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O'ahu Democrats Wish You a Happy 4th of July!

For the month of July, we're highlighting how members have been focusing their efforts to promote democracy and ways you can get involved to do the same!

Meet **Jimmy Nguyen**, Palolo Valley resident, Richardson Law School student, and a Democrat who is very angry with the rise of Asian Hate Crimes and voter suppression laws in the United States. He decided to do something about it. He's joined **O'AHU DEMS BLUE WAVE COMMITTEE** and is texting Georgia with Stacey Abrams' **FAIR FIGHT ACTION** in support of national voting rights legislation. He's also organizing support for **Georgia's Bee Nguyen** who has a long history of fighting for voter rights particularly for Asian and Pacific Islander populations in Georgia.

Member Spotlight



Jimmy Nguyen

Get active with Jimmy & O'ahu Dems Blue Wave Committee (more on Page 2).
Contact him now at HiforBeeNguyen@gmail.com.

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The O'ahu Dems Blue Wave has been hard at work writing and mailing postcards to voters in key races for Democrats across the country. To date the dedicated group of volunteers has:

- Sent **200** postcards to **Wisconsin Congressional District 3**;
- Sent **1,200** postcards to **Colorado Congressional District 3**;
- Sent **2,000** postcards to **Texas Congressional District 6**;
- And are in the process of preparing postcards for **Pennsylvania Congressional District 7**

Check out some of the members in action! O'ahu Dems Blue Wave welcomes you to join them for postcard, texting or phone campaigns so Hawai'i can help to retain Democratic control of Congress!

VOLUNTEER



Helen Stewart, Kaimukī



Linda & David Reid, Kailua



Kate Stanley, Hawai'i Kai



Jane Sugimura, 'Aiea



John Bickel, Waikīkī



David Davis, Ala Moana

BLUE WAVE VOLUNTEERS CONT.



John Webster, Hawai'i Kai



Cora Yamamoto,
Kamehameha Heights



Betty Vega, Kailua



Sandy Rhines, Kailua



Elton Fukumoto, Mānoa



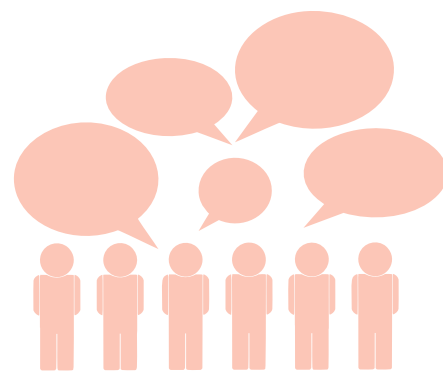
Susan Morishige, 'Aiea

Speak Up! We Need Your Input Now

The **Legislative Priorities Survey** has been extended!

Education, access to healthcare, affordable housing options, climate change solutions - where are we doing well and where can we improve? The Legislation Committee is polling O'ahu Democrats on these issues and more to put together recommendations for legislators ahead of the 2022 session.

We need to start planning now to create a comprehensive package that represents your interests. Just **5 minutes** of your time helps us to show elected officials where Democrats want action and change.



Take the Survey.

Huki with Mālama Maunalua Sponsored by Region 1

Region 1 Democrats are joining with Mālama Maunalua leaders for a morning in Maunalua Bay on Friday July 23rd. This is a family-friendly service activity and open to all Regions. For more information about our Region 1 huki, contact rickandrea@gmail.com.

Date: Friday, July 23, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Place: Maunalua Bay

All participants must complete the online waiver here.

Minors must receive parental permission.



Mālama Maunalua is one of the organizations working to improve the quality of life in our region. It was founded in 2005 by community members concerned about the decline of Maunalua Bay and seeking to restore the health of the bay. How did they plan do this? By working with public agencies, private organizations, and the community. Their process? Planning, education, and outreach.

One of Mālama Maunalua's most visible successes was The Great Huki Project started in 2010. That activity engaged 3,000 community members who removed three million pounds of invasive algae from 23 acres of Maunalua Bay adjacent to Pāiko beach. Removed algae was recycled as compost by five local farmers to generate fresh produce. Monitoring of the project area has shown efforts to be successful as native algae and marine species return and multiply.

In addition to the physical clearing of harmful algae from the bay, Mālama Maunalua conducts educational sessions with schools and community groups to help the community better understand the mauka to makai connection. Current projects include coral reef restoration and the CPR (Cherish, Protect, and Restore) initiative. For more information about these and other opportunities, go to www.malamamaunalua.org.

Rewind – June 2021 Recap of Events

In case you missed it, here's a look back on what O'ahu Democrats did throughout June. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming virtual or in-person projects!



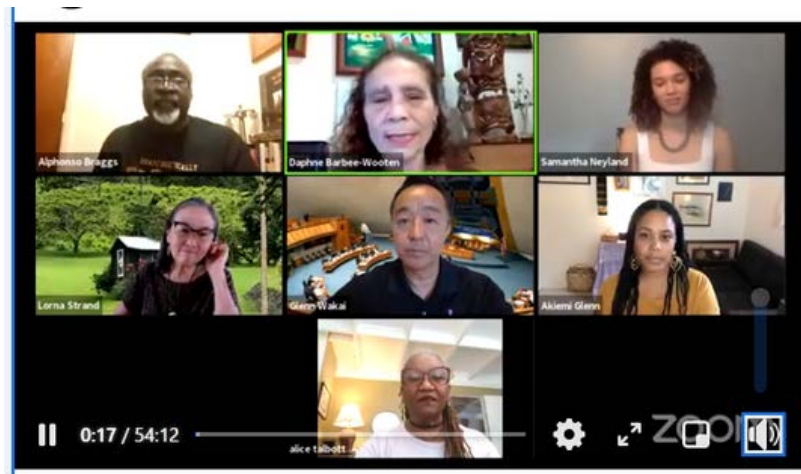
O'ahu Democrats from across the island celebrated Juneteenth at Mānoa Valley Theatre on June 19, 2021. Members also hosted a voter registration table to encourage active citizenship.



Our Talk Story series featured a spirited conversation on June 12, 2021 about Juneteenth's history and relevance to our communities in Hawai'i.

Panelists included:

- **Dr. Akeimi Glenn**, Executive Director of the Popolo Project
- **Samantha Neyland**, Hawai'i for Juneteenth Committee, Miss Hawai'i USA 2020
- **Senator Glenn Wakai**, District 15
- **Representative John Mizuno**, District 28
- **Council Member Tommy Waters**, City Council Chair
- **Alphonso Braggs**, President Hawai'i NAACP



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Region 5 sponsored an insightful look into programs being developed by the **University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Academy for Creative Media** on June 8, 2021. This up-and-coming field can enrich our communities and provides significant education and career opportunities for Hawai'i residents.

Presenters included:

- **Ken Inouye**, Assistant to the VC of Administration UH West O'ahu
- **Chris Lee**, Director of Academy for Creative Media UH System
- **Doris Ching**, VP Emerita for Student Affairs UH System

Before You Go ...

We want to stay connected with you!

Whether you can volunteer your time, donate funds that allow us to sponsor events or just help us by sharing content with others, please take a minute to check out how you can get involved with O'ahu Democrats.

More information available at www.oahudemocrats.org

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