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## Coming Events

1. Precinct Election Meetings will be held statewide in June due to Hawaii reapportionment

Aloha Fellow Patriots and Kauai Republicans,

It would be a miss if I didn't start this off by thanking Ada Koene and Bob Bradford for getting this newsletter out to you after all this time. I am so grateful Ada has been inspired to reinvigorate us all with all the exciting news we Republicans are stirring up on our island, State, and Nation. It would of course not be possible without the everlasting efforts of Bob Bradford that never cease to amaze me, special mention to Marilyn Bradford for I'm sure he wouldn't be able to do all he does for us without her;) Not only is Bob Bradford our Kauai Credentials and Communications Chair but he was asked to credential every Delegate in the entire State for our Republican Convention on Oahu this past May 14, 2022. There is no one doing his job at the moment on any other county/island so we truly owe him a debt of gratitude. Speaking of the Convention, we had an amazing delegation step up to represent us in leadership of 21 Kauaians sharing their knowledge and voting on our Platform. We were very well represented as the Kauai Delegation was the largest of the neighbor islands to make the sacrifice of showing up, airfare, transportation and in some cases hotel accommodations. I can't express my gratitude enough to our Kauai Delegation for taking action and being there to ensure that what we hold of most Value gets through to our Platform. A special thank you to Bob Bradford and Steve Yoder for being on the Convention Committee along with myself as we three represented Kauai throughout the process of organizing and were the only outer island folk on the committee.

June will be a particularly interesting month as we are being required to hold our Precinct Elections Meeting (PEM) again for each District due to the redistricting that happens every decade. The numbers for our Districts have changed but I have appointed the previous District Chairs as they are exceptional in their duties and our KRP machine would not be as successful as it is without them. Tom Stanton District Chair for HD15, Annie Reynolds District Chair for HD16 and Shyla Moon District Chair for HD 17 will be reaching out to invite you to a zoom meeting when the date and time is decided on, so look for that invitation in your email coming soon.

This leads me to my final and most exciting bit of news which I am bursting with pride to announce to you all, we have Republican Candidates that have stepped forward to serve for every House District and Senate Seat on Kauai!!! I am so grateful to all the Candidates that have made the sacrifice to ensure our Republican Values are heard and, on the table, as a valid option for the constituency to vote for.



Ana Mo Des  
KRP Chair and State Senate Candidate

It is my ongoing Prayer that we finally elect enough Republicans to the Legislature so this Tyrant/Democrat/Liberal/Communist Strong Hold over our island and State ends once and for all. This so the People (families and individuals) may Prosper and Live in Liberty and Justice and in the Pursuit of Happiness without the oppressive force that has kept asunder by these awful policies encroaching more and more on our Rights. These are rights not given to us by Our Constitution but Recognized by the Constitution of the United States as our God Given Inalienable Rights.

Thank you Greg Bentley Republican Candidate for HD 15, Steve Yoder Republican Candidate for HD 16, Michael Wilson Republican Candidate for HD 17 for stepping forward with courage to serve and thank you God for my courage to serve and run for State Senate District 8 (Kauai and Ni'ihau), please vote for us!

Mahalo,

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Dear State Convention Delegates, Guests, and Volunteers,

Mahalo for your participation in the Hawai'i Republican Party's Annual State Convention. We appreciate you spending the time and effort, and hope that you left hopeful and willing to do everything you can to elect Republicans to office this November!

The Pre-Convention Workshops at Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial hosted over 100 attendees. Many felt the day was energizing with inspirational topics, motivational speakers, and practical campaign tools. We received positive feedback about the value of the information covered from new members and longtimers alike.

For many, the highlight of the workshops was the Governor Candidate Forum where our candidates did a great job of sharing who they are, what they believe in, and what they will do if elected. A special mahalo to Lt. Governor Duke Aiona for moderating the forum!

The State Convention Day successfully connected our delegates to the 2022 candidates, to new members, and to our 2022 party platform. We honored Rick Hamada for 25 years of support through his conservative local radio program. Rick gave an insightful speech highlighting the history of Hawaii's Governors from 1962 until today.

The delegation ended the day by adopting a new platform that reflects the important issues Republicans stand for and the specific ways these challenges should be addressed! Mahalo to the dedicated group of members who will continue to work on certain planks in the platform.

A more thorough review of the State Convention and the updated HRP platform will follow in the coming weeks. In case you missed it, Hawaii News Now did a great job covering our event. Check it out here:

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/05/15/gop-introduces-candidates-2022-election-season-state-convention/>

Mahalo,



Lynn Finnegan  
Chair  
Hawai'i Republican Party



Aloha straw poll participants,

Thank you for participating in the Republican Governor Straw Poll as part of the 2022 Hawai'i Republican Party Convention held yesterday, May 14th.

118 delegates participated, representing every County in the State. As some of you were not able to hear the results in-person at the convention, I have included the results below. After the announcement at the Convention, we are only releasing the results to campaigns and participants of the straw poll.

Please keep in mind that these results are non-binding. The purpose of the straw poll was to do a temperature check of what delegates feel at this point in the primary election. It's now up to each campaign to do the hard work to win over Republican voters and become our candidate in the general election.

These are the results of the straw poll:

Penn: 43  
Cordery: 39  
Tsuneyoshi: 18  
Mariano: 8  
Morgan: 8  
Kahau: 2

In addition to the Republicans running for Governor listed to the left, Duke Aiona just filed his papers running for Governor  
Joe Akana is running for CD 2 unopposed for the primary  
Seaula Jr. Tupa'is the Republican candidate for Hawai'i's Lt. Governor  
Candidate data was obtained from:  
[https://ballotpedia.org/Hawaii\\_gubernatorial\\_and\\_lieutenant\\_gubernatorial\\_election,\\_2022](https://ballotpedia.org/Hawaii_gubernatorial_and_lieutenant_gubernatorial_election,_2022)

Joel Borgquist, Vice Chair of Coordinated Campaigns



Partial Kauai Delegation to the 2022 Hawaii Republican Party State Convention  
Sandi Sterker, Steve Yoder, Bob Bradford, Syllissa Franklin, Marilyn Bradford and Tom Stanton (and our driver)

## Rat Colony Beneath D.C. Disgusted To Find City Infested With Politicians

Politics

April 19th, 2022 - BabylonBee.com



With apologies to the Rat Community!

**Thirty Kauaians seek county, state office***Mayor Kawakami faces opposition*

Scott Yunker

THE GARDEN ISLAND June 8, 2022

LIHU'E — The 2022 election season is underway.

Thirty Kauaians announced campaigns for county or state office when the candidate filing deadline passed Tuesday afternoon.

All candidates reported by the County of Kaua'i Office of the County Clerk Elections Division are listed below.

U.S. Rep. Kaiali'i Kahele, whose second congressional district includes Kaua'i, Ni'ihau, the Neighbor Islands and rural O'ahu, filed his candidacy for governor on Monday.

Where applicable, party affiliations are listed in parenthesis.

State Senator, District 8

Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. The winner is elected to a four-year term.

- ▶ Ronald Kouchi (Democrat, incumbent)
- ▶ Ana Mo Des (Republican)
- ▶ Kapana Thronas-Kaho'onei (Aloha 'Aina)

State Representative, District 15

Contains the North Shore and portions of the Eastside. The winner is elected to a two-year term.

- ▶ Nadine K. Nakamura (Democrat, incumbent)
- ▶ Greg Bentley (Republican)

State Representative, District 16

Contains the Eastside and portions of the South Shore. The winner is elected to a two-year term.

- ▶ James Kunane Tokioka (Democrat, incumbent)
- ▶ Steve Yoder (Republican)

State Representative, District 17 Contains Ni'ihau, the Westside and portions of the South Shore. The winner is elected to a twoyear term.

- ▶ Daynette "Dee" Morikawa (Democrat, incumbent)
- ▶ Michael D. Wilson (Republican)

Mayor

Kaua'i County's mayoral and council elections are non-partisan. The winner is elected to a fouryear term.

- ▶ Derek S.K. Kawakami (incumbent) ▶ Megeso-William Denis
- ▶ Mitch McPeek
- ▶ Michael Roven Poai

Councilmember

The seven winners are elected to two-year terms.

Five councilmembers have filed for re-election. Council Chair Arryl Kaneshiro and Council Vice Chair Mason K. Chock ar ineligible to run for reelection due to the rule prohibiting councilmembers to serve more than two consecutive two-year terms. The top 14 candidates in the primary election will qualify for the November general election.

- ▶ Addison Bulosan
- ▶ Bernard Carvalho (incumbent)
- ▶ Felicia Cowden (incumbent)
- ▶ Billy DeCosta (incumbent)
- ▶ Luke A. Evslin (incumbent)
- ▶ Fern Anuenue Holland
- ▶ Rosemarie Jauch
- ▶ Ross K. Kagawa
- ▶ KipuKai Kualii'i (incumbent)
- ▶ James Robert Langta
- ▶ Jeffrey Lindner
- ▶ Lila Balmores Metzger
- ▶ Jakki Nelson
- ▶ Mel Rapozo
- ▶ Roy Saito
- ▶ Rachel M. Secretario
- ▶ Shirley Simbre-Medeiros The Garden Island plans to submit a candidate questionnaire to each candidate.

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**“HAWAI’I NEEDS A VOICE. HAWAI’I DESERVES A CHOICE”**

Hawai’i Republican Party candidates file papers for almost every State and Federal office

(Honolulu, HI) – The Office of Elections Candidate Filing deadline today caused a frenzy of activity at the County Clerk’s offices around the State. For the Hawai’i Republican Party, today marks the end of weeks of statewide candidate recruitment efforts led by Chair Lynn Finnegan. “We can not win races and gain seats without first having candidates. Though we know that choosing to run as a Republican in one of the bluest States in the nation may seem to be a hard choice, our candidates are passionate, excited, and ready to bring a fresh perspective to State leadership, ” said Chair Finnegan.

“Our battle cry, Stand for Hawai’i, has ignited many ordinary people to take up the challenge to run for office in these extraordinary times. Change is in the air. The people of Hawai’i have had enough of government corruption, the high cost of living, rising crime, and just the overall dismissive and disrespectful treatment State leaders have toward the local people. Business people, school teachers, community leaders, and concerned citizens have stepped up to put their name on this year’s Primary ballot as a Republican.”

Never in the recent history of the State GOP has there been over 100 Republican candidates campaigning toward the August Primary. In the Governor’s race, the party has 10 candidates vying to represent the Party in the November General Election. The party also has successfully filled candidate seats for 41 of the 51 State House and 22 of the 25 State Senate seats.

Chair Finnegan explained, “Due to the 2020 U.S. Census that informs the every 10-year reapportionment, all legislative offices, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor will be voted on in this year’s election. This opportunity to gain seats in the State Legislature and Executive Branch happens only once every twenty years. We believe the tired and predictable one-party system does not serve the people of Hawai’i well at all. And as we have seen recently, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Democrats have been in power for over 60 years and we need a more balanced two party system to finally and effectively resolve key issues that affect families, youth, workers, the homeless, and those in need. ”

“The political definition of insanity is voting in the same people over and over again expecting a different outcome. We believe the people of Hawai’i need a voice. We believe the people of Hawai’i deserve a choice. The Hawai’i Republican Party is alive and well, and we expect to give the people just that - a voice AND a choice.”

Please consider helping us bring a VOICE and a CHOICE to Hawai'i with your financial support. Become a \$20 monthly donor now to help us win Republican seats on November 8, 2022. Click the link below to donate today!

### Seth Keshel on Election Integrity

Eighty to ninety concerned citizens, including many Republicans and friends gathered at the Kahili Gymnasium near Koloa on Friday June 3rd to welcome Captain Seth Keshel to Kaua'i as a guest speaker. Seth has an MBA and is a former Army Captain assigned to Military Intelligence. He served in Afghanistan. "His analytical method is known worldwide, and his work has been recognized by President Donald Trump" Over the course of an hour he went on to describe what was the "civil rights issue of our lifetime," integrity in voting.

He had slides of past presidential elections in Hawaii and analyzed the trends of the voter registration. For many years the trends followed a pattern until the 2020 election. Surprise.

Seth went on to outline his Ten Points to True Election Integrity in order to eliminate voter fraud.:

- I. Clean Out the Voter Rolls
- II. Ban All Electronic Elections Equipment
- III. Voter ID with Paper Ballots Only
- IV. Ban Mail-in Voting
- V. Ban Early Voting
- VI. Have Drastically Smaller Precincts
- VII. Ban Ballot Harvesting
- VIII. Make Election Day a Holiday
- IX. New Reporting Requirements for Transparency
- X. Heavy Prison Sentences for All Who Commit Fraud

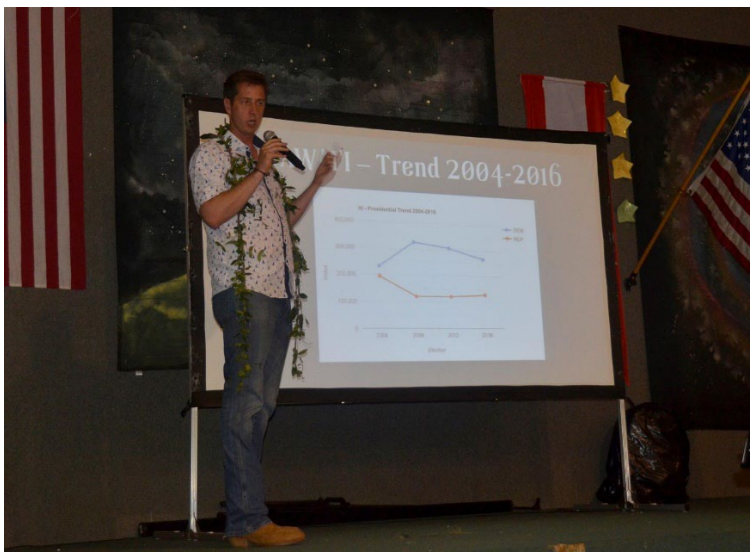
What was not exactly clear was how and by whom these points would be implemented.

We must realize that we as Republicans have to get busy and persevere,

Many thanks to Laura and Ralph Cushnie for inviting Seth to Kaua'i and supplying the food and to Linda and Peter Baldwin for helping them out.

The event was video taped, and if anyone would like the link to the video once we have it on line, they should email someone.

By Ada Koene with further clarification by Nina Magoun





Seth Keshel Election Integrity Lecture Kauai Attendees June 3, 2022



Seth Keshel Election Integrity Lecture with Nina Magoun and Mike Curtis June 3, 2022



## Meet and Greet Seaula Jr. Tupa'i

By Ada Henne Koene

Residents of Koloa and surrounding areas came together on May 20th at the Old Koloa Church to Meet and Greet Seaula Jr. Tupa'i, Republican candidate for Hawai'i's Lt. Governor. Regrettably he had to compete in attendance with the high school graduations all over Kaua'i island. He went on to explain the background of his Political Concerns which were:

- Faith/Family
- Individual Liberties
- Make Hawaii affordable
- Support Military and Law Enforcement
- Support Small Businesses
- Women's Rights
- 2A Rights

Seaula's parents, Seaula and Tina Tupa'i moved from American Samoa and settled in California. His father was an ordained minister and pastored a Samoan Assembly of God church in Monterey. Junior graduated from Washington State University where he played football while working on his master's degree in Music. He moved to Hilo in 2007 where he has been Senior Pastor at Overcoming Faith Center. Before going into the ministry full time, Junior worked at the Hawai'i National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, Hilo Campus, for 13 cycles while also coaching football at Kamehameha School for one season and Hilo High for nine seasons. Having all of this experience in public service, Seaula feels he is ready to serve all of the people of Hawai'i.

He says "it is time for a change" and asks for our votes for: "Redeeming the future for the people of Hawai'i." For more information regarding Seaula Tupa'i's appearances and sign waving schedule, check with Margaret Mejia at [AAADrywall@hotmail.com](mailto:AAADrywall@hotmail.com)



Seaula Jr. Tupa'i, Republican candidate for Hawai'i's Lt. Governor



Ada Koene, KRP Newsletter Editor

Aloha Kauai Republicans,

According to Keli'i Akina's May 28, 2022 email, "Auwee! All Four Counties Spending Sprees", our elected county leadership is considering raising our county taxes by 21% above the 2019 fiscal budget. Keli'i is not only a twice elected statewide OHA Trustee At-Large but is the President/CEO of a Hawaii conservative think tank, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii ([info@grassrootinstitute.org](mailto:info@grassrootinstitute.org) 808 864-1776).

This unashamed proposal and consideration of a 21% tax increase, which would result in raising property taxes (if you're renting, your rent will be increased to cover your landlord's property tax increase), is typical unbridled government spending that chooses to raise taxes to meet services, rather than find ways to tighten their belt. We deserve the government we elect. BTW, Maui is considering lowering their county taxes.

This the part of Keli'i's email that deals with our Kauai mayor and county council possible tax burden increase:

*On Kauai, county officials are considering a \$42 million or 21% spending increase over fiscal 2019. Total salary expenditures would go up by 18%.*

Mahalo,  
Steve Yoder



### 2022 Election Dates and Deadlines

Voter Registration Deadline

Primary: August 3, 2022

General: October 31, 2022

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

Primary: August 6, 2022

General: November 1, 2022

Election Day

Primary: August 13, 2022 (Voters receive their ballots in the mail for the Primary Election by July 26, 2022)

General: November 8, 2022 (Voters receive their ballots in the mail for the General Election by October 21, 2022)

Voting closes at 7:00 p.m.



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