

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REPORT

O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i
September 22, 2018

WINDWARD DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM

On August 3, 2018, William South, Chair, House District 48; and Melodie Aduja, District 23 SCC Representative, co-hosted the Windward Democratic Candidates Forum at the Key Project in Kahalu'u. The Forum was well-attended with standing room only.

The following candidates participated in the Forum: Sherry Alu Campagna for US Congress, CDII; Ernest Carvalho for Gov.; Sen. Josh Green, Sen. Will Espero, Kim Coco Iwamoto for Lt. Gov.; Sen. Gil Riviere and Clayton Hee for Senate District 23; Kika Bukoski, Jessica Wooley, Randy Gonce for House District 48; Bobby Bunda and Choon James for City Council District II; and Brendon Kalei'aina Lee for OHA at-Large and Jackie Kahookele Burke for OHA O'ahu Resident. Congresswomen Tulsi Gabbard and Colleen Hanabusa participated by submitting written answers to the questions provided. Congresswoman Gabbard also submitted her remarks via video presentation. All participating candidates provided written responses to the questions except Sen. Espero.

The issues presented included Food Security; Hawai'i's Business Climate; Minimum Wage Increase; DHHL Homestead Leases; Affordable Rental Units; Homelessness; 100% Renewable Energy by 2040; UH-Manoa Student Satisfaction; Climate Change and Sea Level Rise; 20% Public Land Trust Proceeds to OHA; Total Cesspool Elimination by 2050; Medicare for All; and Sovereignty and Federal Recognition.

There was a single Hawaiian Sovereignty Activist with an upside-down Hawaiian Flag selling his poi outside of the Forum. He refused to enter the Forum upon being invited and refused to leave the grounds when asked to leave. He did not cause a disturbance.

HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (HPU) CANDIDATES AND CONAM FORUM

A 2nd Candidates Forum is being planned for October 12, 2018 at the HPU Aloha Tower Marketplace Campus, Multi-Purpose Room 3, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The candidates include the Governor and Lt. Governor candidates. The Forum will be sponsored and organized by HPU's Leaders for a Sustainable Future (LSF) Club. Amber Aduja, Treasurer, DPH Education Caucus, and VP, Dist. 48, Precinct 1, is also VP of HPU's LSF. Proposed issues include, whether to hold a Constitutional Convention, \$15.00/hr. Minimum wage increase, Medicare for All, and the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, among other issues to be determined.

From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the second constitutional question, whether a surcharge should be imposed on investment real property to support public education, will be addressed. Mr. Corey Rosenlee, President, Hawai'i State Teachers Association, will speak in support of the ConAm. A speaker(s) in opposition of the ConAm remains to be determined at this writing.

KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29 WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Candidates Forum – Melodie Aduja, O'ahu County Democratic Party of Hawaii Legislative Priorities Committee Chair, circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Candidates Forum – A Windward Democratic Candidates Forum is scheduled for Friday, August 3, 2018 at the Kualoa Heeia Ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Primary Election Registration – Registration for the Hawaii 2018 Primary Election is due by Thursday, July 12, 2018. Registration is available online at: <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>.
- Contact Information – For more information contact Melodie Aduja at legislativepriorities@gmail.com.

KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Windward Democratic Candidates Forum – Melodie Aduja, Oahu County Democratic Party of Hawaii Legislative Priorities Committee Chair, circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Windward Democratic Candidates Forum – The Candidates Forum was held on Friday, August 3, 2018 at the KEY Project. 12 candidates were present and multiple topics were discussed. A questionnaire was distributed to candidates prior to the Candidate's Forum and questionnaire answers will be available online at the Oahu County Democratic Party's Facebook page.
- Early Voting – Early voting for the Hawaii 2018 Primary Election ends on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at Honolulu Hale.
- Walk-In Voting Registration – Walk-in voting registration is available for the Hawaii 2018 Primary Election. Residents are required to bring proof of residency.
- Membership Forms – Aduja circulated membership forms for the Democratic Party of Hawaii.
- Office of Election Volunteers – Volunteers are requested by the Office of Elections for the primary election on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at KEY Project from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

KO'OLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28 THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Democratic Party of Hawaii: Aduja distributed a handout of the Democratic Party of Hawaii 2018 Platform to the Board and community members.

KO'OLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28 THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Windward Democratic Candidates Forum: A representative from the Democratic Party of Hawaii stated that the candidate's forum was held on Friday, August 3, 2018 in Kahalu'u. The public was reminded that anyone can vote for Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) candidates and "same-day" registration and voting will be allowed this year as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Melodie Aduja
Chair, Legislative Priorities Committee
Dated: September 22, 2018