

CHAPTER NEWS:

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ISLAND DIVISION OFFICE TO RSVP AND MAKE SURE ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED.

HAWAII CHAPTER:

Please wear your HGEA shirt to all events. For questions or to sign up for volunteering, contact Elsie Iida (808) 936-2023 unless specified otherwise.

- Aug. 1: Ti leaf prep at HGEA, 8 a.m. Email Elsie at esiida@netscape.net or Cindy at cindy_hilo@hotmail.com to confirm attendance. Drop off donated ti leaves at the HGEA office on July 31 no later than 3 p.m.
- Aug. 15: Malama Mauna Kea volunteer work day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help control invasive plant species. Bring garden/work gloves, water, sun protection and wear layers to protect from wind, light rain or cool weather. Hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes recommended. Register with Eva Cabrerros, ecabrerros@hgea.org or (808) 961-0765, by Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.
- Sept. 11: Prep for Alzheimer’s Walk. Email hichapretire@gmail.com if interested in participating.
- Sept. 12: Alzheimer’s Walk Fundariser at Liliuokalani Park. Join the HGEA All Units team. Donate \$100 online for shirt or drop off your check at HGEA by Sept. 10. Meet at the start line - team picture at 7:30 a.m. Questions? Email hichapretire@gmail.com.
- Sept. 15-17: Blood Bank Drive at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1374 Kilauea Ave. Schedule your appointment online at bbh.org/#blooddridge or call (808) 848-4770 with sponsor code 2147.
- Sept. 16: General Membership Meeting, 9 a.m. RSVP to Solette Perry at hichapretire@gmail.com.

KAUAI CHAPTER:

All events held at the Kauai HGEA office and begin at 10 a.m. Call (808) 245-6751 to register.

- July 20: Movie day

MAUI CHAPTER:

All events held at Maui HGEA office conference room and RSVP required with Jennie Aruda at (808) 244-5508 unless specified otherwise.

- July 7: Bingo, 5 p.m.
- Aug. 4: Hanafuda, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 15: General membership meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the HMSA Center in Kahului. RSVP to Steve by texting (808) 280-1526 or emailing stplsd69@yahoo.com by Sept. 4.
- Oct. 6: Bingo, 5 p.m.
- Nov. 10: Hanafuda, 5 p.m.

OAHU CHAPTER:

- No social activities until further notice due to building maintenance.



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HGEA-endorsed lieutenant governor candidate Della Au Belatti met with Hawaii Chapter retirees and Blaine Bautista, Unit 8 member and endorsed candidate for Hawaii County Council.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



The primary election is picking up speed. I'm sure you've seen politicians out and about sign waving, going door to door canvassing or had them call to ask for your vote.

Included in this issue is the full slate of endorsed HGEA candidates that have been rigorously vetted and approved by the HGEA Board of Directors. We're asking you to please consider voting for these labor-friendly candidates this primary election. The list is comprised of candidates who share our union's values and who we believe will work with us to create better laws and quality of life for Hawaii's working families.

In a year that saw the price of food and gas skyrocketing, we need lawmakers who understand the plight of struggling families and those on fixed incomes.

Retirees have long been a pillar of support for our endorsed candidates to achieve success. Not only do we appreciate your voting power but also those who volunteer their time to support candidates by prepping canvassing materials, phone banking and sign waving.

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters in mid-July. Be sure to mail them back early and encourage your friends and family to do so.

The Office of Elections mailed out voter registration notices to let people know they're properly registered to vote. If you need to make changes or check your voter registration, you can do so online at olvr.hawaii.gov or calling (808) 453-8683.

In these politically volatile times, you may hear rumors about voting fraud such as high incidents of voters casting multiple ballots or voting on ballots that are not their own. These claims are without merit. Suspected incidents of voter fraud are referred to law enforcement for thorough investigation, and there have been no findings of widespread voter fraud since implementing statewide elections by mail in 2020.

Election officials have safeguards in place such as unique voter barcodes and signature verification to ensure that people cannot vote multiple times or vote on ballots that are not their own. These systems ensure a free and fair election.

I strongly encourage you to exercise your right to vote and elect leaders who will drive the change you want to see in the community.

In solidarity,

Joan Gallagher

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2026 PRIMARY ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Federal Races

Congressional District 1: Ed Case

Congressional District 2: Jill Tokuda

Statewide Races

Governor: Josh Green

Lt. Governor: Della Au Belatti

State Senate

Hawaii

Senate District 2: Joy San Buenaventura

Kauai

Senate District 8: Ron Kouchi

Oahu

Senate District 9: Stanley Chang
Senate District 10: Jackson Sayama
Senate District 11: Carol Fukunaga
Senate District 13: Tricia Nakamatsu
Senate District 14: Christy MacPherson
Senate District 17: Donovan Dela Cruz
Senate District 19: Rachele Lamosao
Senate District 20: Kurt Fevella
Senate District 21: Mike Gabbard
Senate District 25: Chris Lee

State House of Representatives

Hawaii

House District 1: Matthias Kusch
House District 2: Sue Lee Loy
House District 3: Chris Todd
House District 4: Gregg Ilagan
House District 5: Jeanne Kapela
House District 6: Kirstin Kahaloa
House District 7: Nicole Lowen
House District 8: David Tarnas

Maui

House District 9: Justin Woodson
House District 10: Tyson Miyake
House District 11: Terez Amato
House District 12: Kyle Yamashita
House District 13: Mahina Poepeo
House District 14: Pa'ele Kiakona

Kauai

House District 15: Nadine Nakamura
House District 16: Luke Evslin
House District 17: Dee Morikawa

Oahu

House District 18: Jamie Wataru
House District 19: Mark Hashem
House District 20: Tina Nakada Grandinetti
House District 22: Andrew Takuya Garrett
House District 23: Ikaika Olds
House District 24: Adrian Tam
House District 25: Kim Coco Iwamoto
House District 26: Nathan Char
House District 27: Jenna Takenouchi
House District 29: Ikaika Hussey
House District 30: Faatea Faatea
House District 31: Linda Ichiyama
House District 32: Garner Shimizu
House District 34: Gregg Takayama
House District 35: Cory Chun
House District 37: Trish La Chica
House District 38: Lauren Cheape Matsumoto
House District 42: Anthony Makana Paris
House District 44: Darius Kila
House District 45: Kalehua Kaopua
House District 46: Amy Perruso
House District 47: Sean Quinlan
House District 48: Lisa Kitagawa
House District 49: Scot Matayoshi
House District 50: Mike Lee
House District 51: Lisa Marten

No endorsements were made for unlisted districts.

County Councils & Mayors

Hawaii County

County Council

District 1: Heather Kimball
District 2: Blaine Bautista
District 3: Dennis Onishi
District 4: Cyd Hoffeld
District 5: Ikaika Rodenhurst
District 6: Zed Ka'apana Aki
District 8: Holeka Goro Inaba
District 9: James Hustace

Kauai County

Mayor

Bernard Carvalho

County Council

Paul Applegate
Michelle Correa
Billy DeCosta
Fern Holland
Arryl Kaneshiro
Todd Ozaki
Dane Smith

Maui County

Mayor

Richard Bissen

County Council

East Maui: Shane Sinenci
West Maui: Tamara Paltin
Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu: Marvin Moniz
Kahului: Kauanoe Batangan
Makawao-Haiku-Paia: Nohe U'u-Hodgins
Upcountry: Bobby Pahia

Oahu

County Council

District 2: Matt Weyer
District 4: Tommy Waters
District 6: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

For more info on endorsements, visit
hgea.org/elections2026

HGEA VOTES



WATCH NOW: DELLA AU BELATTI FOR LT. GOVERNOR
PODCAST EPISODE



Della Au Belatti has long been a friend to labor and HGEA. She was first elected to the state House in 2006. During her 20-year long legislative tenure, she chaired the House Health Committee and House Committee on Public Safety, and served as House Majority Leader during a very challenging time, navigating us through the pandemic. Through all this, she's been a champion of standing with working people.

Hear from HGEA's endorsed candidate for lieutenant governor – why she's running, how she's stood by public employees and ways to tackle the affordability crisis. hgea.org/podcast

JOIN THE FIGHT AT OUR PAC EVENTS

This election year, support our endorsed candidates by volunteering for political action activities.

From sign waving, phone banking, canvassing and rubber-banding candidate literature, there are many different ways that you can get involved.

Sign up online at hgea.org/pacvolunteer

