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HGEA’S GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

DAVID IGE AND SHAN TSUTSUI; AND MARK TAKAI
LEAD SLATE OF ENDORSED CANDIDATES

The Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), the state’s largest labor union, is endorsing David Ige for governor and Shan Tsutsui for lieutenant governor for the upcoming General Election.

“We believe both David Ige and Shan Tsutsui will be an effective leadership team who will move our state forward for the next four years,” said HGEA’s State Political Action Committee Chair Diane Nakashima. “They have demonstrated their strong support of working families and public employees, and recognize the vital services our members provide for communities statewide.”

For Congressional District 1, which includes the urban areas of Oahu, HGEA is endorsing Mark Takai.

“As a long-time HGEA member, Mark Takai understands the value and commitment of our public workers,” Nakashima said. “With his 20-year track record of public service, we believe he will be a strong leader in Washington and will be able to effectively represent our shared values in Congress.”

The endorsements were made by HGEA’s political action committees, which are composed of members from each HGEA bargaining unit statewide, as well as the excluded/managerial unit and retirees unit.

The endorsed candidates are:

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
David Ige and Shan Tsutsui

U.S. SENATE
Brian Schatz

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
Mark Takai

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
Tulsi Gabbard

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### STATE SENATE

**Hawaii**
- District 1: Gilbert Kahele*
- District 3: Josh Green*
- District 4: Lorraine Inouye

**Maui**
- District 5: Gil Keith-Agaran*
- District 6: Roz Baker*
- District 7: Kalani English*

**Oahu**
- District 12: Brickwood Galuteria*
- District 17: No Action Taken
- District 18: Michelle Kidani*
- District 21: Maile Shimabukuro*
- District 23: Gil Riviere
- District 24: Jill Tokuda*

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Hawaii**
- District 1: Mark Nakashima*
- District 3: Richard Onishi*
- District 4: Joy San Buenaventura
- District 5: Richard Creagan*
- District 6: Nicole Lowen*

**Maui**
- District 8: Joe Souki*
- District 10: Angus McKelvey*
- District 11: Kaniela Ing*
- District 12: Kyle Yamashita*
- District 13: Mele Carroll*

**Kauai**
- District 14: Derek Kawakami*
- District 15: Open
- District 16: Daynette “Dee” Morikawa*

**Oahu**
- District 17: Christopher Stump
- District 18: Mark Hashem*
- District 19: Bert Kobayashi*
- District 20: No Action Taken

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Oahu (continued)
District 21  Scott Nishimoto*
District 22  Tom Brower*
District 24  Della Au Belatti*
District 25  Sylvia Luke*
District 26  Scott Saiki*
District 27  Takashi Ohno*
District 28  John Mizuno*
District 31  Aaron Johanson*
District 32  Linda Ichiyama*
District 33  No Action Taken
District 34  Gregg Takayama*
District 35  Roy Takumi*
District 36  Marilyn Lee
District 37  Ryan Yamane*
District 40  Rose Martinez
District 41  Matthew LoPresti
District 42  No Endorsement
District 43  Karen Awana*
District 44  Jo Jordan*
District 45  Michael Magaoay
District 47  Kent Fonoimoana
District 48  Jarrett Keohokalole
District 50  No Action Taken
District 51  Chris Lee*

KAUAI COUNTY MAYOR  Bernard Carvalho, Jr.*

MAUI COUNTY MAYOR  Alan Arakawa*

KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
Arthur Brun  
Jay Furfaro*  
Ross Kagawa*  
Arryl Kaneshiro  
Kipukai Kualii  
Mel Rapozo*

MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL  
East Maui  Bob Carroll*  
Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu  Mike Victorino*  
Kahului  Joe Pontanilla  
Molokai  Stacy Crivello*  
Upcountry  Gladys Baisa*  
Lanai  Riki Hokama*  
West Maui  Butch "Ka'ala" Buenconsejo  
South Maui  Don Couch*  
Makawao-Haiku-Paia  Mike Molina

(more)
HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL
District V  Daniel Paleka, Jr.
District IX  Ronald Gonzales

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
District IV  Tommy Waters
District VI  Carol Fukunaga*

(Note: An “open” endorsement means the union does not endorse a candidate. “No action taken” means candidates did not contact HGEA for endorsement consideration in a timely manner or at all. “No endorsement” means the union determines that none of the candidates are suitable for endorsement and support.)

*indicates incumbent

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About HGEA
HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in eight bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.