

O'ahu County Democrats 2022 Convention PLATFORM Committee Report

The O'ahu County Democrats Convention Platform Committee met on February 23, 28 and March 3 online via Zoom.

19 Submissions proposing changes to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i were received.

16 of the proposals are recommended.

3 Submissions were ruled out of order for failure to comply with the submission rules.

Committee Members:

Presiding Officer: Ed Hasegawa

Scribe: Debbie Shimizu

Members: Justin Akagi, Patrick Branco, Robert Brown, Alan Burdick, Will Caron, Carolyn Golojuch, Charley Ice, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Dylan Ramos, Helen Rauer, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Derek Turbin, Mike Yadao

Guests: Joe Francher, Lorna Strand, Andrew Wertheimer, Lynn Otaguro, Carlos Santana, Melodie Aduja, Ken Farm, Benton Pang

Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

Meeting Attendance:

February 23, 2022

Members present: Justin Akagi, Robert Brown, Alan Burdick, Will Caron, Carolyn Golojuch, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Dylan Ramos, Helen Rauer, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Derek Turbin, Mike Yadao.

Guests: Joe Francher, Lorna Strand, Andrew Wertheimer

Presiding Officer: Ed Hasegawa

Scribe: Debbie Shimizu

Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

February 28, 2022

Members present: Justin Akagi, Alan Burdick, Will Caron, Carolyn Golojuch, Charley Ice, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Dylan Ramos, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Derek Turbin

Guests: Lynn Otaguro, Carlos Santana

Presiding Officer: Debbie Shimizu, Ed Hasegawa

Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

The meeting was called to order 6:08 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

March 3, 2022

Members present: Alan Burdick, Carolyn Golojuch, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Helen Rauer, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Mike Yadao

Guests: Melodie Aduja, Ken Farm, Benton Pang
Presiding Officers: Debbie Shimizu, Ed Hasegawa
Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

The meeting was called to order 6:05 p.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The Platform committee respectfully submits the following 16 Platform proposals in Part I to the Convention Platform Committee of the DPH for adoption by the delegates of the 2022 Convention.

PART I **PLATFORM PROPOSAL**

- Proposal 1** Preamble Proposal to Replace the State Platform Preamble
- Proposal 2** Make Protecting the Environment and our Cultural Assets a High Priority
- Proposal 3** Education
- Proposal 4** Kupuna and People with Disabilities
- Proposal 5** Pursuing Our Innovation Agenda: Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Proposal 6** Reforming Our Criminal Justice System
- Proposal 7** Technology and Digital Equity
- Proposal 8** Transportation
- Proposal 9** Healthcare
- Proposal 10** Honoring Native Hawaiians I
- Proposal 11** Honoring Native Hawaiians II
- Proposal 12** Honoring Native Hawaiians III
- Proposal 13** Environment
- Proposal 14** Energy
- Proposal 15** Combat Climate Change, Build a Clean Energy Economy, and Secure Environmental Justice
- Proposal 16** Replace the State Platform Planks with the following

PART II **NO PROPOSALS**

PLATFORM COMMITTEE- PART I

The Platform Committee recommends that the Oahu County Democrats approve these proposals to the 2022 Convention Platform Committee of the DPH.

Proposal 1

PREAMBLE PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE STATE PLATFORM PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, 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 Hawaii'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 party for the challenges ahead in the 21st century. Through a re-energized party, 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 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.

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto, Second: Robert Brown

Proposal 2

Insert the following into Section II Legislative Priorities Action Planks, Paragraph 2 **Make Protecting the Environment and our Cultural Assets a High Priority** (starting on Page 2, Line 23 of the DPH Platform)

“advance measures to re-establish healthy Climate and Environment for humans and fellow species (including ban on use of chemicals that harm our marine waters such as oxybenzone; address climate [~~change~~] crisis[;]; guarantee the right to a clean, healthy, and livable Hawai‘i; ban use of polystyrene for food uses; protect indigenous and organic food farms from contamination; require truth in labeling on all agricultural products and 50% Hawai‘i grown to be labeled as Hawai‘i grown; advance “Buy Local” and “Blue Zone Project” and other community wellness programs; restrict marine aquarium harvesting; give priority to clean alternative energy and nature based solutions such as promoting use of compost and recycling policies and avoidance of [~~incarceration~~] incineration; restrict the use of insecticides and herbicides deleterious to the web of life and implement the State biosecurity plan to address invasive species; protect and preserve our fragile ecosystems and cultural assets by requiring environmental and cultural assessments in advance of all development; advance set asides for Native Hawaiian Cultural Reserves and Parks, and reclaim ancient trails across the island).”

Reason for proposal: Mainly to state our support for the [Hawai‘i Green Amendment](#). Also removed “change” in favor of simply “climate crisis,” inserted “clean” prior to “alternative energy” as a key qualifier, replaced “incarceration” with “incineration” as I believe it was originally meant to be, and adjusted semicolons.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 3

Addition to **Education** Plank (pages 2 &3 of the DPH Platform)

We support that higher education should be a right, not a privilege.

To increase access to financial aid resources to low-income and marginalized students, the University of Hawaii system must eliminate loans as part of its financial aid package. This change would be life-changing for students, families, and future alumni. Eliminating loans will enable future alumnus to begin their careers or continue their studies with their debts greatly reduced or eliminated. The expansion of the University of Hawaii university system is made possible through gifts, endowments, and state and federal funding. Doing away with loans is joining a select group of top-tier institutions. For example, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Smith College have adopted no-loan aid policies.

Submitted: Judy Parrish, Second: Nathaniel Char

Proposal 4

KŪPUNA AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (page 6 of the DPH Platform)

~~[ENSURING A SECURE AND DIGNIFIED RETIREMENT]~~

DPH believes that it should be easier to save for retirement and prepare for unforeseen risks and expenses. We will defend the right of workers to collect their defined benefit pensions and make sure workers get priority and protection when pension plans are in distress.

~~[Seniors]~~ Kupuna and people with disabilities should not have to choose between putting food on the table, keeping a roof over their heads, or buying the medication that they need to stay healthy. We strongly support funding critical programs to help seniors remain independent in their own home and communities. We are also committed to fighting the immense problem of ~~[elder]~~ kupuna and people with disabilities abuse, neglect, and exploitation as well as the high cost of care.

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 government funded comprehensive long-term care insurance that takes the burden off of individuals and does not contract out long-term care to private business interests that profit by denying care.

We support "aging-in-place" and the kūpuna caregivers program to assist family members to remain employed while providing support to kupuna including services attendant to adult day care: (1) basic activities: i.e., transferring from bed to chair, moving about within the home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and eating; (2) instrumental activities: preparing meals, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the telephone, managing money, housekeeping, and using available transportation; and (3) core services: personal care, homemaking, chores, home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, attendant care, and other important services. We encourage policies and programs that support "active aging" for kūpuna including, but not limited to, (1) health care practices that promote physical, emotional, mental, nutritional, and medical fitness; (2) financial fitness measures that provide tools and programs for financial health; (3) intergenerational equity; (4) elimination of ageism and elderly discrimination; and (5) enhancement of important social roles and purposes for kūpuna.

Submitted: Melodie Aduja; Second: Alan Burdick

Proposal 5

Insert the following into Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection A Education and Economic Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Pursuing Our Innovation Agenda: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)**,” (final paragraph starting on Page 7, Line 50: of the DPH Platform)

“DPH supports the University of Hawai‘i in its mission to increase awareness in science, technology and exploration to better understand our place in the universe and inspire and educate generations of young people in Hawai‘i to pursue a career in science. At the same time, DPH recognizes the responsibility of Hawai‘i colleges and universities to foster respectful and ethical changemakers who value and promote *aloha ʻāina* through their work, as well as the responsibility of the institutions themselves to ethically steward the lands they impact.”

Reason for proposal: To use the debate over Maunakea and TMT as an example, people on all sides agree that UH’s management of the mountain has been inadequate to say the least. This amendment attempts to speak to that issue by demanding ethical education and land management.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 6

Insert the following into Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection A Education and Economic Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Reforming Our Criminal Justice System**,” (paragraph starting on Page 8, Line 46 of the DPH Platform)

“We encourage the Federal government to remove cannabis from the list of “Schedule I” Federal controlled substances and to appropriately regulate ~~[it providing reasoned pathway for future legalization]~~ and legalize it for medical and adult recreational use. We support policies that will allow more research on cannabis, as well as reforming laws to allow legal cannabis businesses to exist without uncertainty. We support restorative justice, including appropriate record expungement, for persons convicted of cannabis possession, use, and related charges that would presumably not exist under legalization.

We have been inspired by the movements for criminal justice that directly address the discriminatory treatment of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and other disadvantaged ethnicities to rebuild trust in the criminal justice system. We require that ~~[convicted Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and all other races and ethnicities who reside within the State of Hawai‘i remain incarcerated in the State of Hawai‘i]~~ residents of Hawai‘i, if convicted and incarcerated, remain incarcerated in Hawai‘i, especially those of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island descent.”

Reason for proposal: The cannabis-related amendments are self-explanatory. They were inserted here as opposed to the plank about drug policy because they relate to the criminal justice system.

The proposal shown in the second paragraph is just a matter of syntax and re-phrasing "convicted Native Hawaiians."

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 7

We propose substituting the following plank for the **TECHNOLOGY** plank of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i 2018 Platform (page 10 of the DPH Platform):

[~~TECHNOLOGY~~

~~We recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers 25 immense potential for our community. We encourage research, development, and educational programs to 26 promote technological proficiency and innovation. We support Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and 27 Mathematics (STEAM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next 28 generation to address the needs of our state. 29 30 We maintain that State and local government databases should be integrated to promote efficiency in 31 government. We support both net neutrality to ensure free and open access to the internet, and the 32 protection of personal data as a personal right.]~~

TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL EQUITY

We believe that digital access is a critical and essential service necessary for many aspects of our economy and community life. We support achieving digital equity to ensure that all of Hawaii'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 for access to essential services.

We support access to high-quality internet and training to use technology for all of 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, 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.

Submitted by:

Maker: Lynn Otaguro; Second: Nathaniel Char
Digital Equity Committee

Proposal 8

TRANSPORTATION (page 10 of the DPH Platform)

We support a policy that expands accessibility to beaches by allowing items, such as surfboards and canoe paddles, on public transportation, such as Honolulu's TheBus.

Submitted: Judy Parrish; Second: Nathaniel Char

Proposal 9

HEALTHCARE (page 11 of the DPH Platform)

[~~We believe that~~] Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and our healthcare system must put people before profits. The high costs of insurance and insufficient coverage mean that many people do not have access to the care they need, which creates devastating social costs that are also a significant economic burden to the State.

Therefore, we support robust funding of the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) or other State Health Agency to design a statewide, unified, cost-effective healthcare system that includes comprehensive healthcare services for all, and then submit that design to the legislature for evaluation.

Such a universal, comprehensive healthcare system would: (1) Unify the delivery of healthcare in Hawai'i by establishing a single network, benefit structure, reimbursement system, drug formulary, and prior authorization policies; (All state-regulated payers would be required to pay into this unified system, including Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and health insurance provided by the state and counties, and commercial health insurance plans funded by employers and individuals.); (2) provide parity of mental and physical health coverage; (3) provide cost-effective regulation of comprehensive health care delivery systems with an administrative overhead of less than 3%; (4) include and protect all women's healthcare needs including reproductive rights and the healthcare needs of the LGBTQIA community; (5) provide preventative health programs; (6) provide long-term care, dental, and vision care; and (7) provide healthcare to Compact of Free Association (Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau) (COFA) citizens and other non-citizens lawfully residing in Hawai'i on an equal basis with US citizens and permanent residents.

We urge Hawai'i's Medicaid Program to join an existing multi-state prescription drug discount purchasing group as Medicaid, and then, via the HHA's or other State Health Agency's ability to create a unified statewide system, enable delivery of that discount to all state residents.

On the Federal level, we support a universal single-payer healthcare system similar to or better than HR [676] 1976, Expanded and Improved Medicare For All, wherein all individuals residing in the United States and U.S. territories are provided with comprehensive healthcare services.

Immediate improvements must be made by restoring the full range of dental services to Hawaii's Medicaid beneficiaries, by the elimination of Direct Contracting Entities from Medicare and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) from Medicaid, by a qualitative audit of Hawaii's

Medicaid MCOs, by elimination of improper “upcoding” of medical services, and elimination of improper listing of “ghost” service providers in insurers’ networks of providers.

Submitted: Melodie Aduja; Second: Alan Burdick

Proposal 10 : HONORING NATIVE HAWAIIANS (page 15 of the DPH Platform)

~~[Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawai‘i and deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments. We support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. We support the efforts of Native Hawaiians rights to pursue self-determination. We also support their right to pursue the international rights of Native Hawaiian people.]~~

We acknowledge the past injustices and the misguided, harmful Federal and State policies and actions based on outdated and discredited values and beliefs that resulted in the destruction of the Hawaiian Nation’s economics, social, and religious systems, the taking of their lands, and the creation of intergenerational trauma that exists to this day. We believe that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people.]

Self-Determination and Self-Governance

- (1) Native Hawaiians are kanaka maoli, indigenous, aboriginal people of Hawai‘i. We
- (2) support Native Hawaiian rights to self-determination to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. We support their self-governance in the formation of their chosen governmental entity, to include, among others, federal recognition, restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom, independence or the existing state of affairs. We support their government by having a just and equitable relationship with any government.

Consultation and Leadership Empowerment

- (3) We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county, state, federal, and international affairs, and *increasing the representation of Native Hawaiians in government leadership positions.*

Justice and Reconciliation with the U.S.A.

- (4) We support Native Hawaiians in their efforts to secure justice from the federal and state governments to repair the harms suffered and endured by the Native Hawaiian people and ‘āina. We support proactive actions by the federal and state governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, housing, education, agriculture, and jobs.

Public Land Trust and Stewardship

- (5) We urge the state to fulfill its Public Land Trust responsibilities under AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I INTO THE UNION, ACT OF MARCH 18, 1959, PUB L 86-3, 73 STAT 4 and pursuant to Hawai‘i State Constitution Article XVI, Section 7, and including HRS §10-13.5, which requires that 20% of the revenue be provided annually to Native Hawaiians.
- (6) We believe that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and enforce the

state's fiduciary obligation to malama (protect and preserve) public lands, waters, air, flora, and fauna.

- (7) We urge the state to use the 'Aha Moku (generational-cultural practitioners) and implement Native Hawaiian land management practices in preserving, protecting, and sustaining Hawaii's natural and cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.
- (8) We support economic policies and practices that preserve and perpetuate Native Hawaiian cultural practices and the protection of Hawaii's natural resource

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto; Second: Pohai Ryan

Proposal 11: HONORING NATIVE HAWAIIANS II (page 15 of the DPH Platform)

~~[DPH also supports efforts for self-governance and self-determination of Native Hawaiians whose values are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. We support proactive actions by the Federal and State governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, and education. We recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices made in service to our county by Native Hawaiians.~~

~~We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs. We support Hawaiian language immersion schools that contribute to the revitalization and continuation of the Hawaiian language and appropriate assessments that accurately reflect Hawaiian language immersion students' progress and support the Hawaiian language immersion program. We support Hawaiian-focused schools and courses that provide culturally-based education in order to maximize choices in life and work. We support educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture and history as a foundation to prepare students for success in college, career and communities.]~~

Home lands and Safe and Affordable Housing

- (1) We urge the Legislature to effectuate the Hawai'i Constitution Article XII, Section 1, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, by appropriating sufficient funds towards Hawaiian home lands for the purpose of (1) development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans; (3) rehabilitation projects to include educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are improved; and (4) the administration and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands.
- (2) We support full funding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission budget and other housing programs to ensure that no Native Hawaiian is homeless, here in their homeland. We support the increase of affordable and safe housing and fight to significantly reduce homelessness on and off Hawaiian home lands, especially among Native youth, kupuna, and veterans.

Hawaiian Culture and Traditional & Customary Practices

- (3) We urge the state to protect all rights, including intellectual property rights, and those customarily and traditionally exercised by Native Hawaiians cultural and religious purposes and for subsistence, including fishing and farming.

- (4) We support the rights of Native Hawaiians to practice their culture and religious beliefs on Hawai'i lands and sacred sites and urge all governmental entities to ensure access to and protection of Native Hawaiian sacred sites and cultural resources.

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto; Second: Pohai Ryan

Proposal 12: HONORING NATIVE HAWAIIANS III (page 15 of the DPH Platform)

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

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

Health and Environmental Justice

- (1) We support policies that address social determinants of health that adversely impact the well-being of Native Hawaiians. We support Native Hawaiian traditional and customary medicinal treatment programs, practitioners, and practices, especially in rural and Homestead communities and when treating those with drug and substance abuse and mental illness.
- (2) We support Environmental Justice for Native Hawaiians that are disproportionately affected by exposure to environmental hazards, uneven negative impacts from environmental procedures and policies, targeting and zoning of toxic and waste facilities, food deserts, and little access to and insufficient maintenance of natural spaces.

Citizen Rehabilitation and Reintegration

- (1) We support reforming the criminal justice system to address the disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians, including bail reform and restorative justice which includes Ho'oponopono. 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 and reintegration into society.

Education and Immersion Schools

- (1) We urge the state to comply with Hawai'i State Constitution Article X, Section 4 to provide Hawaiian education programs consisting of language, culture and history in the

- public schools. We encourage the use of community expertise as a suitable and essential means in furtherance of Hawaiian education programs.
- (2) We support the strengthening of Hawaiian education programs in values, language, culture, and history in the state's public and private schools.
 - (3) We support the full funding of Hawaiian Focused Public Charter Schools and Hawaiian Immersion Schools and courses in the public schools that include Hawaiian values, language, culture, and history. We support educational assessments that recognize culturally based education in measuring student progress.
 - (4) We support educational attainment to include applied trades, trade schools, and post-high education.
 - (5) We support the reform of the Zero Tolerance policy, that has disparate treatment on Native Hawaiians, to provide culturally responsive approaches to discipline and support services

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto; Second: Pohai Ryan

Proposal 13

ENVIRONMENT (page 17 of the DPH Platform)

~~[The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is essential.]~~ We have the inherent right to clean land, clean water, and clean air, as recognized by the Hawai'i State Constitution and the Precautionary Principle. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction. The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, ~~[which includes reducing]~~ to reduce our carbon footprint ~~[for the]~~ to benefit ~~[of]~~ current and future generations.

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

The Navy has twenty World War Era underground bulk fuel storage tanks at Red Hill above Pearl Harbor with a capacity of 250 million gallons. These tanks are a direct threat to the drinking water of urban communities. This situation highlights the fragility of our water resources and the importance of protecting them throughout the state. We demand environmentally sound actions to preclude further risk of catastrophic releases by defueling, dismantling, decommissioning, and decontaminating the Facility as soon as possible.

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (I) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) beaches for public use and recreation. The Hawai‘i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of 26 coastal resources. We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.

We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. 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, 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.

Cesspools throughout Hawai‘i threaten drinking water, coral reefs and the health of people who swim and surf in our island waters. They create a serious public safety issue, environmental problem and economic danger that is exacerbated by the effects of climate change. We support septic tank upgrades and wastewater sewage systems where feasible by [2025] 2035.

Submitted: Melodie Adjua; Second: Alan Burdick

Proposal 14

Insert the following into Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection C Energy and Environmental Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Energy**,” (paragraph starting on Page 17, Line 50 of the DPH Platform)

“We oppose any tax breaks ~~to fossil fuel industries~~ or public subsidization of the fossil fuel industry or any producer of dirty energy.”

Reason for proposal: “Dirty energy” is a little better at encompassing the types of industry we oppose subsidizing. For example, the Hu Honua project may qualify for tax credits because they purport to produce renewable energy. However, while their biomass approach may technically be “renewable,” it is also dirty energy because it depends on wood burning.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 15

Insert a new paragraph at the end of Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection C Energy and Environmental Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Combat Climate Change, Build a Clean Energy Economy, and Secure Environmental Justice**” (Page 18, after Line 35 of the DPH Platform):

“DPH emphasizes the need to secure environmental, climate, and energy justice for all citizens of Hawai‘i, especially Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and low-income neighborhoods. We promote projects that prioritize the physical, social, and cultural well-being of impacted communities.”

Reason for proposal: Contrary to the title of this plank, there was no explicit justice component mentioned in the existing language.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 16

Replace the State Platform planks with the following:

- Agriculture
Preserve and Strengthen the Future of Agriculture in Hawaii
- Arts and Culture
Support Investments in Arts and Humanities and Promotion of Arts and Culture
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Eliminate Barriers to Full Representation and Participation
- Disaster and Emergency Preparedness
Support Safety and Security as a Right for All Hawaii Residents
- Economic Sustainability
Support and Provide for a Strong Economy
- Education
Provide an Excellent, Free Public Education for Students at Every Level
- Environment and Energy
Protect and Preserve Hawaii's Environment and Achieve Energy Sustainability
- Government
Reform Our Government, Support Transparency in Government and Free, Fair, and Democratic Elections
- Health
Provide High Quality and Free Healthcare for Every Human Being
- Housing
Instill the Belief that Housing is a Basic Human Right
- Human Rights, Civil Rights, and Economic Justice
Protect and Restore the Civil Rights of Each Person; Support the Eradication of Discrimination; Support a Comprehensive Approach to Ending Poverty
- Kupuna and People with Disabilities
Support Policies and Programs that Promote Aging-in-Place and Active Aging for Kupuna
- Labor and Workers' Rights
Support Strong Labor Practices, Good Jobs, and a Living Wage; Support Measures to Drastically Reduce Income and Wealth Inequality
- Native Hawaiians and Hawaiian Culture
Support the Rights of Native Hawaiians and the Preservation of Native Hawaiian Culture
- Technology and Digital Equity

*Promote Digital Access as a Critical and Essential Service
for the Functioning of and Participation in Our Economy and
Community*

- *Transportation
Adopt Transportation Policies that Improve Our Quality of
Life*
- *U.S. Military and Veterans' Affairs
Support All Military Personnel and Veterans While Protecting
Our Aina*

Submitted: Kendra Oishi; Second: Dylan Ramos

PLATFORM COMMITTEE- PART II

There are no proposals that were not recommended for adoption.