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## Decision Time: Whom Should You Vote For?

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November 8th will decide who will lead our great nation and the City & County of Honolulu forward for the next four years. While there are several key seats up for grabs, much of the attention is on two of the more highly contentious races—U.S. president and Honolulu mayor. Will it be Clinton or Trump? Caldwell or Djou? It's up to you, the voter, to decide...

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## EDITORIAL

## GENERAL ELECTION SUPPLEMENT 2016

# Trump Is Too Divisive, Inexperienced, and Radical to Win Over the Asian American Vote

**G**ov. David Ige signed a proclamation naming September "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Hawaii."

If mainstream Republicans haven't been successful in winning over the majority of Asian American votes; Donald Trump, a rare demagogue of the GOP, certainly will have no chance, either.

In fact, Trump's brand of politics has even conservative Republicans rebuking it, and perhaps will do little in convincing Asian Americans to buck their political party tradition of voting Democrat in the near future.

National polls show immigration is still a very prominent issue among Asian Americans, especially among the Chinese, Filipinos, and Indians, who collectively make up the largest group of immigrants coming into the U.S. in the last five years, even larger than Mexicans. Polls indicate that if a candidate comes across as being anti-immigrant on the issues, Asian Americans will not vote for that candidate even though they might agree with that candidate in other areas.

Trump's anti "illegal" immigrant rhetoric might not be specifically leveled against the "legal" immigrant population, as most Asians are; however, his bombast is not only devoid of any compassion but unin-



formed and racist. This is not acceptable to all immigrants, Asians included.

What most in the media fail to address is that illegal immigration is way down and the subject is being used as Trump for political gain. The Department of Homeland Security confirms that the number of illegal entry has dropped to historic low levels. Experts also claim that the drop is attributed in part to an already stable security border with massive number of employees. The "open border" label is completely false and really a scapegoating ploy.

Trump also lies about our military. It has not fallen to disrepair; it is the most high-tech military in the world, and the country already spends close to \$600 billion annually, is number one in the world and considerably more than even the other top 9 countries' military budgets combined.

Trump also lies about crime in the country. It is not on the rise but in decline. The bottom line is there is a pattern to what he is doing, and that is -- lie, divide, and stoke fear to get power. This is the same tactic that all demagogues use to radicalize a populace. Some politicians try to do the same, but are not as masterful as Trump, which is what makes him uniquely dangerous.

It's not surprising that Trump has not received a single endorsement from any of the major mainstream newspapers. Adding to this odd embarrassment, a string of conservative newspapers -- the Arizona Republic, Dallas Morning News, Cincinnati Enquirer, New York Daily News, San Francisco Chronicle, and Houston Chronicle, to name a few -- endorsed Hilary Clinton. Some of these conservative newspapers have

never endorsed a Democratic candidate for president, while for others, it is their first time doing it in decades. The Arizona Republic this year broke 120 years of tradition by endorsing a Democrat, Clinton, over a Republican presidential candidate; the Dallas Morning News, has never done it in 75 years.

What many moderates, liberals, and conservatives agree on is that Trump is too dangerous and unfit to be commander-in-chief. Examples of this are too innumerable to list in one editorial, but some of the most disturbing is Trump's pro-nuclear proliferation comments saying that Saudi Arabia, Japan, and South Korea should build nuclear programs to protect themselves because it is costing the U.S. too much money to protect them; his narcissistic, Napoleonic comment that he alone can fix the problems of the country (forget about consensus-building with other leaders or branches of government); his proposed ban on Muslims from entering the country (unconstitutional and an attack on religious freedom); his proposal to roundup millions of undocumented immigrants and deport them (imagine the police-state environment that would create); his racist comment generalizing an entire class of people, illegal immigrants, as being rapists and criminals; his ignorance of basic foreign policy like him not knowing that Russia is already in Crimea and the role that the U.S. plays in regions around the world like the importance of NATO to the West; his deplorable treatment of women; his entry onto the political sphere by leading a false birther movement hoping to delegitimize the U.S.' first African American president; his adolescent temperament in going after anyone who criticizes him and being rattled by even the smallest of criticisms; his desire to change libel law suits to make it easier for a president

or public personalities as himself to be able to sue the media which is a direct challenge to freedom of the press and authoritarian in nature; his unwillingness to be transparent and scrutinized by not revealing his tax returns, a practice every presidential candidate has done; and his fiscal policy for the country that doesn't come close to balancing and certainly could lead to another major financial crisis.

Above all his flaws, Trump is dangerous for America because he is too divisive. His leadership would be harmful to race relations, national stability, and economic prosperity. During his campaign he has managed to damage further race relations in our country; it's frightening to imagine the damage he could cause in four or even eight years under his leadership.

While Hilary Clinton is not the perfect candidate, she has been scrutinized long enough for decades for us to know that our Republic would not unravel under her leadership. We cannot say the same for Trump. Clinton is known to be able to build coalitions and work with leaders of both parties. Trump has already showed that he cannot even work with leaders within his own party. Clinton is steady, pragmatic, and knows back-and-forth, through-and-through, the inner-workings of government and foreign relations. She might not be the greatest visionary, but at least Americans have a solid idea where her boundaries are. With Trump, we are in the dark. And quite frankly, so would he be as a novice president, just learning on the job. How can we realistically believe that Trump is capable of making "America great again," as he likes to say, if he can't even run a credible presidential campaign without stumbling every week. His campaign does not inspire; but arouses anger.

Asian Americans tend to be conservative in their decision-making; Trump, with all his antics and boorish conduct, not to mention his lofty ideas, is simply too radical a choice for our community.

## HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL RACES

**T**hree out of Hawaii's four seats in Congress are up for election and there appears to be little drama as a trio of well-known veteran Democrats are expected to handily win all seats.

Incumbent U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, a progressive Democrat, won his party's Primary Election and faces his biggest challenger in Republican John Carroll. Other candidates are Joy Allison, John Giuffre and Michael Kokoski.

The odds-on favorite in the U.S. House

Congressional District 1 race is Colleen Hanabusa who is running to serve the remaining two-year term of the late U.S. Rep. Mark Takai. Her opponents include nonpartisan Calvin Griffin, Republican Shirlene Ostrov and Libertarian Alan Yim.

In U.S. House Congressional District 2, which covers rural Oahu and the neighbor islands, incumbent U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard is expected to win re-election against Republican opponent Angela Kaaihue.

## OP-ED

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# Millennials, Now Is The Time for Us To Vote

By Peter Torres

**G**rowing up in a third world country, I have learned the value of resilience and hard work in the achievement of one's goals. When I migrated to the United States towards the end of my teenage years, I had to adapt and acculturate myself to persist. I was challenged to figure out my educational path without any support from my parents, who are not familiar with the American college system. I also had to work three different jobs while finishing my undergraduate studies at UCLA to pay for my meals and rent. I knew early on that I would want to go for my Ph.D. and that no matter how tired I was from work, extracurricular involvements, and classes; it was imperative that I do well in my courses. As you may have inferred by now, goals and my way to achieving them have always been relevant to

how I live my life and how I make decisions.

Now that I will be voting for America's presidential election for the very first time, the only candidate I can resonate with is Hillary Rodham Clinton: because of her resiliency, pragmatic leadership, and result-driven work ethic. I always focused on getting the job done, and that is what Hillary offers. Hillary has spent her entire "adult life" advocating for women's rights and everyone's healthcare. People have given her a rough time for switching her views on LGBTQ rights, yet people fail to realize that the important takeaway from this is that she changed her views for the better rather than not changing at all. Hillary has also been under a lot of scrutiny and criticisms—from conspiracy theories, Whitewater, Walmart up until Benghazi; however, here is a woman who is still fighting to serve her country.

Hillary has concrete plans

on how she would make education affordable and help those who are under student debt like me. Hillary sees the big picture, yet she also takes into account the details of particular situations. One of my favorite Hillary quotes from a rally says "School bus drivers and cafeteria staffers should also get a raise since they are the ones assisting in the development and education of our children today." I cannot think of another presidential candidate this election who has an idea of how the struggles that real people living their everyday lives have. Secretary Clinton also supports immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship because she believes in the beauty of diversity and the idea that everyone should have a chance in life, no matter which zip code you came from. She also believes in the threat of climate change (and does not have to deny ever tweeting that climate change is a hoax created by China). She

has a solid plan that will work towards clean and environment-friendly energy, which I think is very timely with what we need and should be doing today.

With more than 33,000 Americans killed by guns each year which equates to about a hundred citizens a day, Hillary's call for comprehensive background checks is truly needed. I believe that holding gun dealers and manufacturers accountable is entirely different from violating the second amendment. After all, guns have taken out a lot of American's right to live.

Ultimately, Hillary has proven through her track record that she gets things done. If I would elect someone in the oval office, I would most definitely choose the person who is not just "all bark, no substance." I am not voting for "the lesser of two evils" as some of my fellow millennials would say because I have always liked the realness and fea-

sibility that Hillary has in her platforms. I have stood with Hillary from the beginning. I am encouraging my fellow millennials to think about their perception of Hillary and try to remember where these ideas came from. If you heard it from a friend, it would not hurt to Google unbiased publications and read both sides of the story. For those of you who have criticisms of Hillary for the way she is, ask yourself if you would have said the same thing if Hillary were a man. I encourage my fellow millennials to think about the information we know and the validity of it.

It is a wonderful feeling to say that the first time I get to vote, I would be voting for the first woman president of the United States.

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# Trump a Better Choice Than Clinton

By Samuel Palazo Sonson

**T**his year's election for president of the United States is a very difficult choice between two unpopular candidates. Hillary Clinton is member of the political establishment in Washington and voters say she is untrustworthy and a liar. She probably committed a crime when she deleted 33,000 e-mails after being subpoenaed by congress. Donald Trump is a successful businessman and an outsider who attacks anyone who dislikes him with vicious and harsh words.

Seventy five percent (75 percent) of Americans believed that our country is going in the wrong direction. The question that I ask myself is simple—do I vote for Hillary to continue Obama's failed policies or Trump who advocates change?

There is a huge difference between Hillary and Trump when it comes to the main issues. The first is the economy and jobs. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and similar agreements are the reasons why many manufacturing companies are leaving America. This is also the reason why we now have 98 million unemployed Americans. Trump will renegotiate NAFTA and other free trade agreements so that all the manufacturing companies will come back and start hiring American workers again.

Hillary was exposed by WikiLeaks where she told her banker and Wall Street donors that she has public and private positions on important issues. An example is the Trans Pacific Pact (TPP) which she opposes in public but praises it in private when she is around Wall Street sup-

porters. TPP is worse than NAFTA and will encourage more big business to go to Asia and millions of Americans will lose their jobs.

A second issue is immigration and national security. Illegal aliens are crossing into the U.S. by the thousands each day and no solutions are being offered by politicians except Trump. Hillary is for open borders but Trump will build a wall. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) know that some illegal aliens who cross the border are drug dealers, die hard criminals and even ISIS members. So it is understandable for the Border Patrol and ICE to endorse Trump since they agree with his immigration policy.

Another problem are the refugees coming from Syria. The FBI, CIA and Depart-

ment of Homeland Security agree that the refugees are being infiltrated by ISIS and that it is hard to vet these refugees. Hillary said she will increase the 10,000 refugees who are already here in our country refugees by 500 percent. ISIS members who have infiltrated the refugees have killed many innocent people in Europe and could do the same in the U.S.

Third is foreign policy. As a senator from New York, Hillary voted for the war in Iraq. Trump not a politician opposed the war. But the worst that happened was the withdrawal of our military from Iraq. ISIS took over and has now established power in 32 countries. Trump was correct when he said Obama and Secretary of State Clinton created ISIS. Hillary as Secretary of State orchestrated the removal of Muammar Gaddafi and now ISIS owns Libya.

Hillary also lied about Benghazi where four Americans were killed including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. The ambassador emailed Hillary 600 times asking for security but was ignored. The Arab Spring is another failure of Obama and Clinton, who supported the Muslim Brotherhood that overthrew Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, a loyal supporter of the U.S. and Israel. Fortunately, Gen. Abdel Fatah al-Sisi removed Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohammed Morsi and Egypt is back in good hands.

The liberal media is so biased and hostile to Trump, including Democrats, several members of the Republican establishment, big business donors from Wall Street and lobbyists. All of them are worried that it would be the end of the Washington Cartel if Trump wins.

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# CLINTON EXPECTED TO TROUNCE ON TRUMP IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AMONG ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS

By Edwin Quinabo

**I**t shouldn't come as a surprise that the odds of winning the Asian American vote is stacked against Donald Trump. Rhetoric on immigration and overall trust issues -- are two big thumbs down factors. But the broader reason why Asian Americans will not vote for Trump; and instead choose Hillary Clinton is because they feel much more comfortable with her vision of America than his.

In two national polls, Asian Americans are expected to support Clinton over Trump by a wide margin.

In a Fall 2016 National Asian American Survey, 55 percent of registered Asian American voters said they plan to vote for Clinton, compared to 14 percent for Trump, the remaining were undecided, did not answer, or intend to vote for another candidate.

According to another extensive nationwide survey by the Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIA) project that polled 1,212 registered Asian voters, 61 percent of respondents have an unfavorable opinion of Trump, and just 19 percent have a favorable opinion of him. Inversely, 62 percent said they have a favorable opinion of Clinton, and 26 percent have an unfavorable opinion of her. (This lop-sided poll-results were taken even before the series of major Trump scandals in the past month.)

The actual turnout on election day could be an even larger lead for Clinton. In 2012, polls showed that Barack Obama was leading Republican challenger Mitt Romney with 47 percent support among Asian Americans prior to election day, but the actual exit polls reported 73 percent supported Obama, a huge jump.

So should the trend that Asian Americans stay loyal to the Democratic Party in this election, Clinton will win big in November among Asians. In fact, the APIA poll suggests

Asians will do exactly that. Forty-six percent said they have an unfavorable opinion of the Republican party; while 64 percent have a favorable opinion of Democrats.

The poll also found a 12-point increase in those who identify as Democrats since 2012, up 47 percent from 35 percent.

So what's the missing puzzle in this picture? -- that Asian Americans' general socio-economic stature (with the highest education and income levels among all races in this country, receive lower rates of government assistance, and hold closely to conservative values while embracing moderate political policies) seems to jib more naturally with the Republican Party, but by and large, they identify as either Democrats or Independents.

The answer: two major reasons -- the Democratic Party is more welcoming to Asians; and the Democratic Party's position on immigration is by far more favorable than the GOP's.

### Much ado about immigration - Feeling unwelcomed goes a long way

Where Trump loses Asian Americans is in his poor outreach to this ethnic group. Asians just don't feel welcomed under the GOP tent. In pursuit to woo the support of white voters, at times it comes at the expense of alienating Americans of color, Asian Americans included. Certainly Trump's xenophobic rhetoric



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is a heavy favorite among many Filipino voters, according to election observers.

against China, Japan, S Korea, and India further crippled his chances for improved relations in the Asian American community.

One specific sore spot is the issue of immigration. While Trump's immigration policy is not necessarily directed at Asian immigrants in particular --because most Asians are documented -- it has been corrosive to his candidacy.

A poll earlier this year shows just how important the issue of immigration is to Asian Americans. It found that 40 percent of respondents would vote against a candidate who expressed "strongly anti-immigrant views," even if they agreed with that candidate on other issues.

No matter that the Trump campaign qualifies his immigration bombast specifically against the "illegal" immigrant subgroup, his harsh rhetoric and attacks on minorities in general carry a broad undertone that leave many Asian Americans somehow feeling included in his ugly rhetoric.

There is also the matter that should Trump succeed in getting his anti- "illegal" immigrant measures passed, immigrant populations and their families have just cause to fear that there could be a larger second wave of immigration reform limiting "legal"

immigration as well, as part of a massive push to curb immigration entirely. Who knows what the Pandora box would unleash once a political will against immigrants becomes entrenched.

The fact is the issue of "illegal" immigration is veiled in racism. First, it is not a rising problem as Trump would like Americans to believe. The Department of Homeland Security confirms that the number of people entering the country illegally has fallen to historically low levels. Second, experts and economists say the decline is significant because of the intensity of Border Patrol activity. There is no so called "open border" as Republican politicians constantly describe the situation. The bottom line is Trump and his ilk are scapegoating, conveniently blaming immigrants for a host of problems where public policy and market forces fail, like in the case of job growth. What ardent supporters who are calling for Trump to build his fantasy wall and make it difficult for even legal immigrants to enter actually fear that "their" country, "their" political power, "their" jobs, and finally "their" anglo culture is in jeopardy.

This is at the heart of calls for immigration reform. Americans need to sober up to the reality that there is grassroots

angst among large sectors of white Americans in which Trump has been able to first tap and second incite. If the majority of immigrants today came from Europe or if racial bias didn't factor in on the issue of immigration reform, there would be little to no tension on the subject, nor would Trump have been able to make it the centerpiece of his candidacy and trounce all GOP opponents in the primary.

It's clear Asian Americans -- who are still closely connected to the immigrant experience as relative newcomers -- understand this racial-bias and remember the unfair U.S. immigration laws prior to 1965 that favored European entry and discouraged Asians from coming into the country. What Asian Americans want is to secure the practice that America keep in step with its historical tradition of welcoming immigrants.

Asian Americans could benefit politically from continued immigration. Currently, there are more than nine million Asian Americans registered to vote in November this year, up 16 percent from four years ago.

For some Asian Americans who believe "immigration issues" do not include them and is really about building a bor-

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der wall and only concerns the undocumented: wake up. There are many Asians who are undocumented and the future of this community's political power arguably lie in continued immigration rates, not birth rates. According to the Pew Research Center, Asians have been the nation's fastest-growing racial group in the last five years and are expected to outnumber Hispanics by 2065, unless immigration reform curtails this trajectory.

**The Economy: spend, spend, spend**

Aside from very personal issues that Asian Americans might pay particularly close attention to such as immigration or education, like the vast majority of Americans, Asians view the nation's economy and jobs situation as most important.

To say the least, ambitious spending is what's in store for both candidates to bolster our meek 2 percent economic growth.

Both Clinton and Trump plan to undergo massive spending, and arguably, can be viewed as derelict in the face of our towering national debt.

The Tax Foundation's analysis points out that neither candidate has proposed significant reductions in spending on public pension, healthcare programs, Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. It is unclear where the funding will come to pay for these programs without adding onto the debt, the foundation states.

Added to the existing programs mentioned, both candidates plan to spend considerably more on infrastructure as a means to shore up the economy. Clinton wants to spend \$275 billion over five years and establish an infrastructure bank to help finance major projects. Trump proposes to spend nearly double what Clinton wants. He plans to spend \$500 billion or more on infrastructure, claiming that it's the best time to borrow with low interest rates. They both envision massive construction projects of public roads and highways, bridges, transit, rail, government build-



**Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton shake hands during a light-hearted moment at an earlier presidential debate.**

ings, and airports.

Both Clinton and Trump see investment in infrastructure as key to strengthening the economy. In addition to billions spent on infrastructure, as well as billions on existing government programs, Trump wants to spend even more on defense.

Trump said: "I'm gonna make our military so big, so powerful, so strong, that nobody -- absolutely nobody -- is gonna mess with us." But truth be told, the US already has the biggest, most powerful military, billions-of-dollars times over, and already way out of control in spending. The U.S. spends \$586 billion a year, more than what China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, India, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom all spend collectively.

For Clinton, her other big spend item is the College Affordability Plan that would cost \$35 billion a year to refinance student debt and make public college education more affordable. It would also pay states to guarantee free college tuition to qualified families. The logic here is investing in the future that better prepares students for the job market. But critics can argue that this does not necessarily contribute to job creation directly and could exacerbate the current situation of already having too many educated, credentialed workers stuck in under-employed limbo.

In fact, economists link the lack of jobs to the stagnant wage. When there is little to no job opportunities, of course, workers will settle for cheaper pay just to survive and pay bills. Added to that scenario,

employees must also work harder for less pay. A report from the Economic Policy Institute shows from 1973 to 2013, productivity rose 74 percent, while the hourly pay of a typical worker increased just 9 percent. Now compare that stat, to the period from 1948 to 1973, productivity rose 96.7 percent, while the hourly salary increased 91.3 percent.

Clearly, job opportunities need to improve. A more educated society is one part of the equation, but certainly other variables are missing. That said, though, spending billions more on defense versus on education -- it's clear where Asian Americans hold greater value.

**Trade, Globalism and Taxes**

For all of Trump's talk about being the greatest jobs-creating president of all time, his plan is not very different from what Republicans have proposed in the past. In fact, his tough-talk on trade, at least on paper, doesn't look very tough at all and is very similar to Clinton's. They both are against the Trans-Pacific Partnership, plan to impose targeted tariffs on companies that break trade rules, plan to play watchdog of unfair currency manipulation (something China has been accused of doing), and plan to defend intellectual property theft. This strategy already exists.

Anything short of exacting penalties to American companies conducting business abroad or levying heavy tariff on their products -- which are things Trump has not mentioned -- would result in the status quo, and really just be

rhetoric. What both candidates need to do is first boost manufacturing jobs at home, increase domestic production, then be able to negotiate new terms that narrow trade deficits. Without this X-factor, can we realistically force our international competitors to hand-over their leverage?

Trade is an area many Asian Americans are concerned about, especially those in small business or any retail enterprise. Severe disruption of trade laws -- something more likely to happen under Trump -- will impact local inventories, price, profitability, and could drive any business down that is too reliant on import-export. Just take a look at all the tags of products, imagine all of those items are susceptible to trade laws. A trade war, as Trump envisions, could be devastating to the economy.

On a related issue, globalism, Trump is doing well in the rustbelt states where industry has waned due to companies relocating overseas. Residents there believe Trump would help stop the exodus. His proposal -- to reduce the U.S. corporate tax rate to 15 percent from the current rate of 35 percent, one of the highest in the world -- could have an impact. But at what cost? Doing this would dramatically reduce the amount of income the government collects and further put

the treasury into a tailspin of debt, especially considering how much he plans to spend, way more than your typical Republican. Should rich corporations get bigger tax breaks as promised, exactly how does that fit in with Trump's so

called "populist" movement and anti-Wall Street rhetoric.

The bottom line is lowering corporate taxes does not guarantee that jobs will stop from going overseas or that new jobs will be created. Higher corporation profits often lead to larger salaries and bonuses for CEOs and top brass execs, or investments in risky high-yielding ventures, or simply higher pay outs to shareholders. It's evident who benefits from this corporate tax slash scenario, the superrich, with no new obligation to do anything more than what they are doing now.

Even Trump's proposal to cut income taxes for everyone, and eliminate tax brackets from seven to three, is dubious, and at best, would save the average tax payer only a few hundred dollars. While his plan for the rich to reduce the top rate of tax to 33 percent from 39.6 percent would save the highest income-earners tens of thousands of dollars.

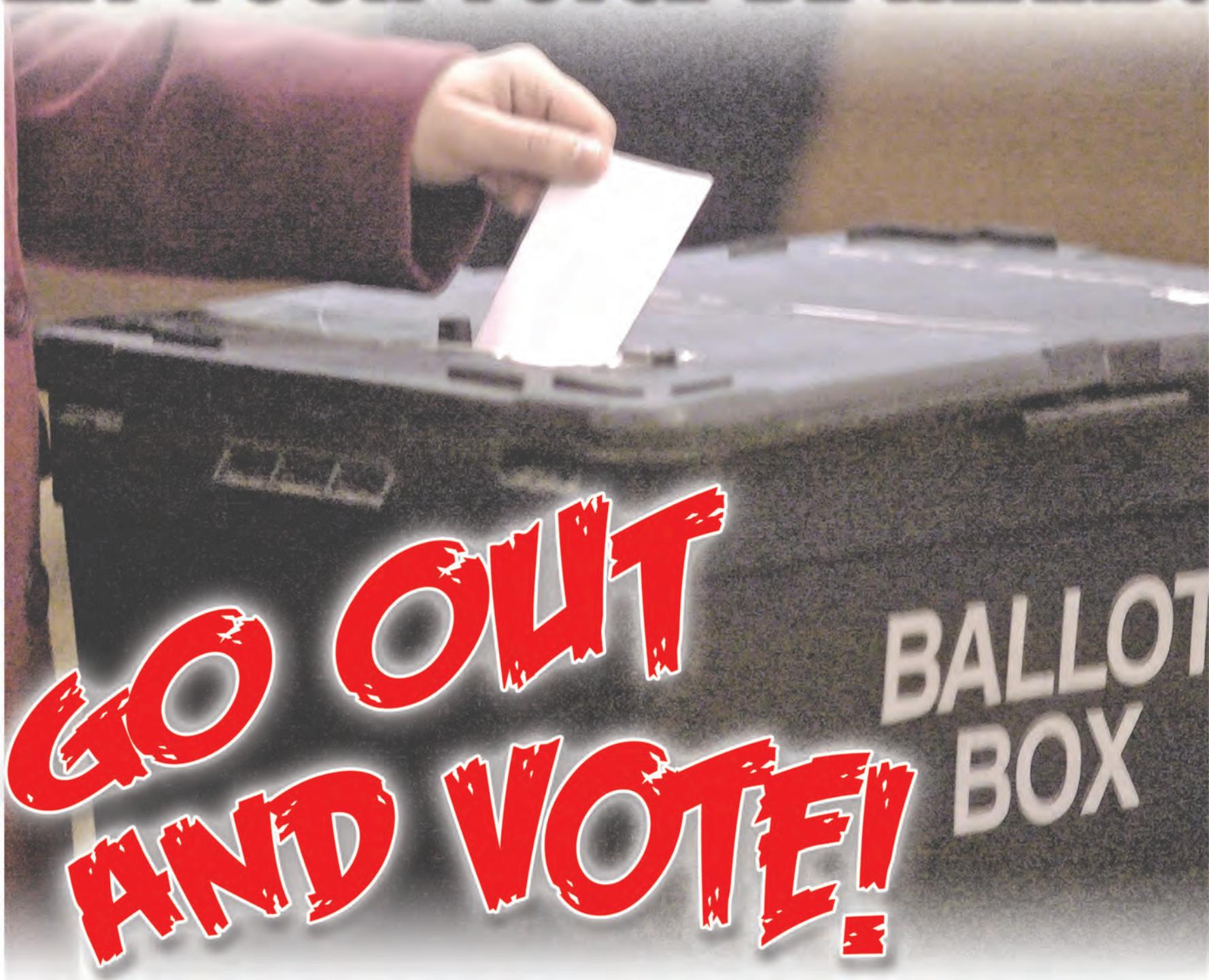
It's trickle-down economics again, which have already been proven ineffective in the long-term during the Reagan-Bush years. The pattern is bubble economic growth (6-8 percent) that eventually comes to a crash in a recession because at some point, bills need to get paid.

For Clinton, critics can fault her for planning to spend a mountain-load of money, as she calls her plan on rebuilding: the "largest infrastructure programs since World War II." It's also reasonable to doubt whether her jobs stimulation strategy of spending on projects, programs and free college education would really translate to having a stronger economy. Clinton lacks vision for real change, some can fairly argue. But at the very least, economists say Clinton's plan will bring in billions of new streams in revenue that will largely offset how much she spends.

Clinton plans to keep taxes the same for most Americans but add an additional bracket for the highest earners. She would add a 4 percent surcharge on incomes above \$5 million a year. To better close

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# LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!



**GO OUT  
AND VOTE!**

IF YOU WANT TO EFFECT CHANGE THAT WILL POSITIVELY SHAPE THE LIVES OF YOUR CHILDREN AND OF FUTURE GENERATIONS, THEN VOTE FOR LEADERS WHO SHARE YOUR SAME VALUES AND IDEALS. IF YOU DON'T, THEN SOMEONE ELSE WILL. THE ENGLISH PHILOSOPHER EDMOND BURKE ONCE SAID, "ALL THAT IS NEEDED FOR EVIL TO PREVAIL IS FOR OUR GOOD MEN (AND WOMEN) TO DO NOTHING."

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loopholes that the rich always seem to find, she would mandate a minimum 30 percent tax rate for those earning \$1 million a year. The Tax Policy Center said Clinton's plan would add \$1.1 trillion in revenues over the next 10 years. In addition to these income taxes, she would tax high-frequency traders (who really create nothing to help the economy), and implement other Wall Street tax increases that is estimated to raise another \$80 billion a year to the federal government's coffers.

These Clinton proposals not only will help to fund her projects, but tap into resources at the right places that should help to close the widening income inequality between the superrich and middle America. Her tax plan is aimed at raising rates for the superrich, not average or moderately well-to-do Americans. Her desire to raise the federal minimum wage also speaks to this same populist agenda.

Something else that Asian Americans should know, con-

trary to popular beliefs, in the past decade or so, the Democratic Party has been the party that best protects the interests of small businesses. The overreach of big corporations, politically propped up by the GOP, has been the number one obstacle hindering the success of small businesses. Big corporations' supreme dominance and control over all markets

undermine any semblance of fair competition and leave no room for small businesses to thrive. Market dominance is far more detrimental than what the GOP criticizes Dems of doing, overregulating small businesses. The GOP has tried to stop all anti-trust laws and anti-mergers and acquisition laws brought up by Dems that have resulted in today's econ-

omy -- big corporation monopolies controlling high prices that consumers are forced to pay because they have no options. In this system, small businesses lose, and consumers lose. The same political polarity is playing out this election: Democrat Clinton vowing to cap the powerful reign of big corps, even exploring Bernie Sanders' idea of breaking up

the big banks; and on the other side, the GOP's standard bearer Trump wants the U.S. to return to the pre-2007 recession days of deregulation that resulted in Wall Street wrecking Main Street. Again, policy-wise there is nothing new here that both candidates are proposing which their respective political parties have been doing for decades.

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Mililani Trask and her sister, Kahala-Ann Trask-Gibson  
at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II and Mother Theresa, circa early 1990s.

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# VOTE AND BE HEARD

By Seneca Moraleda-Puguan

**E**arly this year, millions of Filipinos trooped to the polls to cast their votes, paving the way for former Davao City mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte to become the 16th president of the Republic of the Philippines.

A few weeks from now, the U.S. will also have a new leader who will replace President Barack Obama. For the past few months, debates have been held to help Americans better decide which candidates has their best interests in mind. The time is near for them to choose. They are ready to cast their vote. Millions are about to exercise their right of suffrage.

What is the right of suffrage?

By definition, the right of suffrage (from the Latin word *suffragium*, meaning "vote") is the right of the people to choose their officials as their

representatives for a definite and fixed period, to whom they entrust the exercise of the powers of government through the process of election.

Suffrage that is equally accessible to all is the very backbone of a democracy. No matter how privileged or seemingly disadvantaged a person is, his or her vote counts. It is a right that is freely given to every person of legal age in a country regardless of background, color, dialect or financial status.

Being a Filipino, I am privileged to be a citizen of a country that gives its people the freedom to choose its leaders. I am grateful that we have the right to exercise a right that not everybody else enjoys—the right to vote. However, it's quite embarrassing to admit that this is a privilege I have taken for granted. I have

witnessed the changing of one administration to another and a succession of presidents but I have only exercised my right once. Sadly, I failed to take part in choosing the leaders of my country. And for this, I am not truly proud. While many of my countrymen waited for hours, endured the heat and technical glitches with the voting machines just to cast their vote, I was sitting comfortably in another part of the world letting my opportunity to make a difference pass by.

When it comes to the government, the people are never lacking in complaints. The people have a lot of complaints—corruption, apathy, unwise decisions, misuse of the people's funds, slow response and actions on issues, and so much more. Filipinos want to see changes in health-care, education, transportation, economy and every aspect of society. However, how can I expect to achieve real change

if I don't take part in the vehicle that can help bring about this change?

Exercising my right to vote gives me a voice to speak. It gives me a venue for my opinion to be heard. It gives me an opportunity to participate in changing the society. It gives me a platform to help shape the future of my country.

But I missed my chance. This is why I am writing this article. I plead with every reader to cast his or her vote in the upcoming elections of your nation. You have an opinion. In a democracy, your opinion matters so make your opinion heard through your ballot. You have a say in what goes on in the political world. For this, you should be grateful.

Voting is important—for your present, to your future. Exercising your right of suffrage is significant. I cannot overemphasize this. And I am telling this to myself, too.

Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the U.S. once said, "The vote is the most powerful instrument every devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."

Underrepresented groups, women, and young people...they fought hard for the right to vote. There are still countries, to this very day, where people are fighting for the right to vote. Vote in honor of them.

Thomas Paine, a political activist and a revolutionary stated, "Voting is the right upon which all other rights depend."

Six years from now, the Philippines will change its leader once again. I will not miss my opportunity to take part in the electoral process anymore. I will make my opinion count. Lucky for me, this time my candidate won.

So go, cast your vote! Your vote is your voice. Be heard!

## CLINTON... (from page S7)

Putting aside all the character-assassination fodder cycled and recycled by the media over the past year (we've already heard them all), based on issues alone outlined in this article -- immigration, economic and job proposals, education, trade, globalism, taxes, the na-

tional debt and small business -- Americans will choose between a candidate who has the fortitude and experience to keep us from falling off the precipice (where we actually are as a nation); or a candidate who encourages us to dive off the cliff towards renewed "greatness."

## Who are they, really, politically...

Aside from policy, what is the skinny on these two very controversial candidates.

Clinton is not the same Democrat who ran for president eight years ago. Coursing through her ideological veins are larger strains of progressive politics in her second run due to her need to attract millennials and Sanders supporters. She is sound fundamentally in most areas but has shown to be more hawkish in foreign policy than most Democrats would like. She is not the greatest visionary, too grounded in pragmatic politics, but wields immense influence, top to bottom, within her party and beyond, to be able to manifest significant change. She's been a long-time gamer in politics and couldn't possibly stay in it for that long with hands squeaky clean. Pay to play politics, turn-coat back-deals come along with her resume, but do not diminish categorically all that she has accomplished. Her email scandal is big, but after decades of scrutiny and power at the helm,

Clinton's email scandal is far more innocuous than say, Trump's shady business dealings and his scandalous treatment of women.

As for Trump, evidently he is not a true Republican in the classic sense, and arguably some might say, he ambushed the GOP. He is similar to Republicans in policy, embracing trickle-down-economics and conservatism. But unlike any GOP candidate, Trump has exploited the already slowly simmering degrees of racism, xenophobia, and sexism within that party, then upped the ante to a new extreme, narcotic-version. Trump, is really, his own political party, who managed to gut the GOP and its Tea Party faction, in a single first-run. Amazing feat. What's more remarkable is he managed to do this spending millions less using Twitter feeds and by making repetitive shock-value statements that held media attention on himself in a constant stream for more than a year. The hundreds of millions he saved on creating free advertising (per-

haps 20-hours daily nationwide media coverage) speaks to his business acumen, even if most of the coverage were bad coverage. Trump is a master at controlling the nation's collective consciousness of fear and grievance. He is the consummate reality star who managed to shape a new political reality, new political landscape. That takes deft propaganda skills. Ultimately, Trump dons a classic strongman suit that the West has not seen in decades. Every half a century or so, one of his kind rises from the shadows to shake up democracy, and reminds the average citizen just how fragile it really is.

It's clear where Asian Americans stand in this election. Their future as a political force is dependent on continued immigration; their future as an economic force is linked to continued access to affordable education and a fairer level of competition in business. Asian Americans know exactly who the better choice is for them. The polls overwhelmingly suggest that it is Clinton.

## VOTING GUIDE

## GENERAL ELECTION SUPPLEMENT 2016

## 2016 General Election Voters Guide

By HFC Staff

**W**ith the outcomes of contentious U.S. presidential and Honolulu mayoral elections in doubt, Hawaii voters have turned up early at the polls. Some accounts place the number of voters who cast ballots on Tuesday, October 26—the first day of early walk-in voting—at 2,000. The early voting period for the General Election runs through Saturday, November 5, 2016.

The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls are open from 7 am to 6 pm. Beginning this election, qualified Hawaii residents who are not registered to vote may go in-person to any early walk in voting location within their county to register and vote.

Keep in mind that there is no greater right than the right to vote. Through voting, you help select your local, state, and national leaders, and ensure that your voice is heard.

Those who are unsure of their voter registration status, wish to view a sample ballot, or have additional questions are advised to go online to: [www.elections.hawaii.gov](http://www.elections.hawaii.gov) or call 453-VOTE (8683).

The following is a list of early walk in voting locations statewide.

## OAHU

**Honolulu Hale**  
530 South King St  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm

**Kapolei Hale**  
1000 Uluohia St  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm

**BIG ISLAND**  
**County of Hawaii**  
**Aupuni Ctr**  
101 Pauahi St, Conf Rm  
Suite 1  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm

**West Hawaii Civic Ctr**  
Community Rm (Bldg G)  
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole

**Hwy**  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740  
Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm

**Waimea Community Ctr**  
65-1260 Kawaihae Rd  
Kamuela, HI 96743  
Mon–Fri, 8 am–4 pm  
Sat, 8 am–12 noon

**Pahala Community Ctr**  
Open Oct 25 – Nov 3  
96-1149 Kamani St  
Pahala, HI 96777  
Mon–Fri, 9 am–3 pm  
(closed from 12 noon–1 pm)

**MAUI**  
Office of the County Clerk

200 S. High St, Rm #708  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm

**Mitchell Pauole Ctr**  
90 Ainoa Street, Conf Rm  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748  
Mon–Fri, 8 am–4 pm  
(closed from 12 noon–1 pm)  
Sat, 8 am–12 noon

**KAUAI**  
**Lihue Neighborhood Ctr**  
3353 Eono St  
Lihue, HI 96766  
Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm

**General Election**  
The General Election is a

candidate contest, meaning that voters may vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of partisan and nonpartisan affiliation. Voters will select federal, state, county and Office of Hawaiian Affairs candidates, as well as constitutional amendments and Charter amendments. Be sure to vote for only the number of candidates allowed in each contest.

Although 2016 is a presidential election year, Hawaii did and does not conduct a presidential primary. Qualified political parties provide candidates for president and vice president, as well as electors to

represent the party at the Electoral College, which officially elects the president and vice president of the U.S.

## Register to Vote

To register to vote in the State of Hawaii, individuals must be a U.S. citizen (non-U.S. citizens, including U.S. nationals do not qualify), a resident of the State of Hawaii and at least 18 years of age. Hawaii law allows qualified individuals to pre-register 16 years of age. Upon reaching 18 years of age, they will be automatically registered.

If you are registering to vote for the first time in the State of Hawaii and are mailing

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## PAKAAMMO MAIPAPAN ITI NAISINGASING A PANNAKAAMENDAR TI KONSTITUSION TI ESTADO TI HAWAII

Iti pannakaiwayat ti Regular Sessions iti 2015-2016, ti Maika-28 a Lehislatura, dua a gakat a naglaon iti singasing a pannakaamendar ti Konstitusision ti naadaptar kas mayannurot iti rekisito ti Artikulo XVII, Seksion 3 ti Konstitusision ti Estado ti Hawaii.

## S.B. No. 143, S.D. I, H.D. 1

MAISINGASING A MAAMENDARAN TI KONSTITUSION TI HAWAII TAPNO MABALIWAN TI MAITUTOP A KATUKAD A BALOR ITI KONTROBERSIA A REKISITO PARA KADAGITI PANAGUSIG BABAEN TI HURADO ITI PAKASEKNAN DAGITI KASO A SIBIL ITI BABAEN TI GAGANGAY A PAGLINTEGAN MANIPUD \$5,000 NGA AGBALIN \$10,000.

## MAPATALGEDAN BABAEN TI LEHISLATORA TI ESTADO TI HAWAII:

SEKSION 1. Panggep daytoy nga Linteg ti mangisingasing iti pannakaamendar ti artikulo I, seksion 13, iti Konstitusision ti Estado ti Hawaii tapno maingat ti maitutop a katukad a balor iti kontrobersia a rekisito para kadagiti panagusig babaen ti hurado kadagiti kaso a sibil iti babaen ti gagangay a linteg manipud \$5,000 agingga iti \$10,000.

SEKSION 2. Ti artikulo I, seksion 13, iti Konstitusision ti Estado ti Hawaii ket naamendaran tapno mabasa a kas iti sumaganad:

## "PANNAKAUSIG BABAEN TI HURADO, DAGITI KASO A SIBIL

Seksion 13. Kadagiti kaso a mainaig iti gagangay a linteg a ti balor ti kontrobersia a naad-adu ngem iti [lima] sangapulo a ribu a doliar, ti kalimtegan a mausig babaen ti hurado ket masapul a mapagtalinaed. Mabalin a mangipaay ti lehislatura ti husga wenco sentensia babaen ti saan a nababbaba ngem tallo-nga-apagkapat dagiti mangbukel iti hurado."

SEKSION 3. Ti saludsod a maiprinta iti balota ket masapul a kas iti sumaganad:

"Kasapulan kadi a ti maitutop a katukad a balor iti kontrobersia a rekisito iti para kadagiti kaso a mausig babaen ti hurado kadagiti kaso a sibil babaen ti gagangay a linteg ket maipangato manipud \$5,000 nga agbalin a \$10,000?"

SEKSION 4. Ti paset ti Konstitusision ti maamendaran ket naikabil iti uneg ti braket ken naikat. Ti baro a paset ti konstitution ket naugedan ti babaenna.

SEKSION 5. Daytoy a panagamendar ket aagepekto apaman a masurot ti annuroten ti artikulo XVII, seksion 3, iti Konstitusision ti Estado ti Hawaii.

## S.B. No. 2554

MAISINGASING A MAAMENDARAN TI ARTIKULO VII, SEKSION 6, ITI KONSTITUSION TI HAWAII, MAINAIG ITI DISPOSISION TI AGSOBRA A MAPASTREK.

## MAPATALGEDAN BABAEN TI LEHISLATORA TI ESTADO TI HAWAII:

SEKSION 1. Panggep daytoy nga Linteg ti mangisingasing iti pannakaamendar ti artikulo VII, seksion 6, iti Konstitusision ti Hawaii tapno mabaliwan ti rekisito para iti agsobra a general a pundo manipud iti mapastrek ket maisubli kadagiti umili nga agbaybayad iti buis iti Estado wenco maideposito iti reserba a pundo.

Ti naisingasing a maamendar ket mangipay dagiti nayon nga alternatibo para iti disposision ti sobra iti napastrek a general a pundo babaen ti panangipalubos iti apropiasion ti general a pundo a maisapsapa a maibayad iti ania man kadagiti sumaganad:

- (1) General nga obligasion a sineguroan nga utang a serbisio; wenco
- (2) Pension wenco dadduma pay a sungsungbatan a benepisio a maawat kalpasan nga awanen iti trabaho,

Dagitoy nga alternatibo ti mangpalubos iti lehislatura a mangisagana iti kasapulan nga apropiasion iti general a pundo tapno matulongan dagiti agbaybayad iti buis a makaurnong iti nabaybayag a tiempo. Ti nasapsapa a

pannakababayad dagiti utang a mabayadan koma iti mabayag a panawen wenco dagiti saan a napundoan nga utang ti mangbalanse ken mangpadaras iti panagbayad babaen ti panangaramat iti sobra a kuarto para iti ad-adu ken agpaut a pagsayaatan iti saan a natudingan a gata a bayadan para dagiti sumaruno a henerasion. Ti saan a natudingan a gata a bayadan ket mangipaay ti nafluklukayto a panagdesision ti estado maipapan iti panangigastosna iti mapastreknita masakbayan. Mamati ti lehislatura a ti panangaramat kadagiti alternatibo ket mabalin a makatulong a mangidur-as iti interes ti publiko ken masapul madadaan kadagiti sumarsaruno a lehislatura.

Panggep ti lehislatura a saan a maiasyangkat a bukbukoda dagiti alternatibo. Gandat ti lehislatura a mabalin a madadaan laeng dagiti alternatibo kalpasan a mapanday dagiti probision iti linteg tapno maestabilisar dagiti kondision a dagiti mayuna a maibayad masapul a mayannurot iti pamilin tapno saanna a salungasingen daytoy a pannakaamendar iti konstitution.

SEKSION 2. Artikulo VII, seksion 6, iti Konstitusision ti Estado ti Hawaii ket naamendaran tapno mabasa a kas iti sumaganad:

"Seksion 6. No ti balanse iti general a pundo ti estado iti panaggibus ti dua a nagsaruno a fiscal a tawen ket nangatngato ngem iti lima porsiento ti kadagupan ti napastrek a pundo iti nasaao a nagsaruno a dua a fiscal a tawen, ti lehislatura iti sumaruno a regular a session ket [mangipaay]:

- (1) Mangipaay iti mapasubli a pundo nga aggupu iti buis wenco benepisio nga aggupu iti buis kadagiti umili nga agbaybayad iti buis iti Estado, [wenno mangaramid] a kas sagudayen ti linteg;
- (2) Mangited ti deposito iti maysa wenco ad-adu pay a pundo, kas sagudayen ti linteg, tapno agpaay a temporario a pagtaudan iti nayon a pundo ti Estado a maaramat iti panawen ti emerhensia, panagsuek ti ekonomia, wenco no mapasamak ti saan a mapakpadaan a panagbaba ti mapastrek, kas sagudayen ti linteg [-]; wenco
- (3) Mangilatang iti general a pundo a maaramat para iti maisapsapa a pannakababayad para iti ania man wenco kadagiti sumaganad a dua a kas iti ituyang ti linteg:
  - (A) Serbisio a pagbayad iti utang para iti general nga obligasion nga inseguaro a naggapu iti Estado; wenco
  - (B) Pension wenco dadduma pay a sungsungbatan a benepisio kalpasan nga awanen ti trabaho a naurnong para kadagiti empleado ti estado.

Para iti naikairantaan ti daytoy a paragrap, ti kaipapanan ti "pre-payment" wenco nasapsapa a bayad ket panagbayad para iti fiscal a tawen a nagsobra iti kasapulan a kababaan a maibayad para iti nasaao a fiscal a tawen babaen ti panaggarantia babaen ti katulagan wenco linteg."

SEKSION 3. Ti saludsod a maiprinta iti balota ket masapul a kas iti sumaganad:

"Kasapulan kadi nga ipaayan ti lehislatura, a no ti balanse ti general a pundo ti estado iti panaggibus ti nagsaruno a dua a fiscal a tawen ket nangatngato ngem lima a porsiento ti pundo a mapastrek para iti dua a fiscal a tawen, dagiti nayon nga alternatibo a panangilatang iti general a pundo para iti nasapsapa a panagbayad iti ania man wenco agpada a para kadagiti sumaganad:

- (1) Serbisio a pagbayad iti utang para iti general nga obligasion nga inseguaro a naggapu iti Estado; wenco
- (2) Pension wenco dadduma pay a sungsungbatan a benepisio kalpasan nga awanen ti trabaho a naurnong para kadagiti empleado ti estado?"

SEKSION 4. Ti paset ti linteg a maamendaran ket naikabil iti uneg ti braket ken naikat. Ti baro a paset ti linteg ket naugedan ti babaenna.

SEKSION 5. Daytoy a panagamendar ket aagepekto apaman a masurot ti annuroten ti artikulo XVII, seksion 3, iti Konstitusision ti Estado ti Hawaii.

BRIAN L. TAKESHITA  
Clerk ti Kamara dagiti Representante

CAROL TANIGUCHI  
Clerk ti Senado

# WHY FILIPINOS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME AS MAYOR OF HONOLULU

**By Kirk Caldwell**



**M**y administration has proven its ability to respond to the many concerns of our residents and maintain a high level of services while seeking ways to improve and enhance services. Priority by priority, we took on challenges and made steady progress.

- **Rail.** Almost one-half of the guideway is built and testing of train operations has begun. I am committed to find funding to complete the rail system to Ala Moana Center.
- **Road Re-Paving and Maintenance.** Over 1,200 lane miles have been paved and on target to reach my five-year goal of paving 1,500 lane miles.
- **Sewer Infrastructure.** Over \$1 billion in sewer infrastructure and waste water treatment facilities invested to protect our ocean from sewer spills and to provide the capacity for growth and development in the urban core.
- **Transit Oriented Development.** Projects planned in Pearlridge, Chinatown, Kapa'ama and Waipahu to improve infrastructure in areas around transit hubs as a means to stimulate developer investment in affordable housing and improve neighborhoods.
- **Affordable Housing.** Changed

zoning laws and waived permit fees to encourage home owners to build accessory dwelling units (ohana units) for affordable rentals. Inclusionary zoning regulations will require residential developers to build a certain percentage of affordable housing units (or pay in lieu fees).

- **Homelessness.** Reduced homeless in Waikiki and Thomas Square areas; placed over 1,000 chronic homeless and veterans in permanent supportive housing; opened up a Sand Island Navigational center and Chinatown hygiene center. Other projects in the works are a resource center in Iwilei, public/private partnership to develop an 800 person housing complex on Sand Island and low income rental properties in Waianae, Makiki, Iwilei and Chinatown.
- **Parks.** Revitalized our neglected parks with over \$3.4 million targeted specifically for Kakou for Our Parks program to fix comfort stations and replace or repair playground equipment and play surfaces. To date, this special program has resulted in improvements at 79 different parks.
- **Multi-modal transportation.** Restored and realigned bus services cut during the prior administration and expanded West and Central Oahu routes; initiated bike share program; added protected bike lane as a pilot project.

I ask for your vote because I have proven that I listen to you and work hard to solve your problems. I am committed to making our island the most liveable place in America. I ask for your support for a second term so that I may continue the important work started during my first term.

**By Charles Djou**



**F**ilipinos should vote for me, Charles Djou, because I will:

- Complete the rail project but will not let it bankrupt the City
- Create 10,000 to 12,000 new affordable housing units
- Appoint a Filipino Advisory Council
- Build a race track
- Put the people first
- Refuse to take a second job working for a bank making \$200,000 a year for 1 to 2 hours of work each month.

Kirk Caldwell promised all of us that the rail system that would be built "on time and on budget." But under his watch, the rail project has ballooned into a system that is billions of dollars over budget and years behind schedule, with no end in sight.

Caldwell promised that rail would create 10,000 new jobs for local people. But many of the rail jobs went instead to mainland contractors. No one is stepping up to take responsibility. Enough is enough. I will hold the City, the contractors and the rail board accountable.

At this point, we cannot tear down the project but we can demand honesty and accountability from our City government. We cannot wait another four years to fix this massive

problem with the "runaway train" in our community. We need better leadership now. As a former city councilmember, I know the importance of working together on key issues facing Honolulu.

There are clear and significant differences between myself and my opponent:

- I will complete the rail project without raising taxes; my opponent wants to increase the excise tax in perpetuity to pay for rail.
- I have never voted for a tax increase. Caldwell voted regularly to increase your taxes. He introduced a trash tax and wanted to increase the gas tax, excise tax and even property taxes.
- I served our country as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and in Afghanistan. Caldwell serves himself as a bank director receiving \$2 million dollars in stock.

As a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and having served in Afghanistan, I understand the concerns of Filipino veterans. I support the newly-passed Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Act, back the Filipino World War II Veterans Family Reunification Act and support granting World War II Filipino veterans appropriate pension benefits, exchange and commissary privileges.

I also support the Filipino Community Center, the largest Filipino Community Center in the U.S. While in Congress, I formed a Filipino advisory group that was part of my staff which kept me apprised of issues facing the Filipino community and will do the same as mayor.

As a congressman, I also introduced legislation to enact a free trade agreement between the Philippines and the U.S.

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in your application, federal law requires that you provide proof of identification, which includes a copy of a current and valid photo identification; or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address. If you do not provide the required proof of identification with the application, you will be required to do so at your polling place, or with your mail ballot.

Keep in mind that a person who knowingly providing false information on a voter registration affidavit may be guilty of a Class C felony, punishable by up to five years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine.

Although the deadline to register for the Primary Election has passed, voters are still eligible for late registration for the Primary Election at an early walk-in voting location.

**Absentee Voting**

Voters don't have to wait until Election Day to vote. Any registered voter may vote via absentee ballot—either by mail or in-person. To request an absentee ballot, call 768-3800, go online to: [www.elections.hawaii.gov](http://www.elections.hawaii.gov) or go in person to Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King St., Room 100.

Absentee ballots are mailed approximately 20 days prior to the election by the Clerk's Office. Ballots can be returned by mail, or in-person to any polling place location within your county, and must be received by election officials by the close of polls on Election Day.

For uniformed and overseas citizens, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) creates special provisions for absent uniformed services and overseas citizens to vote by mail in primary, general, and special elections for federal offices and to allow these individuals to use a federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB) in the general election for federal offices. For additional questions on registering and absentee voting procedures for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens, visit [www.fvap.com/hawaii](http://www.fvap.com/hawaii).

**Election Day Information**

Most voters prefer to cast their ballots by going to their assigned polling place, which will be open on Election Day from 7 am to 6 pm. Before doing so, double check your voter notification card for your polling place, or call the State Office of Elections at 453-6150. If you want to avoid standing in long lines at the polls, consider voting during non-peak hours, such as in the morning between 7:30 am to 9:30 am or in the early afternoons between 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

If you are working on Election Day, you may be entitled to a maximum of two consecutive hours off from work in order to vote. Voters shall not

be subject to any penalty, rescheduling of normal hours, or deductions from salary or wages because of such absence. Voters are encouraged to coordinate time off with employers, by voting before or after work, if possible.

For voters who require special assistance, all polling places will be equipped with an accessible voting machine and auxiliary aids kit to assist voters with disabilities. The auxiliary aids kit includes magnifiers, signature guides, and communication cards for voters who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Please see the polling place precinct official to request the auxiliary aids kit or for assistance.

**Additional Questions**

The following are answers provided by the State Office of Elections to common election-related questions. If you have any questions about how to vote, or how to register to vote, please contact the State Office of Elections at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or toll free from the neighbor islands at 1-800-442-VOTE (8683). More information on voting and the voting process is available online at: <http://elections.hawaii.gov/>.

**Q: Where is my polling place?**

A: You can find your polling place by giving us a call at 808-453-VOTE (8683).

**Q: What identification can I*****bring to the polling place?***

A: Forms of acceptable identification include a valid photo ID (drivers license, State ID), a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government issued document that shows your name and address.

***Q: I did not receive my yellow card.***

A: Contact your Clerk's Office to find out the status of your Voter Notification and Address Confirmation (yellow card).

***Q: Do I have to vote according to party affiliation?***

A: Voters are not required  
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# FILIPINO CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

## JUNO ANN APALLA



**Seat Running For:** Kauai County Council

**Why I am Running:** I am running to bridge the gap between inequities happening within the County of Kaua'i. Focusing on improving communication systems and resolving disconnects between public input on government matters and generational gaps in leadership.

## ERNEST BALINBIN



**Seat Running For:** Maui County Council, West Maui

**Why I am Running:** "I, along with the majority of people I've spoken to, feel a need for change. If elected, I know that I can make a difference by putting the needs of the people first and foremost and by having constant communication with the community to tackle and solve complex issues. Together as a community, county and state, we can make positive and productive changes."

## ROGER CLEMENTE



**Seat Running For:** State House, District 35

**Why I am Running:** "I'm running to represent the people and offer solutions. My family migrated from the Philippines and I was raised in Kalihi, attended Kalihi Kai Elementary School, Kalakaua Intermediate and Farrington High School. I graduated from Kapiolani Community College and Hawaii Pacific University where I earned a Bachelor's degree and was accepted into the Master's program."

## WILL ESPERO



**Seat Running For:** State Senate, District 19

**Why I am Running:** "I want to continue working to improve Hawaii and help my district."

## JOEY MANAHAN



**Seat Running For:** Honolulu City Council, District 7

**Why I am Running:** "Public service has been a passion ever since I can remember and I have worked hard to understand the legislative process from the ground up. Most importantly, I believe that respect is earned through hard work and dedication. Leadership is service, and I've worked tirelessly to represent my community's interests on the City Council."

## ROSE MARTINEZ



**Seat Running For:** State House, District 40

**Why I am Running:** "The rich history of Ewa Beach, diverse culture and warm hearts of the people are the driving factors

that inspire me. I have an honest desire and vision for a better quality of life for this place we call home."

## RON MENOR



**Seat Running For:** Honolulu City Council, District 9

**Why I am Running:** "To continue serving my constituents. During my first term, I fought for and obtained basic core services for my district, including improvements to our roads, parks, and sidewalks, expansion to bus service, and adequate police and fire protection and emergency services. Moreover, I devoted countless hours meeting with my fellow residents on a regular basis. My community involvement includes doing site inspections to identify areas in need of improvements, giving monthly reports at Neighborhood Board meetings, speaking at community association meetings and participating in school and youth events. I am also a member of the Mililani Lions Club and other civic organizations."

## SHIRLENE D. OSTROV



**Seat Running For:** U.S. House of Representatives, District 1

**Why I am Running:** "I can bring my leadership skills to the table that will help the people of Hawaii and our nation. The current administration is marked by knee-jerk partisanship, massive debt and unfunded liabilities. It's a sad situation. I believe I have the skill set that might be able to take on these complex challenges. I know I can make a difference."

## GILBERT REBOLLEDO



**Seat Running For:** State House, District 8

**Why I am Running:** I made some very important decisions over six years ago to become much more involved than I currently was in my community. I was very busy in many areas already, but was inspired to step up even more and I became more involved and developed relationships with great people who do amazing work for our Maui people. I was simply compliant with the course in life that our Lord has set for me and strived to be as excellent as I could in all that I became involved with. I am very proud, as a Filipino man, to say that I am just one step away from achieving what I only could have dreamed of years ago. I am ready and prepared to do the best job I possibly can as the next State House Representative for my family, my friends, and for all the people of Hawaii.

## JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA



**Seat Running For:** State House, District 4

**Why I am Running:** "Puna is one of the most economically-disadvantaged districts in Hawaii and has suffered two recent major disasters—Hurricane Iselle and the 2014 lava flow. In

my first term, I passed laws that addressed the home insurance problem and acquired funding for an alternate road into lower Puna, both of which were sorely needed when the lava flow threatened to cut off Puna from the rest of the island and caused insurance carriers to cancel policies despite long term payment of premiums by residents. I am running for re-election because I haven't finished what I started. An alternate road, although funded, has not been built and there remains a hole in the lava insurance program. My main focus of helping working families by preventing creditor attachment of all assets has not yet passed. I also want to ensure that lawmakers understand the effects of the laws that they create on everyday working people."

## NORMA DOCTOR SPARKS



**Seat Running For:** Kauai County Council

**Why I am Running:** My family has roots to the sugar plantations and a history of service on Kauai. As a first-time candidate, I will bring a fresh perspective to the Council and am committed to serving the people of Kauai. With my experience and training, I believe that I can help to make County services more efficient and cost effective, without loss of services or staff. I will use my experience as a former Deputy Attorney General to consider the consequences and legality of Council actions; my experience as Director of large public agencies in Hawaii and California to manage the County's budget and activities (I last managed a \$4 billion budget and 14,000 employees in Los Angeles County); and my social worker experience to address Kauai's social conditions.

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to declare a political party preference prior to voting. However, voters should know that Hawaii conducts a single party Primary Election in which voters select candidates from the party of their choice. A voter's choice of party and candidates remain secret as provided by the State Constitution.

### Q: How do I switch political parties?

A: Contact your political parties directly for more information regarding membership. Voters are not required to declare a party preference prior to voting. The State Constitution provides for the secrecy of the vote, including the voter's political party selection.

### Q: What is the difference between a Plurality Election vs. a Majority Election?

In a plurality election, the candidate who receives the most votes wins the election. The candidate does not need a certain percentage of the votes to be elected. In a majority election, "majority" is defined as: "At least 50 percent of the votes plus one, or a number greater than half of the total votes cast." If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the two candidates that received the highest number of votes move on to the General Election, where a winner is then determined by who receives the most votes (plurality).