

Report of the O‘ahu County 2021 Platform Committee

O‘ahu County Delegates:

The 2021 O‘ahu Platform Committee begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of the O‘ahu Platform is to state fundamental or general laws, principles, and a guiding sense of something for O‘ahu Democrats to stand on. As such, we are requested Planks on which the platform would be built.

These Planks listed in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto, were submitted according to Rule 5 of the Standing Rules of the 2021 O‘ahu County Democrats eConvention prior to the April 2, 2021 deadline, as required in the aforementioned Rule.

The Committee held its initial meeting on April 11, 2021 from 3 pm to 3:46 pm via Zoom, where additional Plank proposals were added for consideration, as listed in EXHIBIT B, also attached hereto.

Eighteen out of twenty-one Committee Members were present in addition to seven guests, as listed in EXHIBIT E.

During this meeting, the 2021 O‘ahu Platform Committee Chair then created a Sub-Committee to review the 2019 O‘ahu County Platform and the proposed Planks listed in EXHIBITs A and B and form a draft for consideration and comment at the following meeting. The Sub-Committee consisted of five members: Kendra Oishi, Jenna Takenouchi, Debbie Shimizu, Trish La Chica, and Kevan Wong.

The Sub-Committee distributed the initial draft of the proposed 2021 O‘ahu County Platform at 2:18 pm on April 14, 2021, for all Committee members to review.

The Committee held its second meeting on April 14, 2021 from 6 pm to 6:31 pm via Zoom, where additional comments and proposals were added for consideration, as listed in EXHIBIT C, attached.

Sixteen out of twenty-one Committee Members were present in addition to two guests, as listed in EXHIBIT E.

The Sub-Committee distributed the final draft of the proposed 2021 O‘ahu County Platform at 9:32 am on April 16, 2021, for all Committee members to review.

The Committee held its final meeting on April 17, 2021 from 3 pm to 3:38 pm via Zoom.

Sixteen out of twenty-one Committee Members were present in addition to two guests, as listed in EXHIBIT E.

By a vote of 12 – 4, the Committee adopted the proposed draft and amended the 2019 O‘ahu County Platform by:

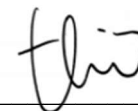
- (1) Removing language in conflict with the new rules adopted by the O‘ahu County Democrats in 2020;
- (2) Adding the proposed Planks and language, as listed in EXHIBIT D; and
- (3) As required by Standing Rule 4 of the 2021 O‘ahu County Democrats eConvention:
 - (a) Reformatting;
 - (b) Removing repetitive language throughout; and
 - (c) Revising and reorganizing for clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by a vote of 12-4 of the members of the 2021 O‘ahu Platform Committee, the Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of the O‘ahu Platform, as amended herein, and recommends the adoption of the 2021 O‘ahu Platform in the form attached hereto as 2021 O‘AHU COUNTY PLATFORM.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
members of the 2021 O‘ahu County
Platform Committee,



Kevan Wong, Co-Chair



Trish La Chica, Co-Chair

2021 O‘AHU COUNTY PLATFORM

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the O‘ahu County Democratic Party, united in common purpose, dedicate ourselves to the core principles of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

As the people's party, it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political action, and community solidarity. And, as a servant of the dreams and aspirations of Hawai‘i's people, we acknowledge that if we wish to lead, we must listen and be open to being transformed by what we hear. Moreover, if we ask for the people's trust, we must in turn trust the wisdom of the people.

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

As O‘ahu Democrats we will strive to create a better society by providing equal opportunity for all, by honoring the wisdom and courage of our elders, by cherishing our children above ourselves, and by intelligently anticipating the opportunities and perils of the future. We resolve to steer a course into the uncertain future to secure a better society guided by the traditional values of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and strengthened in order to support future sustainability and a diversified economy. We support agricultural education and business assistance programs to support the movement toward agricultural self-reliance. We believe in an integrated approach of agricultural innovation and sustainability. As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety. We support the food sustainability goal of 30% local food production by 2030.

Agricultural land must be more effectively managed and protected. Therefore, adequate resources must be made available, including business development and community gardens, to support all of Hawai‘i's farmers and to mitigate the impacts of invasive species and other harmful organisms.

Recognizing the equal importance of the ocean as a life-sustaining resource, we must protect and work to restore its ecological balance and viability, while promoting the responsible development of ocean resources and aquaculture as a step toward greater self-sufficiency. To ensure efficient use and equitable distribution of precious fresh water, we must prioritize water conservation and alternative patterns of water treatment and consumption such as the use of recycled water for irrigation, water storage reservoirs, and rain barrels.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Through multicultural and multigenerational participation in the arts, we strengthen our ‘ohana, preserve our culture, promote tolerance, and add vitality to the economy through a diverse array of people-friendly educational programs and attractions. Investments in the arts strengthen our communities and contribute to Hawai‘i’s rich cultural heritage. We support funding for the arts and humanities, individual artists and cultural organizations, and programs providing art and music education in schools. Hawai‘i prospers when we protect and promote the unique artistic and cultural contributions of the artists who create and preserve Hawai‘i’s heritage.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

We embrace O‘ahu County Democrats’ historical commitment to the principles of full participation, equal opportunity, representation, and rights for the diverse peoples of Hawai‘i. We commit to the goal of full representation and participation in O‘ahu County Democrats’ leadership, programs, and activities regardless of color, race, ethnic origin, sex, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, education level, ancestry, religion, arrest and court record, or socioeconomic status. We benefit greatly from the synergy of new members combined with the wisdom and experience of longtime members. We actively pursue diversity, equity, and inclusion by teaching and mentoring new leaders and creating new leadership opportunities. We respect and build on the work of our kūpuna and the history and values that are our foundation.

We have a responsibility to eliminate significant barriers to full representation and participation as O‘ahu County Democrats.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We support safety and security in all dimensions as a basic right of all residents of the State of Hawai‘i. We believe in prioritizing proactive mitigation measures and recovery support for the people of O‘ahu and their property against natural and man-made disasters. We also believe that access to clean water, public restrooms, and dependable hygiene supplies is a basic human right. 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. We support improving telecommuting and broadband infrastructure, enacting employment policies that allow for a more flexible work-life balance and ensuring access to economic and social services during natural disasters.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Availability of financial support and a skilled, educated workforce are critical to Hawai‘i’s economic sustainability and diversification. We support strong, locally owned businesses that provide jobs and services to the people of O‘ahu. We support the creation of new jobs with an increased emphasis on technology, clean energy, agriculture, healthcare, and other industries that promote a diversified economy and retain our youth on O‘ahu.

EDUCATION

Education is the foundation for the future of Hawai‘i and democracy requires an informed populace. We support providing quality education and library services to every student at every level, from preschool to higher education, regardless of learning capacity or ability to pay, in an environment conducive to the learning process. We believe that Hawai‘i’s history and future are best served by teaching Hawaiian values and the ethnic histories of groups that have become part of the greater Hawai‘i community.

We believe that early childhood education and universal preschool are essential to lifelong success and should be accessible to all. Hawai‘i’s education system and academic programs should support the development of critical and creative thinkers who are knowledgeable about issues and able to evaluate and solve real-world problems.

Educational facilities must be maintained, renovated, and built to 21st century standards so that our students learn in well-designed, safe environments. We must ensure that our students are safe in schools and free from violence, bullying, and all forms of discrimination and bias. We support school policies that protect, honor, and address the needs of all our students. Furthermore, we must ensure that our public libraries are free and accessible to all.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Hawai‘i’s natural and cultural resources must be preserved, protected, and sustained for the benefit of present and future generations. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support for public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai‘i.

We support environmental, energy, and climate justice. We recognize that sustainability is not only a matter of ecology, but of society and community, and so we support green projects that reduce socioeconomic inequity and seriously consider concerns voiced by marginalized communities.

We support programs that encourage sustainable non-polluting, carbon-neutral modes of transportation, recycling, and waste reduction, and support increasing the use of public transit, telecommuting, carpooling and vanpooling, ridesharing, biking, walking, and other forms of transportation that reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

We encourage the remediation of land that has been exposed to hazardous materials and that pose a serious public health risk to O‘ahu’s communities. We also support improvements to aquifers and outdated cesspool systems. Climate change adaptation solutions should include coastal retreat mitigation, increased capacity for invasive species control, and infrastructure improvements.

GOVERNMENT AND VOTING

We believe that the role of government is to adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly, and fairly administer to the needs of the people. To this end, we support the incorporation of ho‘oponopono and ethics in government to create accountable systems, sound fiscal policies, and programs that instill confidence in the residents they are meant to serve. Whenever possible,

legislative and government agencies should implement policies and procedures focused on transparency in discussion and creation of public policy.

A robust democracy requires active participation by all members of the community and requires a fair, voter-verifiable, fully transparent, and auditable voting system. To ensure all members are able to engage in this process, it is necessary to continuously review and adopt voter participation reforms that create easy, simple, accessible registration and voting programs.

HEALTH

We believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and support a universal single-payer healthcare system that puts people before profits, ensures parity of mental and physical health, and provides accessible, affordable, comprehensive, and quality services and coverage for all O‘ahu residents. We oppose price gouging by drug companies and support capping the amount that consumers have to pay out-of-pocket every month on prescription drugs. We are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health rights and choice. We also encourage the establishment of preventive healthcare, early intervention initiatives, long-term care, dental, and vision care and support providing safety-net systems for all vulnerable populations, including Compact of Free Association (COFA- Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau) citizens and other non-citizens residing on O‘ahu on an equal basis.

We support confronting the epidemic of drug and alcohol addiction, especially the opioid and crystal methamphetamine (Ice) crisis plaguing our communities, by vastly expanding access to prevention and treatment, and assisting people struggling with addiction to reach full recovery and integration into society. We support educating all O‘ahu residents to intervene early to prevent drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. We encourage our community leaders to establish evidence-based, age-appropriate, and locally tailored prevention programs.

We recognize that maintaining good mental health is critical to all people, support that everyone has access to mental health care, and encourage expanding community-based treatment of mental health conditions and fully enforcing our parity law.

We must make progress against chronic diseases and epidemics; therefore, we support accelerating the pace of medical progress and investing more in our scientists by giving them the resources that they need to invigorate fundamental studies in life sciences.

HOUSING

We believe that 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. New market-rate homes are out of reach to most local people, so we believe the state and counties have a responsibility to produce housing specifically targeted to meet the needs of residents. Therefore, we support policies and efforts to promote truly affordable homeownership for all persons living on O‘ahu, prevent homes from being speculative investments, and promote high-density, mixed-use planning to maximize walkability and minimize car usage and traffic impacts. We encourage preserving and increasing the supply of affordable rental housing by expanding incentives to ease local barriers to building new affordable rental housing developments in areas

of economic opportunity. We also advocate to increase the number of subsidized affordable housing for low-income families, government workers, people with disabilities, veterans, and kūpuna.

We prioritize providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness through funding to prevent and end homelessness on O‘ahu combined with services that support their needs and improve their quality of life. We support compassionate treatment and implementing alternative responses that prioritize health services and follow-up care.

HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND 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 and racism in all aspects and we advocate for equal rights, individual freedoms, and economic opportunity for all regardless of sexual identity, orientation, or expression.

We believe that the concepts of "‘ohana" and "family" include people regardless of sexual orientation, blood relation, marital status, gender, gender identity or gender expression, who choose to join together to offer one another moral, spiritual, and economic support.

We support initiatives that prioritize access and equity to education, employment, healthcare, and economic opportunities to lift families out of poverty and remove existing barriers that create disparities in our communities. We support a strong social safety net that creates opportunity for all people. We must protect our children, our future, from violence and neglect and provide them with a safe and healthy environment in which to grow and thrive.

We believe in equal rights for women and value and support women’s full, equal, and essential role in all aspects of life. We advocate to end pay inequality, sexual assault, domestic abuse, and other acts of violence against women, including the epidemics of violence against indigenous women and transgender women of color. We support the full implementation of Title IX and the equal participation of women in education, employment, and leadership without fear of sexual harassment or assault.

We believe our justice system should be transformed to focus on root causes of crime and alternatives to imprisonment. We support restorative justice and ho’oponopono, among other community programs, to reduce recidivism, promote wellness, vocational training, and substance abuse treatment, and to support culturally relevant and appropriate intervention programs and services for reintegration into society. We support the strategic use of unarmed, trained emergency responders, such as social workers and mental health professionals, to substitute or supplement police interactions. We recognize that this approach, also known as the “co-responder model,” can improve public safety while also increasing the efficiency, efficacy, and fiscal sustainability of our police force.

We affirm the dignity and civil and human rights of all documented and undocumented persons, recognize the unique contributions that people of all racial identities make to our party and society, and believe in holding government accountable in ensuring that all individuals,

documented or undocumented, have the opportunities to thrive in the communities where they live, work, and play.

KŪPUNA AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

We face a long-term care crisis that prevents many seniors and people with disabilities from being able to live with dignity at home or in their communities. Most people who are aging or living with a disability want to do so at home, but face challenges finding and affording the support they need to do so. Programs that emphasize independence rather than institutionalization must be better structured to support them. We support strengthening and expanding the home care workforce, giving seniors and people with disabilities access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensuring that all of these resources are readily available at home or in the community. We support policies and programs that promote "aging-in-place" and support "active aging" for kūpuna.

LABOR AND WORKERS' RIGHTS

We support policies and programs that support families during times of both economic prosperity and distress. We encourage all employment positions to guarantee at a minimum: retirement and health benefits, equal pay for equal work, safe working conditions, paid sick leave, paid vacation leave, paid family leave, workplace accommodations for child nursing, and payment of prevailing wages for public projects. We support a minimum wage that is a livable wage, indexed to inflation. We oppose proposals that outsource Hawai'i's jobs or harm the environment. We must ensure that the unemployment insurance system and safety net services are accessible, reliable, and efficient for O'ahu workers, especially in times of economic emergencies.

We support protecting the right of all employees to form or join a union and bargain collectively with their employer for fair wages and benefits. We believe in eliminating all forms of forced and coerced labor, including human trafficking, sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and the exploitation of migrant labor. We support a judicial system that protects the civil rights of labor organizers and those seeking to improve workers' rights.

NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND HAWAIIAN CULTURE

We support recognition of Native Hawaiians as indigenous people of Hawai'i that deserve a just relationship with the state and federal governments, and we support their rights under the United Nations charter. We continue to support Native Hawaiian rights to self-determination to freely determine their political status and to pursue their economic, social, and cultural development.

We support policies and programs that embrace and enrich Native Hawaiian traditions and values. These traditional and customary cultural practices are at the core of our island values. We believe in the empowerment of Native Hawaiians and their representation in county and state affairs to ensure that policy decisions are designed to protect and preserve the culture, resources, and practices of the Native Hawaiian community. We support efforts to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and fully fund programs and agencies that support Native Hawaiian health,

education, language, housing, agriculture, and the ceded lands under the Public Land Trust to ensure that no Hawaiian is homeless in their homeland, including oversight of these agencies for accountability in meeting these outlined goals.

TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL EQUITY

We believe that digital access is a critical and essential service necessary for the functioning of and participation in many aspects of our economy and community life. We support achieving digital equity to ensure that all of Hawai‘i’s residents, from keiki to kūpuna, have the information technology capacity needed to participate fully in our society, democracy, and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.

We support access to high-quality internet and training to use technology for all of Hawai‘i’s residents, and support efforts to ensure their ability to use digital resources to be connected and successful in their lives. We support efforts in government and industries to achieve digital access and the availability of services and resources to all residents and communities, as these efforts are beneficial to our people and communities, and the future of our economy and state.

We support net neutrality to ensure free, open access to the internet and the protection of personal data as a personal right. We recognize that technological innovation may have unintended consequences and believe in practices that promote technology ethics among creators and developers as well as ethical uses of their products by the public. We support legislative action and regulation in pursuit of that same goal.

TRANSPORTATION

We recognize the necessity of providing safe and efficient transportation infrastructure for all users of our roadways. We believe everyone should be safe while traveling by foot, bicycle, vehicle, or transit, and that well-lit and well-developed road conditions for all users helps to uplift community health. We believe in enacting an equitable way to adequately pay for transportation infrastructure on O‘ahu with public support and potential for matching federal funds. We support transportation projects and planning to reduce traffic congestion, promote mass transit, and reduce our reliance on automobiles by employing private and public use of alternative modes of travel. As such, we support energy and fuel-efficient methods of transportation and efforts to provide more efficient, affordable, and convenient methods of public transportation.

U.S. MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

We recognize the Armed Forces on O‘ahu and their families sacrifice to serve and defend our country and help us in time of need. We welcome, honor, and support all Americans who want to serve. Our military is strongest when we support and embrace our nation’s diversity and we will continue to fight for their equal rights and recognition. We believe people of all races, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions should be honored for their service to our country and that efforts to protect our troops from sexual predators within service branches should be supported.

We further recognize that our country has a sacred, moral responsibility to keep faith with all our veterans and wounded warriors. Therefore, we support programs that provide responsive and timely healthcare and mental health services, with particular focus on post-traumatic stress and substance abuse issues. Additionally, we support efforts to assist veterans in their reintegration to society through educational benefits and job training, initiatives to end chronic homelessness, and programs to combat suicide.

The military controls nearly one quarter of the land on O‘ahu. We have strong concerns regarding the containment and reduction of both active military land holdings and personnel presence. We support the protection of our ‘aina and encourage the continuation of efforts to coordinate military activities with impacted communities, restore damaged ‘aina, and limit destruction by military usage, weapons testing, training, and “war games” to prevent long-term degradation and harm to our cultural and community assets. We further encourage state agencies to take these factors into consideration when creating lease agreements.

EXHIBIT A

Submission #	Title	Submitted By	Time Submitted
2	<p>We embrace O`ahu County Democrats' historical commitment to the principles of full participation, equal opportunity, representation and rights for the diverse peoples of Hawai'i. We commit to the goal of full representation and participation in O`ahu County Democrats' leadership, programs, and activities regardless of color, race, ethnic origin, sex, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, education level, ancestry, religion, arrest and court record, or socioeconomic status.</p> <p>We embrace principles of democratic process and fully recognize that our strength and effectiveness flow directly from a commitment to inclusive and active participation. Our future as a political party, a state, and a society are built on these principles. O`ahu County Democrats, through the O`ahu County Committee, will reach out to all groups and individuals, especially those who have been underrepresented in the party and the political process. We strive for full and active participation of all people and the elimination of barriers that discourage participation for members of underrepresented groups in leadership positions, or in the activities and programs of the O`ahu County Committee.</p> <p>We benefit greatly from the synergy of new members combined with the wisdom and experience of longtime members. We actively pursue diversity, equity and inclusion by teaching and mentoring new leaders and creating new leadership opportunities. We respect and build on the work of our kupuna and the history and values that are our foundation.</p> <p>We recognize that barriers we have long struggled to eliminate are similar to those that have historically prevented full participation and enjoyment of opportunity for workers, women, racial and other minorities in Hawai'i. We have a responsibility to eliminate significant barriers to full representation and participation as O`ahu County Democrats, including but not limited to: institutional and</p>	<p>Betty Vega Second: Cora Yamamoto</p>	<p>April 1, 3:12pm Second: April 1, 5:54pm</p>

	<p>unconscious racism, sexism, ableism, ageism, social and cultural biases; social inequality and inequities, and socioeconomic status; geographic and physical accessibility; cultural differences and language barriers; and closed social and political networks that exclude outsiders and deny open and full participation.</p>		
3	<p>With the closure of many in-person services during the COVID-19 pandemic in the last year, digital access became critical for essential services and participation in many aspects of the economy and community life. We believe that digital access and equity are an essential need for all people in our communities.</p> <p>We support digital equity, which has been defined in the Broadband Hui Digital Equity Declaration as “the condition in which all Hawai’i’s residents, keiki to kupuna, have the information technology capacity needed to participate fully in our society, democracy and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.”</p> <p>We support access to high quality internet and training to use technology for all Hawai’i’s residents, and support efforts to ensure their ability to use digital resources to be connected and successful in their lives.</p> <p>We support efforts in government and industries to achieve digital access and the availability of services and resources to all residents and communities, as these efforts are beneficial to our people and communities, and the future of our economy and state.</p>	<p>Lynn Otaguro Second: Nathaniel Char</p>	<p>April 1, 7:50pm Second: April 1, 10:36pm</p>
4	<p>A. As an island that struggles to be self-sufficient in terms of the most basic needs of shelter and food, and struggles even more to provide for Native Hawaiians; and as the US military continues to be the single greatest institutional producer of greenhouse gasses in the world; O‘ahu Democrats recognize the immense strain and injustice that an overgrown military presence presents. On O‘ahu alone, the military controls 85,718 acres out of</p>	<p>Mishka Sulva Second: Amy Perruso</p>	<p>April 1, 8:39pm Second: April 2, 2:48pm</p>

	<p>382,148 acres, or 22.4% of the entire island. O‘ahu Democrats call for the containment and reduction of both military land holdings and military personnel presence on the island. O‘ahu Democrats call for returning this land to Native Hawaiians.</p> <p>B. Support reducing and reallocating Honolulu Police Department budget toward social service, welfare, and public health programs designed to uplift and more effectively meet the needs of poverty-stricken, mentally ill, unhoused, and other at-risk members of our community.</p> <p>C. Support abolishing cash bail as it unjustly and negatively impacts people of color and the working class. Instead, O‘ahu Democrats call for pretrial detainment to be strictly determined based on danger to society and flight-risk.</p> <p>D. Acknowledging the extremely high cost of living on our island which is 88% higher than the national average, in which the median cost of a single-family home is now \$920,000, and in which the median one-bedroom rent is \$1,775 and median two-bedroom rent is \$2,314; O‘ahu Democrats support a living minimum wage of at least \$20/hr pinned to inflation with annual increases.</p> <p>E. Support the public ownership of utility companies for electricity, broadband internet, water/sewer, garbage disposal, and recycling to bring cost-effective, universal, environmentally-just, equitable service to all island residents.</p>		
17	“We support reforms to our criminal justice system, including abolition of asset forfeiture in the absence of criminal convictions, bail reform and measures that encourage the reintegration of formerly	Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin	April 2, 12:24pm Second:

	<p>incarcerated individuals into greater society and reduces their rate of recidivism.</p> <p><u>We applaud the passage of Act 047 (Gov. Msg. No. 1152) that amends the Uniform Information Practices Act to allow for public access to information about suspended officers, authorizes the law enforcement standards board to revoke certifications, and requires the board to review and recommend statewide policies and procedures relating to law enforcement, including the use of force. We support efforts to responsibly increase police transparency and accountability while maintaining both public safety and the safety of law enforcement officers.</u></p> <p><u>We support the strategic use of unarmed, trained emergency responders, such as social workers and mental health professionals, to substitute and/or supplement and improve police interactions. We recognize that this approach, known in some areas as the “co-responder model,” can improve public safety while also increasing the efficiency, efficacy, and fiscal sustainability of our police force.”</u></p>		<p>April 2, 12:24pm</p>
18	<p>“We continue to support <i>Kanaka Maoli</i> as they strive to retain their ancestral heritage, Kingdom lands and the right for self-determination. We are committed to embracing and enriching public policies by integrating and supporting Native Hawaiian traditions and values. We believe in the empowerment of Native Hawaiians, by supporting Hawaiian Language Immersion schools and Hawaiian charter-based schools, protecting <u>and holding accountable</u> the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands (DHHL), funding for the development and enhancement of Hawaiian Home Lands, and development of community-based healthcare initiatives.”</p>	<p>Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin</p>	<p>April 2, 12:24pm Second: April 2, 12:24pm</p>
19	<p>We support the efforts of Native Hawaiians, <i>kanaka maoli</i>, indigenous, aboriginal people of Hawai’i whose values and culture are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. Their traditional and customary cultural practices are at the core of our island values. We continue to support Native Hawaiian rights to self-</p>	<p>Juanita Brown Kawamoto Second: Mona Bernardino</p>	<p>April 2, 1:38pm Second: April 2, 3:56pm</p>

	determination to freely determine their political status and to pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. We protect Native Hawaiian traditional and customary cultural practices, advance programs in support of Native Hawaiian health, education, language, housing, agriculture, the ceded lands under the Public Land Trust (PLT), and the fair distribution of proceeds to Native Hawaiians.		
20	<p><u>“To further promote food security, local agriculture, and healthy ‘ohana, we support investments in community garden programs that are supported by and benefit their surrounding communities. We support legislative action to regulate and bolster said programs, insofar as such action preserves the goal of serving communities and maintaining healthy and equitable connections to the land.</u></p> <p><u>We support and promote food sovereignty, especially as it relates to the Native Hawaiian community. We support efforts that invest in and expand access to healthy, culturally relevant, and sustainably sourced foods.”</u></p>	Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin	April 2, 2:47pm Second: April 2, 2:47pm
21	<u>We recognize the importance of public and private sector initiatives in support of environmental, energy, and climate justice. We further recognize that sustainability is not only a matter of ecology, but of society and community, and so we support green projects that reduce socio-economic inequity and seriously consider concerns voiced by marginalized communities. We support legislative and executive action to incentivize and protect such efforts.</u>	Dylan Ramos Second: Andy Yu	April 2, 2:56pm Second: April 2, 2:56pm
22	We support both net neutrality to ensure free and open access to the internet, and the protection of personal data as a personal right. <u>We recognize that technological innovation may have unintended consequences and thus encourage members of the IT industry to promote technology ethics among creators and developers, as well as ethical uses of their products by the public. We support legislative action and regulation in pursuit of that same goal.</u>	Dylan Ramos Second: Andy Yu	April 2, 2:56pm Second: April 2, 2:56pm
23	The City and County of Honolulu has in place the Oahu General Plan and eight (8) planning regions	Flora Obayashi	April 2, 4:01pm

	<p>including the Primary Urban Center, Central Oahu, Ewa, Waianae, North Shore, Koolauloa, Koolaupoko and East Honolulu, each with its own Sustainable Communities Plan. These plans were drafted in consultation with each community and concurrence with input from the 35 neighborhood boards, and subsequently ratified by the City Council. Each plan took into account and provided for the unique geologic and topographic features of each planning region.</p> <p>These municipal plans which provide planning parameters for the City and County of Honolulu(CCH) Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) in the granting of building permits. The Oahu County Democrats will work for the continued existence of prime agricultural lands under current cultivation from loss to urban development. protecting these lands from high density housing development. We support the food sustainability goal of 30% local food production by 2030.</p> <p>Decades ago, Windward Oahu agricultural lands were established by the state land use commission as an urban district to prepare for development of a second city. When the second city plans pivoted to the leeward districts of O'ahu and to protect windward watersheds and food production, the urban use district was not returned to the original agricultural district designation. Additionally, these agricultural lands are subject to up-zoning and urban development under the obsolete designation. Development of these lands would adversely impact Oahu island's drinking water stocks in the disruption of the hydrologic cycle needed to recharge the underground aquifers.</p>	<p>Second: Betty Vega</p>	<p>Second: April 2, 4:16pm</p>
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EXHIBIT B

Submission #	Title	Submitted By	Time Submitted
1	We think voter participation is a good thing for democracy and support reasonable reforms to ease the voting registration and actual voting process. We oppose voter suppression.	John Bickel Second: Amy Monk	March 24, 5:45pm Second: April 11, 3:15pm
5	<p><u>We support removing General Excise Tax (GET) from food, medicines, and medical supplies and doubling GET on luxury purchases.</u></p> <p><u>We support levying an empty-home fine or tax on property-owners who keep a habitable-dwelling vacant for more than 4 months of a calendar year.</u></p> <p><u>We support rent-control as a mechanism that will provide working families an opportunity to build equity and will discourage investors from flipping residential properties.</u></p> <p><u>We support graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii having the right to unionize and collectively bargain for fair wages and benefits.</u></p> <p><u>We support mandating all public restrooms remain open, accessible and in usable condition at all times; access to soap, water and toilets is a public health and safety issue.</u></p>	Kim Coco Iwamoto Second: Charley Ice	April 1, 10:58pm Second: April 11, 3:30pm
6	<u>We support economic diversification with an emphasis on providing locally-produced food for local tables at affordable prices, with an emphasis on supporting cottage industry scale repair and maintenance, fabrication, materials reclamation, marketing, recyclable packaging, and value-added products.</u>	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:01pm
7	<u>We believe that Hawai'i's history and future are best served by teaching Hawaiian values and the ethnic histories of groups that have become part of the greater Hawaii community.</u>	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:02pm
8	<u>We support reforming the criminal justice system to address the disparate treatment of different</u>	Charley Ice	April 2, 7:17am

	<p><u>ethnic communities including bail reform and restorative justice including ho'oponopono that repairs the harms caused by criminal behaviors as well as reintegrates the offenders as contributing members of society. We support community programs to reduce recidivism, promote wellness, vocational training, and substance abuse treatment, and to support culturally relevant and appropriate intervention programs and services for reintegration into society.</u></p>	<p>Second: Amy Monk</p>	<p>April 11, 3:40pm</p>
9	<p>Native Hawaiians are the aboriginal people of Hawai'i that deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments, <u>and support their international rights under the United Nations Charter.</u> We support recognition of Native Hawaiians as indigenous people as provided by the U.S. Constitution[; such recognition will add to the process of Native Hawaiian self-determination.] We support Native Hawaiian rights to self-determination in the formation of their chosen governmental entity, <u>and the recognition of those identifying as Hawaiian nationals pending resolution of this political status.</u> [We also support the international rights of the Native Hawaiian people.]</p>	<p>Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk</p>	<p>April 2, 7:17am April 11, 3:40pm</p>
10	<p><u>We support full funding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission budget and full staffing for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, as well other housing programs to ensure that no native Hawaiian is homeless in their homeland.</u></p>	<p>Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk</p>	<p>April 2, 7:17am April 11, 3:40pm</p>
11	<p>We strongly support the protection of our 'āina against destruction by military usage, weapons testing, training and “war games.” We support the best training for our military; however, we urge protection of our 'āina from long-term degradation and prevention of harm to our cultural and community assets. Where the 'āina has suffered damage on land, in air, and in sea, we expect the military to restore, replace, reforest, and remove all unexploded ordnances and used shells from the damaged area. <u>State agencies responsible for lease conditions for</u></p>	<p>Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja</p>	<p>April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:10pm</p>

	<u>military leases of State lands must assure that lease conditions require returning lands in original condition, and properly enforce such provisions.</u>		
12	We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. <u>We acknowledge that we are into global tipping points and that change is accelerating faster than earlier anticipated. At the same time, lip service has not produced necessary action.</u> We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, <u>greater capacity for invasive species control, reconfiguration and decentralization of infrastructure, better storm resilience and storm water management,</u> effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions.	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja Second: Alan Burdick	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:04pm
13	<u>We support environmental justice for communities that are adversely and disproportionately affected by exposure to environmental hazards.</u>	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja Second: Alan Burdick	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:06pm
14	<u>We urge the State to use the 'Aha Moku (cultural practitioners) and implement native Hawaiian land management practices in preserving, protecting, and sustaining Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.</u>	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja Second: Alan Burdick	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:08pm
15	The U.S. Navy has twenty World War Era underground bulk fuel storage tanks located at Red Hill above Pearl Harbor. Each tank can hold 12.5 million gallons of petroleum and its derivatives for a total capacity of 250 million gallons. These tanks pose a direct threat to the Moanalua-Waimalu Aquifer which supplies	Charley Ice Second: Alan Burdick	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:08pm

	<p>drinking water to urban Honolulu. In 2014, a catastrophic spill of petroleum was released from this site and never been cleaned up. We demand environmentally sound actions by the U.S. Navy to <u>identify all specific contaminants, assess the prospects for their removal, to seal the aquifer from potential new contaminating leaks, to construct means for fully recapturing and recycling any and all future leaks, and to further preclude the risk of catastrophic releases by either installing double-walled tanks or by moving the fuel tanks from Red Hill by 2030.</u></p>		
16	<p><u>Numerous sites throughout O'ahu leased to or occupied by the military and other entities have been degraded by toxic materials and live ammunition. We demand that these lands be remediated in full, and that all dispositions of lands to any entity for use as potentially contaminating facilities or activities carry strict enforcement regulations to protect the 'āina from degradation and to remediate any degradation.</u></p>	<p>Charley Ice Second: Alan Burdick</p>	<p>April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:09pm</p>
24	<p>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. <u>The fundamental problem is that new housing supply has lagged so far behind demand from local families alone that the gap between wages and rent is the highest in the nation. New, market rate homes are out of reach to most local people, so we believe the State and counties have a responsibility to produce housing specifically targeted to meet the needs of local people. These features include: a price low enough for most local families to afford; occupancy and other requirements to prevent them from being speculative investments; availability to all families regardless of income or whether they have previously owned real property; and high density, mixed use planning to maximize walkability and minimize car usage and traffic impacts.</u></p>	<p>Stanley Chang Second: John Bickel</p>	<p>April 2, 5:45pm April 11, 3:49pm</p>
25	<p>We will support equal rights for women, including by ratifying the Equal Rights</p>	<p>Amy Monk</p>	<p>March 23, 11:39am</p>

	<p>Amendment and at long last enshrining gender equality in the U.S. Constitution. We will take aggressive action to end pay inequality, identifying companies and practices that discriminate against women and passing the Paycheck Fairness Act. Democrats are committed to ending sexual assault, domestic abuse, and other violence against women, including the epidemics of violence against indigenous women and transgender women of color. We support the full implementation of Title IX and the equal participation of women in education and employment without fear of sexual harassment or assault.</p>	<p>Second: Ann Freed</p>	<p>April 6, 4:49pm</p>
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EXHIBIT C

Submission #	Request	Submitted By
26	Requesting replacement of Health Plank with 2019 Health Plank	Dr. Kemble
27	Requesting Ramseyer Format	Charley Ice
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Like removal of repetition and the balanced form B. Request reference to adult education and access to libraries C. Requesting clarification of “clean” in Environment Plank 	Amy Monk
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Requesting addition of HHA language B. Requesting stronger language in Military Plank C. Requesting reference to Hawaiian Lands be reinserted to Military Plank D. Requesting public utility language, including broadband access 	Mishka Sulva
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Requesting grammatical error corrections B. Requesting addition of “protected” to Environment Plank C. Requesting references to “environmental justice” be included in Environmental Plank D. Requesting clarification on “cultural tourism” in Arts Plank 	Dylan Ramos
31	Requesting the Health Plank remain consistent with the rest of the document	Justin Akagi
LATE Submission 1, no attachment as of deadline	Requesting that the 2021 proposed platform be completely replaced by EXHIBIT F, see attached.	Charley Ice

EXHIBIT D

***For more detail, please refer to the corresponding Submission Numbers in EXHIBITs A, B, and C.**

Submission #	Title	Submitted By
1	Voter Participation	John Bickel Second: Amy Monk
2	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Betty Vega Second: Cora Yamamoto
3	Digital Equity	Lynn Otaguro Second: Nathaniel Char
4	NH, police, cash bail, living wage, public utilities	Mishka Sulva Second: Amy Perruso
5	GET exemption, vacant homes tax, rent-control, graduate assistance, public restrooms	Kim Coco Iwamoto Second: Charley Ice
6	Economy and Commerce	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja
7	Education	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja
8	Human Rights	Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk
9	Native Hawaiians 1	Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk
10	Native Hawaiians 2	Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk
11	Protecting our Aina	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja
14	Environment and Energy 3	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja Second: Alan Burdick
16	Environment and Energy 5	Charley Ice Second: Alan Burdick
17	Government and Political Reform 1	Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin
18	Native Hawaiians and Hawaiian Culture 1	Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin
19	Native Hawaiian Culture, Rights, Justice	Juanita Brown Kawamoto Second: Mona Bernardino
20	Community Gardens and Food Sovereignty	Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin

22	Ethics	Dylan Ramos Second: Andy Yu
23	Agriculture	Flora Obayashi Second: Betty Vega
24	Housing	Stanley Chang Second: John Bickel
25	Women's Rights	Amy Monk Second: Ann Freed
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Like removal of repetition and the balanced form B. Request reference to adult education and access to libraries C. Requesting clarification of "clean" in Environment Plank 	Amy Monk
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EXHIBIT E

Platform Committee Meeting
Attendance

NAME	4/11 • 18/21 VM present • 7 guests	4/14 • 16/21 VM present • 2 guests	4/17 • 16/21 VM present • 2 guests
Co-Chairs			
Trish La Chica	✓	✓	✓
Kevan Wong	✓	✓	✓
Members			
Justin Akagi	✓	✓	✓
Alan Burdick	✓	✓	✓
Shaina Caporoz	absent	✓	✓
Kristopher DeRego-Coffield	✓	absent	✓
Ed Hasegawa	✓	✓	✓
Charley Ice	✓	✓	✓
Stephen Kemble	✓	✓	✓
Amy Monk	✓	✓	✓
Martha Nakajima	✓	✓	✓
Kendra Oishi	✓	✓	✓
Benton Pang	✓	absent	absent
Ben Park	✓	✓	absent
Dylan Ramos	✓	✓	✓
Lynn Robinson-Onderko	✓	absent	✓
Calvin Say	absent	absent	absent
Debbie Shimizu	✓	✓	✓
Jenna Takenouchi	✓	✓	✓
Osa Tui, Jr	✓	✓	absent
Jonathan White	absent	absent	absent
Guests			
Melodie Aduja			✓
John Bickel	✓		
Kim Coco Iwamoto	✓		
Flora Obayashi	✓		
Lynn Otaguro	✓	✓	
Carlos Santana	✓		✓
Mishka Sulva	✓	✓	
Betty Vega	✓		

EXHIBIT F

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the O‘ahu County Democratic Party, united in common purpose, dedicate ourselves to the core principles of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

As the people's party, it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political action, and community solidarity. And, as a servant of the dreams and aspirations of Hawai‘i's people, we acknowledge that if we wish to lead, we must listen and be open to being transformed by what we hear. Moreover, if we ask for the people's trust, we must in turn trust the wisdom of the people.

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

As O‘ahu Democrats we will strive to create a better society by providing equal opportunity for all, by honoring the wisdom and courage of our elders, by cherishing our children above ourselves, and by intelligently anticipating the opportunities and perils of the future. We resolve to steer a course into the uncertain future to secure a better society guided by the traditional values of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture has always been the backbone of Hawaii, and with the insecurities of climate change, reliable food sufficiency depends on local production. As a remote archipelago, securing food for all is an existential necessity. It is a cultural tradition of surviving by knowing the land as family. Improvement of our agricultural self-reliance is an urgent priority.

~~[Agriculture in our state must be preserved and strengthened in order to support future sustainability and a diversified economy. We believe in an integrated approach of agricultural innovation and sustainability. As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority.]~~

Agricultural land must be more effectively managed and protected from conversion to other uses, from topsoil loss, and from toxic contamination. We believe in regenerative agriculture, forestry, and pasturage, using the latest techniques for composting, no-tillage, and other innovative approaches. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety. We support the food sustainability goal of 30% local food production by 2030.

Agricultural expertise needs to be better supported, training made available for future farmers, and business assistance to improve the connection of farm to table. Low cost loans are needed to overcome weak capital competition in agriculture. Every innovative option should be employed, including business development and community gardens, cottage industry scale repair and

maintenance, fabrication, materials reclamation, marketing, recyclable packaging, and value-added products to support all of Hawai‘i’s farmers and allied expertise to mitigate the impacts of invasive species and other harmful organisms.

Recognizing the equal importance of the ocean as a life-sustaining resource, we must [protect] regenerate its ecological balance and viability, [while] promoting the responsible development of ocean resources and aquaculture [~~as a step~~] toward greater self-sufficiency. To ensure efficient use and equitable distribution of precious fresh water, we must prioritize water conservation and alternative patterns of water treatment and consumption such as the use of recycled water for irrigation, water storage reservoirs, and rain barrels.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Through multi-cultural and multi-generational participation in the arts, we strengthen our ‘ohana, preserve our culture, promote tolerance, and add vitality to that economy through cultural tourism. Investments in the arts strengthen our communities and contribute to Hawai‘i’s rich cultural heritage. We support funding for the arts and humanities, individual artists and cultural organizations, and for programs providing art and music education in schools. Hawai‘i prospers when we protect and promote the unique artistic and cultural contributions of the artists who create and preserve Hawai‘i’s heritage.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

We embrace O‘ahu County Democrats’ historical commitment to the principles of full participation, equal opportunity, representation and rights for the diverse peoples of Hawai‘i. We commit to the goal of full representation and participation in O‘ahu County Democrats’ leadership, programs, and activities regardless of color, race, ethnic origin, sex, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, education level, ancestry, religion, arrest and court record, or socioeconomic status. We benefit greatly from the synergy of new members combined with the wisdom and experience of longtime members. We actively pursue diversity, equity and inclusion by teaching and mentoring new leaders and creating new leadership opportunities. We respect and build on the work of our kupuna and the history and values that are our foundation.

We have a responsibility to eliminate significant barriers to full representation and participation as O‘ahu County Democrats.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We support safety and security in all dimensions as a basic right of all residents of the State of Hawai‘i. We believe in prioritizing proactive mitigation measures and recovery support for the people of O‘ahu and their property against natural and man-made disasters. We also believe that access to clean water, public restrooms, and dependable hygiene supplies is a basic human right. 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. We support improving telecommuting and broadband

infrastructure and enacting employment policies that allow for a more flexible work/life balance and to ensure access to economic and social services during natural disasters.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Availability of financial support and a skilled and educated workforce are critical to Hawai'i's economic sustainability and diversification. We support strong, locally-owned businesses that provide jobs and services to the people of O'ahu. We support the creation of new jobs, with an increased emphasis on technology, clean energy, agriculture, healthcare, and other jobs to promote a diversified economy and retain our youth on O'ahu.

EDUCATION

Education is the foundation for the future of Hawai'i. We support providing quality education and library services to every student at every level, from preschool to higher education, regardless of learning capacity, or ability to pay, in an environment conducive to the learning process. We believe that Hawai'i's history and future are best served by teaching Hawaiian values and the ethnic histories of groups that have become part of the greater Hawai'i community.

We believe that early childhood education and universal preschool are essential to life-long success and should be accessible to all. Hawai'i's education system and academic programs should support the development of critical and creative thinkers who are knowledgeable about issues and able to evaluate and solve real-world problems.

Educational facilities must be maintained, renovated, and built to 21st century standards so that our students learn in well-designed, safe environments. We must ensure that our students are safe in our schools and free from violence, bullying, and all forms of discrimination and bias. We support policies in all our schools that protect, honor, and address the needs of all our students.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

The sustenance of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources [must be preserved, protected, and sustained] for the benefit of present and future generations requires greater knowledge of and respect for local ecology. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support for public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i. We urge the use of cultural practitioners and implementation of native Hawaiian land management practices.

We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, greater capacity for invasive species control, reconfiguration and decentralization of infrastructure, better storm resilience and storm water management, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions

We support environmental, energy, and climate justice. We recognize that sustainability is not only a matter of ecology, but of society and community, and so we support green projects that reduce socio-economic inequity and seriously consider concerns voiced by marginalized communities. We support legislative and executive action to incentivize and protect such efforts.

We support programs that ~~[encourage]~~ provide ~~[sustainable-clean]~~ recycling, and waste reduction, and greenhouse gas emission-free modes of transportation; and support increasing the use of public transit, telecommuting, car and vanpooling, ridesharing, biking, walking, and other forms of transportation that reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

We ~~[encourage]~~ require the remediation of contaminated lands that expose Hawaii's people to serious health risks, or prevent productive use of Hawaii's limited lands ~~[land that has been exposed to hazardous materials]~~ and ~~[encourage]~~ require government agencies to assure land use in compliance with high standards. ~~[and]~~ We support ~~[improvements to]~~ protection of aquifers and improvements to outdated cesspool systems.

~~[Climate change adaptation solutions should include coastal retreat mitigation, increased capacity for invasive species control, and infrastructure improvements.]~~

GOVERNMENT

We believe that the role of government is to adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly, and fairly administer to the needs of the people. To this end, we support the incorporation of ho'oponopono and ethics in government to create accountable systems, sound fiscal policies, and programs that instill confidence in the residents they are meant to serve. Whenever possible, legislative and government agencies should implement policies and procedures focused on transparency in discussion and creation of public policy.

A robust democracy requires active participation by all members of the community and requires a fair, voter-verifiable, fully transparent and auditable voting system. To ensure all members are able to engage in this process, it is necessary to continuously review and adopt voter participation reforms that create easy, simple, accessible registration and voting programs.

We believe that as a matter of governmental integrity and consistency with respect for citizen participation, land use zoning must conform to community plans developed in a full public forum and adopted by the county government. This includes agricultural land previously upzoned to change the overall pattern of land use on O'ahu but later abandoned, with every subsequent community plan identifying the appropriate land use designation as agriculture.

HEALTH

We believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and support a healthcare system that ensures accessible, affordable, quality services and coverage for all O'ahu residents. We are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health rights and affirmative choice. We also encourage the establishment of preventive healthcare, early intervention initiatives, and support to provide safety-net systems for vulnerable populations facing challenges including mental health issues and drug or alcohol addiction.

HOUSING

We believe that 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. New, market-rate homes are out of reach to most local people, so we believe the State and counties have a responsibility to produce housing specifically targeted to meet the needs of local people. Therefore, we support policies and efforts to promote truly affordable homeownership for all persons living on O‘ahu, prevent homes from being speculative investments that make home ownership possible for local families, and promote high density, mixed use planning to maximize walkability and minimize car usage and traffic impacts. We encourage preserving and increasing the supply of affordable rental housing by expanding incentives to ease local barriers to building new affordable rental housing developments in areas of economic opportunity. We also advocate to increase the number of subsidized affordable housing for low-income families, government workers, people with disabilities, veterans, and kupuna.

We prioritize providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness and funding to prevent and end homelessness on O‘ahu combined with services that support their needs and improve their quality of life. We support compassionate treatment and implementing alternative responses that prioritize health services and follow up care.

HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS AND 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 and racism in all aspects and we advocate for equal rights, individual freedoms, and economic opportunity for all regardless of sexual identity, orientation, or expression.

We believe that the concepts of "‘ohana" and "family" include people regardless of sexual orientation, blood relation, marital status, or gender, gender identity or gender expression, who choose to join together to offer one another moral, spiritual and economic support.

We support initiatives that prioritize access and equity to education, employment, healthcare and economic opportunities to lift families out of poverty and remove existing barriers that create disparities in our communities. We support a strong social safety net that creates opportunity for all people. We must protect our children, our future, from violence and neglect and provide them with a safe and healthy environment in which to grow and thrive.

We believe in equal rights for women and value and support women’s full, equal, and essential role in all aspects of life. We advocate to end pay inequality, sexual assault, domestic abuse, and other acts of violence against women, including the epidemics of violence against indigenous women and transgender women of color. We support the full implementation of Title IX and the equal participation of women in education, employment, and leadership without fear of sexual harassment or assault.

We believe our justice system should be transformed to focus on root causes of crime and alternatives to imprisonment. We support [community programs] restorative justice, ho'oponopono, bail reform, among other community programs to reduce recidivism, promote

wellness, vocational training, and substance abuse treatment, and to support culturally relevant and appropriate intervention programs and services for reintegration into society. We support the strategic use of unarmed, trained emergency responders, such as social workers and mental health professionals, to substitute and/or supplement and improve police interactions. We recognize that this approach, known in some areas as the “co-responder model,” can improve public safety while also increasing the efficiency, efficacy, and fiscal sustainability of our police force.”

We affirm the dignity and civil and human rights of all documented and undocumented persons, recognize the unique contributions that people of all racial identities make to our party and society, and believe in holding government accountable in ensuring that all individuals, documented or undocumented, have the opportunities to thrive in the communities where they live, work, and play.

KŪPUNA AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

We face a long-term care crisis that prevents too many seniors and people with disabilities from being able to live with dignity at home or in their communities. Most people who are aging or living with a disability want to do so at home, but face challenges finding and affording the support they need to do so. Programs that emphasize independence rather than institutionalization must be better structured to support them. We support strengthening and expanding the home care workforce, giving seniors and people with disabilities access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensuring that all of these resources are readily available at home or in the community. We support policies and programs that promote "aging-in-place" and support "active aging" for kūpuna.

LABOR AND WORKERS' RIGHTS

We support policies and programs that support families during times of both economic prosperity and distress. We require that all employment positions guarantee at a minimum, retirement and health benefits, equal pay for equal work, safe working conditions, paid sick leave, paid vacation leave, paid family leave, workplace accommodations for child nursing, and payment of prevailing wages for public projects. We support a minimum wage that is a livable wage, indexed to inflation. We oppose proposals that outsource Hawai'i's jobs or harm the environment. We must ensure that the unemployment insurance system and safety net services are accessible, reliable, and efficient for O'ahu workers, especially in times of economic emergencies.

We support protecting the right of all employees to form or join a union and bargain collectively with their employer for fair wages and benefits. We believe in eliminating all forms of forced and coerced labor, including human trafficking, sex, and labor trafficking, or the exploitation of migrant labor. We support a judicial system that protects the civil rights of labor organizers and those seeking to improve workers' rights.

HAWAIIANS AND HAWAIIAN CULTURE

Native Hawaiians are the aboriginal people of Hawai‘i that deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments, and we support their [international] rights under international law and the United Nations charter. We continue to support Native Hawaiian rights to self-determination to freely determine their political status, restore wrongfully dispossessed lands, and to pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. [~~We support recognition of Native Hawaiians as indigenous people as provided by the U.S. Constitution~~].

We support policies and programs that embrace and enrich Native Hawaiian traditions and values. These traditional and customary cultural practices are at the core of our island values. We believe in the empowerment of Native Hawaiians and representation of Native Hawaiians in county and state affairs to ensure that policy decisions are designed to protect and preserve the culture, resources, and practices of the Native Hawaiian community. We support efforts to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and fully fund programs and agencies that support Native Hawaiian health, education, language, housing, agriculture, the ceded lands under the Public Land Trust (PLT) to ensure that no Hawaiian is homeless in their homeland, including oversight of these agencies for accountability in meeting these outlined goals.

TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL EQUITY

We believe that digital access is a critical and essential service necessary for the functioning of and participation in many aspects of our economy and community life. We support achieving digital equity to ensure that all Hawai‘i’s residents, keiki to kupuna, have the information technology capacity needed to participate fully in our society, democracy and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.

We support access to high quality internet and training to use technology for all Hawaii’s residents, and support efforts to ensure their ability to use digital resources to be connected and successful in their lives. We support efforts in government and industries to achieve digital access and the availability of services and resources to all residents and communities, as these efforts are beneficial to our people and communities, and the future of our economy and state.

We support both net neutrality to ensure free and open access to the internet, and the protection of personal data as a personal right. We recognize that technological innovation may have unintended consequences and believe in practices that promote technology ethics among creators and developers, as well as ethical uses of their products by the public. We support legislative action and regulation in pursuit of that same goal.

TRANSPORTATION

We recognize the necessity of providing a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure for all users of our roadways. We believe everyone should be safe while traveling by foot, bicycle, vehicle, or transit, and that well-lit and well-developed road conditions for all users helps to uplift community health. We believe in enacting an equitable way to adequately pay for transportation infrastructure on O‘ahu with public support and potential for matching federal

funds. We support transportation projects and planning to reduce traffic congestion, promote mass transit and reduce our reliance on automobiles by employing private and public use of alternative modes of travel. As such, we support energy and fuel efficient methods of transportation and efforts to provide more efficient, affordable, and convenient methods of public transportation.

U.S. MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

We recognize the Armed Forces on O‘ahu and their families sacrifice to serve and defend our country and help us in time of need. We welcome, honor, and support all Americans who want to serve our military is strongest when we support and embrace our nation’s diversity and we will continue to fight for their equal rights and recognition. We believe people of all races, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions should be honored for those that choose to service our country and that efforts to protect our troops from sexual predators within service branches should be supported.

We further recognize that our country has a sacred, moral responsibility to keep faith with all our veterans and wounded warriors. Therefore, we support programs that provide responsive and timely healthcare and mental health services, with particular focus on post-traumatic stress and substance abuse issues. Additionally, we support efforts to assist veterans in their reintegration to society through educational benefits and job training, ending chronic homelessness and combat suicide.

The military controls nearly one quarter of the land on O‘ahu, we have strong concerns regarding the containment and reduction of both active military land holdings and personnel presence. We support the protection of our ‘aina and encourage the continuation of efforts to coordinate military activities with impacted communities, advocating for the military to restore any damaged ‘aina and limit destruction by military usage, weapons testing, training and “war games’ to prevent long-term degradation and harm to our cultural and community assets, and encourage state agencies to take these factors into consideration when creating lease agreements.