

**O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS
2015 O'ahu County Covention
Moanalua High School Cafetorium
May 2, 2015**

Aloha O'ahu County Delegates:

Your Convention Committee on Resolution met on April 25, 2014, to deliberate on the resolutions submitted by carious members of the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

The Committee used a process that was open to all members who wished to submit proposals and attend the deliberations of your Committee. In addition, the drafters of the resolutions were consulted or an attempt was made to consult the drafter when it was necessary to resolve questions of intent, and to discuss amendments offered by your committee. The deadline for submittals was set at the close of day, April 7, 2015. Thereafter, submissions on the day of the Convention, May 2nd, would have to conform to part 5 of the Standing Rules of the 2015 O'ahu County Convention.

After fair and full discussion, the following five (5) resolutions are proposed for adoption and referral to the appropriate State Democratic Party of Hawai'i Pre-Convention Resolution Committees. Your Committee further proposes the O'ahu County Convention authorize the Resolutions Committee to make any technical, non-substantive and stylistic revisions after adoption, deemed necessary to conform to the convention rules of State Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

With Aloha,

Kory Rosette
Committee Co-Chair

Cynthia Rezendes
Committee Co-Chair

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Golojuch Sr., Barbara Borgnino, Jim Wood, Andrea Anixt, Horman Sakamoto, Gerald Chang, Marcia Linville, Alan Burdick, Matt Flock, Martha Torney, Jen Wilbur, Stanley Bein

| Resolution No. | Title |
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| Reso 2015-01 | <u>Public Disclosure Of Commercial Pesticide Use Schedules And Community Master Plan Buffer Zones</u> |
| Reso 2015-02 | <u>Opposition To Fast Track Authorization and Opposition to Trans-Pacific Partnership Treaty</u> |
| Reso 2015-03 | <u>Calling on the U.S. Congress to Amend the United States Constitution to Enable Citizens' Voices to be Heard without Undue Influence of Powerful Economic Forces</u> |
| Reso 2015-04 | <u>Calling For An Assessment By The City And County Of Honolulu On The Impact Of Development And Population Growth On Our 'Āina, Kai, And Infrastructure</u> |
| Reso 2015-05 | <u>Protecting Public Employees While Advocating for Inclusive Non-Discrimination Policies</u> |

Convention Resolution 2015-01:

Title: **Public Disclosure Of Commercial Pesticide Use Schedules And Community Master Plan Buffer Zones**

Whereas, Numbers of large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations in Hawaii have been rapidly growing; and

Whereas, Unlike the majority of Hawai'i's farmers, these operations regularly apply high volumes of restricted use pesticides into the environment; and

Whereas, Information regarding the intensive use of pesticides in large-scale commercial agriculture within the State is not readily available to the public; and

Whereas, The public is unable to evaluate the full extent of any impacts affecting to Hawai'i's environment or its residents and to decide whether the risks associated with the large-scale use of pesticides is acceptable; and

Whereas, Public disclosure requirements are inadequate for outdoor applications of pesticides in proximity to schools and childcare facilities, by certain commercial agricultural entities; and

Whereas, Pesticide buffer zones are needed in community master planning to identify locations of large commercial use farms near sensitive community areas; and

Whereas, Identification of commercial research and production of any seed, crop, plant, timber, large and small livestock, fish, bees and apiary products should be publicly disclosed and now; therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats support the disclosure and public posting of any outdoor pesticide application by large commercial agricultural users to residents of sensitive areas and also support the identification utilizing buffer zones through community master plans; and be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge notification to occupants and residents of sensitive areas be conducted within a minimum of twenty-four hours prior to the outdoor application of any pesticide; and be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge any commercial agricultural entity shall provide written notification to any sensitive area and any property owner, lessee, or person otherwise occupying any residential property within designated buffer zones identified through updated community master plans; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be sent to all Hawai'i State Legislators of the island of O'ahu, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, State Department of Agriculture, State Board of Agriculture, State Department of Health, State Board of Health, State Department of Human Services, Mayor of Honolulu, the City and County of Honolulu Council, and all other relevant government and non-government organizations as determined by the O'ahu County Chair.

Submitted by: The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

Maker: Juanita Brown Kawamoto

Second: Barbara Borgnino

Title: **Opposition To Fast Track Authorization and Opposition to Trans-Pacific Partnership Treaty**

Whereas, Congress will vote first on "Fast Track" that will allow no discussion on the Senate and House floor with no changes, only a yes or no vote; and

Whereas, The Trans Pacific Partnership Treaty is being negotiated in secret; and

Whereas, Leaks reveal that the treaty allows corporations to sue governments over laws that affect their expected corporate profits; and

Whereas, The Trans Pacific Partnership Treaty includes the "Investor-State Dispute Settlement" clause which would allow foreign companies to challenge U.S. laws that could potentially have a negative impact on those companies operations and profits; and

Whereas, The "Investor-State Dispute Settlement" process permits foreign companies to bypass U.S. Courts and challenge U.S. Government policies by an international panel of arbitrators outside any domestic legal system; and

Whereas, If the foreign company prevails, the panel can order compensation from U.S. taxpayers without any review by U.S. Courts; and

Whereas, These decisions will affect all aspects of our society including health; labor; unions; access to medications; environment; global warming; public safety; food safety; labeling; banking; and much more; therefore be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats oppose the Fast Track authority; and be it further

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership treaty without public review and input; and be it further

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats oppose any policy that infringes on U.S. Sovereignty and individual rights; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be sent to Hawai'i's Congregational Delegation.

Submitted by:

Maker: Barbara Borgnino Second Maker: Juanita Brown Kawamoto

Convention Resolution 2015-03:

Title: **Calling on the U.S. Congress to Amend the United States Constitution to Enable Citizens' Voices to be Heard without Undue Influence of Powerful Economic Forces**

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) (Citizens United) removed restrictions on amounts of independent political spending; and

Whereas, The platform of the O'ahu County Democrats support limitations on political, campaign or issue related donations by organizations, corporations, and individuals and, further, that supports the belief that money does not equal "free speech"; therefore be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats call upon Hawai'i's Congressional Representatives to introduce a bill that directs the U.S. Congress to amend the U.S. Constitution to overturn the Citizens United decision; and be it

Ordered, that this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; Hawai'i's four Congressional Representatives; the Governor of the State of Hawai'i; the Mayors of all counties; and the other 49 state legislatures.

Submitted By:

Maker: Marilyn Leimomi Khan

Title: **Calling For An Assessment By The City And County Of Honolulu On The Impact Of Development And Population Growth On Our 'Āina, Kai, And Infrastructure**

Whereas, The platform of the O'ahu County Democrats, recognizes that the conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; and

Whereas, The recent traffic gridlock in West O'ahu revealed the effects of uncontrolled growth population on O'ahu; and

Whereas, Condominium growth in the Kaka'ako area has continued to increase, taxing infrastructure and resulting in higher costs for condominiums that are no longer affordable; and

Whereas, Population growth has adversely impacted the natural environment, contributing to pollution and overcrowding at beaches and in neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Since agricultural lands on O'ahu are dwindling, transportation costs for importing foods are rising, and food costs to the consumer are increasing; and

Whereas, Honolulu is ranked third-worst city for traffic congestion in the nation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge the City and County of Honolulu City Council to conduct an assessment on the impact of development and population growth on our 'āina, kai, and infrastructure; and be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge a complete review of the O'ahu General Plan to specifically quantify acceptable levels of urbanization/population growth of West O'ahu, North Shore, Ko'olaupia and Central O'ahu and that the review be based on projections of the infrastructure and public services needed to sustain quality of life for residents of those geo-sectors; and be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge such a review to specifically include identification of any infrastructure shortfalls, such as hospitals, schools, and early childhood centers; and be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge such a review to weigh the contributions of developments to the economy of Hawai'i against the costs of infrastructure to support its continuing existence; and be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats urge the Honolulu City Council to use this review to examine its county laws to determine changes to balance growth with the environment; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be distributed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Governor of Hawai'i, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of the Hawai'i Legislature, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Honolulu City Council.

Submitted by:

Maker: Marilyn Leimomi Khan

Title: **Protecting Public Employees While Advocating for Inclusive Non-Discrimination Policies**

Whereas, O'ahu County Democrats support inclusive non-discrimination policies to ensure that all people are treated equally and fairly; and

Whereas, O'ahu County Democrats support public servants and believe that they deserve the protections that come from inclusive non-discrimination policies and they should not lose the protections they have here in Honolulu when they travel on official business; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats vigorously oppose the introduction of any bills or laws, such as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, that use supposed religious freedom as an opportunity to try and discriminate against any minority based on individuals, business or corporations religiously held beliefs; and be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats call upon the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to issue an Administrative Directive that bans all public employees under their authority from any publicly-funded travel, that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety, to cities and/or states that do not have inclusive non-discrimination policies that are not at least equal if not greater to that of the City and County of Honolulu; and be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats support the introduction and passage of a bill at the City and County of Honolulu as well as at the State level that bans all public employees, elected officials and/or staffers from using public funds for travel, that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety, to cities and/or states that do not have inclusive non-discrimination policies that are not at least equal if not greater to that of the City and County of Honolulu; and be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats call upon the Governor of the State of Hawai'i to issue an Executive Order that bans all public employees under their authority from any publicly-funded travel, that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety, to cities and/or states that do not have inclusive non-discrimination policies that are not at least equal if not greater to that of the City and County of Honolulu; 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.

Submitted by:

Maker: Michael Golojuch, Jr.