

PRIMARY ELECTION *Supplement*



Getting to Know the Fil-Am Candidates in the Upcoming Primary Election



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Each year people say this is the most important election year to vote. Political analysts and citizens groups saying the same thing over and over just might be right this time. It's not just hyperbole. Given the state of affairs in the nation from who will fill the next U.S. Supreme Court vacancy (U.S. Senate confirms) to how the nation deals with immigration, it's paramount that our community is represented with our votes. Political insiders are already hearing of rumblings at the U.S. Capitol that Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security could undergo cuts to pay for the massive corporate tax cuts after the Midterm Elections. Hawaii's congressional races are of particular importance this election for these issues. Locally, the governor's race is also critical. Economic indicators suggest the state is having an economic boom; but at the same time, how much of it is trickling down to working families and Filipino families? You will have that power to decide with your vote. Included in this Primary Election supplement are important information on the big statewide races, Fil-Am candidate profiles, and election dates. This guide could be used as a supplement to your own research.

COMMENTARY

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Exercise Your Right To Vote

By Venus Delos Santos

What will it take for Hawaii Filipinos to vote? A rotating pig at the polls? (Lechon) Food can't be the motivator for everything. Despite acclaimed physiological experiments, we don't want voters to eat their ballots. We want them to mark the oval of their chosen candidate on the ballot. Hawaii Filipinos, you are the largest ethnic group in Hawaii yet your voter turnout is terrible. You don't realize the value in your numbers nor

the value of what you have.

Let me put it into perspective with the Overseas Absentee Voting Act (2003) which not only provides an absentee voting system for Philippine citizens living abroad, it upholds the "sanctity of the ballot." Ballots are almost sacred in the Philippines, according to World Economic Forum author Julia Andrea Abad. Voters in the Philippines have risked their lives to exercise this right. Granted, Philippine politics has been stereotyped as "highly entertaining...the mix of old political clans, showbiz per-

sonalities and the ubiquitous song and dance that pepper the campaign trail provide plenty of amusement." But don't be fooled. The right to choose, is a right and a responsibility that Filipinos hold dear.

Although we are not in the Philippines, it's important for Hawaii Filipinos to get politically involved. If they don't, "it would be harder to improve the status of Filipinos in Hawaii," according Dr. Amy Agbayani, UH Manoa Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity.

Writer Joshua Cesar Uy paints an even bleaker picture for those plagued by voter apathy in his online magazine article on "electoral dysfunction."

"The substantiality of the right to suffrage has been degraded, and its essence and importance has disintegrated into trash."

Hawaii Filipinos, please make time to vote in the upcoming Hawaii elections, so that those who championed this right, did not fight in vain. Now is the time to rejuvenate the pride and power of your identity. Absentee, mail-in, and bilingual ballots are available at every library and post office. Candidates are currently walking to your

houses offering their leaflets of information so that you are informed. Their platforms are already coming into light as more public debates from all media fronts are scheduled to broadcast in the coming weeks.

Earliest to vote – Jul 30, 2018
Primary Election – Aug. 11.,2018

General Election – Nov. 6, 2018

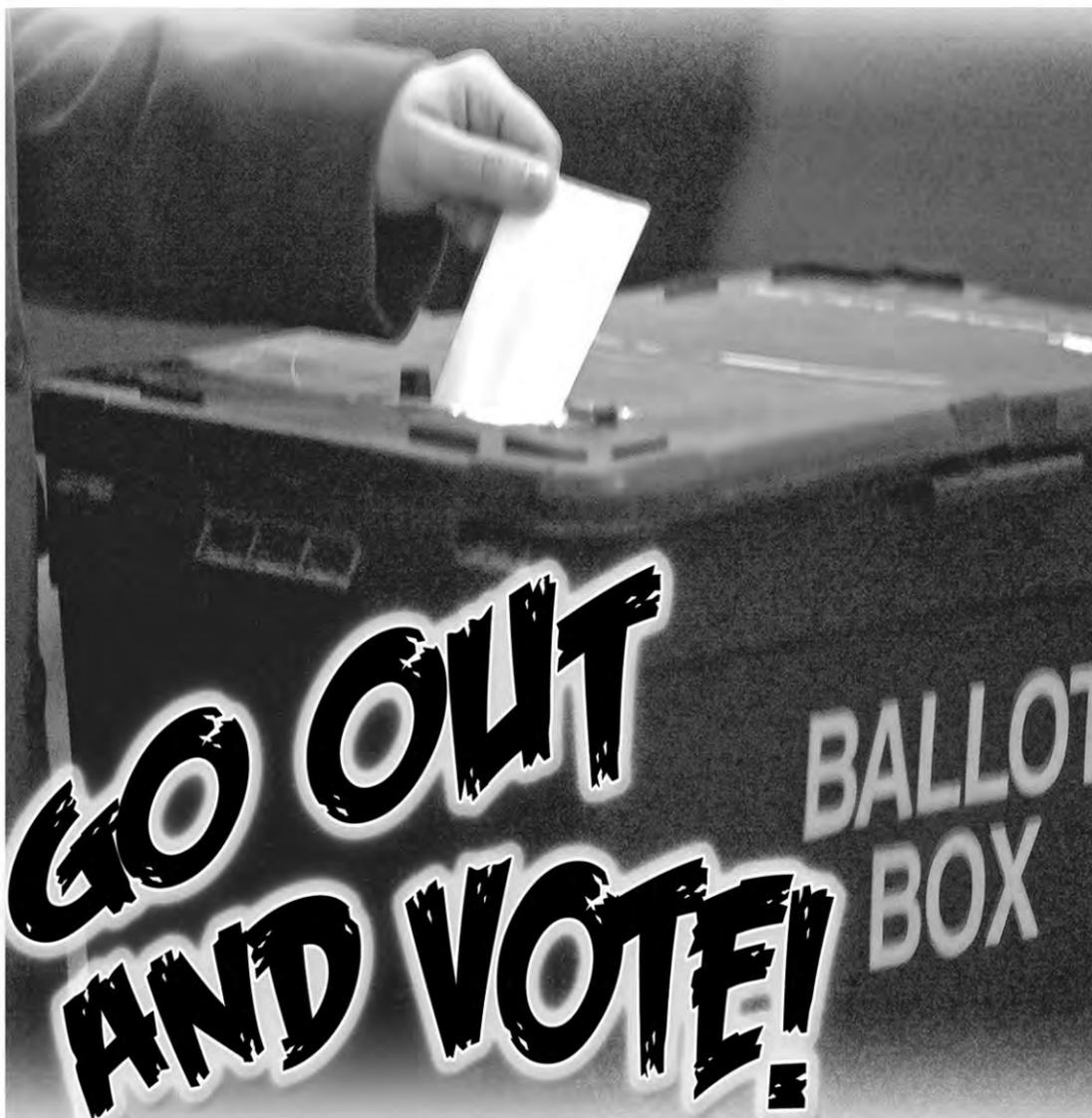
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(Editor's Note: Other Fil-Am candidates who were not included in this cover story did not respond as of our press time.)

FILIPINO AMERICANS SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE IN 2018

By Edwin Quinabo

In 2010, Filipinos officially became the largest “ethnic” group in Hawaii based on the 2010 census with a total population of a little over 340,000. Experts believe they overtook Japanese between 2007-08. Politically, now almost 10 years later, Filipinos are still aiming to materialize their strength in numbers and equal representation in elected federal, state, and county government.

In a few pockets of government, Filipinos have shown staying power in representation as in Honolulu’s City Council. In 2017, the Council had three City Councilmembers sworn into office – Ron Menor, Joey Manahan, and Kimberly Pine – to join other councilmembers of Filipino ancestry Brandon Elefante, who this year is seeking reelection, and Ernest “Ernie” Martin, who is leaving the Council to run for 1st Congressional District. That is five of nine seats of the Council comprised of members of Filipino ancestry. Prior to this class of 2017, Filipinos also had at least one-third of its members in the Council over many years.

This election, former state senator and Senate president Bobby Bunda is seeking the seat of Honolulu councilman Martin. A Bunda victory and Elefante reelection in ’18 would maintain Filipinos’ presence at the Honolulu Hale at more than half.

Looking at the big picture, this decades-old, solid representation of Filipinos at Honolulu Hale is an anomaly compared with representation of this ethnic group at the state level. Filipino state legislators are sprinkled here and there at the House and Senate; and have been a marginal force since the early 2000s. They’ve held top leadership positions in the Senate (former presidents Bobby Bunda and Donna Mercado Kim; vice president Will Espero). Currently, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz chairs the powerful Senate Ways and Means Committee; and Della Au Belatti is State House Majority Leader. But the number of elected Filipinos remains relatively underrepresented compared to this ethnic group’s population.

When looking at the top echelon, big, statewide races, the picture is dimmer. No Filipino has been able to replicate the success of former Governor Ben Cayetano. Not one politician of Filipino ancestry has held a major U.S. Senate, House, Governor, or Lt. Governor seat since Cayetano.

But in this 2018 election, this dry spell could end -- should state senator Donna Mercado Kim win the U.S. District 1 Congressional office; and on top of that, should Will Espero (who gave up his state senate seat) come from behind in the polls and take the Lt. Governor’s race.

Filipinos are poised this election to make history and to seize one or two of the four statewide big races. That is, if the Filipino community, comes out to vote.

It’s not a question of whether Kim and Espero are qualified – they are more than capable given their track record and are arguably among the most qualified candidates in their respective races. It’s a question of whether they are able to inspire Filipinos to come out and vote for them that will determine their place in history.

The class of ’08 Filipinos seeking election has several very bright and talented newbies.

Ernesto Ganaden, Democrat, is seeking to capture the seat held by veteran politician Romy Cachola. Ganaden pales in experience to Cachola, but the younger Filipino’s background is impressive as an attorney and educator. He might not come out on top in this race, but could be planting a seed in this district (Kalihi, Pearl Harbor, Halawa) for residents to consider him as Cachola’s heir apparent when the veteran chooses to retire. At the same time, nothing is a given, and Ganaden just might pull off a victory come August.

Norma Doctor Sparks, M.S.W., J.D. is another bright spot who is running for Kauai County Council. She’s highly credentialed as a Hawaii state attorney who also worked in other big counties, including Los Angeles where she managed services for about 14,000 employees and a \$4 billion budget. She’s very active in Kauai’s Filipino community.

Incumbent Justin Woodson of District 9 (Kahului, Puunene, Old Sand Hills, Maui Lani) will be pressed this election by Kauano Batangan, who appears to be a young rising star in Maui. Batangan interned with the late Senator Daniel Akaka and current Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. He’s active in the Filipino

and Hawaiian communities. He graduated from some of the top schools in the world – Stanford University (BA), Columbia University (MPA), and University of Tokyo (MPP).

In addition to these stellar newbies, there are a set of mid-major politicians of Filipino ancestry seeking reelection; as well as seasoned veterans making their move to the top, or reentering politics, or wanting to continue serving the communities they love.

Primary election voter turnout has been low since the 2000s in the low 40 percent. The last 2016 election was the worse in over a decade at 34.8 percent. Filipinos are no exception to this voter apathy trend. In the few weeks before the election, candidates will have a last opportunity to make true connections with their constituents, hopefully enough to inspire voters to turnout on election day.

Cayetano, who only lost one close election in his career as a public servant, once said to candidates seeking office: “Be true to yourself, the voters can tell if you are being real.” This is mint advice for candidates this election, especially budding ones working to build a career in public office.

To our readers and community, be sure to exercise your most powerful right in our democratic system. Be sure to vote. The following is a list of a few Filipinos seeking public office this 2018 election. This is a guide for our readers of candidates who answered our questionnaire and is not an endorsement by the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. Their answers have been edited for space and clarity.

CONSUELO E. ANDERSON

Seat running for: U.S. Senate

Party affiliation: Republican

Why I am running: Hawaii has many challenges and as a Republican I want our voices heard in this Republican administration. I’m a problem solver and lived in Hawaii for over 20 years. My work experience provided me with the skill sets of a problem solver from my years in the financial services industry and working in the culinary world. 7 years teaching in Hawaii Public Schools. 5 years as a business woman, co-founder/owner of Hawaiian Nougat Company, and more than 20 years in the financial services industry in San Francisco and Hawaii. Master of Education and Master of Business Administration from Chaminade University, Bachelor of Science from University of San Francisco in Applied Economics, Diplome Patisserie Ecole de Cuisine LaVarenne in France.

Priorities: 1. Affordable housing and cost of living although separate are one unit. We have a low inventory of affordable housing and we need a collaborative effort by individuals, non-profits and government to help solve this problem. A hui/zabatsu would work in building pre-fabricated homes that would allow people to rent-to-own. No taxes on food, rent and medical expenses would help provide a bit more money towards rent. 2. Education: we need schools built that are “environmentally sound, and built and maintained to support a high-quality education our students deserve.” I would request federal stimulus dollars, private individuals, corporations to help rebuild our public schools. 3. Homelessness: We need to understand the underlying cause of homelessness and mental illness. I would like to build a collaboration among private individuals, non-profit organizations, and government agencies to have an apartment building dedicated to individuals and couples that are homeless with mental illnesses. Mental health services, job training and GED classrooms and other appropriate services would be offered.



HENRY J.C. AQUINO

Seat running for:

State House, District 38, Waipahu

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why are you running for office: I am running for re-election to continue the work we started to improve the quality of life for our residents and to address im-



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portant issues affecting us today and in the future. Since 2008, I worked hard on meaningful legislative measures while ensuring that Waipahu gets its fair share of funding for needed projects and services. Effective, community-minded representation and trusted leadership are qualities I have to offer.

Background: FAMILY: Married to Cyndi Baetiong Aquino; sons, Ethan and Quincy and daughter, Katherine; LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE: State Representative, District 38, Waipahu (2012-Present); State Representative, District 35, Waipahu, Crestview, Seaview (2008-2012); Chairman, State House Transportation Committee; Majority Whip, House Majority Caucus; WORK EXPERIENCE: Executive Director, Waipahu Community Association; Program Coordinator, Waipahu Community Association; EDUCATION: Master of Arts, Communication, Hawaii Pacific University; Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration, UH-West Oahu; Waipahu High School; COMMUNITY: Director, Waipahu Community Foundation; Director, Leeward Oahu Lions Club; AGAPE Ministry of Hawaii-Pacific, St. Joseph Parish, Waipahu

Priorities: Like many of our island communities, the 38th House District of Waipahu is confronted with pressing issues that include homelessness, traffic congestion and public safety concerns. Much progress has been made. Just from 2018 alone, we were able to fund needed infrastructure projects that better our public schools, health centers, highways, freeways, airports and harbors; develop comprehensive plans to build affordable housing and address our homeless problem; protect citizens affected by identity theft; establish consequences for operating unlicensed care facilities. Also, as the Chair of the House Filipino Caucus, we were able to advocate for needed resources for Filipinos and other underrepresented groups in areas of language access to state services and education. I am truly proud of the work we accomplished together.

ERNEST ZACHARY “KANAMU” BALINBIN

Seat running for:

Maui County Council (West Maui)

Nonpartisan Race

Why I am running: I feel that I can make a difference. By building bridges with proven community leaders on issues concerning our county, we can find solutions with proper dialogue and research.

Background: Education: Lahainaluna High School; U.S. Army Quartermaster School (Food Service, Honor Graduate), Fort Lee, VA; VITEC Classes at UHMC. I have served my community by being chairperson for the Sacred Hearts School Bazaar, food booth coordinator, event organizer for the Hui O Pohaku S-turns Keiki Surf Contest, fundraising contributor for Lahainaluna Girls Softball, Lahainaluna JV and Varsity Football teams, Lahainaluna Hawaiiiana Club, West Maui Youth Basketball, Lahaina Chiefs Pop Warner, Napili Wrestling, Maui High HOSA/Family Fun Night, Maui High Surfing and Voyaging, Young Life Kumulani. I was taught at a young age to trust in God, respect my elders and to help strangers as much as I would family and friends. I come from the Balinbin family of Mala Camp, Lahaina and the Hoopai Ohana of Ulaino, Hana.

Priorities: I will make it my number one priority to provide AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE RENTALS. Also keeping affordable rentals affordable forever. With House Bill 2748 being approved in the State legislature, which provides \$570M to generate more than 25,000 affordable housing units by 2030. It also provides tax incentives and financing to attract proposed developers. Affordable housing should be a reality for the working class. I will work with the people to find solutions to issues that affect us all --public safety, preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture, homelessness, public access to beaches, smart growth and development, diversified agriculture.

KAUANOE BATANGAN

Seat running for: State House, District 9

(Kahului, Puunene, Old Sand Hills, Maui Lani)

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why I am running: I love my community and believe in the legislature’s power to create positive change. I believe I can bring new energy and new ideas to our public discourse, while staying grounded in the values that make Hawaii so special.

Background: Graduate of Kamehameha Schools Maui, Stanford University (BA), Columbia University (MPA), and the University of Tokyo (MPP); served as



an aide to Senator Daniel Akaka and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard; founded the Native Hawaiian Congressional Fellowship; Board Member – Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce; Board Member – Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council; Subcommittee Chair – Maui Matsuri Japanese Festival; Member – Royal Order of Kamehameha I

Priorities: My platform focuses on four core values: Education, Elderly Care, Economics, and the Environment. The schools in our district are overcrowded and our aging population is in need of support. Both our economy and the environment provide nourishment that our community needs, and both require careful stewardship to flourish and grow responsibly.

JOY A SAN BUENAVENTURA

Seat running for: State Representative

District 4- Puna

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why I am running: I am seeking to be re-elected to the position because the District of Puna has been under-represented for so many years; and in this time of a growing disaster that has affected not only residents but also farmers, someone who knows how to get things done in the state legislature is needed.

Background: I have a post-graduate degree: JD from Hastings College of the Law, Univ of California. I have been a per diem District Court Judge in 1991-1995; 35+ year attorney in general practice focusing on family and appellate issues; and a State Representative since my election in 2014 where I have served as vice-chair of the Judiciary committee.

Priorities: I have no campaign platform because I am unopposed for this election cycle. However, I intend to continue to focus on the recovery of my district which is facing an unsurpassed disaster in magnitude. Right now over 1000 people or over 350 households are displaced. So we are in a housing crisis which is more dire than that faced by the Oahu flooded neighborhood because unlike a wealthier neighborhood, the people in my district were living paycheck-to-paycheck and with the loss of business caused by this disaster, even those jobs are gone.



BOBBY BUNDA

Seat running for: Honolulu City Council

District 2 Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Kunia

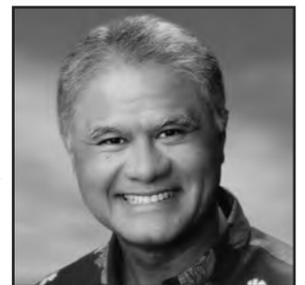
Waialua, Kahalu’u

Nonpartisan Race

Why I am running: My candidacy for the City Council’s District 2 is all about moving forward to improve the quality of life for our families. Finding solutions to controversial issues takes experience as well as a passion for public service. I know this because I have been there. I led the State Senate as president for six years, working collaboratively with legislative and community leaders, achieving significant results such as the first increase in the Standard Deduction for Hawai’i’s tax payers in forty years.

Background: EDUCATION: Leilehua High School, Texas Wesleyan University, B.S. Business Admin; University of Dallas Graduate studies, MBA program; MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. Air Force; Vietnam Era Veteran; Hawaii Army National Guard, 29th Infantry Brigade; PROFESSIONAL Banking Executive; Local Insurance Broker since 1979; LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE 1983 -1994 State House of Representatives Chair, Health Committee Chair, Ocean and Marine Resources Chair; 1994-2010 State Senate President, 2001 -2006; FAMILY BACKGROUND: I was born on O’ahu’s Waialua Plantation. I am the eldest of six children of Esther Miguel and Santiago Bunda, and married to Gail Shimao and the father of five children.

Priorities: I was raised in rural O’ahu and raised my own family here. “Keep the country, country” is not just a popular slogan, it reflects a way of life and sensibilities that are a part of who I am. Throughout my career in government, I have supported and will continue to promote policies that preserve the agricultural roots of the district and that protect our marine environment and coastal lands. I understand that the strength and resilience of our economy comes from our workers and businesses, and I have worked hard to lessen the tax burden on our middle-class families, while ensuring that our social safety net remains intact for those who need help.



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ROMY M. CACHOLA**Seat running for: State House District 30
Kalihi, Pearl Harbor, Halawa****Party affiliation: Democrat**

Why I am running: Some of the reasons why I am seeking re-election a) introduce and pass initiatives to address shortage of teachers, increase funding for education to increase teachers' salary and other needs. b) introduce and pass initiatives to curtail shortage of doctors, increase doctors' capitation from \$24 per member/per month, do away with pre-authorization on MRI, CATSCAN, other procedures. c) find ways to increase state revenues without increasing taxes or fees. d) cut waste in government operations. e) work with City and responsible agency in improving and maintaining Kalihi's streets

Background: Bachelor of Laws, State Representatives, Served as Majority Whip; Councilmember City & County of Honolulu, Chaired Tourism, Water Land Use, Zoning and other committees; Past Licensed Realtor Associate; Promoted from Messenger to Branch Manager of Territorial Savings Bank; Passed important legislations that gave Cachola recognitions and awards such as the National Distinguished Legislator Award; Philippine President's 18 December Migrant Award, one of five recipients from thousands of nominees worldwide.

Priorities: In addition to goals stated above, as chair of the sub-committee on Finance to address over \$25 Billion health and Pension Liabilities, I aim to save over \$500 Million yearly to reduce heavy burden on taxpayers and future generation.

**TY J.K. CULLEN****Seat running for: State House, District 39
Royal Kunia, Waipahu, Makakilo****Party affiliation: Democrat**

Why I am running: I love serving our community as your public servant. With this responsibility I will continue to work hard and preserve this special place that is filled with great people and culture, so the future generations can excel.

Background: I was born in Hawaii and raised in Waipahu; the Aloha Spirit of our community has blessed me with the honor of humbly serving you. My foundation was established through the experiences with family, mentors, and friends. I also believe my ethnicities' Hawaiian, Irish, Filipino, and Japanese mold my respect for our cultures. My educational institutions were Saint Joseph school in Waipahu, Damien Memorial, and the University of Hawaii in Manoa. I achieved dual degrees in Political Science and Sociology, and a Master's degree in Public Administration. I also worked as a social worker, for over five years, at a local non-profit serving families in our family court system. I focus on leading through grassroots efforts by organizing and actively participate in projects that care for our communities like graffiti paint outs, environmental rehabilitation, and community clean-up projects. I also participate with HPD in the Keiki I.D and Community Traffic Awareness Program (CTAP). I currently serve as the State Representative for House District 39 and we have gotten many projects done in our community working together over the years.

Priorities: As our community continues to grow, so do our families. I will continue to work on prioritizing the state budget for Education, Re-investing in our safety net for the aging community, supporting long-range education/transportation infrastructure projects, and creating more opportunities for local families. It would be an honor and privilege to continue serving as your State Representative.

**BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE****Seat running for: Honolulu City Councilmember
for District 8 Aiea, Pearl City, and Waipahu
Nonpartisan Race**

Why I am running: I feel strongly that my calling is to help people and be of service. I was born and raised in 'Aiea/Pearl City and my family spans three generations of living in this community. I want to continue to help my community thrive and be a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Building livable, vibrant communities requires many hands, and I believe our community has amazing potential to improve our capacity to serve all our residents, including families, keiki, and seniors!



Background: City Councilmember for Council District 8 since November 2014; Legislative Aide to former Councilmember Breene Harimoto for four years; chaired the committees on Transportation, and Business, Economic Development & Tourism. Currently the chair of the Public Health, Safety & Welfare Committee and the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board. Aiea High School; St. Mary's College of California, B.S. in Economics and Business Administration; Chaminade University, MBA. I am a former high school teacher of Damien Memorial School.

Priorities: My top priorities are pursuing transportation and infrastructure improvements; upgrading our parks and recreational spaces and protecting our natural environment; and also continuing my work in community safety and public health issues. For transportation improvements, I have supported the repaving and rehabilitation of our streets. I've also supported our sewer infrastructure. The City is in the process of changing TheBus routes to connect to our rail stations. I am working with our transportation department so that the area neighborhood boards will be able to have input. Affordable Housing: My intention is to implement policies that encourage the creation of more affordable housing and especially opportunities for low to moderate-income people. Council District 8 will have five rail transit stations and associated transit-oriented development (TOD) areas. I support TOD and smart growth principles because it will help spur the revitalization efforts of older neighborhoods to integrate for mixed uses and encourage more economic opportunities, social, cultural and housing opportunities along the rail line.

WILL ESPERO**Seat running for: Lt. Governor****Party affiliation: Democrat**

Why I am running: I am running for this office because I have served in state and county government for 27 years, and I have the experience and knowledge to effectively serve in the executive branch of state government. I have served 19 years in the Hawaii legislature with the last 16 years in the state senate. Now I want to redefine and reinvent the office of the Lt. Governor by being the most active and involved LG the state has ever seen. I am also running because Hawaii has become a state of have and have nots. Many residents are struggling to make ends meet and are living pay check to pay check. I want to focus on building affordable rentals and housing. Some of my ideas to assist the housing shortage include streamlining the permit and approval process at the county level, high density neighborhoods along Oahu's rail, tiny homes on Hawaiian homelands, pre-fabricated homes, mobile homes and trailer parks in rural areas, and dormitory-style housing for adults with rent control on state lands.

Background: I retired on May 31, 2018 to run for LG because that is how the law is currently written since I was still in the middle of my last term. During my 19 years in office, I successfully introduced and passed over 100 bills and resolutions, more than any of my opponents. My previous leadership background includes being a past vice-president of the senate, majority floor leader, chairman of the senate housing committee, and chairman of the public safety, intergovernmental & military affairs committee. Education: Seattle University with a degree in business management. My mother is from Santiago, Illocos Sur and my father from Bacnotan, La Union. I have three children, and I have lived in Hawaii for the last 36 years.

Priorities: I also want to work on reforming our corrections system, diversified agriculture which includes building a hemp industry in Hawaii, growing our aerospace and astronomy industries, and promoting and growing our local culture and arts scene.

**ERNESTO "SONNY" M. GANADEN****Seat running for: State House, District 30
Kalihi, Pearl Harbor, Halawa****Party affiliation: Democrat**

Why I am running: To serve the community, and prepare the district for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Background: Education: University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), B.A. (2003); William S. Richardson School of Law (UH Law), J.D. (2006); Attorney: Practice specialties in Family Law, Business Administration, and Criminal Law. Experience in advocacy in all Hawaii courts, state legislature,



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Hawaii law allows qualified individuals to pre-register at sixteen (16) years of age. Upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age, they will be automatically registered.

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Online: Visit www.olvr.hawaii.gov. You must have a current Hawaii Driver's

License or State ID to complete an application online.

Mail: Print & submit a completed Voter Registration & Permanent Absentee Application to your Clerk's Office.

In-person: Visit the Office of Elections or your Clerk's Office to submit an application in person.

Applications are available at any of the following locations:

- Office of Elections
- Clerk's Offices
- State Libraries
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- Most State Agencies
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Election Day Registration:

If a voter misses the application deadline, they may register and vote at an Early Walk In Voting location in their county or on Election Day at their assigned polling place determined by their residence address. You will

be asked to complete a registration affidavit and provide physical identification. The following are acceptable forms of ID:

- Hawaii Driver License
- Hawaii State ID
- Military ID
- Passport
- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government issued document showing name and address.

Early Walk In Voting

Early Walk In Voting locations for the 2018 Elections are opened between the following dates.

Primary Election:

July 30 – August 9, 2018

General Election:

October 23 – November 3, 2018

Election Day

Use the Find My Polling Place Locator to locate

your polling place or by calling (808) 453-VOTE (8683). Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Primary Election: Saturday, August 11, 2018

General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

First Time Voters

If you are registering to vote for the first time in the State of Hawaii and are mailing in your application, federal law requires that you provide proof of identification. Proof of identification 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.

Penalties

A person knowingly providing false information on a voter registration affidavit may be guilty of a Class C felony, punishable by up to five (5) years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine. HRS §19-3.5

Verify Your Registration Status

Registered voters will receive a voter notification card ("yellow card") a few weeks prior to Election Day. Receipt of this card notifies you that you are a registered voter in the State of Hawaii. The card will indicate your voter registration status and your polling place. Should you wish to follow up on your voter registration application, contact your Clerk's Office.

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- Member and Whip (Third Ranking), Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Introduced the Filipino Veterans Equity Act to honor promise to WWII veterans
- Introduced legislation to grant visas for humanitarian purposes
- Worked as member of Small Business Committee to expand Fil-Am business opportunities
- Worked as member of Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus to strengthen Hawaii tourism and jobs
- Worked with home care operators to assure fair federal taxes and regulations
- Fought to strengthen Social Security and Medicare
- Assisted thousands of constituents with individual veterans, immigration and other concerns

A Congressman for All Filipino Americans Today and Tomorrow

Masapultayo ti napinget, napudno, ken natured a lider kas sumaruno a representante

tayo. Ni Ed Case ket nabayagen a gayyem ken mangsupsuportar iti komunidad a Filipino. Nasinged isuna a gayyemtayo.

Maysa isuna a lider a mabalintay a mapagpiaran.

I humbly ask for your vote. Mahalo.

Kiddawek a sipapakumbaba ti botosyo. Dios Ti Agngina.

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and most administrative departments; Instructor in Ethnic Studies and American Studies Departments at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Journalist: Recipient of Best Writer, Hawaii Chapter of Society of Professional Journalists. Family Background: My lolo was born in La Union, was a Filipino Scout in the war for the US Army, and his service as well as my lola's work as a nurse allowed my father's side to become American. My mom is a special education public school teacher and my dad is in business.

Priorities: Reinvesting in Roads and Infrastructure: throughout the district, roads are in disrepair and flood often. Children are in danger going to and from school. Kalihi Stream has flooded in recent years, and Halawa Stream is in danger of flooding. Improvements are long overdue. Infrastructure must meet the standards of the 21st century and public safety. To ensure that the district thrives into the 21st century, we will invest in basic infrastructure and education. As storms have increased in intensity and frequency across the Pacific, we must take the precaution of clearing streams and preventing the loss of life and property. Education: Paying teachers a living wage, and providing adequate funding for arts, sports, programs, and facilities. Real Affordable Housing: the state must ensure that residents are provided opportunities for dignified housing, and that development favors residents over corporations. The era of pay-to-play contract procurement must end. Homelessness: the state must embrace the Housing First model for our houseless brothers and sisters, with empathy. If we ensure that people have a safe place to sleep, other services fall into place and the community becomes safer.

BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA

*Seat running for: State Senate, District 12
Waikiki, Ala Moana, Kaka'ako, McCully
and Mo'ili'ili*

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why I am running: My family inspires my drive for public service everyday. I bring common sense politics, backed by experienced, collaborative leadership. I am running for office since I want to continue serving Hawaii and the residents of Senate District 12.

Background: I was raised in both Kapahulu and Kaka'ako. My education includes graduating from Kamehameha Schools, and attending both Pacific University and Harvard University. I have served the community in various capacities for numerous organizations: Founder, Na Kupuna Makamae Senior Center; Chair, Board of Trustees, Kawaihae'o Church; Former Chair, Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts; Board Member, Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame; and Board Member, Polynesian Voyaging Society. I've earned the respect of my colleagues and currently hold various assignments in the State Senate as: Senate Majority Caucus Leader, Vice Chair, Hawaiian Affairs Committee, Member, Ways and Means Committee, Member, Economic Development, Tourism and Technology Committee and Member, Government Operations Committee. Former assignments include Senate Majority Leader, Chair, Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee and Member, Housing, Judiciary, Public Safety, Consumer Protection, and Military Affairs Committee.

Priorities: Over the last 10 years, I've introduced and passed significant legislation and funding to improve the lives of the people living in urban Honolulu. I would like to continue to work on increased funding for the construction of affordable housing, building collaborations between the State and City to fund homeless programs, protect the health and safety of young children in licensed day care facilities, secure increased funding to improve the ability of our kupuna to live and age in place, continue to secure millions in funding to improve school facilities, clean and repair the Ala Wai Watershed and Canal and protect Waikiki beach from erosion.

LORRAINE RODERO INOUE

*Seat running for: State Senate, District 4
North Hilo, Hamakua Coast, Waimea,
North Kohala, North Kona*

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why I am running: I am seeking re-election to the State Senate, where I served from 1998-2008, and then returned in 2015 to the present for a total of 14 years. This tenure – coupled with the deep trusting relationships I've been able to establish with colleagues in the State Senate and House, as well as within the community – are critical to my effectiveness. I am proud that – with the support of my legislative colleagues



– I was able to bring home more than \$420 million over the past four years to support children, women, families, kupuna and veterans, while protecting our environment, community services, businesses and the farms and ranches.

Background: Hawai'i State Senator 2015-Present; Chair, Senate Transportation and Energy Committee; Hawai'i State Senator 1998-2008; Committee Chair: Senate Intergovernmental and Military Affairs; Transportation and Government Operations; Water, Land and Agriculture; Water, Land, Energy and Environment; Economic Development; Mayor, County of Hawai'i 1990-92; Member, Hawai'i County Council 1984-90. Private Sector: Owner, Aloha Blooms Farm 1993-Present; Community Involvement: Member, United Nations-Hawai'i Island, Big Island Filipino Community Council, Pepe'ekeo Filipino Community Association Member. Born and raised in the plantation village of Wainaku, North Hilo, I am an alumni of Hilo High School. I am married to Vern Inouye and we have five grandchildren.

Priorities: Improve our schools, hospitals and parks. Make our transportation infrastructure safe, accessible, affordable. Improve our agricultural water infrastructure for food security and safety. Address current and future effects of climate change. Make Hawai'i affordable for our residents. Expand caregiver programs. Preserve our unique and healthy island lifestyle. Advocate for: Healthy Meals For All Children, Kupuna Care, Truly Affordable Housing, Better Airports, Better Economy, Neighbor Island Equity, Slowing Global Warming, Supporting Better, more Diverse Employment: Re-introducing vocational training programs into our public schools in addition to supporting 21st century STEM programs, Cut the Cost of Living.

MARISSA DIPASUPIL KERNS

*Seat running for: Lieutenant Governor
Party affiliation: Republican*

Why I am running: I'm running because I'm sick and tired of Hawaii being the 'worst in the country' on every list. Worst place to start a business. Worst cost of living. Worst salaries. Worst taxes. Worst roads. Worst public education. The problems keep adding up with no relief in sight. The party and the people who run our state government hasn't changed in 64 years. It's time for better leadership which fixes the mounting problems which are driving local residents to move away in record numbers.

Background: Born and raised in Manila, I attended school while working multiple jobs to help my struggling family make ends meet. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Customs Administration (BSCA) from Manila's Philippine Maritime Institute (PMI). In December 1987, I left the Philippines for Hawaii at the age of 25. Work experience: Emery Worldwide, Menlo Logistics and UPS SCS. In 2006, I recognized an opportunity to realize the American Dream of becoming a small-business owner. Now I am in my 12th year as minority owner/operator of a local business which competes against local, national and international companies for shipping, trucking, warehousing, and distribution project work. I am married, have a son and daughter, and care for my mother. My company, Oahu Express, was recognized as a 'business success all-star' by Small Business Hawaii and 'employer of the year' by the Kapolei Rotary Club.

Priorities: My #1 "Make Hawaii Affordable Again." We must stop the overpriced rail project from bankrupting taxpayers which is on track to costing \$40,000 per taxpaying family. We must cut taxes. I will fight to repeal every tax increase passed over the last decade. We must eliminate government roadblocks in order to fast track affordable housing and deliver consumer choice. We must repair and expand our crumbling transportation infrastructure. We must breakup the overpriced monopolies in Hawaii so we can cut prices for nearly everything we buy. We must fight public corruption and government waste. We have to crackdown on crimes against residents, tourists, and taxpayers.

DONNA MERCADO KIM

*Seat running for: 1st Congressional District
Party affiliation: Democrat*

Why I am running: I am running because I could no longer watch as partisan gridlock threatens our future and our communities. We need commonsense reform. Hawaii needs a strong, experienced voice that will put Hawaii first in Congress.

Background: Education: graduate of Public Schools: Likelike Elementary, Kalakaua Int., Farrington HS. My experience spans 35 years



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as city council member, State Senator and Senate President. I know full well the impact decisions made by legislators have on our lives. That is why I have fought continually for government efficiency, for more transparency and accountability. Elected in 1982 – 1985 State House of Representatives, Elected in 1985 – 2000 Honolulu City Council; Zoning Chair, Elected in 2000 – 2018 State Senate; Senate President, Ways & Means Chair.

Priorities: Keep our country free from violence by eliminating the availability of automatic weapons, create stiffer penalties for domestic violence and abuse, and strictly enforce civil rights and anti-discrimination laws. Reduce the high cost of health care and prescription drugs. Protect and expand Social Security. Support our Armed Forces to defend our nation and fight terrorism. Immigration - a broken immigration policy is failing us all. Affordable College tuition and cap interest rates on student loans. This election is about getting the job done, not about climbing the political ladder.

GRACE MANIPOL-LARSON

Seat running for: State House, District 2
Hawaii County, Hilo

Party affiliation: Republican

Why I am running: I am running for office to give a better option for the voters to choose from for the incoming election.

Background: Education: University of Hawaii in Hilo; Center for Paralegal Studies, Online; University of Mindanao, Bachelor of Laws; Holy Cross of Davao College, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications. I am a fourth child, I have one brother and four sisters. My dad Joaquin Cordero Manipol is a Publisher/ Editor of Pillars of Progress political magazine in Bacolod City, Philippines. I was born in Cadiz City, Negros Occidental and raised in Davao City, Philippines, the hometown of my mama Flora Ybanez Colita. I was in public school during elementary and High School. I was a working student when I was in College. I moved to Hawaii in October 2008 to live with my husband John Larson. In 2009, I started as a part-time Court Interpreter in the Third Circuit Court of Hawaii.

Priorities: Utilize the affordable housing building near the Police Department in Kapiolani, Hilo, Hawaii. Convert half of it as a rehabilitation center for our homeless brethren with chronic mental illness. Lobby to have a Puna lava skywalk for tourists to help boost the tourism industry in the Big Island, Hawaii. Propose to have College of Law in the University of Hawaii in Hilo in the near future.

ERNEST "ERNE" MARTIN

Seat running for: U.S. House District 1

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why I am running: I was first elected to office in 2010 and re-elected for a second term in 2014. I have served as the longest tenured Chair of the Honolulu City Council, holding this position from June of 2011 to December 2016, and again from March 2018 to present. I am an attorney by profession with more than 20 years of experience working with Hawaii's Congressional delegation as both a city administrator and Council chair. The issues facing the First Congressional District and the City and County of Honolulu are very similar. I understand the law, the policies, programs, and, most importantly, the relationships that govern the delivery of federal resources to the district.

Priorities: 1. Affordable Housing and Homelessness: The biggest issue facing our community is access to affordable housing and homelessness. We need to increase the federal minimum wage to resemble a living wage. Federal resources, must be effectively managed in coordination with the county and state. There must be a comprehensive plan to address homelessness and affordable housing. 2. Infrastructure and Transportation: Infrastructure and transportation improvements go hand in hand with increasing access to affordable housing. Transit Oriented Development represents our greatest opportunity to create truly affordable housing that our work force can afford. We must ensure the completion of the entire rail line, from East Kapolei to Ala Moana, and be sure that we efficiently plan the communities and development around each station. 3. Military and Veterans Affairs: The Department of Veterans Affairs in Hawaii has improved backlogs and infrastructure. But there is more work to do and veter-



ans struggling to connect with their benefits is unacceptable. I will continue to support their efforts.

ROSEBELLA MARTINEZ

Seat running for: State House District 40 Ewa

Party affiliation: Democrat

Why I am running: Running for office requires enormous efforts and tremendous dedication. It entails a passion to serve. It is about the community. It is about fighting the issues that the community care about the most and the best way to make sure we do what is important where pertinent issues relevant to the needs of the people are tackled accordingly. Being engaged and empowered to reshape the notion that is possible where our voices and involvement can effect change for the betterment of the community.

Background: Education: Bachelors of Science in Medical Technology; Master's in Public Health Doctoral Studies; Work Experience: Clinical Laboratory Scientist / Medical Technologist, Public Health Consultant/Advocate, Director Program Services for Elderly and DDMC, Legislative Aide / Analyst (House of Representatives), Elementary and High School Teacher; Community service as a leader and volunteer: AARP, Adopt A School Day, American Cancer Society, Aloha Aina Earth Day, Beach, Parks, Roads Clean up, Aloha Great Run, Convoy of Hopes, Save the School, Children and Youth Day, Feeding the Homeless, Ohana Medical Mission, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program, Relay for Life, Going Green, Hawaii Children Action Network, Mom Demand Action, Blue Zone, Surfrider Foundation

Priorities: To provide quality of life and improve healthy conditions of our vulnerable elderly by providing quality care and services to keep them healthy and maintain longevity. Stand up for women's rights, fight for family leave, affordable childcare and equal pay. Invest in education to ensure every child will have access to a great public school. Protect our environment with the use of renewable energy and keep our community safe free of crimes associated with drugs. Make progress in our economy by investing in renewable energy such as solar system, geothermal, hydro and wind.

NORMA DOCTOR SPARKS, M.S.W., J.D.

Seat running for: Kauai County Council

Nonpartisan Race

Why I am running: I believe that Kauai requires strong leadership, independent of influential factors that may not support the highest and best needs of Kauai. I have served children and families for most of my career in public and private agencies and I want to continue to work for children and their families on Kauai and Niihau. I have the experience, education, and independence to make difficult and responsible decisions for the betterment of Kauai's people.

Background: I hold a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, a Master's degree in Social Work; and a Juris Doctorate in Law. I am a member of Hawaii State Bar and am able to practice in State of Hawaii courts and Federal courts. I served as Law Clerk to Chief Judge James S. Burns of the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals. I served as a Hawaii Deputy Attorney General. I have administered a range of private and government programs. In my last position in the County of Los Angeles, I managed services for about 14,000 employees and a \$4 Billion budget. My community involvements include: Regent representing Kauai, University of Hawaii Board of Regents; Vice-President and Director, Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce. I come from a family rooted in the sugar plantations of Kauai. My husband, Steve, and I have been married for 47 years. We have two sons.

Priorities: I want to protect Kauai's fragile environment. I want to balance affordable housing and other needs of residents with visitors' needs. I also understand the importance of preserving our way of life and country lifestyle by not overdeveloping our roads or infrastructure, but at the same time, I am reasonable about needed upgrades. I want to help build an economy that would provide young people with sustainable wages. One way to meet the needs of the young people is to provide educational opportunities. I want to make County services more efficient and cost effective.



1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

The second-most anticipated race this primary election (next to the governor's) is the contest for 1st Congressional District (Oahu). Given the extremely urgent issues (immigration, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, the Affordable Care Act) facing the nation and the torrid political climate in Washington, D.C., Hawaii will need a solid representative to advocate

for District 1. Some big names stand out in this race: former Congressman Ed Case, former Attorney General and current Lieutenant Governor Doug Chin, State Senator and former Senate President Donna Mercado Kim, City Councilman and Chair Ernest "Ernie" Martin. Rising progressive Democrat Representative Kaniela Ing joins the group of political veterans, among others.

To help our readers, the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle invited a few of the major candidates to share their top priorities. This is a guide and not an endorsement of any candidate. This section has been edited for space and clarity.

ED CASE

1. Why are you running for U. S. House District 1 and briefly summarize your qualifications to run for this office?

I am humbly asking to be re-elected to the U. S. House of Representatives for three reasons. First, I believe our government is not working very well for all Americans today and I want to help fix it. Second, our Hawai'i always needs a strong team in Washington, D. C. and I will put my experience to work there to get the job done for all back home. Third, I want to again help those I serve with your own individual issues, from cutting through immigration red tape to making sure you are getting your Social Security, Medicare and veterans benefits.

I am best qualified because of my already seven years in Congress, eight years in our Hawai'i State Legislature, three decades working in Honolulu, deep roots and lifetime in Hawai'i. In my prior service in Congress I represented more Filipino-Americans (about 140,000) than any other of the 435 Congressional districts. I served in Congress on the U.S. Philippines Caucus and worked closely with my Fil-Am community. For my work I was honored with the United Filipino Council of Hawaii's Progress Award in Ating Kaibigan. I have been a lawyer in Honolulu for over thirty years. For the last five years I have worked as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer for Outrigger Hotels Hawaii. I was born and raised in Hilo. I'm married to Audrey Nakamura; we have four children.

2. What are your top three priorities if elected?

My first priority if elected is to put together the best possible congressional staff to assist me in performing the duties of my office. This is not only about helping me make the best decisions for our country and Hawai'i, but also assisting my constituents with your individual concerns. My second priority is immigration reform. Lots of what we hear on immigration nowadays is about how to address illegal immigration. That's very important, but far more important to me is to fix and expand legal immigration into our country, especially to reunite our families. My third priority is assure full federal funding for Honolulu Area Rapid Transit (rail). Though much concern remains on rail, we have committed to it and I believe must see it through, especially to help address constantly worsening traffic.

DOUG CHIN

1. Why are you running for U.S. House District 1 and briefly summarize your qualifications to run for this office.

Washington already has more than its share of career politicians. I respect anyone who runs for and serves in public office. But this is a uniquely-challenging time when Congress needs the accountability of a prosecutor and the accomplishments of an Attorney General.

I am the only candidate with a proven record and national credibility on critical issues like immigration, gun control, and climate change. I am also the only candidate in this race with a record of leadership at all levels of government and in the executive branch as Acting City Prosecutor and Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu, and as Hawai'i Attorney General and Lt. Governor.

2. What are your top three priorities if elected?

You can count on me to fight for more affordable housing for Hawai'i families; to protect Hawai'i's natural beauty and address climate change; and, to work with our congressional delegation to ensure Hawai'i continues to receive the fed-



eral funds we need to thrive. Regardless of which party is in the majority after the midterm elections, I will address these issues by working closely with the Hawai'i congressional delegation and make sure we stand together as a strong team to accomplish these state priorities.

DONNA MERCADO KIM

1. Why are you running for U.S. House District 1 and briefly summarize your qualifications to run for this office.

Current position: State Senator – 14th Senatorial District, I am running for Congress because I cannot stand by and watch the partisan gridlock in Washington that is threatening our communities, our fundamental rights and our future. We need common sense reform in Congress. Our immigration policy is broken and failing everyone. Our infrastructure is aging and need of major repairs. You once got an education to earn a livelihood, now you have to struggle to get a livelihood to pay off your education loans. In 1982 during my first campaign, I made a commitment to the voters – That I would be accessible, accountable and always put their interest first. Of that commitment I have never waived which may be why I have Earned the voters confidence for the past 35 years beginning with the State House, the City Council and the State Senate. Not only have I been accountable but I have held agencies, state departments and administrators fiscally accountable for your tax dollars. So I make the same commitment now, to be accessible, accountable and always put Hawai'i's interest first in Congress.

I will continue to fight wasteful spending on the Federal level as I have done in here in the state. Qualifications: 35 years of City and State experience, Elected to State House of Representatives, Elected to the Honolulu City Council, Elected to the State Senate, Served as the Ways and Means Committee Chair where I was responsible to manage and balance the state's \$20Billion budget. Served as the Senate President. In the Private sector I was the executive director of a small business and understand the needs of our small business owners.

2. What are your top three priorities if elected?

Keep our country free from violence by eliminating the availability of automatic weapons, requiring back ground checks, limit ownership to 21. But also create stiffer penalties for domestic violence and abuse and enforce civil rights and anti-discrimination laws. Protect Social Security and Medicare. Reduce the high cost of health care and prescription drugs and provide insurance coverage for more citizens. Making college affordable and reducing student debt. More federal funding for public schools.



ERNEST "ERNIE" MARTIN

1. Why are you running for U.S. House District 1 and briefly summarize your qualifications to run for this office.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I am the son of Ernest C. Martin, a retired U.S. Army Veteran, and the late Teruko Ikeda Martin who came to Hawaii from Tokyo, Japan. Me and my wife of 31 years, Melanie, have 3 children. My grandfather, Gabino Sasuman came to Hawaii from Cebu. I am a product of Hawaii's public school system and was fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend college, the only one in my family of 9 siblings to have had this opportunity.

I was first elected to office in 2010 and re-elected for a second term in 2014. I have served as the longest tenured Chair of the Honolulu City Council, holding this position from June of 2011 to December 2016, and again from March 2018 to present. I am an attorney by profession with more than 20 years of experience working with Hawaii's Congressional delegation as both a city administrator and



PRIMARY ELECTION 2018

Polling Places

It is utmost important that we, as U.S. citizens of this country and resident of Hawaii, register and vote for the upcoming elections. This is an opportunity for all of us to make known to our public

officials that we have the power to unseat them if they are not doing their job.

To help you navigate smoothly where you need to go and cast your votes, the Chronicle has put together a list of precincts or polling places in Oahu for your reference. They are presented below:



District-Precinct	Polling Place	Congressional District	Senate District	Council District	District-Precinct	Polling Place	Congressional District	Senate District	Council District
17-01	Kaiser High School, Cafeteria 511 Lunalilo Home Rd	I	25	IV	23-04	Noelani Elementary School, Cafeteria, 2655 Woodlawn Dr	I	11	V
17-02	Koko Head Elementary School Cafeteria, 189 Lunalilo Home Rd	I	25	IV	23-05	Manoa Elementary School, Cafeteria, 3155 Manoa Rd	I	11	V
17-03	Kamiloiki Elementary School Cafeteria, 7788 Hawaii Kai Dr	I	9	IV	24-01	Kaahumanu Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1141 Kinau St	I	12	V
17-04	Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria, 595 Pepeekeo St	I	9	IV	24-02	Makiki District Park, Agee Hall 1527 Keeaumoku St	I	11	V
18-01	Niu Valley Middle School Cafeteria, 310 Halemaumau St	I	9	IV	24-03	Christ United Methodist Church, Meeting Room 1639 Keeaumoku St	I	11	VI
18-02	Niu Valley Middle School Cafeteria, 310 Halemaumau St	I	9	IV	24-04	Lincoln Elementary School, Cafeteria, 615 Auwaiolimu St	I	11	VI
18-03	Aina Haina Elementary School Cafeteria, 801 W Hind Dr	I	9	IV	25-01	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place or this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	11	V
18-04	Kalani High School, Cafeteria, 4680 Kalaniana'ole Hwy	I	9	IV	25-02	Stevenson Middle School, Cafeteria, 1202 Prospect St	I	11	VI
19-01	Kahala Elementary School Cafeteria, 4559 Kilauea Ave	I	9	IV	25-03	Lincoln Elementary School, Cafeteria, 615 Auwaiolimu St	I	11	VI
19-02	Waikiki Elementary School Cafeteria, 3710 Leahi Ave	I	9	IV	25-04	Kawananakoa Middle School, Cafeteria, 49 Funchal St	I	13	VI
19-03	Waialae Elementary School Cafeteria, 1045 19th Ave	I	9	IV	25-05	Nuuanu Elementary School, Cafeteria, 3055 Puiwa Ln	I	13	VI
19-04	Hawaii School for the Deaf & the Blind, Cafeteria 3440 Leahi Ave	I	10	IV	26-01	Washington Middle School, Cafeteria, 1633 S King St	I	12	V
19-05	Aliioli Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1240 7th Ave	I	10	V	26-02	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	12	IV
20-01	Wilson Elementary School, Cafeteria, 4945 Kilauea Ave	I	10	IV	26-03	McKinley High School, Cafeteria 1039 S King St	I	12	V
20-02	Anuenue School, Cafeteria 2528 10th Ave	I	10	V	26-04	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	11	V
20-03	Jarrett Middle School, Cafeteria, 1903 Palolo Ave	I	10	V	26-05	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	11	VI
20-04	Hokulani Elementary School Cafeteria, 2940 Kamakini St	I	10	V	26-06	McKinley High School, Cafeteria 1039 S King St	I	12	VI
21-01	Jefferson Elementary School, Cafeteria, 324 Kapahulu Ave	I	10	IV	26-07	Central Middle School, Cafeteria 1302 Queen Emma St	I	13	VI
21-02	Kaimuki High School, Cafeteria 2705 Kaimuki Ave	I	10	V	27-01	Lanakila Elementary School, Cafeteria, 717 N Kuakini St	I	13	VI
21-03	Ala Wai Elementary School Cafeteria, 503 Kamoku St	I	10	V	27-02	Likelike Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1618 Palama St	I	13	VII
21-04	Lunalilo Elementary School Cafeteria, 810 Pumehana St	I	12	V	27-03	Maemae Elementary School, Cafeteria, 319 Wylie St	I	13	VI
22-01	Jefferson Elementary School Cafeteria, 324 Kapahulu Ave	I	12	IV	27-04	Lanakila Elementary School, Cafeteria, 717 N Kuakini St	I	14	VI
22-02	Ala Wai Community Park, Lounge, 2015 Kapiolani Blvd	I	12	IV	27-05	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	14	VII
22-03	McKinley Community School for Adults, Room 110 634 Pensacola St	I	12	V	28-01	Kaewai Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1929 Kamehameha IV Rd	I	14	VII
23-01	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	10	V	28-02	Kapalama Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1601 N School St	I	14	VI
23-02	University Laboratory School, Cafeteria 1776 University Ave	I	11	V	28-03	Kalihi Elementary School, Cafeteria, 2471 Kula Kolea Dr	I	14	VI
23-03	Washington Middle School, Cafeteria, 1633 S King St	I	12	V	28-04	Kaewai Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1929 Kamehameha IV Rd	I	14	VI
					29-01	Central Middle School, Cafeteria 1302 Queen Emma St	I	13	VI
					29-02	Kaiulani Elementary School, Cafeteria, 783 N King St	I	13	VII
					29-03	Farrington High School, Cafeteria 1564 N King St	I	15	VII
					29-04	Kapalama Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1601 N School St	I	14	VII
					30-01	Fern Elementary School, Cafeteria 1121 Middle St	I	14	VII
					30-02	Fern Elementary School, Cafeteria 1121 Middle St	I	15	VII
					30-03	Aliamanu Middle School, Cafeteria 3271 Salt Lake Blvd	I	15	VII
					30-04	Radford High School, Cafeteria 4361 Salt Lake Blvd	I	16	VII

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Council chair. The issues facing the First Congressional District and the City and County of Honolulu are very similar. I understand the law, the policies, programs, and, most importantly, the relationships that govern the delivery of federal resources to the district.

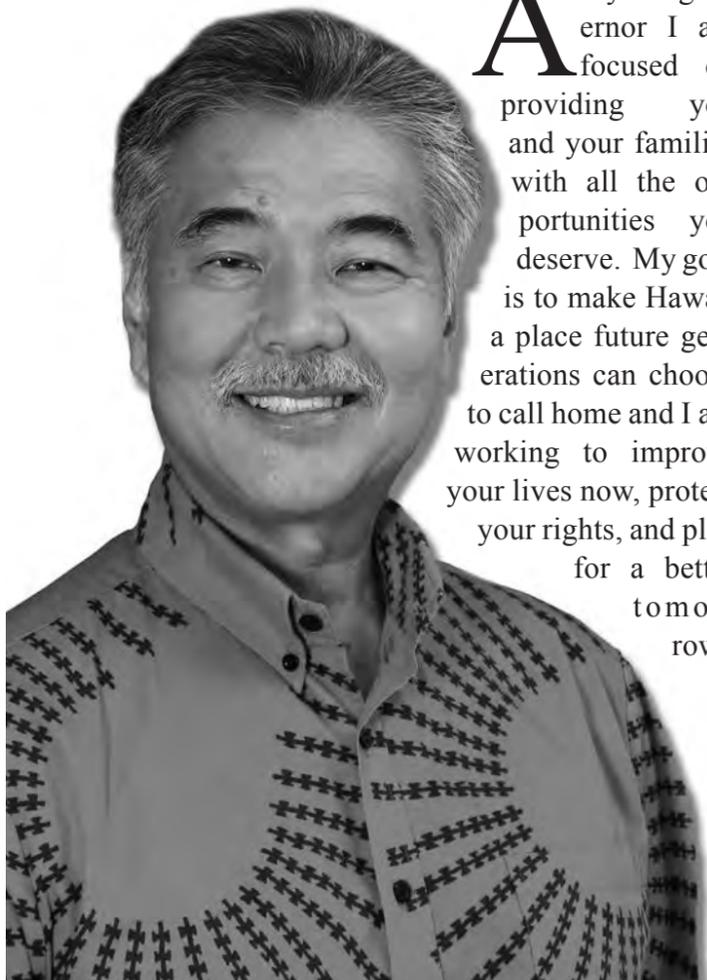
2. What are your top three priorities if elected?

1. Affordable Housing and Homelessness: The biggest issue facing our community is access to affordable housing and homelessness. We need to increase the federal minimum wage to resemble a living wage. Federal resources, must be effectively managed in coordination with the county and state. There must be a comprehensive plan to address homelessness and affordable housing. 2. Infrastructure and Transportation: Infrastructure and transportation improvements go hand in hand with increasing access to affordable housing. Transit Oriented Development represents our greatest opportunity to create truly affordable housing that our work force can afford. We must ensure the completion of the entire rail line, from East Kapolei to Ala Moana, and be sure that we efficiently plan the communities and development around each station. 3. Military and Veterans Affairs: The Department of Veterans Affairs in Hawaii has improved backlogs and infrastructure. But there is more work to do and veterans struggling to connect with their benefits is unacceptable. I will continue to support their efforts.

PRIMARY ELECTION 2018

District-Precinct	Polling Place	Congressional District	Senate District	Council District	District-Precinct	Polling Place	Congressional District	Senate District	Council District
31-01	Moanalua Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1337 Mahiole St	I	14	VI	42-04	Kapolei Elementary School, Cafeteria 91-1119 Kamaaha Lp	I	20	I
31-02	Aliamanu Middle School, Cafeteria	I	15	VII	43-01	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012 there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	20	IX
31-03	Radford High School, Cafeteria 4361 Salt Lake Blvd	I	15	VII	43-02	Kapolei Elementary School, Cafeteria 91-1119 Kamaaha Lp	I	20	I
31-04	Aiea Elementary School, Cafeteria 99-370 Moanalua Rd	I	14	VI	43-03	Kamokila Park, Rec Center 91-015 Farrington Hwy	I	21	I
31-05	Aiea Elementary School, Cafeteria 99-370 Moanalua Rd	I	16	VIII	43-04	Nanaikapono Elementary School, Cafeteria, 89-153 Mano Ave	II	21	I
32-01	Moanalua Middle School, Cafeteria 1289 Mahiole St	I	14	VI	43-05	Maili Elementary School, Cafeteria 87-360 Kulaaupuni St	II	21	I
32-02	Moanalua High School, Cafeteria 2825 Ala Ilima St	I	15	VII	44-01	Waianae Intermediate School, Cafeteria 85-626 Farrington Hwy	II	21	I
32-03	Salt Lake Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1131 Ala Liliko'i St	I	15	VII	44-02	Makaha Elementary School, Cafeteria 84-200 Ala Naauao Pl	II	21	I
33-01	Halawa District Park, Meeting Room 99-795 Iwaiwa St	I	14	VI	45-01	Mililani District Park, Rec Center 94-1150 Lanikuhana Ave	I	18	IX
33-02	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	14	VIII	45-02	Kipapa Elementary School, Cafeteria 95-076 Kipapa Dr	I	22	II
33-03	Aiea High School, Cafeteria 98-1276 Ulune St	I	16	VIII	45-03	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	II	22	II
33-04	Aiea High School, Cafeteria 98-1276 Ulune St	I	16	VI	45-04	Waiialua Elementary School, Cafeteria 67-020 Waiialua Beach Rd	II	23	II
33-05	Pearl Ridge Elementary School, Cafeteria, 98-940 Moanalua Rd	I	16	VIII	45-05	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	II	23	IX
33-06	Calvary Chapel of Honolulu, Gym 98-1016 Komo Mai Dr	I	16	VIII	46-01	National Guard Armory, Gym 77-230 Kamehameha Hwy	I	22	II
34-01	Waimalu Elementary School, Cafeteria, 98-825 Moanalua Rd	I	16	VIII	46-02	Wahiawa Middle School, Cafeteria 275 Rose St	II	22	II
34-02	Pearl City Highlands Elementary School, Cafeteria 1419 Waimano Home Rd	I	16	VIII	46-03	Leilehua High School, Cafeteria 1515 California Ave	II	22	II
34-03	Palisades Elementary School, Cafeteria, 2306 Auhuhu St	I	17	VIII	46-04	Helemano Elementary School, Cafeteria 1001 Ihi Ihi Ave	II	22	II
35-01	Lehua Elementary School, Cafeteria 791 Lehua Ave	I	16	VIII	47-01	Haleiwa Elementary School, Cafeteria 66-505 Haleiwa Rd	II	23	II
35-02	Manana Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1147 Kumano St	I	17	VIII	47-02	Sunset Beach Elementary School, Cafeteria, 59-360 Kamehameha Hwy	II	23	II
35-03	Waipahu Intermediate School, Cafeteria 94-455 Farrington Hwy	I	20	VIII	47-03	Kahuku High/Intermediate School, Cafeteria, 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy	II	23	II
35-04	Crestview Community Park, Rec Center 94-1220 Lumikula St	I	17	VIII	47-04	Hauula Elementary School, Cafeteria 54-046 Kamehameha Hwy	II	23	II
35-05	Waikele Elementary School, Cafeteria 94-1035 Kukula St	I	18	IX	48-01	Kahaluu Elementary School, Cafeteria 47-280 Waihee Rd	II	23	II
35-06	Waipahu Field, Rec Building 94-230 Paiwa St	I	17	VIII	48-02	Kahaluu Elementary School, Cafeteria 47-280 Waihee Rd	II	23	III
36-01	Mililani Middle School, Cafeteria 95-1140 Lehiwa Dr	I	22	II	48-03	Ahuimanu Elementary School, Cafeteria 47-470 Hui Aeko Pl	II	24	III
36-02	Mililani Mauka Elementary School, Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai St	I	22	II	48-04	King Intermediate School, Cafeteria 46-155 Kamehameha Hwy	II	23	III
36-03	Mililani High School, Cafeteria 95-1200 Meheula Pkwy	I	18	IX	48-05	Benjamin Parker Elementary School, Cafeteria, 45-259 Waikalua Rd	II	24	III
37-01	Kanoelani Elementary School, Cafeteria 94-1091 Oli Lp	I	18	VIII	48-06	Puohala Elementary School, Cafeteria 45-233 Kulauli St	II	24	III
37-02	Mililani High School, Gym 95-1200 Meheula Pkwy	I	18	IX	49-01	Heeia Elementary School, Cafeteria 46-202 Haiku Rd	II	24	III
37-03	Mililani Uka Elementary School, Cafeteria, 94-380 Kuahelani Ave	I	18	IX	49-02	Kapunahala Elementary School, Cafeteria 45-828 Anoi Rd	II	24	III
37-04	Waikele Elementary School, Cafeteria 94-1035 Kukula St	I	18	IX	49-03	Kaneohe Elementary School, Cafeteria 45-495 Kamehameha Hwy	II	24	III
38-01	August Ahrens Elementary School, Cafeteria, 94-1170 Waipahu St	I	17	VIII	49-04	Castle High School, Cafeteria 45-386 Kaneohe Bay Dr	II	24	III
38-02	Waipahu High School, Cafeteria 94-1211 Farrington Hwy	I	17	VIII	49-05	Maunawili Elementary School, Cafeteria 1465 Ulupii St	II	24	III
38-03	Waipahu Elementary School, Cafeteria 94-465 Waipahu St	I	17	IX	49-06	Maunawili Elementary School, Cafeteria 1465 Ulupii St	II	25	III
38-04	Waipahu Intermediate School, Cafeteria 94-455 Farrington Hwy	I	20	IX	50-01	Kalaheo High School, Cafeteria 730 Iliaina St	II	24	III
39-01	Waipahu Elementary School, Cafeteria 94-465 Waipahu St	I	17	IX	50-02	Kainalu Elementary School, Cafeteria 165 Kaiholu St	II	25	III
39-02	Kaleiopuu Elementary School, Cafeteria, 94-665 Kaaholo St	II	18	IX	50-03	Kailua Elementary School, Cafeteria 315 Kuulei Rd	II	25	III
39-03	Ewa Mahiko District Park, Multi-Purpose Room, 91-1205 Renton Rd	I	20	IX	50-04	Kaelepu Elementary School, Cafeteria 530 Keolu Dr	II	24	III
39-04	Mauka Lani Elementary School, Cafeteria, 92-1300 Panana St	II	20	I	51-01	Kaelepu Elementary School, Cafeteria 530 Keolu Dr	II	24	III
40-01	Asing Community Park, Meeting Room 91-1450 Renton Rd	I	20	IX	51-02	Enchanted Lake Elementary School, Cafeteria, 770 Keolu Dr	II	25	III
40-02	Holomua Elementary School, Cafeteria 91-1561 Keaunui Dr	I	19	IX	51-03	Kaohao School, Cafeteria 140 Alala Rd	II	25	III
40-03	Campbell High School, Cafeteria 91-980 North Rd	I	19	IX	51-04	Keolu Elementary School, Cafeteria 1416 Keolu Dr	II	25	III
40-04	Vote By Mail Precinct Pursuant to Act 100 SLH 2012, there will be no polling place for this precinct. Voters will be mailed a ballot.	I	19	I	51-05	Waimanalo Elementary/ Intermediate School, Cafeteria 41-1330 Kalaniana'ole Hwy	II	25	III
41-01	Campbell High School, Cafeteria 91-980 North Rd	I	19	IX	51-06	Pope Elementary School, Cafeteria 41-133 Huli St	II	25	III
41-02	Ilima Intermediate School, Cafeteria 91-884 Ft Weaver Rd	I	19	I					
41-03	Ewa Elementary School, Cafeteria 91-1280 Renton Rd	I	19	IX					
41-04	Ewa Elementary School, Cafeteria 91-1280 Renton Rd	I	20	IX					
41-05	Ewa Makai Middle School, Cafeteria 91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy	I	19	I					
42-01	Kapolei High School, Cafeteria 91-5007 Kapolei Pkwy	I	20	I					
42-02	Makakilo Elementary School, Cafeteria 92-675 Anipeahi St	II	20	I					
42-03	Mauka Lani Elementary School, Cafeteria, 92-1300 Panana St	II	20	I					

GOV. IGE'S MESSAGE



As your governor I am focused on providing you and your families with all the opportunities you deserve. My goal is to make Hawaii a place future generations can choose to call home and I am working to improve your lives now, protect your rights, and plan for a better tomorrow.

Last year I led a delegation on a Goodwill and Trade Mission to the Philippines, the first visit by a Hawaii Governor in 11 years. The delegation included Jade Butay, my director of the State Department of Transportation and the first Filipino immigrant to be appointed to the position. We promoted people-to-people ties and expanded business networks. I realize the important contributions of Hawaii's immigrants and am committed to making Hawaii the place for opportunity and equality we all envision it to be.

We are improving the quality of public education. I cooled over 1,300 classrooms and we are attracting high quality teachers. I

supported Hawaii's Promise, removing the financial barriers for those that want a higher education, and the Early College program allowing students to earn college credits during their high school years – saving families and students thousands of dollars needed for college tuition.

We have increased housing by completing more than 5,300 new units of which 40% are affordable, have 1,400 more under construction, and another 4,000 units are planned. We are on our way to meeting our goal of completing 10,000 new housing units by 2020 to increase inventory and affordability.

I fully support a \$15 minimum wage increase to help residents maintain a basic standard of living. While tourism is a primary industry, we are creating better job opportunities by

building innovative sectors for the future. We are supporting local entrepreneurs, helping farmers increase food production, and creating new demand for health-care professionals, technicians, small businesses and others.

I also approved funding for Kupuna Caregivers, aiding full-time caregivers who also have full time jobs to tap into community resources. AARP called it a "major win."

My administration fights for your rights and the rights of your families. We were the first in the nation to stop President Donald Trump's travel and immigration bans and other policies that infringe on your rights and keep families apart.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and your families and I sincerely appreciate your vote on Aug. 11th.

CONG. HANABUSA'S MESSAGE

Aloha and Mabuhay. I sincerely thank the Filipino community for your many past contributions, your strength today and your aspirations for our shared future. You deserve a governor who will listen and take action, even outside of campaign years.

As state senator, congresswoman, labor lawyer and community member, I appreciate the support, advice and trust from the Filipino community. Together we fought for recognition of our Veterans, leading early legislative efforts to establish a Congressional Gold Medal for WWII Filipino Veterans, and continue fighting President Trump's attack on immigrants. I cherish community members who have invited me to cultural events and worked with me on policies and programs benefitting many.

The Filipino community has grown since the first 15 young plantation workers arrived in 1906. Filipinos are now the second largest ethnic group in the state. Many have expressed to me concerns about how major issues have gone unaddressed and that challenges remain regarding underrepresentation, discrimination, equal rights, access and leadership.

Filipinos are the second largest group in public schools but are underrepresented as teachers and administrators. Under my leadership, the state will actively support programs that find ways to meaningfully increase qualified Filipino teachers and college graduates. The governor appoints members to the Board of Education yet currently not one member is of Filipino ancestry.

While Filipinos have

seen successes in the State Senate and Honolulu City Council, Filipinos are underrepresented among the governor's cabinet (just two of 17 directors) and few are appointed to boards and commissions and the Judiciary. I'm committed to actively encouraging qualified Filipinos to apply and be selected to critical policy-making positions because it's fair and appropriate in a representative government and we need talented resources from the Filipino community to help us find solutions to the challenges ahead.

I'm also humbled to have been endorsed by: Governor Ben and Vicki Cayetano, legislators such as State Senate Ways and Means Chair Donovan Dela Cruz and State House Majority Leader Della Au Belatti, Donna Domingo of ILWU, Peter Ganaban of Local 388, Ernie Abara, Amy Agbayani, Lindy Aquino, Tani Argapao, Domingo Los Banos, Charlene Cuaresma, Maria Etrata, Mila

Medallon Kaahanui, Maria Lucy Pascual, Bea Ramos Razon, Celia Sebastian, Abby Shaw, Ray Ulep, and Loreto Vilorina.

As governor, I will take action on these issues with decisive leadership, vision and accountability. I respectfully ask for your vote. Salamat Po. Diyos Ti Ag Ngina.

