised in December 2017,” and conforms the language in the paragraph to reference O‘ahu, rather than “our islands.”

**(5) Government and Political Reform (Lines 169-206):** Adds sentence on lines 205-206 to “support reforms to our criminal justice system that encourage the reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals into greater society and reduce their rate of recidivism.”

**(6) Human Rights and Civil Rights & Economic Justice (Lines 226-273):** Proposed amendments are as follows:

- (Lines 233-234) Adds language to express belief in “equality and justice for individuals who do not adhere to the gender binary, and their right to privacy.”
- (Lines 234-235) Adds vow to “work toward a world that embraces gender diversity and equality.”
- (Lines 246-250) Updates language to conform to contemporary references for the LGBTQIA community, to reflect recent changes in state and federal law regarding marriage equality, and to support efforts to ensure that “members of the LGBTQIA community are accepted, respected and honored for who they are.”
- (Lines 252-253) Adds language to “support custody and rights for children born through in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and adoptive rights of transgender and gender non-binary people.”
- (Lines 254-255) Adds language to “support removing or expanding the choices for gender markers on birth certificates, state identification cards (IDs) and driver licenses.”
- (Lines 257-258) Adds language to “support changes in the law that ensures the right to self-determination for gender identification.”
- (Line 260) Adds “that” for purposes of style and clarity.
- (Lines 269-273) Adds paragraph to note recent passage by the State Legislature of the Our Care, Our Choice Act of 2018, and to “support all efforts to ensure that all terminally ill and mentally capable adult patients can make their own end of life choices, including full access to medical aid in dying.”

**(7) Housing (Lines 275-290):** Updates language in lines 286-290 to conform to contemporary references for the LGBTQIA community, and to “support Housing First policies and programs like Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).”

**(8) Labor (Lines 301-310):** Clarifies language in lines 306-308 to emphasize the party’s desire to “Train our local workforce in diversified and environmentally responsible industries.”

**(9) Native Hawaiian People (Lines 312-328):** Proposed amendments are as follows:

- (Lines 320-322) Adds language to “support the construction and use of micro housing units on Hawaiian home lands approved by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and leased to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who meet the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement, notwithstanding county zoning laws.
- (Lines 322-325) Adds language to “support multi-level housing in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and agribusinesses for Native Hawaiians by creating ag-tech zones within the City and County of Honolulu, which promote agricultural innovation and diversify the State's agricultural systems for domestic consumption and export.”
- (Lines 330-332) Adds language to “support the right of Native Hawaiians to self-determination, including the formation of their chosen governmental entity.”

**(10) Safety, Security, Natural Disasters & Other Emergencies (Lines 334-347):** Proposed amendments are as follows:

- (Line 334) Amends title of section to also reference “Natural Disasters & Other Emergencies.”
- (Lines 337-339) Adds language to emphasize the Party’s support for the “enforcement of victim’s rights, restitution, counseling, therapy, Orders of Protection, and the provision of shelters for victims and survivors of domestic violence and other criminal wrongs as applicable.”
- (Lines 339-340) Makes non-substantive amendments to rest of paragraph for purposes of style and clarity.
- Adds language to:
  - “Demand the protection of the people of O‘ahu and their property against natural and man-made disasters. (lines 343-344);
  - Profess the Party’s belief in “the science of climate change, affirm human activity as its primary cause and main driver,” (lines 344-345); and
  - “Support emergency preparedness and planning efforts to mitigate its impacts,” including “investment in early warning systems, emergency management and response systems, and adequate emergency sheltering” (Lines 345-347).

**(11) Technology (Lines 349-360):** Amends language in lines 352- 360 to reflect change in references to STEM initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to includes the addition of the arts, and to “support both net neutrality to ensure free and open access to the internet, and the protection of personal data as personal rights.”

**(12) Transportation (Lines 362-371):** Makes non-substantive amendment on line 366 for purposes of style and clarity.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

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**O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII  
2018 Platform  
Adopted May 5, 2018**

**PREAMBLE**

The O'ahu County Democrats reaffirm our core values of liberty, equality and justice. These values compel us to integrate democratic ideals in all aspect of economic, social, educational, health and cultural life in our communities, O'ahu, our state, and our nation. This Platform outlines the guiding principles for the O'ahu Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Based upon the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, we support as long-term goals of the O'ahu County Democrats:

- (1) End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
- (2) End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture;
- (3) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
- (4) Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- (5) Achieve gender diversity and equality, and empower all women and girls and those that do not adhere to the gender binary;
- (6) Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
- (7) Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
- (8) Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and living wage for all;
- (9) Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation;
- (10) Reduce inequality among our people and communities;
- (11) Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;
- (12) Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- (13) Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- (14) Conserve and wisely use the oceans, seas and marine resources in a sustainable manner;
- (15) Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss;
- (16) Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- (17) Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

**AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We encourage the responsible development of ocean resources and aquaculture ~~[in order]~~ to achieve sustainability in our state.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the ~~kanaka maoli~~ ~~[native Hawaiian]~~ concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster infrastructure such as coolers and freezers at our harbors, and better inspection to protect against invasive species and speed up time in port holding. We need to ensure food safety, strive towards food security and strive to set the highest standards for food quality and nutrition.

We will promote efficiency with feed mills and safe production of livestock, dairy products, poultry and eggs. Recognizing the importance of the ocean as a life-sustaining resource, we must protect its ecological balance while promoting the cultivation of ocean resources as a step toward greater self-sufficiency.

Fresh water free of pollutants shall be available to all. To ensure wise use and equitable distribution of precious fresh water, we must stress water conservation and alternative patterns of water treatment and consumption such as the use of recycled water for irrigation, water storage reservoirs, and the use of rain barrels by the public.

As food and drinking water exposures to chlorpyrifos exceed safe levels, we support the ban of chlorpyrifos in agricultural pesticides. It is acutely toxic and associated with neurodevelopmental damage, i.e., intelligence deficits and attention, memory, and motor problems, in children. We support the enforcement of the establishment of buffer zones where pesticides are being used in communities, and the mandatory disclosure of all public use of restricted-use pesticides ("RUPs").

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

Our community is enriched by the encouragement of diverse arts, and cultural activities that communicate both a regional and universal vision. Through multi-cultural and multi-generational participation in the arts, we strengthen our 'ohana, promote tolerance, and add vitality to that economy through cultural tourism. To this end, we support adequate funding for the arts, individual artists, arts and cultural organizations, and educational enterprises.

## **ECONOMICS & COMMERCE**

Availability of financial support and a capable educated people are critical to our economic expansion and diversification. To encourage our entrepreneurs and prevent them from leaving Hawai'i, we must create incentives for small investors of startup businesses, and we need to encourage a system of venture capital business loans to small businesses and companies so that they can grow to the next level. The management of businesses should be ethical and responsive to the community with transparency for investors and shareholders guaranteeing sound, healthy management. Innovation through the generation of intellectual property should be the goal of our economic diversification.

We must simplify government processes to encourage beneficial business development. We must give priority to the development of "green" sustainable industries, diversification of our tourism market, and local business ownership. Green commerce includes, but is not limited to, biodegradable and recycled packaging. We must promote financial literacy and asset building programs to strengthen our 'ohana. We must pursue relationships with the information technology industry. We must invest in world class higher education to stimulate our economic resources, and we must reduce our dependence on tourism, real estate development, and the military. A truly diversified economy will help to create a diversified jobs market.

## **EDUCATION**

We believe that the future of our State as well as our country depends upon an educated and knowledgeable citizenry. We must re-think the structure of our educational system. We must reform and upgrade our public schools and create a flexible education system. We support increased public investment in higher education, so that students do not have to suffer lifelong tuition debts without shortchanging quality public education.

We support the prioritization of our resources towards providing quality education and library services to every student regardless of learning capacity in an environment conducive to the learning process. These resources should be made available at every level, from pre-school through higher education, including life-long learning, and should provide autonomy of the relevant educational institutions and competitive

compensation for teachers, administrators, and professors. Educational policies should also include cultural learning, the arts and physical education so that we may preserve our health and rich cultural history.

We must ensure that our students are safe in our schools and free from violence, bullying and discrimination. This includes, gender bias, ~~[weight]~~ body image, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and/or religion. Effective communication, respect, and language skills could be taught with group projects, cooperative learning, discussion and games.

We support the strengthening of our early childhood educational programs and the establishment of life skills education throughout our academic careers.

We support a dedicated source of funding for the Department of Education. We support the growth of well-managed and innovative schools.

Education shall be respected as a valuable resource and those pursuing a profession in education shall be compensated with a competitive wage based on national standards while taking into consideration the state's cost of living.

We cannot support the practice of unfunded mandates from the federal government such as the "No Child Left Behind Act" as repealed December 2015.

## **ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY**

The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support for public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i. With about 90% of O'ahu's electrical and transportation needs powered by fossil fuels, increasing energy self-sufficiency is a major stride toward sustainability. Specifically, we must support policies that foster ~~[on O'ahu and between our neighbor islands]~~ the development of energy production methods on O'ahu and our neighbor islands [that] which de-emphasize carbon-based fuels and promote renewable sources such as wind, solar, wave, geothermal and ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC). It is of paramount importance that we protect our fragile environment from further damage due to residential over-development and the depletion of prime agricultural land.

Electricity rates in Hawai'i are among the highest in the nation despite the fact that we enjoy an abundance of sunshine year-round. The electric utility companies must open the grid to alternative renewable power sources [including solar panels and geothermal energy] including, but not limited to, wind, solar, wave, geothermal and ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC). To reduce the cost of energy to consumers. We support the practice and use of net metering to foster development production of alternative renewable energy.

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our fresh water resources.

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from disruption and (ii) beaches for public use and recreation. The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of coastal resources.

The Navy has 20 underground fuel storage tanks at Red Hill above Pearl Harbor. The tanks sit on an aquifer that supplies a quarter of the water consumed in urban Honolulu. More than 27,000 gallons of jet

fuel leaked from one of the tanks in 2014. We support environmentally sound actions by the Navy to resolve the problem by installing double-walled tanks or by moving the fuel out by 2025.

Cesspools throughout the O'ahu threaten drinking water supplies, coral reefs and the health of people who swim and surf in our island waters. They create a serious public safety issue, environmental problem and economic danger that is exacerbated by the effects of climate change. We support septic tank upgrades and wastewater sewage systems where feasible by 2025.

The [Hawaii State] proposed O'ahu General Plan, as revised, December 2017, must be proactive in helping to identify the carrying capacity of [our island] the island of O'ahu to ensure a balance between urban growth and sustainability.

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

We support a strong foreign policy that promotes peace, human rights, international cooperation and the rule of law. We believe that war should be a last resort but, when deemed necessary, should occur only within the confines of international law and international cooperation.

## **GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL REFORM**

We believe that a government based on the will of the people but respecting the rights of all is a potential solution to its citizens' needs and should not be denigrated as an option to a completely laissez-faire society. Thus, fair and equitable taxation is essential for good government, as providing services to society is worthy of financial support. We believe that this will adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly and fairly administer to the needs of the people. We support the incorporation of ho'oponopono, ethics in government, and a fair, voter-verifiable, fully transparent and auditable voting system. We also support enforcement of all sunshine laws and transparency in sessions and meetings that discuss and make policy.

This includes the protection of funding for the televising of public hearings at the State and County levels, as well as the funding of the Public Access Room at the legislature.

We support limitations on political, campaign or issue related donations by organizations, corporations, and individuals. In addition, we promote the practice of public financing of all elections, to ensure that the power to bring positive change to our county and State lies in the hands of individual voters. We do not believe that money equals "free speech."

We must ensure the security of our electoral process with regards to electronic infiltration and manipulation.

We support the separation of state and church as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America in the first Amendment as well as Article VI, which is vital to guarantee freedom of religion and conscience. We also oppose any legislation that weakens that wall. Separation of State and Church is meant to ensure that no single religion can impose its particular beliefs on members of the general population.

We believe in the constant renewal of both the Democratic Party and electoral reform in Hawai'i state government through the re-institution of multi-member legislative districts. The result would provide opportunities for both experienced as well as new candidates for elective office to serve, thus reflecting the changing demographics of Hawai'i.

Notwithstanding claims of national security, the policy of the O'ahu County Democratic Party is to demand that the President and Congress of the United States, in order to uphold the prescribed due process provision and its application to any place "subject to [United States] jurisdiction," remove all prisoners at Guantanamo to the mainland United States, provide them with a fair civilian trial, and forthwith close the facilities at Guantanamo that offer such unconstitutionally cruel and unusual incarceration punishment.

We support reforms to our criminal justice system that encourage the reintegration of formally incarcerated individuals into greater society and reduces their rate of recidivism.

## HEALTHCARE

Access to quality health care is a basic human right. We support the development of long-term care, better pay and working conditions for all healthcare providers, parity of mental and physical health coverage, and appropriate regulation of healthcare delivery systems. We also support the development of empirically validated prevention programs targeted at major public health issues.

We support state and national healthcare reform via single payer universal healthcare as the optimum way to provide health care services. We also support the addition of a public option into the current system.

We cannot support the provisions that continue the practice of denying women coverage for abortion series. All women's health care decisions should be made by the patients and their doctors, and not restricted by the government. Contraceptive and preventative cancer screening should be easily available to all women.

We support the passage and enforcement of laws banning both medical and therapeutic treatments for the purpose of forcing sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression conversion, such as conversion therapy (aka reparative therapy), for minors or adults at the State and Federal level. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to live a true and authentic self.

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all human beings are the foundations of freedom, justice, and peace. We are committed to ending institutionalized discrimination in all aspects. We support affirmative action, the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the rights of senior citizens. We support full equality, benefits and responsibility regardless of sexual identity, orientation, or expression.

We believe in the equality of women and their right to privacy. We believe in equality and justice for individuals who do not adhere to the gender binary, and their right to privacy. We will work towards a world that embraces gender diversity and equality. This includes the rights of women to access birth control, the right to coverage of pregnancy services, the right to shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence and the right of rape victims to emergency contraception in the emergency room to name a few.

~~[We support the rights of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community to full equality before the law, including but not limited to, Marriage Equality both at the State and Federal level. We oppose discriminatory federal and state constitutional amendments and other attempt to deny equal protection of the laws to committed same-sex couples who seek the same respect and responsibilities as other married couples. We celebrate the full repeal of the so-called defense of Marriage Act and the passage of the Respect for Marriage Act.]~~

We support the rights of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA) community to full equality under the law. We support and celebrate the passage of Marriage Equality at the State and Federal level. We oppose any efforts to repeal Marriage Equality. We call upon all to work towards a society where members of the LGBTQIA community are accepted and honored for who they are.

We support custody and rights for children born through in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and adoptive rights of transgender and gender non-binary people.

We support removing or expanding the choices for gender markers on birth certificates, state identification cards (IDs) and driver licenses.

We support the full implementation of a law that allows members of the transgender community to amend their birth certificate to accurately reflect their identified gender. We support changes in the law that ensures the right to self-determination for gender identification.

We support restorative justice [which] that repairs the harms caused by criminal behaviors as well as reintegrates the offenders as contributing members of society.

We deplore human trafficking and support legislative and judicial efforts to stamp it out.

We support initiatives that enhance access and equity to education, employment, and business opportunities intended to lift families out of poverty and remove existing barriers to equal opportunity in our communities.

~~[We support the individual's choice of dying with dignity, including Doctor assisted death].~~ We applaud the passage of the Our Care, Our Choice Act that gives terminally ill and mentally capable adult patients the right to make their own end of life choices, which includes medical aid in dying. We support all efforts to ensure that all terminally ill and mentally capable adult patients can make their own end of life choices, including full access to medical aid in dying.

## **HOUSING**

Housing is a basic human right. Affordable housing that is fair in proportion to individual income is the basis of prosperity for our citizens and stability in our economy. Recent and past real estate bubbles have fueled disproportionate rent increases, a key contributor to homelessness. Therefore, we support efforts to promote truly affordable housing for all citizens who rent. We need economically affordable housing and encourage increased support that leads to this end. To this end, we support policies which re-think the current formula to determine "affordability" as this formula puts both rentals and sales out of the reach of most working families in Hawai'i. We strongly urge that the definition of "affordable" be amended to 25%-30% of monthly income for all income brackets.

We support dedicated social services for Hawai'i's homeless youth population to get them off the streets and reintegrated into society with specific devoted services for disenfranchised groups including, but not limited to, the Hawaiian community and ~~[gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender homeless youth population.]~~ lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA) homeless youth population. We support Housing First policies and programs like Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).

## **IMMIGRATION**

We believe that our nation should have a fair immigration policy that recognizes the diversity of our county and the contribution that immigrants make and have made to the sciences, arts and culture. We support an immigration policy that provides a reasonable path to citizenship for immigrants who follow the rule of law. We encourage policies that avoid the militarization of our borders. We abhor policies that would deny education and health and human services to immigrant children. We must ensure that immigrant children are treated with fairness and respect in our schools and in our healthcare system. Immigration laws should not discriminate based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression.

## **LABOR**

As the party of working ~~[men and women]~~ people in Hawai'i, we work to protect labor rights and social security; to institute fair labor practices, a living wage for all workers, and fair taxation; to protect employee's rights to organize and bargain collectively with their employers; to oppose the outsourcing of Hawai'i's jobs; to promote employment opportunities and sustainable growth; to assist the economically disadvantaged; to advocate for sound trade and economic policies; to train our local workforce in ~~[green industries, in renovation, and green construction so that their jobs are not dependent on ever-expanding real estate development].~~ Diversified and environmentally responsible industries. In order to rapidly move returning veterans, students, and the unemployed into jobs, we urge the creation of paid internship programs for students.

## **NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE**

The Native Hawaiian people are the indigenous people of the State of Hawai'i and deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal governments. We support Native Hawaiian self-determination, consistent with Federal policy for native self-determination extended to other indigenous peoples of the United States. We support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We

value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. We deplore any attempt to exploit or export Hawaiian bio products without the consent of the Native Hawaiian community.

We support the construction and use of micro housing units on Hawaiian home lands approved by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and leased to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who meet the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement, notwithstanding county zoning laws. We support multi-level housing in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and agribusinesses for Native Hawaiians by creating ag-tech zones within the City and County of Honolulu to promote agricultural innovation, and diversify the State's agricultural systems, for domestic consumption and export.

We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs.

We support Native Hawaiians in their efforts to secure justice from our Federal and State ~~[Government]~~ governments to repair harms endured by the Hawaiian People and the 'Aina since 1893. We support the right of Native Hawaiians to self-determination, including the formation of their chosen governmental entity.

### **SAFETY, SECURITY, NATURAL DISASTERS & OTHER EMERGENCIES**

We support safety and security in all dimensions as a basic right of all residents of the State of Hawai'i. We support just law enforcement and enhancement of crime prevention, without comprising civil liberties. This ~~[includes]~~ encompasses the full protection of the law, including enforcement of victim's rights, restitution, counseling, therapy, Orders of Protection, and shelters for victims and survivors of ~~[against]~~ domestic violence and other criminal wrongs, as applicable. We support appropriate training for all law enforcement ~~[officers-agencies-as well as]~~ officers and agency personnel. We support full enforcement of the State of Hawai'i's hate crimes statute.

We demand the protection of the people of O'ahu and their property against natural and man-made disasters. We believe in the science of climate change, affirm human activity as its primary cause and main driver, and support emergency preparedness and planning efforts to mitigate its impacts. This includes investment in early warning systems, emergency management and response systems, and adequate emergency sheltering.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

We recognize that the reasonable use and development of technology in all its manifestations offer unlimited potential for our community. We encourage research, development and educational programs to promote technological proficiency and innovation. ~~[In particular, we]~~ We support Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics ~~[(STEM)]~~ (STEAM) initiatives in our schools as these prepare the next generation to address the needs of our state.

We maintain that state and local government databases should be integrated to promote efficiency in government.

We support both net neutrality to ensure free and open access to the internet, and the protection of personal data as a personal right.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

We support county, state and federal efforts to provide more efficient and punctual convenient methods of public transportation. We endorse efforts to promote less reliance on the automobile by employing private and public use of alternative modes of travel. We encourage efforts to provide better vehicle and pedestrian safety. ~~[In particular, we]~~ We support initiatives that will provide our state with more fuel-efficient vehicles, affordable mass transit and well-identified bike lanes. In order to be best served by mass transit, we must recognize the importance of the integration in an urban setting of any new modes of mass transportation with existing and future public streets and highways, bike lanes, retail establishments and services, and truly-affordable housing – while maintain a high degree of open space at ground level in current and all future high-density developments.



373 **U.S. MILITARY**

374 The Armed Forces in Hawai'i and their families sacrifice to serve and defend our country and help us in  
375 time of need. We encourage the continuation of efforts to coordinate military activities with affected  
376 communities. Hawai'i should honor their service by strongly supporting the best possible care of wounded  
377 and disabled veterans.

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379 We oppose war profiteering and the privatization of combat through employment of paramilitary contractors.

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381 We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by military usage.

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383 We support our Veterans and our Veterans organizations and efforts to keep our Veteran's Hospitals fully  
384 funded.

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386 We support the efforts of our Congressional Delegation to extend benefits for our Reservists and National  
387 Guard who have suffered brain injury and/or PTSD.

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389 We support efforts to protect our troops from sexual predators within their service branches and support  
390 specialized treatment for victims of such crimes.

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE  
O'ahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
Moanalua High School  
May 5, 2018

The Convention Rules Committee met at Kalakaua Middle School on April 21, 2018 to review the proposals submitted.

Six timely proposals were submitted.

The Committee recommends the following four proposed amendments be adopted by 2018 O'ahu County Convention delegates with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary [for Rules Committee Report add: "and that the Bylaws as amended be referred to the State Central Committee for approval"]:

1. (Section 2, p. 2, lines 34-35) remove the sentence "The Vice Chairperson shall also serve as co-chair of the annual O'ahu County Convention."; and

(Section 11-10, p. 12, lines 17-18 ) add a new subsection section as follows:  
"(11.10) A member of the Executive Committee shall serve as co-chair of the annual O'ahu County Convention."

2. (Section 2, p. 6, lines 6-8) add new section as follows: "(2.14.1) A copy of the approved budget shall be posted to the O'ahu County Democratic Party website no later than 14 days after it has been approved by the O'ahu County Committee, and shall remain available for the duration of the biennium."

3. (Section 11-4, paragraph E, p. 11., lines 12-13) insert words "may" and "Teleconference" to allow district council meetings to fill delegate vacancies to be conducted by teleconference.

4. (Section 13-1, p. 13, lines 2-4) add the words "or at any regular meeting of the O'ahu County Committee by a majority of all its members, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting" to allow amendment of the Bylaws by a majority of a the OCC members.

The details of these changes are shown in the attachment with inserted or added material underlined and material to be struck out bracketed.

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The following two proposals, though timely filed, are not recommended for adoption:

1X. (Section 2-3, p. 2) to add the words: "The Chairperson shall hold no other position volunteer, paid, vendor or otherwise in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, except as a member of the State Central Committee and State Central Committee Executive Committee."

2X (Section 4.3, p. 6) Concerning removal of a District Council Chairperson: the to strike out the word "unexcused" and replace the words "shall automatically give up their position" with the words "may be relieved of their position"

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

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1 **Bylaws of the O’ahu County Democrats**  
2 **of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i**

3 As last amended at O’ahu County Convention ~~April 22, 2017~~ May 5, 2018

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22 **Preamble and Mission Statement.**

23 We, the members of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i in O’ahu County, united in common  
24 purpose, dedicate ourselves to the core principles of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i as  
25 laid out in the platforms of the O’ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of  
26 Hawai’i.

27 As the people's Party, it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political  
28 dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political  
29 action, and community solidarity.

30 As a servant of the dreams and aspirations of Hawai’i’s people, we acknowledge that if  
31 we wish to lead, we must listen and be open to being transformed by what we hear. As  
32 we ask for the people's trust, we must in turn trust the wisdom of the people.

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34 *\* Approved by the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i, 20 May 2017*

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2 To do this effectively, we understand that we need to activate, mobilize and empower  
3 Party members, and revitalize our County organization for the challenges of the 21st  
4 century. Through a re-energized County organization, we will endeavor to bring together  
5 members of the Party, elected officials, interested citizens, and community leaders to  
6 build a cosmopolitan society that will manifest the Aloha Spirit at its core and in every  
7 facet of community life.

8 **Section 1. Organization of O'ahu County Committee.**

9 There shall be an O'ahu County Committee ("OCC") in the City and County of Honolulu,  
10 State of Hawai'i, which shall consist of an Executive Committee and the District Council  
11 Chairpersons.

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13 **Section 2. Executive Committee.**

14 (2.1) Composition: The members of the Executive Committee shall be a Chairperson, a  
15 Vice Chairperson, Regional Chairpersons, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a  
16 Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and the O'ahu County State Central Committee  
17 Representatives.

18 (2.2) Duties. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be those usually pertaining to  
19 the office concerned, any duties specifically imposed by these bylaws, and attendance  
20 at executive committee and general membership meetings. Three unexcused absences  
21 per term of office of any member of the Executive Committee shall be deemed a  
22 resignation.

23 (2.3) Chairperson. The Chairperson of the OCC shall have the power to appoint a  
24 parliamentarian and the chairperson and members of all standing and special  
25 committees unless otherwise specified, with the advice and consent of the OCC. The  
26 Chairperson shall be responsible for calling all regular and special meetings of the OCC,  
27 excusing OCC members from meetings, and the giving of proper notice and arranging  
28 for meeting places for both regular and special meetings. The Chairperson shall also be  
29 responsible for attending meetings of the State Central Committee, or of its select  
30 committees, and reporting the proceedings of such meetings to the next regular meeting  
31 of the OCC.

32 (2.4) Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and carry out  
33 the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his or her absence or incapacity  
34 and/or by delegation. ~~The Vice Chairperson shall also serve as co-chair of the annual~~  
35 ~~O'ahu County Convention.~~

36 (2.5) Regional Chairpersons.

37 (2.5.1) There shall be not less than eight (8) nor more than thirteen (13) Regional  
38 Chairpersons, who shall be responsible for the development, coordination, and  
39 organization of the activities of the Districts and Precincts within their region. The

1 County Committee shall determine the boundaries of the regions to which each  
2 Regional Chairperson shall be assigned.

3 (2.5.2) The Regional Chairperson shall:

- 4 (1) Regularly visit each District Council during the year to assist, encourage  
5 and communicate District, Regional, County, and State major activities and  
6 events;
- 7 (2) Work with the Districts to strengthen and involve membership in the  
8 development of a strong and viable State Democratic Party from the  
9 Precincts up to the State Central Committee; for example, may conduct  
10 membership drives, voter registration drives, get out the vote events,  
11 community outreach via knocking and attend events and neighborhood  
12 board meetings.
- 13 (3) Help in the development and growth of the Districts and Precincts through  
14 effective membership recruitment by utilizing and involving County and  
15 State resources; for example, database, addresses, emails, phone  
16 numbers, and liaison with elected officials.
- 17 (4) Be responsible for maintaining communication between the County  
18 Committee and District Councils through correspondence, informational  
19 memoranda, newsletter and attendance at District Council meetings; and
- 20 (5) Have the duty to represent their regions by attending or being represented  
21 at OCC meetings. If a Regional Chairperson does not fulfill this duty,  
22 unexcused, for three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the Regional  
23 Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as Regional Chair.  
24 Any Regional Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge  
25 the automatic removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days  
26 of the notice of removal. The County Chairperson shall appoint a special  
27 committee, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the request, to  
28 conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the removal and submit its  
29 recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar  
30 days after being appointed. A copy of the special committee's  
31 recommendation shall be given to the Regional Chairperson who requested  
32 the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter of  
33 consideration of the special committee's recommendation on the County  
34 Committee's next meeting agenda.

35 (2.6) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the OCC,  
36 its Executive Committee, and O'ahu County Convention. These minutes shall be  
37 properly typewritten or printed and entered along with all written reports of standing and  
38 special committees, in a book maintained for that purpose. The minutes shall be  
39 available for inspection by interested Democrats at all reasonable times and shall be  
40 turned over intact to the succeeding Secretary.

1 (2.7) Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in carrying  
2 out the various duties assigned to the Secretary and shall perform the duties of the  
3 Secretary in the absence of the Secretary as well as be the main point of contact  
4 between the Precinct Presidents and First-Vice Presidents in coordination with the  
5 District Chairperson to ensure that OCC members' contact information is updated on a  
6 regular basis.

7 (2.8) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the fund raising activities  
8 within O'ahu County, shall have custody of the OCC treasury, which shall be deposited  
9 at a commercial bank in the name of the OCC, and shall submit a report in writing at  
10 each regular meeting of the OCC. The Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that all  
11 money is collected by duly authorized and identified persons, that receipts are given to  
12 all contributors and that a strict accounting is kept of all funds so collected. The  
13 Treasurer shall be bonded in a reasonable amount determined by the OCC and the  
14 premium shall be paid from OCC funds. The Treasurer shall submit a biennial financial  
15 report of the OCC and Districts within O'ahu County to the State Central Committee not  
16 later than one week prior to the O'ahu County Convention in every even numbered  
17 year.

18 (2.9) Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in carrying  
19 out the various duties assigned to the Treasurer and shall perform the duties of the  
20 Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

21 (2.10) O'ahu County State Central Committee Representatives. The O'ahu County State  
22 Central Committee Representatives, one male and one female to be elected by the  
23 O'ahu County Convention in even-numbered years, shall have the responsibility to  
24 ensure that the OCC makes the necessary organizational arrangements to support and  
25 implement adopted rules, procedures and practices of the State Convention and the  
26 State Central Committee. The O'ahu County State Central Committee Representatives  
27 shall be voting members of the Executive Committee and the OCC.

28 (2.11) Election of Executive Committee. With the exception of Regional Chairpersons,  
29 each member of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority of the votes  
30 cast at the O'ahu County Convention in odd-numbered years. The Regional  
31 Chairpersons shall be elected at the same convention by a majority of votes cast in their  
32 respective regions.

33 (2.12) Term of Office. Immediately following the adjournment of the O'ahu County  
34 Convention in odd-numbered years, the OCC Executive Committee shall organize and  
35 take office immediately and shall hold office until the adjournment of the next O'ahu  
36 County Convention held in an odd-numbered year.

37 (2.13) Vacancies

38 (2.13.1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairperson, the Vice Chair  
39 becomes the acting chair and a new Chair shall be elected by the general membership

1 of the O'ahu County Committee within 30 days after the commencement of the vacancy.  
2 The vacancy shall be deemed to have commenced on the date that the Vice Chair  
3 receives written notice of resignation by the Chair, or upon the death of the Chair, or  
4 upon a determination by the Executive Committee that the Chair is incapacitated. At the  
5 election to fill the vacancy, the Vice Chair may choose to be a candidate for Chair. If the  
6 Vice Chair is not elected Chair, the Vice Chair resumes service as Vice Chair. If the Vice  
7 Chair is elected Chair, then the general membership shall immediately thereafter elect a  
8 new Vice Chair at the same meeting.

9 The OCC Secretary shall notify all members of the OCC within ten (10) calendar days of  
10 notification of the occurrence of the vacancy. Any member of the OCC who wishes to  
11 nominate a person to fill the vacancy may select a nominee from any member of the  
12 Democratic Party who fulfills the eligibility requirements in Section 5, and may nominate  
13 such person to fill the vacancy by forwarding a statement to that effect, signed by the  
14 nominee to the Secretary within the deadline established by the Secretary in the notice  
15 of vacancy or within ten (10) calendar days after notification, whichever is greater.

16 The Secretary shall then prepare a notice of election meeting, designating the time,  
17 place and purpose of the meeting, which shall include the names of all nominees for the  
18 office of County Vice Chairperson and/or Chairperson. Such notice shall be mailed or  
19 emailed ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting to all members of the OCC.

20 All members present at the election meeting may vote from among the nominees, and  
21 the nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately assume office.  
22 Proxy voting shall be prohibited, and voting by secret ballot may only be waived by a  
23 majority vote.

24 Only members of the OCC shall be eligible to vote to fill the vacancy in the office of the  
25 County Vice Chairperson or Chairperson. Should the newly elected County Vice  
26 Chairperson or Chairperson be an existing OCC officer, he/she shall vacate such office  
27 held and a replacement shall be selected by the OCC.

28 (2.13.2) Other Members of the Executive Committee. Any other vacancies on the  
29 Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairperson on an  
30 interim basis until confirmed by the County Committee at it's next meeting.

31 (2.13.3) If a Regional Chairperson, District Chairperson, District Council Officer, Precinct  
32 President or any other Precinct Officer is elected or appointed to any officer position on  
33 the OCC Executive Committee that person shall automatically vacate the lesser office.

34 (2.14) The O'ahu County Committee shall adopt and endeavor to adhere to a biennial  
35 budget. The biennium shall be defined by the OCC. Not later than six months before the  
36 commencement of a budget biennium, the Finance Committee shall draft a budget and  
37 submit it to the chair for consideration by the O'ahu County Committee not less than  
38 sixty (60) days before the commencement of the budget biennium. The budget may be



1 amended by a majority vote of the O'ahu County Committee. The County Chair shall  
2 ensure that the Finance Committee is appointed not later than thirty (30) days after the  
3 end of the County Convention in odd numbered years, and the draft budget shall be  
4 submitted to the O'ahu County Committee no later than sixty (60) days after the  
5 appointment of the Finance Committee.

6 (2.14.1) A copy of the approved budget shall be posted to the O'ahu County Democratic  
7 Party website no later than 14 days after it has been approved by the O'ahu County  
8 Committee, and shall remain available for the duration of the biennium.

### 9 **Section 3. Deputy Chairpersons.**

10 To assist the County Chairperson with their duties, the County Chairperson may appoint  
11 not more than eight (8) Deputy Chairpersons with the advice and consent of the  
12 Executive Committee. The Deputy Chairpersons shall be non-voting members of the  
13 OCC. The responsibility of the Deputy Chairpersons shall be to assist the County  
14 Chairperson in the administration of the County Chairperson's responsibilities in  
15 conducting the affairs of the County Committee. The Deputy Chairpersons shall be  
16 accountable to the County Chairperson for tasks, assignments and responsibilities in  
17 conducting the affairs of the County Committee.

### 18 **Section 4. District Council.**

19 (4.1) The District Council in each representative district shall consist of all the precinct  
20 presidents, first vice-presidents, and District Councilpersons of each precinct, and the  
21 duly elected chairperson.

22 (4.2) The District Chairperson, on behalf of the District Council, shall be responsible to  
23 call a precinct organizational meeting of all precinct members of record. Members shall  
24 be notified pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of  
25 Hawai'i. The District Chairperson shall be responsible to initiate the organization of  
26 Precinct Clubs when the Executive Committee of the District Council declares a  
27 Precinct Club inactive. If the District Chairperson fails to organize the precinct within  
28 fifteen (15) days of the declaration, the Chairperson of the County Committee shall  
29 accept the responsibility to organize the precinct as defined in the Constitution and  
30 Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, for example, may conduct membership  
31 drives, voter registration drives, get out the vote events, community outreach via door  
32 knocking, attending events and neighborhood board meetings, and support  
33 membership assessment for their District.

34 (4.3) District Council Chairpersons shall have the duty to represent their districts by  
35 attending or being represented at OCC meetings. If a District Chairperson does not fulfill  
36 this duty, unexcused, for three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the District  
37 Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as District Chairperson.

38 Any District Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge the automatic  
39 removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of removal.

1 The County Chairperson shall appoint a special committee, within ten (10) calendar  
2 days after receiving the request, to conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the  
3 removal and submit its recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty  
4 (30) calendar days after being appointed.  
5 A copy of the special committee's recommendation shall be given to the District  
6 Chairperson who requested the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter  
7 of consideration of the special committee's recommendation on the County Committee's  
8 next meeting agenda.

## 9 **Section 5. Eligibility & Election.**

10 (5.1) Eligibility. Any member of the Party residing in the County may be elected an  
11 officer of the County Committee including County Chairperson, with the requirement that  
12 any member seeking the office of County Chairperson shall have been a member of the  
13 Party for at least one (1) year prior to the County Committee Officers election. Elected  
14 officials, individuals appointed to fill an elected office, or candidates for elected office are  
15 not eligible to become County Chairperson. If a member has resigned from the Party in  
16 the two years prior to re-enrollment, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good  
17 standing for at least one year prior to the County Committee Officers election prior to  
18 being elected an officer of the County Committee.

19 If a District Chairperson, Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-President or a Precinct  
20 District Councilperson is elected as a County officer, that person shall automatically  
21 vacate the lesser office. Any person who wishes to be a candidate for Chairperson,  
22 Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or  
23 Regional Chairperson shall file nomination papers at least ten (10) days prior to the  
24 County Convention. The nomination papers shall be signed by not less than ten (10)  
25 members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i residing in the O'ahu County or Region  
26 being represented.

27 (5.2) Elections. Election(s) shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. Election(s) shall  
28 be by signed ballot unless there is only one nominee for a particular position in which  
29 case election shall be by acclamation. In contested races, candidates may speak for two  
30 minutes each prior to the vote. Election(s) shall be conducted using a single, first ballot;  
31 provided, however, that each region shall have separate ballots to elect Regional Chairs  
32 where more than one candidate is running for the same position. If no candidate  
33 receives a majority on the first ballot, then a second ballot between the top two  
34 votegetters shall be conducted. Subsequent ties shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

## 35 **Section 6. Quorum.**

36 The quorum at any meeting shall be 33% of the sitting members of the respective body.  
37 This rule does not apply to Precinct Clubs and District Councils. Participation via  
38 electronic means, such as teleconference or video conference, shall constitute  
39 participation for the purposes of voting and establishing a quorum so long as and for as  
40 long as all persons participating are able to hear each other at the same time. Each  
41 matter shall be decided by the majority vote of those participating.

1   **Section 7. Proxies.**

2   (7.1) A District Chairperson may give their proxy to another officer of their District  
3   Council in accordance with Article III - "District Council" of the Bylaws of the Democratic  
4   Party of Hawai'i. All proxies must be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of  
5   the OCC and the OCC Chairperson. In the absence of the District Chairperson, the  
6   First Vice Chairperson shall have the right to vote and represent the District without  
7   further designation or proxy. The District Chairperson shall still be considered absent  
8   even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson.

9   (7.2) A Regional Chairperson may give their proxy to a District Council officer in their  
10   region. All proxies must be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the OCC  
11   and the OCC Chairperson. The Regional Chairperson shall still be considered absent  
12   even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson. An  
13   unexcused absence can be appealed to the OCC Executive Committee, but only at the  
14   next OCC Executive Committee meeting.

15   **Section 8. Meetings, Notices, Attendance at Meetings.**

16   (8.1) Immediately after the adjournment of the O'ahu County Convention, the new O'ahu  
17   County Committee shall meet.

18   (8.2) Regular Meetings. Notice of meetings shall be given in person, by fax, electronic  
19   mail, by telephone or by mailing such notice to the last known address of each member  
20   not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

21   (8.3) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the OCC may be held at any time by call of  
22   the County Chairperson or upon written request submitted to the Secretary or  
23   Chairperson by not less than thirty-three and 1/3 percent (33 1/3%) of the total seated  
24   membership. Notice of special meetings shall be given in person, by fax, electronic mail,  
25   or by telephone or by mailing such notice to the last known address of each member not  
26   less than five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

27   (8.4) Executive Session Meetings. Normally all OCC meetings are open to all  
28   Democratic Party members. Under exceptional circumstances, the OCC may decide to  
29   go into executive session to deal with a confidential matter. The decision to go into  
30   executive session shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of OCC members in attendance.

31   (8.5) Members who are entitled may participate in OCC meetings or committee  
32   meetings by means of teleconference, videoconference, or by any means of a  
33   communication technology by which all persons participating in the meeting can speak  
34   to and hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute  
35   attendance at the meeting so long as and for as long as such simultaneous  
36   communication is active and enabled.

37   **Section 9. Standing and Special Committees.**

1 (9.1) There shall be standing committees on rules, finance, legislation, membership,  
2 elections and convention planning. At least one of the co-chairs of each committee shall  
3 be a member of the OCC and shall be appointed by the Chair with advise and consent  
4 of the OCC. Membership of the committees is open to any member of the O'ahu County  
5 Democrats.

6 (9.2) Rules Committee. A member of the Executive Committee shall act as chairperson  
7 of the Rules Committee which shall be responsible for reviewing and proposing updates  
8 to OCC Rules, the convention standing rules, and these Bylaws.

9 (9.3) Finance Committee. The OCC Treasurer shall act as chairperson of the Finance  
10 Committee, which shall be responsible for the raising of and accounting for funds within  
11 O'ahu County as well as prepare the biennial budget.

12 (9.4) Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee shall be charged with compiling  
13 information and promoting action on legislative projects in keeping with the O'ahu  
14 County Democratic Party Platform, drafting or having drafted appropriate measures and  
15 cooperating with the proper officials and members of the Federal, State, and County  
16 legislative bodies, and other agencies and organizations, in having such legislation  
17 introduced and passed. One of the co-chairs of the Legislation Committee shall report to  
18 the OCC at its regular meetings on the activities of the Legislation Committee, and on  
19 the cooperation received from various officials and board members.

20 (9.5) Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for  
21 coordinating recruitment of new members and/or membership drives, develop and  
22 maintain of onboarding procedures for new members, encourage the registration of  
23 voters, as well as coordinating membership enhancements.

24 (9.6) Convention Planning Committee. The Convention Planning Committee shall be  
25 responsible for planning and organizing annual and special county conventions. The site  
26 selection recommendations and budget shall be presented to and be subject to the  
27 approval of the County Executive Committee.

28 (9.6) Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for planning  
29 and organizing regular and special elections of county officers at county conventions  
30 and/or between conventions as needed and as provided by these bylaws. No member  
31 of this committee may be candidate for county committee office.

32 (9.7) Special Committees. The County Chairperson may create special committees as  
33 may be necessary to accomplish tasks consistent with the mission of the O'ahu County  
34 organization and not otherwise within the charge of existing standing committees.

## 35 **Section 10. Duties and Responsibilities of the O'ahu County Committee (OCC).**

36 (10.1) It shall be the duty of the OCC to establish and maintain an active and effective

Democratic Party organization within the City and County of Honolulu, to inform Democrats within the County of Democratic Party policy and activities and to insure as large a vote as possible for Democratic Party candidates in the election.

(10.2) To attain these goals, the OCC shall take such steps as necessary to encourage officials of the County, elected and appointed in the name of the Democratic Party to observe the platforms and principles of the O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

(10.3) It shall be the duty of the OCC to cooperate in the carrying out of the policies and programs of the State Central Committee.

#### **Section 11. County Convention: Time and Notices.**

(11.1) The annual convention of the O'ahu County Democrats shall be held at least three (3) weeks prior to the State Convention in even-numbered years, and the time of the meeting shall be fixed by the OCC. Special conventions may be called in accordance with the O'ahu County bylaws, rules and convention rules. The officers of the OCC shall be elected in odd-numbered years. O'ahu County State Central Committee Representatives are elected in even-numbered years in accordance with the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

(11.2) All delegates and alternate delegates to the County Convention shall be notified by mail or email of the time and place thereof at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the date of the County Convention.

(11.3) The convention committees shall meet at least seven (7) days prior to the County Convention. These committees shall accept submissions at the convention committee meetings with a 2/3 vote of the convention committee members present.

(11.4) The delegate body of the Convention shall be comprised as follows.

A. Each District shall have twenty four (24) delegates.

1. The President, First Vice President, and District Council Person of each precinct shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
2. Delegates shall be elected at the time of the Precinct Elections as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.
3. If fewer than twenty-four delegates are elected because the State House District has fewer than eight (8) precincts, a number of At Large delegates to the O'ahu County Convention shall be allotted equal to the number of precincts in the district, multiplied by three (3), and then subtracted from twenty four (24).
4. Elections of At Large delegates shall be held at the same time, and At Large delegates shall be elected by all district members present. If a district meets in more than one (1) location, At Large delegates for the district shall be allocated to each location at a percentage equal to the percentage of district precincts at each location.

- 1 B. Each District shall make every effort to elect delegates composed of equal  
2 numbers of men and women.
- 3 C. In addition to elected delegates, the District Chairperson of each district and  
4 members of the Executive Committee of the O'ahu County Committee shall be  
5 delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
- 6 D. Other Precinct officers shall not be precluded from running as a delegate.
- 7 E. If, following the Precinct Elections, there remain vacant At Large delegate  
8 positions, the District Council shall be empowered to fill the remaining positions,  
9 up until ten (10) days prior to the convention, after that the District Chairperson  
10 shall be empowered, provided that;
- 11 i. Best attempts are made to ensure gender equity is maintained; and  
12 ii. District Council meetings to fill vacancies shall may be conducted by  
13 videoconference, phone or email;  
14 iii. Appointments shall be in writing.
- 15 F. If an elected delegate cannot attend, they may appoint their own alternate  
16 provided that they notify the District Chairperson in writing at least ten (10) days  
17 prior to the convening of the convention and;
- 18 i. The appointed alternate reside in the district; and  
19 ii. A best effort is made to ensure the selected alternate is of the same gender  
20 as the elected delegate; and  
21 iii. An alternate shall act for no more than one (1) delegate at a time; and  
22 iv. If the elected delegate does not appoint an alternate ten (10) days prior to the  
23 convening of the Convention, the District Chairperson shall be empowered to  
24 appoint the alternate, provided that a best effort is made to appoint an  
25 alternate of the same gender as the elected delegate.
- 26 G. Each delegate to the O'ahu County Convention is entitled to one (1) vote.
- 27 H. No official delegate shall be prevented from fully participating in the County  
28 Convention due to an inability to pay part or all of the established registration fee.

29 (11.5) Elected federal, state and County officials, or officials who may have been  
30 appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, who currently serve in office and  
31 are not precinct presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district  
32 councilpersons, shall have all the rights and privileges of a delegate subject to the  
33 following requirements:

- 34 1. Be a member of the Democratic Party in good standing; and
- 35 2. Have attained their present office in a partisan election as a Democrat or  
36 have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, or have  
37 attained their present office in a non-partisan State or County election,  
38 provided they are Democratic Party members in good standing and residents  
39 of O'ahu.

40 (11.6) Former Democratic Governors, Lt. Governors, O'ahu Mayors, State Party Chairs,  
41 and O'ahu County Committee Chairs, and the current state party chair who are not  
42 precinct presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district councilpersons,



1 shall have all the rights and privileges of delegates so long as they are members of the  
2 Democratic Party of Hawai'i in good standing, residents of O'ahu and ran for their  
3 elected office as a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

4 (11.7) The Co-Chairs and members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Affirmative  
5 Action, Platform, Credentials and Resolutions shall be appointed by the County  
6 Chairperson, in keeping with the Party's commitment to gender equity, from among the  
7 Convention delegates with the concurrence of the O'ahu County Committee.

8 (11.8) Voting members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Affirmative Action,  
9 Platform, Credentials and Resolution shall be delegates to the O'ahu County  
10 Convention. If at all possible the voting members shall be evenly divided between the  
11 regions. The members shall be appointed by the County Chairperson according to a  
12 process approved by the O'ahu County Committee. Each committee shall not exceed  
13 5% of the total eligible county convention delegates.

14 (11.9) All members of the O'ahu County Democrats are invited to attend and voice their  
15 opinions in the Convention Committee meetings that take place prior to the annual  
16 County Convention.

17 (11.10) A member of the Executive Committee shall serve as co-chair of the annual  
18 O'ahu County Convention.

## 19 **Section 12. County Convention Rules.**

20 (12.1) The O'ahu County Committee may adopt rules for the proper conduct of O'ahu  
21 County Convention business not inconsistent or in conflict with the Constitution and  
22 Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and, except for rules regarding submission  
23 format and deadlines, are subject to amendment by Convention delegates.

24 (12.2) The platform and resolutions adopted by delegates at conventions of the O'ahu  
25 County Democrats shall remain in force and effect until rescinded or amended by a  
26 two-thirds roll call vote of the full membership of the O'ahu County Committee or by a  
27 majority of votes cast by delegates at an annual or special convention, or until they  
28 come into conflict with the platform or resolutions of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

29 (12.3) Resolutions adopted at a county convention in a non State Convention year will  
30 not be referred by O'ahu County to a future State Convention.

31 (12.4) Resolutions adopted may be edited & reformatted by the secretary as needed to  
32 correct spelling and grammar and to conform with the convention submission rules, the  
33 posted and published resolutions of the county, and the format described in *Robert's*  
34 *Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

## 35 **Section 13. Adoption and Amendment of O'ahu County Bylaws.**

1 (13.1) Proposals to amend or revise these bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote  
2 at any annual or special O'ahu County Convention or at any regular meeting of the  
3 O'ahu County Committee by a majority of all its members, provided that the amendment  
4 has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. The OCC shall submit the  
5 proposed bylaws or bylaw changes to the State Central Committee within ninety (90)  
6 calendar days of adoption. Upon the determination by the State Central Committee that  
7 the proposed bylaws or bylaw changes are not inconsistent or in conflict with the  
8 Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the bylaws of the O'ahu  
9 County Democrats and bylaw changes shall become effective.

10 (13.2) In the event the State Central Committee fails to ratify the proposed bylaws or  
11 bylaw changes, the OCC may at the next State Convention appeal for ratification of the  
12 same by the Convention.

13 (13.3) In the event the OCC fails to submit the proposed bylaws or bylaw changes for  
14 ratification, or if the same are not ratified in accordance with this section, then the duly  
15 ratified Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall remain applicable  
16 to the O'ahu County Democrats and the O'ahu County Committee.

#### 17 **Section 14. Parliamentary Procedure Guidance.**

18 The rules of parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of *Robert's Rules*  
19 *of Order Newly Revised*, shall guide the O'ahu County Committee and govern all  
20 proceedings not provided for in these bylaws, so long as the rules of parliamentary  
21 procedure are reasonably applicable and not inconsistent or in conflict with the  
22 Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.



**O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS  
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**OC 2018-1: Amending Resolution 2017-11 to urge an increase in the Minimum Wage TO \$15/hour**

Whereas, Hawai'i has the worst in the nation minimum wage which stifles wages of everyone in the State; and

Whereas, If companies were required to pay at least a living wage for entry level positions, workers with more skills and experience would be able to demand wages well beyond the amount paid for entry level positions; and

Whereas, Due to our exploitative minimum wage, those with degrees and decades of experience are unable to find decent paying jobs; and

Whereas, With depressed wages, there is also less income for the state to tax, leaving Hawai'i with one of the highest tax rates in the Nation but near the bottom in actual tax revenue leaving Hawai'i with failing infrastructure and underfunded schools; and

Whereas, The Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has recognized the positive impact of raising the minimum wage and has called for increasing it to \$15.00 per hour nationwide but Hawai'i's minimum wage still sits at \$10.10; and

Whereas, Many states and cities, both liberal and conservative, have increased their minimum wage to keep up with the cost of living; and

Whereas, Arizona and Maine, states with Republican governors, will reach \$12.00 per hour and beyond, and California, Washington, D.C., and New York are some of the many areas that will get \$15.00 per hour in a few years; and

Whereas, Hawai'i is the most expensive state in the country and the Legislature has been unwilling to come close to providing for a living wage; and

Whereas, Even where unemployment is at a record low and poverty is widespread, the minimum wage is equivalent to only \$21,000 per year; and

Whereas, The cost of affording one's basic needs in Hawai'i is estimated at \$32,000 or more for a single adult whereas hundreds of thousands of full-time workers earn far less than what is necessary to survive; and

Whereas, Multinational and billion-dollar corporations are allowed to pay wages well below what is necessary to afford an adult's basic needs, thereby causing our working families to pay the cost; and

Whereas, The cost is borne by families having to live in multigenerational households; work multiple jobs; live in substandard housings; and relocating to the mainland in search of a better life; and, be it; and

Whereas, OC 2017-11 was adopted in 2017 and LAB 2014-01 was adopted in 2014; and, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That OC 2017-11 and LAB 2014-01 be amended; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the 2019 Hawai'i State Legislature to mandate a minimum wage of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour effective 1/1/2020; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Legislators who are members of the Democratic Party; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and Members of the City Council of the County of Honolulu; and the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-2: Urging Hawai'i State Department of Education to provide girls' athletic facilities throughout the state to comply with Title IX of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1972**

Whereas, There are close to 3,200 students at Campbell High School, the State's largest public school, and it has not had a girls' athletic locker room since it opened in 1962; and

Whereas, The boys have their own athletic locker room with storage units and restrooms; and

Whereas, The boys' facility cannot be shared with the girls due to safety concerns and the locker rooms are only used for regular physical education classes and are not open and available for athletes' after-school activities; and

Whereas, This gender disparity when it comes to facilities applies to several schools around the State of Hawai'i and such disparity is in violation of Title IX of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1972, now known as the "Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act;" and

Whereas, Title IX requires that schools or education programs that receive Federal assistance must provide equal opportunities and access to programs and facilities for female and male athletes; and

Whereas, More than 16,000 girls in Hawai'i participated in high school sports during the 2016-2017 school year; and

Whereas, Eight (8) of the twenty-three (23) high schools on O'ahu do not have a separate athletic girls' locker facility while these schools do have athletic facility for boys; and

Whereas, Two (2) of ten (10) high schools on Hawai'i Island do not have separate athletic girls' locker facilities while such facilities exist for boys; and

Whereas, Two (2) of five (5) schools on Maui Island and one (1) out of three (3) schools on Kaua'i Island are in violation of Title IX; and

Whereas, Participation in after-school sports enhances girls' leadership skills and boosts their success in academic and collegiate achievement, making them more likely to graduate from high school and score higher on standardized tests per **Women's Sports Foundation**; and

Whereas, The Department of Education is failing the girls of the State of Hawai'i by not complying with the Title IX Federal mandate and providing female athletic facilities as female athletes are required to have the same opportunities as male athletes;

Whereas, The Department of Education was allocated \$337 million by the Legislature for capital improvement projects for the fiscal years 2018-2019 but only \$33 million or less than ten percent (10%) has been allocated to improve gender equity or rights of disabled individuals; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats urge the Hawai'i State Legislature to provide sufficient funding so that each school within the Department of Education shall have equal athletic lockers and facilities for female and male athletes pursuant to Title IX: Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Legislators who are members of the Democratic Party; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Members of the City Council of the County of Honolulu, and the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

### **OC 2018- 3: Emergency Management Agency and Preparedness**

Whereas, The diverse and dispersed emergency management stakeholders - Federal, State, County, private sector, and the public – presents a significant challenge to incorporating shared understanding of roles, responsibilities, and authorities that enable all stakeholders to synchronize, integrate, and coordinate disaster prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts; and

Whereas, In response to the ballistic missile threat stemming from geopolitical tensions with North Korea, Hawai'i led the way in the implementation of alert systems and procedures to increase its preparedness and keep Hawai'i's citizens informed of potential threats from ballistic missiles;

Whereas, Our Country's only Missile-Alert System will not only cover ballistic missiles but also natural disasters such as hurricanes and tsunamis; and

Whereas, On January 13, 2018, a false-missile alert occurred causing fear and panic across the Hawai'ian Islands as warnings of imminent attack lit up cell phones and swept across the airwaves; and

Whereas, While the false missile alert was costly in terms of public fears and statewide disruptions in all sectors, the false alert revealed systemic issues that must be fully understood and actions taken over time to implement enduring solutions; and

Whereas, HI-EMA lacks a comprehensive Strategic Plan that provides vision and direction, prioritizes energy and resources, facilitates decision making, and identifies goals and objectives; and

Whereas, HI-EMA began their Ballistic Missile Preparedness testing and internal drills prior to publishing an annex to the 2017 State of Hawai'i, Emergency Operations Base Plan to address Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) threats; and

Whereas, Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sec. 127A-7 mandates that "the SWP (State Warning Point) shall be continually staffed by the agency to monitor warning systems and devices and shall have the ability to provide timely warning and notification to government officials, count warning points and emergency operation centers and, when directed, to general public"; and

Whereas, Many cellular/wireless phones did not receive a wireless emergency alert (WEA) on January 13, 2018; citizens in certain locations did not have access to WEA or other alert notification services and were unaware of the missile alert; and key government personnel were unable to communicate with each other on January 13, 2018, because wireless networks were saturated; and

Whereas, The HI-EMA ([ready.hawaii.gov](http://ready.hawaii.gov)) website logged over 40,000 hits within the first three minutes of the missile alert that the HI-EMA server crashed five minutes later; and

Whereas, HI-EMA initiated a robust public outreach campaign, however, the events and panic observed following the January 13, 2018 false missile alert clearly showed that the outreach campaign was limited in its success; now, be it

*Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats urge the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to (1) Publish a Strategic Plan in the event of an emergency; (2) Reinstitute the Ballistic Missile Preparedness Campaign; (3) Coordinate with State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) to improve rapid notifications and updates; and (4) Coordinate with wireless carriers to expand coverage in areas that did not receive WEA or other alert notification services; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Legislators who are members of the Democratic Party; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and Members of the City Council of the County of Honolulu, and the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

#### **OC 2018-4: Urging That Bail Be Reformed**

Whereas, In order to make Hawai'i's criminal justice system reflective of communal values, it is necessary to amend Hawai'i's bail setting practices to a more equitable, affordable, transparent, and constitutional process; and

Whereas, In *Huihui v. Shimoda*, 644 P. 2d 968, 978 (1982), the Hawai'i Supreme Court explained that "...the manner in which the legislature allows this and other legitimate, recognized state concerns to be reflected in the bail decision, should it choose to do so by statute, must also be reasonable and satisfy the minimal demands of procedural due process as necessitated by the fact that pretrial detention denies an accused his liberty without a formal adjudication of guilt;" and

Whereas, Reforming, or even abolishing, the use of bail is not the only solution for aligning the state criminal justice system with the needs and goals of Hawai'i in the 21st century, but is one part of an enlightened, systemic, necessary strategy to incorporate a decrease in crime, data, lived experience here and abroad, analysis of legal and social history, and the work of members of the community outside the formal criminal justice system; and

Whereas, It costs \$152 per day to house a prisoner at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC), approximately 70% of the total OCCC population is classified as either minimum or community custody (the two lowest classifications) and over 80% of the total jail population are charged with a class C felony or below (i.e. a misdemeanor, petty misdemeanor, violation, or technical offense); and

Whereas, Continuing confinement leads to a loss of employment, custody of minors, housing, vehicles, and standing in the community; which are punishments; must be delivered by the state after trial, not before, pursuant to the federal and state constitutions; and

Whereas, Poor and working class people are often unable to directly pay bail, which means they are forced to go through a bonding agency and permanently lose the money they have paid to that agency; and

Whereas, Bail reform in Hawai'i is overdue, as Hawai'i has a troubled, overcrowded prison system, which includes four prisons and four jails in the islands, and the private prisons contract on the continent, and these policies have had a significant disproportionate impact on Pacific Islanders and native Hawaiians, be it

*Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the passage of a bail reform by amending the law to:

1. Expand pretrial services; and
2. Expand judicial training; and
3. Require transparency in bail procedures; and
4. Shift the burden of proof to the state for keeping an individual in custody; and
5. Create a legal presumption for courts (and any other bail setting authority) to presume unconditional release for all defendants; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Honolulu City Council who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

#### **OC 2018-5: Urging Cesspool Abatement Measures**

Whereas, Thousands of cesspools throughout the islands are threatening drinking water supplies, coral reefs and the health of the people who swim, surf, and consume the marine life in popular places; and

Whereas, This is a serious public safety issue, environmental problem and economic danger that is exacerbated by the effects of climate change; and

Whereas, The impact to coral reefs affects the state's economy, shoreline protection, recreation and habitat for important marine life; and

Whereas, Coral reefs around the state, including Kahalu'u Lagoon and Diamond Head on O'ahu, are threatened as cesspools overload nearby waters with nutrients - nitrogen and phosphorous - that cause algae to smother new growth; and

Whereas, The State Department of Health estimates \$1.75 billion is needed to replace all 88,000 cesspools around Hawai'i, with upgrades required urgently for about half of them; and

Whereas, Approximately 53 million gallons of raw sewage are being discharged each day into cesspools which are basically holes in the ground for wastewater; and

Whereas, One of highest priority area is in upcountry Maui, where 7,400 cesspools have caused nitrate levels in well water to spike dangerously close to safe-drinking limits; and

Whereas, The other area of the highest priority is in Kahalu'u, on the east side of O'ahu, where there have been incidents of skin infections consistent with sewage-contaminated surface water; and

Whereas, The risk of disease is expected to increase as cesspools deteriorate and become more prone to flooding as sea level rises and storms intensify as a result of Climate Change; and

Whereas, Hawai'i depends on wells for more than 90 percent of its drinking water and the vast majority of homes are near the ocean subject to sea level and water table rise causing an increase in wastewater contamination on healthy sources; and

Whereas, Both cesspools and septic tank upgrades still allow for effluent to leach into the ground into groundwater and into the ocean; and

Whereas, Connecting to local wastewater systems is best; and

Whereas, All cesspools are banned by 2050; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Hawai'i State Legislature, in collaboration with the County of Honolulu, to seek cesspools abatement measures such as connecting to the local wastewater systems to totally eliminate the problem of leaching, coral damage, and wastewater contamination; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Legislators who are members of the Democratic Party; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and Members of the City Council of the County of Honolulu, and the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-6: Urging the Congressional Delegation to Actively Work to Ensure that the Military Protects Our Natural Resources**

Whereas, Damaging the land and impairing natural resources is inconsistent with protecting the homeland; and

Whereas, Military activities have contaminated our groundwater at Red Hill, littered the landscape of Pōhakuloa, adversely affected archaeological sites and habitat at Mākua, and rendered substantial portions of Kaho'olawe unsafe; and

Whereas, The military once claimed that it was a matter of national security that it be allowed to continue to bomb Kaho'olawe and continue to train at Mākua, but that has proven to be inaccurate; and

Whereas, A state judge questioned the Army's veracity and reliability when it claimed to regularly clean up debris after each training exercise at Pōhakuloa; and

Whereas, Although the Navy argues that its fuel has not found its way into our drinking water wells yet, it is undisputed that leaks from its tanks have contaminated our groundwater in an unacceptable manner; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats urge all members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation to actively work to ensure that the military takes all necessary action to prevent degradation of our natural resources and to clean up its mess in a timely manner; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Hawai'i Congressional delegation and to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-7: Urging the Board of Land and Natural Resources to Abide by the Principle of Mālama**

**‘Āina**

Whereas, The Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) has a trust duty to mālama ‘āina; and

Whereas, The BLNR has given developers a green light to dump polluted urban stormwater into coastal waters at ‘Ewa Beach, where people swim, fish, and gather limu;

Whereas, The BLNR refused to assess the environmental impact of commercial aquarium collection until ordered to do so by the courts;

Whereas, A circuit court concluded that the BLNR breached its duty to mālama ‘āina when it failed to monitor and investigate the Army’s compliance with lease terms to clean up unexploded ordnance at Pōhakuloa on Hawai‘i Island; and

Whereas, The Hawai‘i Supreme Court, the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and a circuit court concluded in three different cases that BLNR’s historic preservation division has violated its own rules that protect significant historic sites;

Whereas, The BLNR attempted to relinquish the public’s interest in a shoreline path in Waikīkī;

Whereas, For years, the BLNR has continued to allow Alexander & Baldwin to take millions of gallons of water daily from dozens of streams without ever analyzing the impact on aquatic life in each of these streams; and

Whereas, The Hawai‘i Supreme Court concluded that the BLNR acted arbitrarily and capriciously, and abused its discretion by ignoring court decisions and a court order when certifying the shoreline; now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That O‘ahu County Democrats urge all members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to abide by the principle of mālama ‘āina; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.



**OC 2018-8: Supporting Investigation of the use of Ranked Choice Voting in all elections**

Whereas, Many countries use ranked choice voting, including Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, and Hong Kong; and

Whereas, Ranked choice voting is also used by 17 municipalities in the United States, including San Francisco, Santa Fe, and Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Ranked Choice Voting allows voters to express their preferences more clearly, so it gives voters more control over the results and is a more democratic system; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i encourage the investigation of a system of ranked choice voting for all Hawai'i state and municipal elections; and be it further

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Democratic Party who hold elected state political offices; and be it

*Ordered*, That this resolution be referred to the 2018 convention resolution committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

## **OC 2018-9: Preserving Families including Parents with Disabilities**

Whereas, People with disabilities continue to face antiquated attitudes, as well as preconceived and unnecessary societal biases regarding their ability to successfully parent their children in family and dependency law proceedings where custody and visitation are at stake and in public and private adoption, guardianship, and foster care proceedings; and,

Whereas, Because of these societal biases and antiquated attitudes, children of parents with disabilities are unnecessarily being removed from their parents' care or being restricted from enjoying meaningful time with their parents; and

Whereas, Children are being denied the opportunity to enjoy the experience of living in loving homes with parents or other care takers with disabilities; and

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i previously adopted resolution OC 2017-9, Regarding a Blind Person's Right to Parent; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Hawai'i State Legislature to pass new legislation that will protect the best interests of children parented by individuals with disabilities or children who could be parented by individuals with disabilities through the establishment of procedural safeguards that require adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act and respect for the due process and equal protection rights of parents or prospective parents with disabilities in the context of child welfare, foster care, family law and adoption; and be it further

*Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i request that the legislation specify that a parent's disability shall not serve as a basis for:

1. Denial or restriction of visitation or custody in family or dependency law cases, denial of participation in public or private adoption, denial of foster care or guardianship, when the visitation or custody, adoption, or foster guardianship is determined to be otherwise in the best interest of the child; and that,
2. Where a parent or prospective parent's disability is alleged to have a detrimental impact on a child, the party raising the allegation bears the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the behaviors are endangering or will likely endanger the health, safety or welfare of the child; and that,
3. If this burden is met, the parent or prospective parent with the disability shall have the opportunity to demonstrate how the implementation of supportive parenting services can alleviate any concerns that have been raised, that the court may require that such supportive parenting services be put in place, with an opportunity to review the need for continuation of such services within a reasonable period of time; and that,
4. If a court determines that a disabled parent's right to custody, visitation, foster care, guardianship, or adoption should be denied or limited in any manner, the court shall make specific written findings stating the basis for such a determination and why the provision of supportive parenting services is not a reasonable accommodation that must be made to prevent such denial or limitation; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, State Department of Human Services, and all O'ahu County Democrats who are members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-10: Urging the End of Public Partnerships with Employers Exploiting Workers with Disabilities**

Whereas, Workers with disabilities are not protected by the federal minimum wage requirements; and

Whereas, Special wage certificates issued by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) permit certain employers to pay subminimum wages to workers with disabilities; and

Whereas, Employers who take advantage of this predatory practice have an unfair advantage in labor costs when compared to employers who pay fair wages to their workers, thus allowing them to outbid employers who do not use this predatory wage practice; and

Whereas, Employers who exploit workers with disabilities may currently contract with the State of Hawai'i or City and County of Honolulu or lease facilities owned by the State of Hawai'i or City and County of Honolulu; and

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats adopted Resolution 2017-10, Support for the Transitioning to Integrated and Meaningful Employment Act of 2017, a bill which would end the payment of subminimum wages to workers with disabilities on a national level; and

Whereas, Even if the State of Hawai'i discontinues its issuance of matching special wage certificates, thus ending the payment of subminimum wages to workers with disabilities in Hawai'i, employers holding these federal certificates in Hawai'i will still be allowed to discriminate against workers with disabilities by paying them wages below the prevailing wage for their professions; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Hawai'i State Legislature to pass new legislation prohibiting public entities from contracting with or leasing facilities to entities holding special wage certificates from the United States Department of Labor allowing them to discriminate against workers with disabilities in accordance with Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Honolulu City Council to pass new legislation prohibiting public entities from contracting with or leasing facilities to entities holding special wage certificates from the United States Department of Labor allowing them to discriminate against workers with disabilities in accordance with Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Honolulu City Council who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-11: Urging the United States Navy to retro fit its twenty jet fuel tanks or relocate them to a location away from the aquifer**

Whereas, A Navy analysis may underestimate the contamination potential of leaks from giant fuel tanks from Red Hill; and

Whereas, The Navy has 20 underground fuel storage tanks dating to World War II in Red Hill above Pearl Harbor; and

Whereas, The tanks sit on an aquifer that supplies a quarter of the water consumed in urban Honolulu; and

Whereas, More than 27,000 gallons of jet fuel leaked from one of the tanks in 2014; and

Whereas, The Navy's evaluation of the potential risks appears to be skewed toward concluding that millions of gallons of jet fuel could be released without damaging the groundwater; and

Whereas, The Navy cannot locate the leaked fuel or accurately assess the risk to our groundwater; and

Whereas, Instead, the Navy is providing models to produce its preferred outcomes; and

Whereas, The Navy and regulatory agencies are working on a 20-year-plan to reduce the risk of leaks and fuel contamination from the tanks; and

Whereas, The plan includes new tank designs and potentially storing the fuel someplace other than Red Hill; and therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the United States Navy to install double-walled tanks at Red Hill within five years or move the tanks if the Navy is unable to retrofit the twenty tanks into double-walled tanks within the time prescribed; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Hawai'i State Legislature, and the U.S. Congress to mandate that the Navy retrofit the twenty Red Hill tanks to double-walled tanks within five years and or relocate the twenty tanks to a location where the risk of leakage into the aquifer and groundwater is greatly minimized; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Navy, members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Legislators who are members of the Democratic Party; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and Members of the City Council of the County of Honolulu; and the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-12: Urging the State Legislature to Support and Fund the Veterans Treatment Court**

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts integrate alcohol, drug treatment, and mental health services with justice system case management; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts use a non-adversarial approach; prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts identify eligible participants early and promptly for entry into the program; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitation options; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts compliance is monitored by frequent alcohol and drug testing; and

Whereas, A coordinated strategy governs Veterans Treatment Courts' responses to participants' compliance; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts consistently monitor, evaluate, and measure the achievement of the program goals and gauge effectiveness; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts employ interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning, implementation, and operations; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts create partnerships with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, other public agencies, and community-based organizations to generate local support and enhance the program's effectiveness; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Hawai'i State Legislature to fully support and fund the Veterans Treatment Court program throughout the state of Hawai'i; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members in the Hawai'i State Legislature; and be it

*Ordered*, That this resolution be referred to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**OC 2018-13: Relating to Ensuring Access to Medical Aid in Dying**

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i have supported the passage of medical aid in dying as it is a part of our platform under the HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS & ECONOMIC JUSTICE plank which states "We support the individual's choice of dying with dignity, including Doctor assisted death."; and

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i applauds the 2018 Legislature for passing medical aid in dying with the passage of Our Care, Our Choice Act and Governor Ige for signing it into law on April 5, 2018; and

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i support all efforts to ensure that all mentally capable adults that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and given 6 months or less to live and those who choose medical aid in dying as one of their end-of-life options have full access to; and

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recognize that doctors can choose whether to practice medical aid in dying but all eligible patients should be fully informed of their end-of-life options; and,

Whereas, The O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recognize there is a shortage of doctors in the state of Hawai'i which can cause a barrier for mentally capable adults that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness to complete the lengthy process, including three medical appointments, to obtain a prescription for medical aid in dying; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i call on the Hawai'i State Legislature to amend the Our Care, Our Choice Act to make the option easier to access should it be found that mentally capable and terminally ill patients are experiencing barriers to access the Our Care, Our Choice Act; and finally, be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all Democratic members of Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, all members of the Hawai'i State Legislature who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the Director of the Department of Health; and be it

*Ordered*, That this resolution be referred to the 2018 convention resolutions committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.