

O'ahu County Democrats 2021 eConvention
Saturday, May 1, 2021: 8:00-2:00pm
eConvention Platform: ZOOM
DRAFT Minutes

Black text is original agenda. Red Text is added during the convention.

8:00 **Call to Order:** The convention was called to order at 8:00am.

Adoption of the Credentials Report: Co-Chairs: Christopher Edwards & Lynn Hiyakumoto

Christopher Edwards, on behalf of the Credentials Committee, moved to adopt the Credentials Committee Report. The initial report included 189 delegates. Quorum is 95 delegates.

Melodie Aduja moved to add William Aduja, James Montgomery, Susan Montgomery, Lydia Montgomery, Julia Montgomery, Jessica Wooley, Mia Jines, Michael Vermon, and William Williams to the report as credentialed delegates. The chair ruled the motion out of order. Carlos Santana appealed from the decision of the chair. The appeal was defeated with 85 voting to sustain the ruling of the chair and 15 voting to reject the ruling of the chair.

Due to lengthy debate, the report was updated to 204 delegates prior to the vote. The Credentials Report was adopted with 153 voting yes and 26 voting no (179 total votes). Quorum is 103 delegates. See Appendix A for full list of attendees.

Recess: 10:09am

Reconvene: 10:15am

Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules: OCC Chairperson: Lorna Takehara Strand

Chair Strand presented the Convention Standing Rules for confirmation. The confirmation was adopted by general consent. See Appendix B for the confirmed Standing Rules.

Adoption of Convention Agenda: Convention Co-Chairs: Kathleen Pahinui & Ronson Fox

Ronson Fox, on behalf of the Convention Committee, moved to adopt the Convention Agenda as circulated. The motion was adopted by general consent. See Appendix C for adopted eConvention Agenda.

Appointments:

Parliamentarian: Dr. William Puette
Sergeant-At-Arms: Joe Francher
Recording Secretary: Carlos Santana
Scribe: Daniel Jacob

All appointment approved by general consent.

Treasurer's Report: OCC Treasurer: Joe Francher

Verbal report was delivered. See Appendix D for Treasurer's Report.

Remarks by OCC Chair Lorna Strand

Verbal remarks were delivered. See Appendix E for Chair's Remarks.

Presentation of AAI&D Award: AAI&D Co-Chairs: TJ Jasper & Betty Vega

The AAI&D Committee awarded the AAI&D Award to Leimomi Khan. See Appendix F.

Platform Committee Report: Co-Chairs: Trish LaChica & Kevan Wong

Trish LaChica, on behalf of the Platform Committee, moved to adopt the Platform Committee Report minus the two separations described below with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary. The motion was adopted with 148 voting yes and 43 voting no (191 total votes). See Appendix G for adopted Platform Committee Report.

Separations

1. Dr Stephen Kemble moved to adopt the properly separated amendment to the Health plank. The motion was defeated with 68 voting yes and 121 voting no (189 total votes).
2. Leimomi Khan moved to adopt the properly separated amendment to the Native Hawaiian and Hawaiian Culture plank. The motion was adopted by general consent.

Rules Committee Report: Co-Chairs: Liz Holmes & Elton Fukumoto

Elton Fukumoto, on behalf of the Rules Committee, moved to adopt the Rules Committee Report with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

Michael Golojuch, Jr. moved to adopt the properly separated amendment to the bylaws to add an effective date of June 1, 2022 to the resolution expiration date of 10 years. The motion to add this amendment was adopted by general consent.

The motion to adopt the Rules Committee Report as amended with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary was adopted by general consent. See Appendix H for adopted Rules Committee Report as amended.

Supplemental Credentials Report: Co-Chairs: Christopher Edwards & Lynn Hiyakumoto

Lynn Hiyakumoto provided an updated Credentials Report with 211 delegates. Quorum is 106 delegates. See Appendix A for full list of attendees.

Election of Assistant Secretary

Election Results (Zoom Poll)

Daniel Jacob	58
Jenna Takenouchi	140

Elections and Announcement for OCD Officers 2021-2023: Co-Chairs: Daniel Jacob and
Mike Golojuch

The following comprise the OCD Officers for 2021-2023

Chair: Lorna Strand
Vice Chair: Jace Mikulanec
Treasurer: Joe Francher
Ass't Treasurer: Kevan Wong
Secretary: Carlos A. Santana
Ass't Secretary: Jenna Takenouchi

30 Minute Recess for Region Chair Meetings and Elections (Breakout Rooms)

Recess: 12:15pm

Reconvene: 12:48pm

Region 9 Election Results (Roll Call)

Melodie Aduja	12
Justin Akagi	26

Return from Recess: Announcement of Finalized Region Election Results: Co-Chairs:

Daniel Jacob and Mike Golojuch

The following comprise the OCD Region Chairs for 2021-2023

Region 1: Andrea Wagner
Region 2: Robert Zane
Region 3: Nathan Char
Region 4: Ben Park
Region 5: Steven Canales
Region 6: Michael Chapman
Region 7: Lynn Robinson-Onderko
Region 8: Jo Jordan
Region 9: Justin Akagi

Resolutions Committee Report: Co-Chairs: TJ Jasper & Betty Vega

Betty Vega, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved to adopt the Resolutions Committee Report with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary. The motion was adopted by general consent. See Appendix I for the Resolutions Report.

Gloria Borland moved to consider proposed Resolution 2021-11 (Urging the Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to resist the siting of the Homeland Defense Radar-Hawaii at the Kahuku Training Area Site 1) which was not recommended by the Resolutions Committee. A two-thirds being required for consideration, the resolution was not considered with 88 voting yes and 82 voting no (170 total votes).

Judy Parrish moved to consider proposed Resolution 2021-12 (Encouraging the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to promote ocean safety tourism) which was not recommended by the Resolutions Committee. A two-thirds being required for adoption, the resolution was not considered with 97 voting yes and 71 voting no (168 total votes).

Al Toda moved to consider proposed Resolution 2021-13 (Urging the Solid Waste Branch of the Division of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu to change its manner of converting waste to energy from H-POWER to FastOx gasification) which was not recommended by the Resolutions Committee. A two-thirds being required for consideration, the resolution was not considered with 75 voting yes and 94 voting no (169 total votes).

Al Toda moved to consider proposed Resolution 2021-14 (Urging the Public Utilities Commission, HECO, the Honolulu City Council, and all other relevant decision-makers to disapprove a transition of the Kapolei Power Plant to KES Energy Storage) which was not recommended by the Resolutions Committee. A two-thirds being required for consideration, the resolution was not considered with 66 voting yes and 95 voting no (161 total votes).

Announcements

OCC meeting immediately after adjournment of the convention.

Betty Vega encouraged everyone to submit responses to the Diversity Survey previously shared through email.

Memorial Resolutions honoring Marsha Rose Joyner, Jean Fujinaga, Faye Kennedy, and Michele Yooko Matsuo were read to the convention delegates.

2:00 pm **Convention Adjournment:** The Convention adjourned at 1:53pm.

Prepared by

Carlos A. Santana

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Recording Secretary

Appendices

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- G. Platform Committee Report
- H. Rules Committee Report
- I. Resolutions Committee Report

**O'ahu County Democrats
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Delegate Attendance**

Aaron Isgar 1-17	Coby Chock 9-51 (Guest)
Aaron Johanson 5-31 (Guest)	Colleen Hanabusa (Guest)
Adrian Tam 2-22 (Guest)	Cora Yamamoto 3-27 (Guest)
Aileen Wada 5-33 (Guest)	Corinne Carson 3-24 (Guest)
Alan Burdick (Guest)	Cynthia Jarrell 1-18 (Guest)
Alvin Toda 5-35 (Guest)	Cynthia Lynch 2-22 (Guest)
Amber Duron 6-45 (Guest)	Cynthia Rezentes 8-43 (Guest)
Amber Williams-Aduja 9-48 (Guest)	Cynthia Spencer 8-42 (Guest)
Amoreena "Reena" Rabago 5-34 (Guest)	Cyrus Yamanoha 6-45 (Guest)
Amy Agbayani (Guest)	Dan Curran 3-27 (Guest)
Amy Luke 5-33 (Guest)	Daniel Jacob 2-22 - Assistant Secretary (Guest)
Amy Monk 1-17 (Guest)	Daniel Ross 1-18 (Guest)
Andrea Wagner 1-18 (Guest)	Daniel Tangonan 9-48 (Guest)
Andrew Wertheimer 3-25 (Guest)	Daphne Barbee-Wooten 3-25 (Guest)
Anne Chipchase 2-21 (Guest)	Darolee Prewitt - 1-17 (Guest)
Anthony Makana Paris 8-42 (Guest)	Dave Mulinix 9-48 (Guest)
Barbara Ankersmit (she/her) 9-49 (Guest)	David Strand 5-33 (Guest)
BARBARA OKAMOTO (Guest)	Debbie Shimizu 5-31 (Guest)
Bart Dame 1-18 (Guest)	Della Belatti 3-24 (Guest)
Beatrice DeRego 9-49 (Guest)	Dennis Jung (Guest)
Benjamin Park 4-32 (Guest)	Derek Turbin (Guest)
Benton "Kealii" Pang# 2-20 (Guest)	Donna Teshima 9-50 (Guest)
Betty Bowen Vega 9-49 (Guest)	Douglas Chafe 8-42 (Guest)
Bonnie Fraser 2-22 (Guest)	Duncan Osorio 6-46 (Guest)
Brandon Elefante (Guest)	Dustin Dawson 9-51 (Guest)
Brandon Young 9-49 (Guest)	Dylan Ramos 1-19 (Guest)
Brent Toyama 5-34 (Guest)	Dyson Chee 3-26 (Guest)
Brian Tanaka 5 33 (Guest)	ED BURKE 8-44 (Guest)
Bryan Gallarde (Guest)	Edward Hasegawa 3-27 (Guest)
Carl Jacobs (Guest)	Elizabeth "Liz" Holmes 7-40 (Guest)
Carlos Santana 4-28 (Guest)	Elliott Park 6-36 (Guest)
Carol Abe 9-51 (Guest)	Elton Fukumoto 2-23 (Guest)
Carolyn Golojuch 8-42 (Guest)	Flora"Pua" Obayashi 9-48 (Guest)
Cedric Gates 8-44 (Guest)	Frances Kaluhiwa 9-48 (Guest)
Charley Ice 5-33 (Guest)	Geno Tamayo 6-46 (Guest)
Charmaine Doran (Guest)	George Casen 1-19 (Guest)
Christopher "Cricket" La Chica (Guest)	Georgette "Jo" Jordan 8-44 (Guest)
Christopher Edwards 2-20 (Guest)	Glenn Wakai (Guest)
Cindy Aban 5-35 (Guest)	Gloria "Imiloa" Borland 6-47 (Guest)
Clyde Hayashi 6-37 (Guest)	Guy Fujimura 5-33 (Guest)

Appendix A: Attendance

Helen L Stewart 2-20 (Guest)	Kendra Oishi (Guest)
Henry Aquino (Guest)	Keri Brittain 6-46 (Guest)
Ian Ross 3-24 (Guest)	Kevan Wong 1-19 (Guest)
Jacce Mikulanec (Guest)	KIM COCO IWAMOTO 3-26 (Guest)
Jaco Gallarde 7-39 (Guest)	Kristopher DeRego-Coffield 9-49 (Guest)
Jacob Aki (Guest)	Lance Kamisugi 6-36 (Guest)
James "Jim" Vega 9-49 (Guest)	Larry Smith 3-25 (Guest)
James Toyama (Guest)	Lauren L.M.R. Whimpey (Guest)
Jan Mitchell 9-50 (Guest)	Lei Learmont 6-46 (Guest)
Jane Sugimura 5-31 (Guest)	Leila Anzalone 9-49 (Guest)
Jason Bradshaw 4-32 (Guest)	Lisa Gibson 3-27 (Guest)
Jay Ishibashi 2-20 (Guest)	Lisa Kitagawa-Akagi 9-48 (Guest)
Jeanine Jones 2-22 (Guest)	Lisa Marten Moonier 9-51 (Guest)
Jen Lum 7-40 (she/her) (Guest)	Lori A. Farinas 3-26 (Guest)
Jena Emanuel 6-46 (Guest)	Lorna Strand 5-33
Jenna Takenouchi 3-24 (Guest)	Louise South 9-48 (Guest)
Jennifer Marie Tobar-Honold 9-50 (Guest)	Lynn Hiyakumoto 5-33
Jenny Nomura 6-36 (Guest)	Lynn Otaguro 1-18
Jimmy Nguyen 2-20 (Guest)	Lynn Robinson-Onderko# 8-41 (Guest)
Joann Fukumoto 5-34 (Guest)	Lynn Sager 9-50 (Guest)
Joanne Kealoha (Guest)	Mae Patricia "Trish" La Chica 6-36 (Guest)
Joe Francher 6-46	Mahealani Cypher 9-48 (Guest)
John Bickel 2-22 (Guest)	Marcia Linville 3-25 (Guest)
John Choi 3-24 (Guest)	Marilyn "Leimomi" Khan 3-26 (Guest)
John Kato 6-45 (Guest)	Marion Poirier 6-36 (Guest)
John Mackey 6-46 (Guest)	Mark Lepick 9-49 (Guest)
John Mizuno 4-28 (Guest)	Martha Nakajima 2-22 (Guest)
Jon Chinen 9-51 (Guest)	Martha Randolph 3-25 (Guest)
JON WHITE 9-50 (Guest)	Martha Torney 2-20 (Guest)
Josh Frost 2-20 (Guest)	Mary Ann Aduja R9-D49 (Guest)
Joy Yadao 4-28 (Guest)	Matthew Anzalone 9-49 (Guest)
Juanita Kawamoto 2-20 (Guest)	May Mizuno 4-28 (Guest)
Judy Ott 6-46 (Guest)	Melissa Pavlicek (Guest)
Judy Parrish (Guest)	Melodie Aduja 9-48 (Guest)
Juliana Romero 8-42 (Guest)	Mia Anzalone 9-49 (Guest)
Justin Akagi 9-48 (Guest)	Micah Kosasa 9-49 (Guest)
Jyun Yamamoto R6-D46 (Guest)	Michael Brittain 6-46 (Guest)
Kaai Bruhn 9-50 (Guest)	Michael Golojuch# Jr. 8-42 (he/him) (Guest)
Kamana Seymour 3-25 (Guest)	Michael Golojuch# Sr. 8-42 (Guest)
Kamuela Werner 8-42 (Guest)	Michael Grimes 7-39 (Guest)
Kathleen Pahinui 6-45 (Guest)	Michel'e Golojuch 8-42 (Guest)
Kathleen Stanley 1-17 (Guest)	Mike Stensrud (Guest)
Kathryn Kelly (Guest)	Mitzie Higa 8-42 (Guest)
KEITH KOGACHI (Guest)	Natalia Hussey-Burdick 9-49 (Guest)
Ken Farm (Guest)	Nathaniel Char 3-24

Appendix A: Attendance

Nathaniel Harmon 2-21 (Guest)
Osa Tui 3-25 (Guest)
Palasi Puleyasi (Guest)
Patrick Branco 9-50 (Guest)
Paul Holcomb 9-48 (Guest)
Paula Arcena (Guest)
Perry Arrasmith 7-40 (Guest)
Phyllis Dendle 2-23 (Guest)
Polly Strona 5-33 (Guest)
Rachele Lamosao 7-38 (Guest)
Radiant Cordero (Guest)
Ray Galas 6-45 (Guest)
Rich Halverson 1-17 (Guest)
Richard Kawano 3-25 (Guest)
Richard Medeiros 8-43 (Guest)
Richard Oshiro 7-39 (Guest)
Richard Poirier (Guest)
Rick Wagner 1-18 (Guest)
Robert "Bob" Armstrong (Guest)
Robert Brown (Guest)
Robert Nagao 1-17 (Guest)
Robert Zane 2-23 (Guest)
Rodney Moriyama 5-31 (Guest)
Rodney Sato R6 D45-2 (Guest)
Ronson Fox 5-33
Rosa Blackman 3-25 (Guest)
Rosebella Martinez 8-42 (Guest)
Roth Puahala 5-34 (Guest)
Roy Takumi 5-35 (Guest)
Sandra Castell 7-41 (Guest)
Sarah "Mili" Milianta-Laffin 8-42 (she/her)
(Guest)
Scot Matayoshi 9-49 (Guest)
Scott Saiki (Guest)
Shaina Caporoz 8-44 (Guest)
Shannon Alivado 9-51 (Guest)
Sharleen Oshiro (Guest)
Sharon Sandell 8-44 (Guest)
Shirley Yamauchi 8-42 (Guest)
Stephanie Fitzpatrick 3-24 (Guest)
Stephanie Kim 1-18 (Guest)
Stephen Kemble 3-24 (Guest)
stephen laudig (Guest)
Steve Canales 5-34 (Guest)
Sunyeen Pai 2-20 (Guest)

Susan Morishige 5-31 (Guest)
Susan Young 5-33 (Guest)
Suzy Okino 5-34 (Guest)
Teal Takayama 5-34 (Guest)
Teresa Parsons 9-51 (Guest)
Terry Jasper Jr. 6-45 (Guest)
Theresa Yamanoha 6-45 (Guest)
Thomas Hughes 2-22 (Guest)
ThoraJean Cuaresma (Guest)
Toni DiFante 9-50 (Guest)
Ty Cullen (Guest)
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam (Guest)
Van Law 3-26 (Guest)
Victor Kimura (Guest)
Will Caron 2-20 (Guest)
William "Bill" South 9-48 (Guest)
Young Schlack 9-50 (Guest)
Other Participants:
William Puette PARLIMENTARIAN (Guest)
Convention Administrator 2 (Guest)
Convention Administrator 1 (Guest)

**STANDING RULES OF THE
2021 O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS eCONVENTION
TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021**

Adopted by the OCC on March 6, 2021

The 2021 O'ahu County eConvention will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 and will be conducted online via Zoom. The Platform, Rules, and Resolutions Committee meetings will be held during the period of April 5-17 with specific dates, times, and URL information posted on the O'ahu County Democrats Website no later than February 5, 2021.

Rule 1. Registration Required.

All Delegates to the O'ahu County eConvention must register online on the O'ahu County Democrats Website or by mail to be sent to O'ahu County Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, P.O. Box 1793, Honolulu, HI 96806-1793. Paper registration will be used as a last resort. Registration and payment deadlines are listed in the table below.

Rule 2. Delegate Eligibility.

- A. Delegates, as defined in Sections 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6 of the O'ahu County Bylaws, are eligible to be Delegates to the O'ahu County eConvention after payment of the registration fee according to the payment schedule.
- B. Should a Delegate not meet the requirements in 2A the Delegate will be given the opportunity to update their membership information or provide proof of voter registration for the delegate slot they hold prior to the close of eConvention registration on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.
- C. The names and representative constituencies of all eConvention delegates as described in Section 12.4 of the OCD Bylaws, shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee as soon as possible but no later than 4:30pm, April 26, 2021. No alternate delegates will be credentialed after this date.
- D. Payment schedule is as described in the table below.

Early Bird Rate	\$15.00	Prior to 4:30pm, Friday, April 2
Regular Rate	\$20.00	Prior to 4:30pm, Friday, April 16
Late Rate	\$40.00	Prior to 4:30pm, Wednesday, April 28. No registrations will be accepted after this date and time. <i>Paper Registration must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2021.</i>

Rule 3: Use of Zoom.

The County eConvention and all Pre-Convention Committee Meetings will be conducted via Zoom in accordance with applicable laws, governing documents, these Rules, and the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR), which shall control in that order of priority. All participants shall comply with these rules and procedures.

- A. Registered, credentialed Delegates shall access the meeting via web-conference with a computer or other internet enabled device with working audio and video capability. Delegates will be provided a unique login link (URL) and password upon successful registration and payment of applicable eConvention fees. Each delegate's personal URL and password shall not be shared with other delegates. Joining the eConvention with a group on a single login is not permitted for Zoom polling purposes.
- B. Sign in Protocols.
 - 1. Participants shall sign in with their legal first and last names, region and district (ie. Barack Obama 9-49); phone numbers or fictional names are not permitted. The Registration and Credentials Committee will verify the delegates' information before processing them through the waiting room. The Chair or their designee shall hold the right to rename participants on the eConvention floor.
 - 2. Delegates may sign in up to one (1) hour prior to the start of the eConvention. All Delegates are expected to sign into the Zoom meeting portal at least ten (10) minutes prior to the Call to Order. Prior to the Call to Order, delegates must announce their appearance to the meeting host or organizer and test their webcam, speaker, and microphone functionality immediately after signing in.
 - 3. Delegates are expected to open and maintain the "participants" window open throughout the meeting.
- C. Except for the parliamentarian, access by non-voting attendees (guests, observers) at the eConvention will be limited to viewing the proceedings on a YouTube link posted on the O'ahu County Democrats website.
- D. Connectivity. Each attendee is responsible for their own connection to the Internet and eConvention; no action will be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, any attendee's individual connection prevented their participation in the meeting provided that at least a quorum of voting members was connected and any required voting threshold was achieved.
- E. Interference and Noise. Attendees shall mute their microphone when not speaking to avoid interference and unintended background noise. After one warning, the Chair may order the muting of a disruptive delegate. After two or more warnings, the Chair holds the right to dismiss a delegate causing undue interference. The Chair's decision will be announced to the body.
- F. Decorum (Discussion, Debate, and Visual). Decorum is prescribed in RONR; personal attacks, vulgarity, or offensive language can result in loss of debate privileges. Likewise, it is a breach of decorum to use Zoom comment icons (e.g. thumbs up,

thumbs down, hands clapping, check mark, etc.) in debate. Visual decorum will also be enforced; any vulgar or offensive image, video, or attire is prohibited. Such breaches of decorum shall be cause for muting or an immediate dismissal by the Chair from the meeting. The Chair's disconnection of an attendee will be announced and recorded in the minutes.

- G. Use of Chat Box. The chat box is restricted to voting members and the parliamentarian. It may only be used to:
 - 1. Present motions for consideration either prior to or upon recognition;
 - 2. Provide a link to a document that the speaker cannot display on the screen; and
 - 3. Provide specific comments if requested by the Chair; or report technical difficulties of sufficient importance.
- H. Electronic Recording. No video-taping or other electronic recording is permitted during any of the proceedings (except by the host and/or secretary on Zoom) unless approved in advance.
- I. The Chair or their designee shall appoint a member(s) to act as "Host(s)" for the eConvention or pre-convention committee meetings for the purpose of scheduling, initiating, polling, and controlling the Zoom meeting functions as directed.

Rule 4. Convention Committees.

- A. Each Pre-Convention Committee shall convene at least once between April 5-17, 2021 via Zoom to consider submissions, to reformat, combine and/or revise submissions, and to adopt a committee report containing its recommendations that will be presented by the appointed chairperson or co-chairpersons of that committee.
- B. Detailed information regarding the 2021 Pre-Convention Committees' selection procedures and meeting rules can be found in: *DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII (DPH)- 2021 O'AHU COUNTY CONVENTION, CONVENTION COMMITTEES: SELECTION PROCEDURES & MEETING RULES*.

Rule 5. Submissions to, Platform, and Resolutions.

- A. The proposers of all platform planks, bylaw amendments, and resolutions shall submit proposals in a Microsoft Word compatible format (8.5" by 11"); using Arial 10 font, with one-inch margins on all sides. Each proposal shall be no longer than one page and submitted by email to the appropriate committee. The eConvention Committee emails are listed in the table below.
- B. Email Submissions should include the following information in its subject line: 2021 OCD eConvention "*TYPE OF DOCUMENT*," where the words "*TYPE OF DOCUMENT*" should be replaced with one of the following words Resolution, Platform, or Rules. The body of the email should include the following information: type of document (Resolution, Platform Plank, or Bylaws Amendment), the title of the document, name of moving Delegate, and the software program (For example:

Microsoft Word) used for submission. All submissions of proposed resolutions, platform planks, and rules amendments must be received before 4:30pm on April 2, 2021.

Platform	Platform@hawaiidemocrats.org
Resolutions	Resolutions@hawaiidemocrats.org
Rules (Bylaws)	Rules@hawaiidemocrats.org

- C. The Resolutions Committee will accept and consider resolutions that relate specifically and exclusively to O‘ahu County issues and the work of the O‘ahu County Committee and its committees. Resolutions, submitted in the prescribed format by the deadline, will be accepted and evaluated based on the following criteria, in priority order.

Resolutions:

1. Submitted by elected officials who are Democrats.
 2. Aligned with the OCC’s five Legislative Priorities—affordable housing, public education, healthcare, climate change, and economic inequality.
 3. Originating from a standing committee of the OCC.
 4. Resolutions thanking a person or organization external to the OCC for supporting the work of the OCC.
 5. From any O‘ahu County Democrat provided that the resolution is specific to OCC issues and does not conflict with the platforms or resolutions of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i or the Democratic National Committee.
- D. All submissions must be supported by another member as a second which must be verified by a separate email to the respective committee email within the submission deadline.
- E. Submissions not recommended by the designated convention committee must be included in their report but shall only be considered at convention after all the recommended proposals have been considered and only if a 2/3rds vote of the delegates approves consideration. The motion to consider a proposal not recommended by the designated committee shall be undebatable.
- F. No Floor submissions will be considered on the day of the eConvention except for Courtesy Resolutions, at the discretion of the Chair.

Rule 6. Proposed Changes to the O‘ahu County Bylaws shall:

- A. State the section and subsection of the Bylaw proposed to be amended.
- B. State the Bylaw provision again with changes, additions, or deletions set forth in Ramseyer format, i.e., strikethrough deletions and underline words to be added or inserted. EXAMPLE: ~~This section is being stricken.~~ This section is being

inserted. This section is not being changed.

- C. State the rationale for the proposed change.
- D. If the proposal affects other sections of the Bylaws, identify those sections and state the appropriate changes.
- E. The proposers of all bylaw amendments shall submit proposals in a Microsoft Word compatible format (8.5" by 11"); using Arial 10 font, with one-inch margins on all sides. Each proposal shall be no longer than one page and submitted by email to the Convention Rules Committee. The Rules committee email is listed in the table above. Submissions will only be accepted by email and should be submitted as described in Rule 5.B, above with "Bylaws" used as, "TYPE OF DOCUMENT".
- F. All submissions must be supported by another member as a second which must be verified by a separate email to the respective committee email within the submission deadline.
- G. Submissions not recommended by the designated convention committee must be included in their report but shall only be considered at convention after all the recommended proposals have been considered and only if a 2/3rds vote of the delegates approves consideration. The motion to consider a proposal not recommended by the designated committee shall be undebatable.
- H. No Floor submissions will be considered on the day of the eConvention.

Rule 7. Floor Participation.

- A. For purposes of the eConvention, the online platform is considered the eConvention floor. Participation in the deliberations on the eConvention floor shall be limited to registered and credentialed Delegates. See Rule 3 for Zoom protocol for the eConvention.
- B. When recognized by the Chair, the Delegate must state the delegate's first and last name and district clearly.
- C. A delegate shall communicate through the chat feature, as applicable, "Point of Information" or "Parliamentary Inquiry." The chat will be monitored throughout the eConvention by the Chair and their designee. Delegates recognized for a *Point of Information* or a *Parliamentary Inquiry* must immediately state their question upon recognition. A Delegate recognized to express a *Point of Information* or a *Parliamentary Inquiry* may not make any other motion, nor engage in debate, nor make any remarks for or against a motion being debated.
- D. A delegate shall communicate through the chat feature to raise a *Point of Order* when a delegate notices a breach of order or rules. The chat will be monitored throughout the eConvention by the Chair and their designee. When recognized by the Chair, the

delegate must then immediately address the Chair and state their *Point of Order*. A delegate recognized to express a *Point of Order* may not make any other motion, nor engage in debate, nor make any remarks for or against a motion being debated.

- G. Requesting the Floor. Voting members must “raise their hand” to request recognition by the Chair to make a motion or speak in debate, and after being recognized by the Chair, will unmute their microphone, speak clearly, and state their name and district. Any voting member who has technical difficulties requesting the floor shall use the chat feature immediately with the prefix “REQUEST THE FLOOR.”
- H. All main motions and amendments made from the floor must be submitted to the Chair in writing in the Chat feature by the Delegate making the motion.
- I. Pressing and holding the space bar is a quick way to unmute for the purpose of seconding a motion.
- J. Debate on each debatable motion shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speech, with a two-speech limit per Delegate on each debatable motion. The speaker’s time remaining will be displayed in a separate window. Alternatively, the remaining time may be provided in the chat box with the prefix “TIME REMAINING.” All attendees must mute their microphone after speaking. The Chair or their designee may mute the microphone if any attendee neglects to do so after speaking.
- K. The Chair may close debate after three delegates have spoken in favor and three delegates have spoken in opposition to the pending motion.

Rule 8. Separate Consideration of Resolutions, Platform Planks, and Bylaw Amendments.

- A. Proposed Resolutions recommended in the Resolutions Committee Report shall be considered for adoption *in gross*. If a Delegate desires to amend any resolution or speak against the resolution submitted in the Resolutions Committee Report, the delegate shall submit the appropriate separation and/or amendment forms to the Parliamentarian twenty-four (24) hours prior to the eConvention Call to Order. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a resolution shall be recognized first to speak against and/or offer an amendment to the specified resolution.
- B. Proposed changes to the O‘ahu County Democrats Platform recommended by the Pre-Convention Platform Committee shall be considered for adoption *in gross*. If a Delegate desires to amend any Platform Plank or speak against the Platform Plank submitted in the Platform Committee Report, the delegate shall submit the appropriate separation and/or amendment forms to the Parliamentarian twenty-four (24) hours prior to the eConvention Call to Order. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a Platform Plank shall be recognized first to speak against and/or offer an amendment to the specified Platform Plank.
- C. Proposed changes to the O‘ahu County Democrats Bylaws recommended by the Pre-Convention Rules Committee shall be considered for adoption *in gross*. If a Delegate desires to amend any Bylaw Amendment or speak against the Amendment submitted in

the Rules Committee Report, the delegate shall submit the appropriate separation and/or amendment forms to the Parliamentarian twenty-four (24) hours prior to the eConvention Call to Order. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a recommended Bylaw Amendment shall be recognized first to speak against and/or offer an amendment to the specified proposal.

Rule 9. Voting

- A. Voting during all business meetings of the eConvention will be conducted via Zoom. The Chair or their designee shall direct the voting procedures which may include, but are not limited to general consent, a polling method, or roll call. **Voice votes shall not be used to vote on any question.**
- B. Unless ten (10) eConvention delegates object, motions will be adopted by general consent.

Rule 10. Nominations.

- A. Candidates, and the candidate slates for the combined offices of County Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson per Section 5.1 of the Bylaws, must have filed nomination papers with a personal profile and picture to the County Secretary by 4:30 pm, April 21, 2021, ten (10) days before the eConvention of the O‘ahu County Democrats.
- B. Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor.

Rule 11. Elections.

- A. At the 2021 eConvention, elections will be held for the County Chairperson, County Vice Chairperson, County Secretary, County Assistant Secretary, County Treasurer, County Assistant Treasurer, and Nine (9) Regional Chairpersons.
- B. Election shall be by a Zoom poll unless there is only one (1) nominee for a position or slate in the case of the combined positions of County Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, in which case election shall be by acclamation. OCC members shall not hold more than one (1) nor be a candidate for more than one (1) office on the Executive Committee.
- C. In contested races, candidates may speak for two (2) minutes each. Delegates shall elect candidates for contested positions using a single, first Zoom poll provided, however, delegates from each region shall have separate Zoom polls to elect Regional Chairs where more than one (1) candidate is running for the same position.
- D. The election shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate or nominated slate in the case of the combined positions of County Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, receives a majority on the first Zoom poll, then a second Zoom poll between the top two (2) vote getters shall be conducted. Ties on the second Zoom poll shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

Rule 12. Observers.

Observers may observe the eConvention via a YouTube link posted on the O‘ahu County Democrats website.

Rule 13. Minutes.

The Chair shall appoint an eConvention secretary to prepare the minutes of the O‘ahu County Democrats 2021 eConvention and shall be approved at a subsequent OCC meeting.

Rule 14. Parliamentary Procedures.

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

O'ahu County Democrats 2021 eConvention
Saturday, May 1, 2021: 8:00-2:00pm
eConvention Platform: ZOOM

7:00 eConvention Login

Delegates should have received their unique zoom login in an email from
convention@oahudemocrats.org

Delegates will rename their Zoom accounts with their First & Last Name, Region,
and District (*ie. Barack Obama 9-51*)

7:50 Assembly of Delegates

8:00 Call to Order

Oli & Pule: Jacob Aki

National Anthem and State Song

Welcome Messages:

Governor David Ige

Lt Governor Josh Green

Senator Brian Schatz

Senator Mazie Hirono

Congressman Ed Case

Congressman Kai Kahele

Adoption of the Credentials Report

Credentials Co-Chairs: Christopher Edwards & Lynn Hiyakumoto

Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules

OCC Chairperson: *Lorna Takehara Strand*

Adoption of Convention Agenda

Convention Co-Chairs: *Kathleen Pahinui & Ronson Fox*

Appointments:

Parliamentarian: *Dr. William Puette*

Sergeant-At-Arms: *Joe Francher*

Recording Secretaries: *Carlos Santana*

Scribe: *Daniel Jacob*

Treasurer's Report

OCC Treasurer: *Joe Francher*

Remarks by: OCC Chair Lorna Strand

Presentation of AAI&D Award

AAI&D Co-Chairs: TJ Jasper & Betty Vega

Platform Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Trish LaChica & Kevan Wong

Rules Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Liz Holmes & Elton Fukumoto

Supplemental Credentials Report

Credentials Co-Chairs: Christopher Edwards & Lynn Hiyakumoto

Elections and Announcement for OCD Officers 2021-2023:

Co-Chairs: Daniel Jacob and Mike Golojuch

OCC Candidate Speeches: (2 minutes per speaker)

For Assistant Secretary: Daniel Jacob

For Assistant Secretary: Jenna Takenouchi

30 Minute Recess for Region Chair Meetings and Elections (Breakout Rooms)

Hosted by you respective current and incoming Region Chairs

Co-Chairs: Daniel Jacob and Mike Golojuch to conduct the Region 9 Election

Return from Recess: Announcement of Finalized Region Election Results

Co-Chairs: Daniel Jacob and Mike Golojuch

Resolutions Committee Report

Co-Chairs: TJ Jasper & Betty Vega

Announcements

Hawai'i Aloha

2:00 pm Convention Adjournment

Electronic Meeting of the 2021-2023 O'ahu County Committee

To immediately follow the Adjournment of the 2021 eConvention, O'ahu County Committee Members should stay on the zoom meeting and await further instructions.

Appendix D: Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	4/1/2021	30,502.11	COMMENTS
REVENUE			
Fundraising (see attached DONATIONS)		460.00	DONATIONS
Act Blue Donations		1,405.00	OTHER INCOME
TOTAL REVENUE		1,865.00	
EXPENSES			
Communications	-		
OCC Convention	620.00		Kaiwiula Strategies
Meetings - Region Quarterly	-		
Meetings - March 4 Precinct Meetings	-		
USPS	-		
Bank Fees -ActBlue	263.89		
Bank Fees - BOH Checking	-		
Miscellaneous	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES		(883.89)	
Current Account Balance		33,348.22	May begin bal.
Set ASIDE ACCOUNTS			
District 46 (Jyun Yamamoto)	871.64		
District 17/Region1 (Donald Koelper)	23.25		
District 24 (Ian Ross)	130.00		
Glenn Ida Fund	60.00		
Region 5 Account	2,386.78		
Region 9 Account	18.17		
Postcard setaside account	100.00		
TOTAL SET ASIDE ACCOUNTS		(3,589.84)	
OCC GENERAL FUND BALANCE		29,758.38	

FUNDRAISING	
Donations	
Name	Amount
Brandon Elef	\$ 250.00
Jane Sugimui	\$ 100.00
Joshua Kay	\$ 10.00
Rich Halversc	\$ 100.00
	\$ 460.00

2021 eConvention	Registrants	Total	FEE	Donation
Early Bird \$15	100	\$ 2,245.00	Convention Fes \$ 1,500	\$ 745.00
Regular \$20	95	\$ 2,300.00	Convention Fes \$ 1,900	\$ 400.00
Late \$40	38	\$ 1,780.00	Convention Fes \$ 1,520	\$ 260.00
		\$ 6,325.00	\$ 4,920	\$ 1,405.00

OCC Convention: May 1, 2021

Aloha, O'ahu Democrats.

Thank you for gathering together for our annual county convention.

RememberTwo years ago this time, we met in the sunlit Moanalua High School cafeteria, pre-COVID and so inspired by what could be. We were determined to remove Trump from the White House and were conceptualizing an aggressive O'ahu Democrats Blue Wave effort that would allow us to have direct impact in key states around the country. I'm happy to report that over a 16 month period O'ahu Democrats wrote thousands of letters and postcards, sent care packages to field offices, and texted and phone banked into states around the country to flip them from red to blue. Donald Trump is gone because we all made it happen.

Two years ago this time, a brand new Party-Run Presidential Primary system was being conceptualized. It would allow us to vote by mail rather than in crowded caucus rooms for a Democratic nominee for President of the United States. I'm happy to report that the plan was finalized and approved, the funds were raised, an elections firm was hired, and the program was built to allow us to safely vote by mail, a particularly good thing since the vote happened during the pandemic lockdown.

Two years ago this time, we met by regions and districts around convention tables and enjoyed the camaraderie of our fellow Democrats. I am happy to report during the first year of this term, regions and districts continued to meet in libraries and social halls for workshops and forums. Democrats learned about the U.S. Census, the new Party-run Presidential Primary, Legislative Priorities, and how to give testimony to the legislature. These workshops were interactive, productive, and fun.

And during this two year period, Oahu Democrats witnessed changes in leadership in elected and Party offices. I am happy to report that we now have full membership in the OCC with all district and region chairs and officer positions in place. Additionally, the OCC successfully conducted a nomination and selection process for a Democratic candidate for Senate District 16 after the untimely death of Senator Breene Harimoto. We can be particularly proud of this since the candidate selected, Bennette Misalucha, was able to successfully win in a challenging race against Republican opposition with the strong support of Region 5 Democrats who nominated her.

So here we are, two years later and we are gathered once more.

As simple as that sounds, "gathering" on our Gathering Place Isle has not been a simple task lately, and gathering for this year's county convention is by necessity different from all others.

Last year we had to cancel our convention, and this year, this special, first time ever, online O`ahu County eConvention is brought to you because of the determination of your O`ahu County Council or OCC to gather to conduct the business of our Party, regardless of limitations set upon us by the pandemic. The OCC took action.

- The County Bylaws were amended to accommodate an online convention.
- A new set of standing rules and a unique set of rules governing the use of Zoom and the Convention's Platform, Rules, and Resolutions Committees were developed and approved by the OCC.
- Last September we launched a Digital Equity Committee to ready our delegates for this convention. The committee surveyed delegates' digital needs and put forth a plan to provide Zoom training and access to the internet for those in need. And now let's give a special shout out to the delegates who are joining us today from support hubs organized by the Digital Equity Committee. It's great to have you with us. And Mahalo to the generous donors to the Digital Equity fund which will support future activities of outreach and training in projects around the island.
- Last June, the OCC purchased a year's subscription to Zoom which allows us to host a meeting of this size and manage our online events with 10 Zoom Administrators. With the inventive work of these Zoom Admins, we were able to bring you candidates' forums, town halls, "Let's Talk Story" interviews, county, region, and district meetings, the line-up of the 3 Pre-Convention meetings, and this eConvention.

So as we gather here today, let's figuratively join hands and support each other as we walk on very new ground in this digital gathering place. And as you see co-chairs highlighted to speak and when the members of the OCC and our Parliamentarian are recognized, please take a moment to malama them in your heart, for they and their hard working committees have served you incredibly well in the most trying of times. And in spite of the digital distance we are all experiencing, I hope that we can proceed with the care and Aloha we share for each other and our Democratic Party.

Mahalo nui loa to all of you who have hung in with O`ahu Democrats and are here today. Who knows what lies ahead of us in this next term, but what I treasure more than anything is all that you have done and will continue to do as our mission dictates. And I quote our mission: 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.

As a people's party, let's work together in solidarity, dear O`ahu Democrats.

Mahalo.

Lorna Takehara Strand

**Affirmative Action, Inclusion and Diversity
Award**

Presented to

Marilyn Leimomi Khan

May 1, 2021

at the O‘ahu County Democrats 2021 eConvention

For tireless volunteer service to O‘ahu County Democrats, Marilyn Leimomi Khan is recognized for her leadership, example, and outstanding accomplishments in advancing the goals and objectives of affirmative action, inclusion and diversity.

During her term as Co-Chair, Leimomi led the development of the Affirmative Action Plan which was adopted by the O‘ahu County Committee (OCC). The mission, vision, goals and objectives laid out in the Plan spurred participation by Region, District, and Precinct Officers to achieve planned actions by completion dates and set the standard for future plans. She was instrumental in the bylaws change that established Affirmative Action as a standing committee of the OCC which elevated the status and strengthened the role of the committee. She set the stage for the name change of the new committee to Affirmative Action, Inclusion and Diversity which recognizes the broader purpose for the committee.

Leimomi personally advocated for legislation that impacted the physically disabled and Micronesians living in Hawai‘i. She submitted testimony on eleven measures during her term as Co-Chair of the committee and continues her advocacy for these causes to this day. In addition, Leimomi drafted and shepherded three proposed resolutions to subsequent adoption: Supporting the 2020 Census, Supporting Equal Treatment of Compact of Free Association Residents in the Issuance and Renewal of State Driver’s Licenses, and Urging the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board to Accept the National Orientation and Mobility Certification for Teachers Providing Orientation and Mobility Services.

Marilyn Leimomi Khan’s dedication to the principles of affirmative action, diversity, equity and inclusion reflects great credit upon herself and is in keeping with the values of the Democratic Party.

**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 Plankson 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, whereadditional 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, aslisted 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 Band 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 at2:18 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 listedin EXHIBIT E.

The Sub-Committee distributed the final draft of the proposed 2021 O‘ahu County Platform at9:32 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 listedin EXHIBIT E.

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


- (1) Removing language in conflict with the new rules adopted by the O‘ahu CountyDemocrats 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 DemocratseConvention:
 - (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 2021O‘AHU COUNTY PLATFORM.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of themembers 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 foundation 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 kūpuna and the history and values that are our foundation.</p>	<p>Betty Vega Second: Cora Yamamoto</p>	<p>April 1, 3:12pm Second: April 1, 5:54pm</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 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	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	Mishka Sulva Second: Amy Perruso	April 1, 8:39pm Second: April 2, 2:48pm
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	<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	<p>“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</p>	<p>Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin</p>	<p>April 2, 12:24pm Second:</p>

	<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>		April 2, 12:24pm
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>	Dylan Ramos Second: Jun Shin	April 2, 12:24pm Second: April 2, 12:24pm
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>	Juanita Brown Kawamoto Second: Mona Bernardino	April 2, 1:38pm Second: April 2, 3:56pm

	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	<u>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 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	We support <u>reforming the criminal justice system to address the disparate treatment of different ethnic communities including bail reform and restorative justice including <i>ho'oponopono</i> 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>	Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk	April 2, 7:17am April 11, 3:40pm
9	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.]	Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk	April 2, 7:17am April 11, 3:40pm
10	<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>	Charley Ice Second: Amy Monk	April 2, 7:17am April 11, 3:40pm
11	We strongly support the protection of our <i>'āina</i> 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 <i>'āina</i> from long-term degradation and prevention of harm to our cultural and community assets. Where the <i>'āina</i> 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>	Charley Ice Second: Melodie Aduja	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:10pm

	<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	Charley Ice Second: Alan Burdick	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:08pm

	Moanalua-Waimalu Aquifer which supplies 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>		
16	<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>	Charley Ice Second: Alan Burdick	April 2, 7:17am April 2, 5:09pm
24	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>	Stanley Chang Second: John Bickel	April 2, 5:45pm April 11, 3:49pm

25	We will support equal rights for women, including by ratifying the Equal Rights 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 sexualharassment or assault.	Amy Monk Second: Ann Freed	March 23, 11:39am April 6, 4:49pm
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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	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	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	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
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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EXHIBIT EPlatform 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevan Wong	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Members			
Justin Akagi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alan Burdick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shaina Caporoz	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristopher DeRego-Coffield	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Hasegawa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charley Ice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Kemble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Monk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martha Nakajima	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kendra Oishi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benton Pang	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	absent
Ben Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent
Dylan Ramos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lynn Robinson-Onderko	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calvin Say	absent	absent	absent
Debbie Shimizu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenna Takenouchi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Osa Tui, Jr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent
Jonathan White	absent	absent	absent
Guests			
Melodie Aduja			<input type="checkbox"/>
John Bickel	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Kim Coco Iwamoto	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Flora Obayashi	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lynn Otaguro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Appendix G: Platform Report

Carlos Santana	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Mishka Sulva	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Betty Vega	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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 foundation 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 serve our country. 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 combating 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.

Report of the O‘ahu County 2021 Convention Rules Committee

Aloha O‘ahu County Delegates:

Your Convention Rules Committee met on April 8, 2021 via ZOOM to deliberate on and discuss proposed changes to the Bylaws of the O‘ahu County Democrats. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Your Committee received five proposals for amendments to the Bylaws. All of the proposals were submitted in a timely fashion.

Your Committee on Rules recommends the following Amendments proposed to the Bylaws of the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i be accepted and referred to the State Central Committee for ratification with the proviso that the Secretary of the O‘ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

1. First Proposed Amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is (1) to lower the number of signatures required on the nomination papers for the listed offices from ten to five, and (2) to allow for the signatures to be in electronic form.

Section 5.1, Second Paragraph, Eligibility & Election, Eligibility, is amended by *inserting* the underlined and *deleting* the lined-out words and numbers as follows:

If a District Chairperson, Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-President or a Precinct District Councilperson is elected as a County Officer, that person shall automatically vacate the lesser office.

Any person who wishes to be a candidate for OCC Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or Regional Chairperson shall file nomination papers at least ten (10) days prior to the County Convention. The nomination papers shall be signed by not less than ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i residing in the O‘ahu County or Region being represented. Electronic signatures are permissible.

2. Second Proposed Amendment:

The purpose of this Amendment is to replace the phrase “one male and one female” with “of two different genders” in Section 2.10.

Section 2.10, Executive Committee, O‘ahu County State Central Committee Representatives, is amended by *inserting* the underlined and by *deleting* the lined-out words as follows:

The O‘ahu County State Central Committee Representatives, ~~one male and one female~~, of two different genders to be elected by the O‘ahu County Convention in even-numbered years, shall have the responsibility to ensure that the OCC makes the necessary organizational arrangements

to support and implement adopted rules, procedures and practices of the State Convention and the State Central Committee. The O‘ahu County State Central Committee Representatives shall be voting members of the Executive Committee and the OCC.

3. Third Proposed Amendment

Sections 7.1 and 7.2 describe the manner in which District Chairpersons and Regional Chairpersons may give their proxies. The Amendment adds a section which covers the manner in which the remaining members of the O‘ahu County Committee may give their proxies.

Section 7.3, Proxies, added provision, *inserting* the underlined:

7.3. The following members of the Executive Committee may give their proxy to other Executive Committee members: OCC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and the O‘ahu County State Central Committee Representatives. All proxies must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the OCC and the OCC Chairperson. Such members shall still be considered absent even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson.

4. Fourth Proposed Amendment

This Amendment limits the force and effect of resolutions adopted at O‘ahu County Democrats conventions to ten years. It amends Section 13.2 by splitting up the limitations on the force and effect of platforms and resolutions into two paragraphs instead of one, the first on platforms and the second on resolutions.

Section 13.2, County Convention Rules, Platform and Resolutions, is amended by *inserting* the underlined and *deleting* the crossed-through words and numbers as follows:

The platform ~~and resolutions~~ adopted by delegates at conventions of the O‘ahu County Democrats shall remain in force and effect until rescinded or amended by a two-thirds roll call vote of the full membership of the O‘ahu County Committee or by a majority of votes cast by delegates at an annual or special convention, or until ~~they~~ it comes into conflict with the platform ~~or resolutions~~ of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

Effective June 1, 2022, the resolutions adopted by delegates at conventions of the O‘ahu County Democrats shall remain in force and effect until rescinded or amended by a two-thirds roll call vote of the full membership of the O‘ahu County Committee or by a majority of votes cast by delegates at an annual or special convention, or until they come into conflict with the platform or resolutions of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, or for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of its adoption, e.g., adopted at 2013 May convention; expires May 31, 2023.

5. Fifth Proposed Amendment

This Amendment directs the OCC Secretary to keep a permanent record of minutes in electronic,

rather than hardcopy, form. It also places a ten-year limit on such retention of minutes.

Section 2.6, Executive Committee, Secretary, is amended by *inserting* the underlined and *deleting* the crossed-out words and numbers as follows:

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the OCC, its Executive Committee, and O‘ahu County Convention. These minutes shall be properly typewritten or printed and entered along with all written reports of standing and special committees, in a book maintained for that purpose on a designated section of the OCC webpage. The minutes shall be available for inspection by interested Democrats at all reasonable times and shall be turned over intact to the succeeding secretary. The minutes shall be available on the website for a period not exceeding 10 years after which they will be removed.

These changes are shown using the Ramseyer format in the attached copy of the current Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

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Co-Chair, Presiding Officer
Committee on Rules

Elizabeth Holmes
Co-Chair
Committee on Rules

Attachment: OCC Bylaws as amended

Members present at The OCC Rules Meeting. Quorum was met with 11 members in attendance listed below:

Elton Fukumoto
Liz Holmes
Jon Chinen
Mike Golojuch
Rep. Linda Ichiyama
Marilyn Leimomi Khan

Lei Learmont
Blake Oshiro
Richard Oshiro
Carlos Rodriguez-Santana
Kamana Seymour

Brent Toyama (Zoom Administrator)
Larry Meacham (observer)

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Preamble and Mission Statement.

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

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. As 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 of 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.

Section 1. Organization of O‘ahu County Committee.

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

Section 2. Executive Committee.

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

(2.2) Duties. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be those usually pertaining to the office concerned, any duties specifically imposed by these bylaws, and attendance at executive committee and O‘ahu County Committee meetings. Three unexcused absences per term of office of any member of the Executive Committee shall be deemed a resignation.

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

(2.4) Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his or her absence or incapacity and/or by delegation.

(2.5) Regional Chairpersons.

(2.5.1) There shall be not less than eight (8) nor more than thirteen (13) Regional Chairpersons, who shall be responsible for the development, coordination, and organization of the activities of the Districts and Precincts within their region. The County Committee shall determine the boundaries of the regions to which each Regional Chairperson shall be assigned.

(2.5.2) The Regional Chairperson shall:

Regularly visit each District Council during the year to assist, encourage and communicate District, Regional, County, and State major activities and events; Work with the Districts to strengthen and involve membership in the development of a strong and viable State Democratic Party from the Precincts up to the State Central Committee; for example, may conduct membership drives, voter registration drives, get out the vote events, community outreach via knocking and attend events and neighborhood board meetings.

Help in the development and growth of the Districts and Precincts through effective membership recruitment by utilizing and involving County and State resources; for example, database, addresses, emails, phone numbers, and liaison with elected officials.

Be responsible for maintaining communication between the County Committee and District Councils through correspondence, informational memoranda, newsletter and attendance at District Council meetings; and

Have the duty to represent their regions by attending or being represented at OCC meetings. If a

Regional Chairperson does not fulfill this duty, unexcused, for three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the Regional Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as Regional Chair. Any Regional Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge the automatic removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of removal. The County Chairperson shall appoint a special committee, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the request, to conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the removal and submit its recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days after being appointed. A copy of the special committee's recommendation shall be given to the Regional Chairperson who requested the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter of consideration of the special committee's recommendation on the County Committee's next meeting agenda.

(2.6) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the OCC, its Executive Committee, and O'ahu County Convention. These minutes shall be properly typewritten or printed and entered along with all written reports of standing and special committees, in a book maintained for that purpose on a designated section of the OCC webpage. The minutes shall be ~~available for inspection by interested Democrats at all reasonable times and shall be turned over intact to the succeeding secretary on the website for a period not exceeding 10 years after which they will be removed.~~

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

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

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

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

(2.11) Election of Executive Committee. With the exception of the Chair and Vice Chair and Regional Chairpersons, each member of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the O'ahu County Convention in odd-numbered years. The Chair and Vice Chair will run on a combined slate and shall be elected at the same convention by a majority vote cast for the combined slate. The Regional Chairpersons shall be elected at the same convention

by a majority of votes cast in their respective regions.

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

(2.13) Vacancies.

(2.13.1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairperson, the Vice Chair becomes the acting chair and a new Chair shall be elected by the general membership of the O‘ahu County Committee within 30 days after the commencement of the vacancy. The vacancy shall be deemed to have commenced on the date that the Vice Chair receives written notice of resignation by the Chair, or upon the death of the Chair, or upon a determination by the Executive Committee that the Chair is incapacitated. At the election to fill the vacancy, the Vice Chair may choose to be a candidate for Chair. If the Vice Chair is not elected Chair, the Vice Chair resumes service as Vice Chair. If the Vice Chair is elected Chair, then the general membership shall immediately thereafter elect a new Vice Chair at the same meeting.

The OCC Secretary shall notify all members of the OCC within ten (10) calendar days of notification of the occurrence of the vacancy. Any member of the OCC who wishes to nominate a person to fill the vacancy may select a nominee from any member of the Democratic Party who fulfills the eligibility requirements in Section 5, and may nominate such person to fill the vacancy by forwarding a statement to that effect, signed by the nominee to the Secretary within the deadline established by the Secretary in the notice of vacancy or within ten (10) calendar days after notification, whichever is greater. The Secretary shall then prepare a notice of election meeting, designating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, which shall include the names of all nominees for the office of County Vice Chairperson and/or Chairperson. Such notice shall be mailed or emailed ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting to all members of the OCC. All members present at the election meeting may vote from among the nominees, and the nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately assume office. Proxy voting shall be prohibited, and voting by secret ballot may only be waived by a majority vote.

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

(2.13.2) Other Members of the Executive Committee. Any other vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairperson on an interim basis until confirmed by the O‘ahu County Committee at its next meeting. (2.13.3) If a Regional Chairperson, District Chairperson, District Council Officer, Precinct President or any other Precinct Officer is elected or appointed to any officer position on the OCC Executive Committee that person shall automatically vacate the lesser office.

(2.14) The O‘ahu County Committee shall adopt and endeavor to adhere to a biennial budget. The biennium shall be defined by the OCC. Not later than six months before the commencement of a budget biennium, the Finance Committee shall draft a budget and submit it to the chair for consideration by the O‘ahu County Committee not less than sixty (60) days before the commencement of the budget biennium. The budget may be amended by a majority vote of the O‘ahu County Committee. The County Chair shall ensure that the Finance Committee is appointed not later than thirty (30) days after the end of the County Convention in odd numbered years, and the draft budget shall be submitted to the O‘ahu County Committee no later than sixty (60) days after the appointment of the Finance Committee.

(2.14.1) A Copy of the approved budget shall be posted on the O‘ahu County Democrats website no later than 14 days after it has been approved by the O‘ahu County Committee, and shall remain available for the duration of the biennium.

Section 3. Deputy Chairpersons.

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

Section 4. District Council.

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

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

(4.3) District Council Chairpersons shall have the duty to represent their districts by attending or being represented at OCC meetings. If a District Chairperson does not fulfill this duty, unexcused, for three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the District Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as District Chairperson. Any District Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge the automatic removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of removal. The County Chairperson shall appoint a special committee, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the request, to conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the removal and submit its recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days after being appointed.

A copy of the special committee’s recommendation shall be given to the District Chairperson who requested the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter of consideration of the special committee’s recommendation on the County Committee’s next meeting agenda.

Section 5. Eligibility & Election.

(5.1) Eligibility. Any member of the Party residing in the County may be elected an officer of the County Committee including County Chairperson, with the requirement that any member

seeking the office of County Chairperson shall have been a member of the Party for at least one (1) year prior to the County Committee Officers election.

Election to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair shall be combined as a slate with two different genders, so as to assure diversity in these leadership positions. They will be voted upon as one slate. Elected officials, individuals appointed to fill an elected office, or candidates for elected office are not eligible to become County Chairperson. If a member has resigned from the Party in the two years prior to re-enrollment, the reenrolled member must be a member in good standing for at least one year prior to the County Committee Officers election prior to being elected an officer of the County Committee.

If a District Chairperson, Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-President or a Precinct District Councilperson is elected as a County officer, that person shall automatically vacate the lesser office. Any person who wishes to be a candidate for OCC Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or

Regional Chairperson shall file nomination papers at least ten (10) days prior to the County Convention. The nomination papers shall be signed by not less than ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i residing in the O'ahu County or Region being represented. Electronic signatures are permissible.

(5.2) Elections. Election(s) shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by roll call at a County Committee meeting if conducted by teleconference or video conference, or by mail balloting if provided for as part of an electronic convention. Elections conducted by ballot may be decided by ranked-choice voting. All ballots must be signed ballots. If there is only one nominee for a particular position that nominee shall be elected by acclamation. Each region shall have separate ballots or electronic voting to elect Regional Chairs where more than one candidate is running for the same position. Unless ballot voting provides for ranked-choice voting, if no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot or roll call vote, then a second ballot or roll call vote between the top two vote-getters shall be conducted. Subsequent ties shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

Section 6. Quorum.

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

Section 7. Proxies.

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

(7.2) A Regional Chairperson may give their proxy to a District Council officer in their region. All proxies must be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the OCC and the OCC Chairperson. The Regional Chairperson shall still be considered absent even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson. An unexcused absence can be appealed to

the OCC Executive Committee, but only at the next OCC Executive Committee meeting.

7.3. The following members of the Executive Committee may give their proxy to other Executive Committee members: OCC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and the O‘ahu County State Central Committee Representatives. All proxies must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the OCC and the OCC Chairperson. Such members shall still be considered absent even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson.

Section 8. Meetings, Notices, Attendance at Meetings.

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

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

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

(8.4) Executive Session Meetings. Normally all OCC meetings are open to all Democratic Party members. Under exceptional circumstances, the OCC may decide to go into executive session to deal with a confidential matter. The decision to go into executive session shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of OCC members in attendance. (8.5) Members who are entitled may participate in OCC meetings or committee meetings by means of teleconference, videoconference, or by any means of a communication technology by which all persons participating in the meeting can speak to and hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute attendance at the meeting so long as and for as long as such simultaneous communication is active and enabled.

Section 9. Standing and Special Committees.

(9.1) There shall be standing committees on rules; finance; legislation; membership; affirmative action, inclusion and diversity; elections; and convention planning. At least one of the co-chairs of each committee shall be a member of the OCC and shall be appointed by the Chair with advice and consent of the OCC. Membership of the committees is open to any member of the O‘ahu County Democrats.

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

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

(9.4) Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee shall be responsible for promoting the passage of legislation and resolutions at the Honolulu City Council and the Hawai‘i State Legislature consistent with the positions of the Democratic Party as expressed in the platform and resolutions adopted at the O‘ahu County Convention, or by a vote of the O‘ahu County

Committee (OCC). The Legislation Committee shall prepare a plan for approval by the OCC prior to each legislative session and shall provide timely reports to the OCC during the session and throughout the year for the Honolulu City Council and shall be subject to oversight by the OCC. The Legislation Committee shall be responsible for matters delegated or duties as from time-to-time maybe assigned to it by the Chair and/or OCC.

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

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

(9.7) Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for planning and organizing regular and special elections of county officers at county conventions and/or between conventions as needed , or, as directed by the County Chairperson, for other elections that may by law or State Party rules be assigned to the County Committee. No member of this committee may run as a candidate for any office this committee is assigned to plan or organize.

(9.8) Affirmative Action, Inclusion and Diversity Committee. The Affirmative Action, Inclusion and Diversity Committee shall be responsible for developing the OCC Affirmative Action Plan, tracking its implementation, and reporting results to the OCC. It shall also be responsible for providing advice and assistance to all Regions and Districts to assure full participation and equal opportunity of Hawai'i's diverse population in the O'ahu County Committee (inclusive of its regions, districts, and precincts), its programs and activities. The AAI&D Committee may advocate legislative measures impacting upon under-represented groups.

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

Section 10. Duties and Responsibilities of the O'ahu County Committee (OCC). (10.1) It shall be the duty of the OCC to establish and maintain an active and effective Democratic Party organization within the City and County of Honolulu, to inform Democrats within the County of Democratic Party policy and activities and to insure as large a vote as possible for Democratic Party candidates in the election.

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

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

Section 11. Alternative Dispute Process.

In addition to assigning a complaint to the rules committee or a special investigative committee pursuant to Article 1, section 8B.5 of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the County Chair shall appoint a neutral mediator, if agreed upon by the parties to the complaint, to attempt to reach an amicable resolution between the parties to the complaint. The neutral mediator shall find a place and time to meet with the accused and the complainant together and shall attempt to mediate an agreement between the parties that resolves the matters within the complaint. The

process required by this section shall run in concurrence with the complaint process as provided by the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Section 12. County Convention: Time and Notices.

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

(12.1.1) The business and purposes of the County's Annual Convention in odd-numbered years shall be limited to and dedicated to the following work relating to O'ahu County:

- a. Elect county officers and region chairs;
- b. Consider and vote on changes in the County platform and County Bylaws; and
- c. Consider and vote on resolutions that relate specifically and exclusively to O'ahu County issues and the work of O'ahu County Committee and its committees.

(12.1.2) The business and purposes of the County's Annual Convention in even-numbered years shall be limited to and dedicated to the following work relating to the State Party:

- a. Elect the County Representatives to the SCC;
- b. Consider and vote on proposals for the State Biennial Convention to amend the DPH Constitution, Bylaws, and Platform; and
- c. Consider and vote on resolutions addressing State- wide, National, or International policies that can be proposed to the delegates of the DPH Biennial Convention on behalf of O'ahu County Democrats.

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

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

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

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

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

shall be elected by all district members present. If a district meets in more than one (1) location, At Large delegates for the district shall be allocated to each location at a percentage equal to the percentage of district precincts at each location.

- B. Each District shall make every effort to elect delegates composed of equal numbers of men and women.
- C. In addition to elected delegates, the District Chairperson of each district and members of the Executive Committee of the O'ahu County Committee shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
- D. Other Precinct officers shall not be precluded from running as a delegate.
- E. If, following the Precinct Elections, there remain vacant At Large delegate positions, the District Council shall be empowered to fill the remaining positions, up until ten (10) days prior to the convention, after that the District Chairperson shall be empowered, provided that:

- i. Best attempts are made to ensure gender equity is maintained; and
 - ii. District Council meetings to fill vacancies may be conducted by videoconference, phone or email;
 - iii. Appointments shall be in writing.
- F. If an elected delegate cannot attend, they may appoint their own alternate provided that they notify the District Chairperson in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the convening of the convention and;
- i. The appointed alternate reside in the district; and
 - ii. A best effort is made to ensure the selected alternate is of the same gender as the elected delegate; and
 - iii. An alternate shall act for no more than one (1) delegate at a time; and
 - iv. If the elected delegate does not appoint an alternate ten (10) days prior to the convening of the Convention, the District Chairperson shall be empowered to appoint the alternate, provided that a best effort is made to appoint an alternate of the same gender as the elected delegate.

G. Each delegate to the O'ahu County Convention is entitled to one (1) vote.

H. No official delegate shall be prevented from fully participating in the County Convention due to an inability to pay part or all of the established registration fee.

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

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

(12.6) Former Democratic Governors, Lt. Governors, O'ahu Mayors, State Party Chairs, and O'ahu County Committee Chairs, and the current state party chair who are not precinct

presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district councilpersons, shall have all the rights and privileges of delegates so long as they are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in good standing, residents of O'ahu and ran for their elected office as a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

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

(12.8) Voting members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Platform, Credentials and Resolution shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention. If at all possible, the voting members shall be evenly divided among the regions.

The members shall be appointed by the County Chairperson according to a process approved by the O'ahu County Committee. Each committee shall not exceed 5% of the total eligible county convention delegates.

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

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

Section 13. County Convention Rules.

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

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

(13.3) Effective June 1, 2022, the resolutions adopted by delegates at conventions of the O'ahu County Democrats shall remain in force and effect until rescinded or amended by a two-thirds roll call vote of the full membership of the O'ahu County Committee or by a majority of votes cast by delegates at an annual or special convention, or until they come into conflict with the platform or resolutions of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, or for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of its adoption, e.g., adopted at 2013 May convention; expires May 31, 2023.

~~(13.3)~~(13.4) Resolutions adopted at a county convention in a non-State Convention year will not be referred by O'ahu County to a future State Convention.

~~(13.4)~~(13.5) Resolutions adopted may be edited & reformatted by the secretary as needed to correct spelling and grammar and to conform with the convention submission rules, the posted and published resolutions of the county, and the format described in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

Section 14. Adoption and Amendment of O‘ahu County Bylaws.

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

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

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

(14.4) Impossibility Provision. In the event of an emergency, such provisions of these bylaws as deemed necessary may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the O‘ahu County Committee at a regular or special meeting so long as notice is given and posted on the public website two weeks in advance. Any suspension under this provision must describe a compelling interest for the suspension and include specific dates when the suspension begins and ends.

Section 15. Parliamentary Procedure Guidance.

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

Report of the Convention Resolutions Committee
O‘ahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of
Hawai‘i April 22, 2021

The 2021 Convention Resolutions Committee met online via Zoom over four sessions on April 10, 15, 17, and 22, 2021. Presiding Officer was Betty Vega. TJ Jasper served as Scribe. Sunyeen Pai served as Document Manager, and Zoom Administrator was Lynn Hiyakumoto (non-voting member).

Fourteen (14) proposed resolutions were submitted.

The 2021 Convention Resolutions Committee **recommends** the following ten (10) resolutions (Part I) be adopted by the 2021 O‘ahu County eConvention delegates with the proviso that the Secretary of O‘ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

2021-01: Urging the O‘ahu County Democrats to endorse the Digital Equity Declaration adopted by the Broadband Hui and take steps to support its goals

2021-02: Recognizing outstanding performance of Sharlette L. Poe, U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist-Hawai‘i

2021-03: Honoring Marsha Rose Joyner

2021-04: Urging our elected officials to include the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community in homelessness response planning

2021-05: Honoring Jean Fujinaga

2021-06: Urging the State Legislature and the City and County of Honolulu to keep suitable agricultural lands for agriculture and keep agricultural lands affordable for farming

2021-07: Supporting legislative action to end the commercial harvesting of reef wildlife for the aquarium pet trade

2021-08: Honoring Faye Kennedy

2021-09: Honoring Michele Yooko Matsuo

2021-10: Urging the Hawaii State Legislature to ban the sale of sunscreens that contain the toxic chemicals avobenzone and octocrylene that are harmful to human life, wildlife, and coral reefs

The 2021 Convention Resolutions Committee **does not recommend** the following four (4) resolutions (Part II) be adopted by the 2021 O‘ahu County eConvention delegates.

2021-11: Urging the Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to resist siting the Homeland Defense Radar-Hawai‘i at the Kahuku Training Area Site 1

2021-12: Encourage the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to promote ocean safety tourism

2021-13: Urging the Solid Waste Branch of the Division of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu to change its manner of converting waste to energy from H-POWER to FastOx gasification

2021-14: Urging the Public Utilities Commission, HECO, the Honolulu City Council, and all other relevant decision-makers to disapprove a transition of the Kapolei Power Plant to KES Energy Storage

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Resolutions Committee,

<u>Betty B. Vega</u>	<u>TJ Jasper</u>
Co-Chair	Co-Chair

Members in Attendance

April 10, 2021 - Called to Order 12:06 pm; Recessed 2:05 pm

Voting Members - Melodie Aduja, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, George Casen, Douglas Chafe, Will Caron, Mike Grimes, TJ Jasper, Jo Jordan, Dennis Jung, Flora Obayashi, Sunyeen Pai, Larry Smith, Betty Vega, Cora Yamamoto

Guests/Observers - Lynn Otaguro, Judy Parrish, Carlos Santana

April 15, 2021 - Called to Order 6:01 pm; Recessed 8:02 pm

Voting Members - Melodie Aduja, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, George Casen, Douglas Chafe, Will Caron, Mike Grimes, TJ Jasper, Jo Jordan, Dennis Jung, Stephen Laudig, Flora Obayashi, Sunyeen Pai, Makana Paris, Larry Smith, Betty Vega, Cora Yamamoto

Guests/Observers - Lynn Otaguro, Judy Parrish, Carlos Santana

April 17, 2021 - Called to Order 12:00 pm; Recessed 2:02 pm

Voting Members - Melodie Aduja, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, George Casen, Douglas Chafe, Will Caron, Mike Grimes, Carl Jacobs, Jo Jordan, Dennis Jung, Stephen Laudig, Flora Obayashi, Sunyeen Pai, Larry Smith, Betty Vega, Cora Yamamoto

Guests/Observers - Judy Parrish

April 22, 2021 - Called to Order 6:00 pm; Adjourned 7:40 pm

Voting Members - Melodie Aduja, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Alan Campo, George Casen, Douglas Chafe, Will Caron, TJ Jasper, Jo Jordan, Dennis Jung, Flora Obayashi, Sunyeen Pai, Larry Smith, Betty Vega, Cora Yamamoto.

Guests/Observers - Carlos Santana.

Part I

Resolutions Recommended for Adoption

2021-01: Urging the O'ahu County Democrats to endorse the Digital Equity Declaration adopted by the Broadband Hui and take steps to support its goals

Whereas, The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing caused many in-person services to shut down; and

Whereas, Digital access became critical for essential services and participation in many aspects of the economy and community life; and

Whereas, Residents who lack adequate broadband infrastructure, internet-capable devices, affordable high quality broadband service and digital literacy are unable to access services or participate in activities that require internet use; and

Whereas, The lack of digital access and literacy is especially problematic for those living in rural communities or who are socioeconomically disadvantaged; and

Whereas, During this time, individuals representing government, business, education, and non-profits from within the state and nationally, came together to discuss issues concerning digital equity and formed the Broadband Hui; and

Whereas, The Broadband Hui created and adopted a Digital Equity Declaration; and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration defines digital equity as "the condition in which all Hawai'i's residents, 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;" and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration sets forth goals to enable all Hawai'i residents to use digital resources to be connected and successful in their lives, including access, literacy, and livelihood, so that Hawai'i residents will have access to quality internet and training and support to use technology, and be able to participate in education, health, government, commerce, and culture with those digital resources; and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration also sets forth goals for government, healthcare, culture and art, education, and business to help build structures to ensure that resources and services are available to all residents and communities; and

Whereas, Digital Equity will benefit our people and communities, our economy, and our city and state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i adopt the Broadband Hui's Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, 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 all members of the Honolulu City Council.

2021-02: Recognizing outstanding performance of Sharlette L. Poe, U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist-Hawai'i

Whereas, The Census Bureau's mission is to serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy; and

Whereas, The decennial census counts the United States population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs; and

Whereas, In fiscal year 2016, Hawai'i received \$3,682,543,845 through 55 federal spending programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census, the 2020 Census will determine federal funding to the states, and fair and equitable distribution in future fiscal years; and

Whereas, The O'ahu County Committee passed a resolution to support the 2020 Census and became a Community Partner through its Affirmative Action Committee, Census Subcommittee with the Census Bureau in Hawaii through its Partnership Specialist, Sharlette L. Poe, who developed and executed a plan to assure full participation in the Census Bureau's first time to accept responses online, by phone, or mail; and

Whereas, Sharlette L. Poe, personally and through her staff, substantially engaged attendees at nine region legislative priorities meetings across O'ahu held by the O'ahu County Committee October through November 2019 to speak, answer questions, provide brochures, and explain how "Your 'Ohana Counts" in the 2020 Census; and

Whereas, Sharlette L. Poe kept engaged with the Census Subcommittee throughout 2020 to guide efforts in the "Kick-Up" campaign and "Social Media Blitz" so more people in Hawai'i, despite COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, would respond to the Census, and to continuously monitor the status of self-response rates for focused contact up until the October 15, 2020 deadline; and

Whereas, Based on the collective efforts of many citizen's groups, members of Complete County Committees, and community partners working with Partnership Specialist Sharlette L. Poe, the state of Hawai'i counted 99.9% of households through self-response and by Census enumerators; and

Whereas, Sharlette L. Poe continued her outstanding engagement into 2021 keeping Community Partners informed on Census data releases and available training to make the most of Census data for affirmative action, diversity, equity, and inclusion purposes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i sincerely thank Sharlette L. Poe for her dedication to duty, professionalism, outstanding community engagement, and boundless energy that contributed to successful enumeration in the state of Hawaii for the 2020 Census; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Community Partnership and Engagement Program/2020 Decennial Census/Los Angeles Region Office (which oversees Census work in Alaska, California, Hawai'i, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington).

2021-03: Honoring Marsha Rose Joyner

Whereas, Marsha Rose Joyner was born in Baltimore, Maryland, into a family whose fight for Black equality and justice goes back more than 140 years; and

Whereas, Marsha Rose Joyner honored the legacy of her Great-Granduncle, John Oliver, who was born a slave, became an attorney, was on the Grand Jury that indicted Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States; and

Whereas, Marsha Rose Joyner devoted a lifetime to the struggle for equality for all; and

Whereas, Her family on her mother's side owned and operated the *Afro-American*, one of the largest and best-known chains of Black-owned newspapers in the United States; and

Whereas, Marsha recognized the struggle for equality was not an individual endeavor, saying, "It [civil rights] was always something that was a part of my life because the newspaper fought against discrimination for more than a hundred years. I think for most African Americans and other minorities, that was always a way of life, the struggle against this whole way of life in America. It wasn't just the South, it was all of the United States;" and

Whereas, When the United States Supreme Court decided *Brown v. Board of Education*, Marsha was one of five students admitted to Baltimore's Western High School in September 1954, even though the school's principal said, "I will never see a colored girl graduate from my school;" and

Whereas, Marsha served as the President of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition of Hawai'i, she was also one of the original people who fought to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a holiday in Hawai'i; and

Whereas, Marsha Rose Joyner was a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement and a bold Civil Rights advocate her entire lifetime; and

Whereas, Marsha Rose Joyner dedicated much of her time to promoting and supporting the Democratic Party both in Hawai'i and nationally; and

Whereas, Marsha Rose Joyner contributed numerous hours as a volunteer for countless Democratic Party candidates and campaigns; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recognize the legacy of Marsha Rose Joyner as a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement; and be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i honor the life of Marsha Rose Joyner (May 22, 1938 to April 10, 2021) and acknowledge the impact she has left on the Democratic Party, the State of Hawai'i, and the United States of America; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Marsha's husband, Kenneth R. Joyner, and the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and all elected officials who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

2021-04: Urging our elected officials to include the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community in homelessness response planning

Whereas, Our streets are overflowing with our neighbors without homes that may be due to poverty, substance abuse, and mental health needs; and

Whereas, In Hawai'i, 45 in every 10,000 people (more than double the national average) were homeless in 2019 according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress while the national average was 17 people per 10,000; and

Whereas, Most of Hawai'i's homeless population lives on O'ahu, more than 4,400 people, according to the island's 2019 point-in-time count, and more than half of these people are unsheltered, living on sidewalks, in parks and in other public places not meant for human habitation, and homelessness has steadily increased on O'ahu over the last decade; and

Whereas, The State Homeless Coordinator clarified there is a particular need for mental health and substance abuse services in addition to housing to address homelessness; and

Whereas, The O'ahu Mayor's Office on Housing issued a report entitled, "Unsheltered in Honolulu" that examined unsheltered homelessness in Honolulu from 2017 to 2020, which noted that, "the majority of all 7,496 unique individuals counted as unsheltered in the 2017-2020 point-in-time reports identified Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders at 54%, almost a third identified as White at 32%, and the remainder as multiracial or Asian; and

Whereas, The Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) issued a State of Hawai'i Draft Consolidated Plan PY2021 Annual Action Plan (Plan) which provides for a five-year strategy, including a market analysis to address the housing needs of Hawai'i's citizens through the State's administration of the HOME Investment Partnerships, National Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Solutions Grant and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs; and

Whereas, The Plan ensures that jurisdictions receiving federal assistance for housing and related needs of low-income and moderate-income families to improve the availability and affordability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing in suitable living environments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge our elected officials who are members of the Democratic Party, to study, reflect upon, and speak up in advocacy for the homeless in our community, especially those suffering from substance abuse and/or in need of mental health services; and be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Mayor's Office on Housing, members of the Honolulu City Council, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Department of Hawaiian Homelands to work with HHFDC to assure that the largest unsheltered population consisting of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders be properly represented in the Plan; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, 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, all members of the Honolulu City Council, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

2021-05: Honoring Jean Fujinaga

Whereas, Jean Fujinaga was born on January 7, 1940 in 'Aiea, Hawai'i; and

Whereas, She enjoyed writing so much that as a ninth-grader, she was hired at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin as an editor of The 'Aiea Cannus Speak and as a correspondent would visit the 'Aiea Community Association for news on the 'Aiea community; and

Whereas, At Waipahu High School, she was a page editor of The Cane Tassel and was a member of the Honor Society as a sophomore; and

Whereas, She received a \$180 'Aiea Lion's Club Scholarship to attend the University of Hawai'i (UH), Manoa and thereafter she worked three summers at the Del Monte Cannery earning \$200 a year to pay for her tuition at UH without having to ask her parents; and

Whereas, She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa, and a Master of Arts in English from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); and

Whereas, She strived to achieve her Master's Degree English because of the need for Community College teachers but when she returned to Hawai'i, there were no community colleges at that time; and

Whereas, She was an instructor in English at the University of Hawai'i in the fall of 1965, and pursued graduate work at the University of Hawai'i in Educational Philosophy; and

Whereas, She received her Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University; and

Whereas, Jean Fujinaga became a bold feminist in the 1960s; and

Whereas, She worked as a legislative aide for Congressional Representative Patsy Mink, in her Washington D.C. office and she also worked for State Representative Tom Okamura; and

Whereas, Jean Fujinaga devoted most of her life to public service behind the scenes working for Patsy T. Mink, Tom Okamura, and the Governors' Association; and

Whereas, Jean spent hundreds of hours organizing the Aiealani Senior Citizens' Group at the City and County of Honolulu's 'Aiea District Park, and at the 'Aiea Public Library as her parents were active in both institutions and she desired to continue in their legacy and heritage, and to remain a part of the community; and

Whereas, Jean's thoughts included, "My roots are here in 'Aiea. I have done many interesting things in my life because I have not been afraid"; and

Whereas, Jean Fujinaga supported dozens of campaigns of Democrats from the 1950s until her last day of life on February 7, 2021; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i honor the life and work of Jean Fujinaga (January 7, 1940 to February 7, 2021); and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to her brother, Paul Fujinaga, and the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and all elected officials who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

2021-06: Urging the State Legislature and the City and County of Honolulu to keep suitable agricultural lands for agriculture and keep agricultural lands affordable for farming

Whereas, Almost all the eastern half of O'ahu are designated for agricultural use amid a sea of urban and conservation land; and

Whereas, The Olomana Heights residential development is offering lots starting at \$1 million for two acres but using farmland for luxury homes is not a good thing when the O'ahu County is trying to grow more of the food it consumes; and

Whereas, Many farmers and residents of O'ahu disagree with using agricultural lands for "gentlemen estates; and

Whereas, County-level zoning laws generally allow farm dwellings, defined as single-family homes where owners can live on the land that they farm; however, the definition is broad, it does not have to be merely an accessory to a working farm but it can be mainly a residence so long as there is some token agricultural activity going on; and

Whereas, Landowners can generally make more money using land for luxury homes rather than for growing crops causing the proliferation of "fake farms;" and

Whereas, The Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting proposed agricultural uses for "farm dwellings" include the planting of fruit trees, vegetables and herbs, and the county ordinance allows for many other uses without a special permit, including aquaculture, composting, roadside stands, sawmills, and livestock grazing and production; and

Whereas, For a bona fide farmer, farmland is just too expensive given that farmers have to compete for farmland being used for luxury housing developments; and

Whereas, Fake Farm developments cause agricultural land to be divided up into small parcels, many of which become too small for commercial farming uses; and

Whereas, Larger tracts of land provide economies of scale so that farmers and ranchers can efficiently produce food and allows farmers and ranchers to diversify and fallow the land between crops for better productivity and less pest pressure; and

Whereas, Agricultural zoning efforts have to conserve parcel size into productive units in order to provide suitable, adequate farmland to maintain productive and feasible agricultural farmland; and

Whereas, Non-agricultural uses on agriculture land drive up the cost of agricultural lands making it difficult for farmers to own or lease lands and farmers need affordable housing for themselves and their farm workers; and

Whereas, The requirements that a "farm dwelling" must truly be an accessory to the farm and farm operations must produce \$10,000 annually are necessary conditions to discourage gentleman farms; and

Whereas, To improve food security for O'ahu, bona fide agriculture has to be protected; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State Legislature and the City Council are urged to preserve lands zoned for agriculture to be used primarily for productive agricultural purposes only; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, 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 all members of the Honolulu City Council.

2021-07: Supporting legislative action to end the commercial harvesting of reef wildlife for the aquarium pet trade

Whereas, Hawai'i's coral reefs and the wildlife dependent upon them are severely threatened by the commercial harvesting of reef wildlife which is driven by the aquarium pet trade outside Hawai'i, in addition to climate-change-induced ocean warming and acidification, pollution, and sedimentation; and

Whereas, Climate change is forecast to kill 70% of Hawai'i's coral reefs over the next 30 years; and

Whereas, The aquarium pet trade targets certain herbivorous fish for ornamental purposes; and

Whereas, Fish are key for coral reef survival in the face of climate change, among other reasons because they keep algae in check and prevent it from overtaking stressed corals; and

Whereas, Commercial aquarium catch reports reveal that collection of the herbivorous yellow tang, *kole*, orangespine unicornfish (*umaumalei*), and Achilles tang (*paku'iku'i*) in Kāne'ohe Bay, O'ahu, dramatically increased with the yellow tang take exceeding the average island-wide take going back to 2000; and

Whereas, Coral reefs and the wildlife dependent upon marine life are a Public Trust resource "held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people;" and

Whereas, By reducing the abundance of marine life and diminishing the beauty and health of Hawai'i's coral reefs, the aquarium trade degrades the value and limits the myriad of benefits provided by these critical ecosystems; and

Whereas, Commercial harvesting of reef wildlife for sale for ornamental purpose outside Hawai'i is neither compatible with the local values and lifestyles of Hawai'i's residents, nor does it significantly contribute to the quality of life or economy of Hawai'i; and

Whereas, This highly destructive and wasteful enterprise can no longer be justified, nor be mitigated by mere regulation, given the challenges with enforcement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Legislature to immediately take action to end commercial harvesting of our coral reef wildlife, especially herbivores, for the aquarium pet trade; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, 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 all members of the Honolulu City Council.

2021-08: Honoring Faye Kennedy

Whereas, Faye Kennedy was the daughter of Wiley Choice and Zella Rae Jackson Kennedy, born April 3, 1931, in Kansas City, Missouri, she married Patrick Joseph Daly (1931-2015) January 7, 1961 and she received her Associates of Arts degree from Pasadena City College in California in 1951, her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hunter College in New York in 1955, and a Certificate of Alliance Francaise in Paris in 1956, and she was a vocational counselor at the New York State Division of Employment in New York City from 1957 to 1965, a social worker for the New York State Parole Division in New York City from 1965 to 1977, and also a parole officer fighting for prison reform before moving to Hawai'i more than 40 years ago, and along with her sister, Florynce "Flo" Kennedy (a key member of the Civil Rights movement), together and apart, they spent their lives fighting for civil rights; and

Whereas, Faye's background and education gave her both a deep understanding and a powerful voice on issues of racial minorities, women, sexual orientation, disabilities, and all other forms of discrimination, and all the groups that she joined were multiracial and multigenerational, she understood the real value of diversity and inclusiveness and social justice; and

Whereas, Faye was a deeply respected member of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (1994 – 2008) and served as a Hawai'i State Delegate to four Democratic National Conventions in Chicago (1996), Los Angeles (2000), Boston (2004), and Denver (2008, for Hawai'i's own Presidential Nominee Barack Obama); and

Whereas, She made an impact at every level, from the grassroots community level on her Neighborhood Board, at the State level with the Civil Rights Commission, and at the Federal level with the U.S. Advisory Council on Civil Rights, among many other civil rights activists groups; and

Whereas, Faye served as Co-Chair of the Hawai'i Friends for Civil Rights since 2007, 1st Vice President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People–Hawai'i from 2003 to 2007, President of the Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus, Hawai'i Yacht Club since 2003, and a Board Member of Hawai'i Youth at Risk from 1991 to 1994, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i from 1992 to 2002, and Hawai'i Literacy, Inc. from 1987 to 1997; and

Whereas, Faye was a member of numerous civil rights groups, including the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women since 2004, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition of Hawai'i from 1989 to 1993; Hawai'i Advisory Committee of the United States Civil Rights Commission from 1990 to 2007, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women from 1993 to 1995, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission from 1995 to 2003, and was listed as a notable social worker and author by Marquis Who's Who, and in 1976, authored and published a book entitled, *Goodbye Diane*; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recognizes the legacy of Faye Kennedy as a steadfast pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement, where she dedicated her life to being a champion for all vulnerable groups, not just African American, in a multicultural society; and be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i honor the life of Faye Kennedy (April 3, 1931 - February 28, 2020) and acknowledge the impact of she has left on the Democratic Party, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Neighborhood Board Commission, Hawai'i Friends for Civil Rights, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Hawai'i Chapter, Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus, Hawai'i Youth at Risk, the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Literacy, Inc., Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition of Hawai'i, the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and all elected officials who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

2021-09: Honoring Michele Yooko Matsuo

Whereas, Michele Yooko Matsuo was born on September 1, 1956, the only child of Theodore “Ted” Seigoro and Dorothy Itsue (Nekomoto) Matsuo of Honolulu, and Michele’s father, Ted, was a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, very active in the 442nd Veterans Club, and her mother, Dorothy, authored two books on the 442nd, *Boyhood to War – History and Anecdotes of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team*, and *Silent Valor – The Story of the 442nd Medics*; and

Whereas, With all of their family’s focus on the Nisei veterans of World War II, Michele grew up surrounded by these brave men, attended their meetings and events, and remained close friends with them over the years, even after her father’s passing in 2005, and Michele was exceptionally devoted to these Nisei veterans, assuring that their historic accomplishments would be remembered; and

Whereas, She was an active board member and secretary of the 442nd Veterans Club and a board member of the 442nd Legacy Center, whose mission was to perpetuate the memory of the Nisei soldiers and to care for the 442nd Veterans Club building in Mo’ili’ili; and

Whereas, Michele attended the University Lab School as her mother was a health services administrator at the University of Hawai’i (UH), Manoa, and after graduating from college, she received her Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University, passed the Hawai’i bar examination and practiced law for 42 years in private practice; and

Whereas, Michele was a member of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i representing Senate District 10 (2010-2012), District Chair for House District 23 in Manoa (2006-2008), served as chair of the Education Caucus (2016-2018), helped numerous Democratic Party political campaigns, giving political advice and oftentimes serving as a bridge between older Democrats, particularly Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) and younger Democrats, and she worked tirelessly for Democratic candidates since her childhood until her last day on Earth December 22, 2020, and she was deeply passionate in her fight for the protection of the indigenous pueo, the Hawaiian owl, in its UH West nesting grounds; and

Whereas, She served as a Commissioner on the Real Estate Commission in 1989 and dedicated her life to the Manoa community through many organizations and the Democratic Party of Hawai’i; and

Whereas, Michele served as Vice-President and Director of Allegra Publishing Company, Inc., and Vice-President and Director of family-owned Strategy Pacifica, Inc., her pride and joy was in her daughter, Allegra, where they started Allegra’s clothing design business called “The Kitty Caffe” as they were both avid travelers specializing in clothing that could withstand the rigors of travel; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O’ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i recognizes the legacy of Michele Matsuo as a steadfast member of the State Central Committee for Senate District 10, House District 23 Chair, dedicated champion of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i, the Manoa Community, and the legacy of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; and be it

Resolved, That the O’ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i honor the life of Michele Matsuo (September 1, 1956 to December 22, 2020) and acknowledge the impact she has left on the Democratic Party and the State of Hawai’i; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to her husband, Bradley John Mossman, her daughter, Allegra Somei Kealohikeaokalani Matsuo Mossman, and the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i, and all elected officials that are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i; and the 442nd Veterans Club and 442nd Legacy Center.

2021-10: Urging the Hawaii State Legislature to ban the sale of sunscreens that contain the toxic chemicals avobenzone and octocrylene that are harmful to human life, wildlife, and coral reefs

Whereas, More and more research shows that avobenzone and octocrylene are life-threatening to O'ahu's reefs and human life, including keiki; and

Whereas, Fifty organizations, businesses, individuals, and eminent scientists, representing more than 1,000 constituents and concerned citizens have voiced their concern over these harmful chemicals which are being used and sold in sunscreen products; and

Whereas, There is overwhelming evidence showing these chemicals are unsafe and ineffective as sunscreen that are known worldwide as damaging reef toxins that irreversibly interfere with the life cycles of O'ahu's marine life, including coral, algae, fish, shellfish, sea urchins, and marine mammals; and

Whereas, Avobenzone can cause hormonal disruptions and has been shown to be toxic to marine plants; and

Whereas, Octocrylene is a chemical pollutant prevalent in coastal environments and has been found in O'ahu's reefs; and

Whereas, Research shows that octocrylene collects in coral tissue and reduces their resistance to coral bleaching, and is a hormone disruptor that has been shown to cause deformities in the brains and reproductive organs of developing fish, possibly threatening entire populations, and octocrylene has been detected in fish and shellfish that are consumed by O'ahu's residents and visitors; and

Whereas, Octocrylene affects thyroid function and delays testicular development and causes problems with female reproductive organs, and octocrylene also degrades into a chemical called benzophenone, which is a carcinogen; and

Whereas, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has found that sunscreen chemicals, including octocrylene, harm corals, green algae, mussels, sea urchins, fish, and dolphins; and

Whereas, The Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control, American Cancer Society, World Health Organization, as well as hundreds of scientists and dermatologists, have reported that certain chemical sunscreens are harmful to many life forms, including humans, and have not been shown to decrease skin cancer; and

Whereas, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not recognize avobenzone and octocrylene as safe and effective for use in sunscreens; and

Whereas, There are alternative sunscreens that are FDA approved as safe and effective, such as zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, which offer better skin protection and are less environmentally harmful; and

Whereas, Sunscreens containing octocrylene and avobenzone should be banned from sale on O'ahu based on the Precautionary Principle, which states that if an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing severe harm to the public domain (affecting general health or the environment globally), the action should not be taken in the absence of scientific near-certainty about its safety, and under these conditions, the burden of proof of absence of harm falls on those proposing the action, not those opposing it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats urge the Hawai'i State Legislature to ban the sale of sunscreen that contain the toxic chemicals avobenzone and octocrylene as being harmful to human life, coral reefs, and reef animals; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor; 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 all the members of the Honolulu City Council.

Part II

Resolutions NOT Recommended for Adoption

2021-11: Urging the Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to resist siting the Homeland Defense Radar-Hawai'i at the Kahuku Training Area Site 1

Whereas, The Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency (MDA) has proposed a radar facility, Homeland Defense Radar-Hawai'i (HDR-H) at the Kahuku Training Area, Site 1 (KTA-1), at a cost of \$1,900,000,000, for the purpose of detecting high altitude intercontinental ballistic missiles launched from North Korea toward Hawai'i and the continental United States; and

Whereas, Newer generation ballistic, hypersonic, and low-flying cruise missiles, capable of Mach 4 speed, greater maneuverability, and greater accuracy are being developed in China, Russia, and the United States, that are capable of evading ground-based radar detection by overflying air defense sensors and flying below ballistic missile sensors, rendering the HDR-H obsolete, such that the MDA defunded the HDR-H in the 2020 Defense Authorization Act; and

Whereas, A partial refunding of \$133,000,000 was included in the December 2020 appropriations bill over the objection of MDA, triggering negative public reaction in the surrounding communities; and

Whereas, There are serious environmental, social, and cultural concerns associated with HDR-H, including electromagnetic emissions, toxic waste disposal, a diesel power plant requiring one hundred fifty thousand gallons of fuel storage; clearing of up to one hundred sixty acres impacting cultural sites and the environment; and the plan for a contamination shelter in case of chemical fallout, all of which compound the frustration of O'ahu's residents over the military endangering the Moanalua-Waimalu Aquifer below the Red Hill Underground Fuel Tank Facility and the Pearl Harbor superfund sites are a few examples of military-caused degradation and resulting high risk of harm to the people, wildlife, and the environment; and

Whereas, The siting of the HDR-H will have an adverse impact on the Kahuku Motocross Park, which is a family park, the only one on O'ahu, which comprises of 400 acres, 7 miles of dirt trails, hills, and jumps, with several different tracks, will change its regular business hours to accommodate the Radar; and

Whereas, The operation of the radar would case a hazard in areas of the National Airspace System where high intensity radiated fields (HIRF) would exceed FAA certification standards for aircraft electrical and electronic systems, therefore, a Restricted Area of 9 miles within the radar's field-of-view where the flight of aircraft would be restricted for helicopter and sky-diving tours; and

Whereas, KTA-1 is subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 and 36 CFR part 800 as Kahuku is known for its Native Hawaiian historic and cultural resources; and an Environmental Impacts Statement to assess the following resource topics: Airspace management, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, environmental justice, geology and soils, hazardous materials and waste management, health and safety, infrastructure (utilities), land use, noise and vibration, socioeconomic, transportation, visual resources and water resources; and

Whereas, The communities surrounding KTA-1 do not favor further development, especially further militarization, in its agricultural, country community, especially after the protests that lead to 55 arrests surrounding the AES Corp. Nā Pua Makani Kahuku Wind Farms built on state land; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats that the MDA is urged to resist siting the HDR-H at the KTA-1 as preventing adverse environmental, social, and cultural impacts outweigh the benefits of an obsolete HDR-H where newer ballistic, hypersonic, and low-flying cruise missiles can evade its ground-based detection; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation; OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense; Hawai'i State Democratic O'ahu Legislators; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Mayor the City and County of Honolulu; and Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

2021-12: Encourage the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to promote ocean safety tourism

Whereas, the international ocean safety community has grown exponentially; and

Whereas, ocean safety and ocean activities have been a major focus in Hawai'i throughout its history; and

Whereas, water safety cannot exist without awareness of the best, up to date training equipment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i encourage the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to support ocean safety Lifeguard Services participation in programs both online and in person with the international ocean community, and be it

Ordered, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

2021-13: Urging the Solid Waste Branch of the Division of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu to change its manner of converting waste to energy from H-POWER to FastOx Gasification

Whereas, The Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) is shutting down the largest single source of electricity, the AES coal-burning power plant in Kapolei, which produces about 20% of O'ahu's power, the state's most populous island; and

Whereas, HECO is also working to bring online dozens of renewable energy projects built by third parties, even amidst protests from residents who want clean power but not produced in their back yards as seen in the eight turbines in the AES Na Pua Makani Wind Farm in Kahuku; and

Whereas, Until more big renewable projects are brought online, the giant Kapolei Energy Storage I LLC (KES) battery will be charged largely with electricity produced by oil-burning power plants, and not renewable energy, which is central to Hawai'i's renewable energy policy to generate virtually all electricity sold in the state with renewable resources by 2045; and

Whereas, The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste System relies heavily on the Covanta H-POWER Plant (Honolulu Program of Waste Energy Recovery) to reduce the volume of municipal solid waste (waste) on Oahu; and

Whereas, H-POWER is capable of consuming 3,000 tons of waste per day, reducing by 90% the volume of waste that goes to the landfill; and

Whereas, H-POWER, owned by the City and County of Honolulu, processes the waste and burns it in furnaces to produce steam that drives a turbine generator and the electricity is sold to HECO and distributed to customers on O'ahu; and

Whereas, H-POWER, as a renewable energy source, emits more than double the global warming pollution of Kahe (our largest oil plant) and about 40% more than the AES coal plant; and

Whereas, H-POWER is the #1 source of mercury and hydrochloric acid pollution on O'ahu, accounting for 37% and 77% of the total air emissions from industrial sources on the island; and

Whereas, H-POWER is one of the top 5 sources of particulate matter on O'ahu, which is a known carcinogen; and mercury and hydrochloric acid pollutants are present both in ash and after the "pollution controls technology scrubs" and "cleans" the smokestack emission; and

Whereas, The alternative Sierra Energy uses closed-loop FastOx gasification technology which provides waste flexibility, simple design, emits no greenhouse gas emissions and most importantly eliminates the need for landfills; and

Whereas, Unlike H-POWER, FastOx gasification converts household waste, hazardous waste, tires, medical waste, construction and demolition materials into energy safely and responsibly; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Solid Waste Branch of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services, to convert from H-POWER technology to FastOx gasification technology to provide an efficient, effective, and environmentally-sound waste to energy for the consumers of energy on the island of O'ahu; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor, 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, all members of the Honolulu City Council, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Branch.

2021-14: Urging the Public Utilities Commission, HECO, the Honolulu City Council, and all other relevant decision-makers to disapprove a transition of the Kapolei Power Plant to KES Energy Storage

Whereas, O'ahu ratepayers will face a significant increase in electricity costs in late 2022, as Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) turns again to oil to fill a gap in fuel sources when it shuts the AES coal-burning power plant in Kapolei, which is now producing about one-fifth of the island's power; and

Whereas, Hawai'i's top energy regulator, the Public Utilities Commission Chairman, suggests that the cost of producing power to replace the power produced at the HECO Kapolei coal plant could triple, because oil is a fiscally poor substitute; and

Whereas, HECO's plan to fill the void is to bring online a giant battery storage project in Kapolei, known as the Kapolei Energy Storage I LLC (KES), to provide reliable power when needed and fill the gap in production that will be left by the coal-burning plant; and

Whereas, The electricity to be produced by the KES battery will cost 25 cents to 30 cents or more per kWh, depending on oil prices; and

Whereas, Hawai'i's energy customers already face the nation's highest cost of electricity at more than 28 cents per kWh, which is almost three times the national average of just over 10 cents, and 40% higher than the next most expensive state, Alaska, where it is a little over 20 cents; and

Whereas, While the coal plant generates power for about 8 cents per kilowatt hour and some renewable projects using solar, and storage is expected to cost 11 cents; and

Whereas, Until more big renewable projects can be brought on line, the giant KES battery will be charged largely with electricity produced by oil-burning power plants, and not renewable energy, which are central to Hawai'i's renewable energy policy to generate virtually all electricity sold in the state with renewable resources by 2045; and

Whereas, HECO is shutting down the largest single source of electricity, the coal plant that produces about 20% of O'ahu's power on the state's most populous island, and while at the same time it is also working to bring online dozens of renewable energy projects built by third parties, even amidst protests from residents who want clean power but not produced in their backyards; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Public Utilities Commission, HECO, the Honolulu City Council, and all other relevant decision-makers to disapprove a transition of the Kapolei Power Plant to KES Energy Storage; and be it

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