

## **FINALISTS**

### **KAUA'I COUNTY SEAT**

- **Dileep G. Bal**
- **Norma Doctor Sparks**
- **Steven A. Hunt**

## **Dileep G. Bal, M.D., M.S., M.P.H.**

Dr. Dileep G. Bal worked for the Hawaii State Department of Health from September 2005 to July 2016, as the District Health Officer for the Island of Kauai, and as Special Advisor to the Director of the Department on Cancer, Chronic Disease, Tobacco and Nutrition. He retired on July 1, 2016. He is currently a Clinical Professor at both the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health of the College of Medicine (University of Hawaii).

Dr. Bal had been with the State of California from 1981 to 2005, when he served as the Chief of the Cancer Control Branch within the Department of Health Services. With the advent of Proposition 99, which added a \$.25 tax on each package of cigarettes sold in California, he became responsible for implementing California's tobacco control efforts. This tobacco use prevention and cessation program was one of the largest of its kind in the world and has been universally acclaimed for its innovations and effectiveness. He is the founder/director of California's Tobacco Control and Obesity Control efforts, and its innovative Cancer Control and California's renowned Chronic Disease Control and Health Promotion programs. His branch's annual budget was in excess of 250 million dollars.

From 1981 to 2005 was a Clinical Professor at the Medical School of the University of California at Davis, where he was active in the teaching and research programs. He has published extensively in the areas of cancer prevention and control, especially about diet and cancer, tobacco, and cancer and the underserved. Dr. Bal has been Principal Investigator on several large National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control cancer prevention and control projects. Dr. Bal serves on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control. He has been on the editorial board or, is an active reviewer, for several peer-reviewed medical journals as well as for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Bal is a frequent speaker on public health, medical and social issues, both nationally and internationally. He was the commencement speaker at Brown University Medical School in May 2005. As a former Regent of the University of Hawaii, he is now a Regent Emeritus. Dr. Bal has received innumerable awards, the most recent (in 2016), being the Lifetime Achievement Award from AMA and the Lifetime Alumnus Award of Merit from Harvard.

Dr. Bal's medical degree is from the A.I.I.M.S, India's premier medical institution. He also has graduate degrees in Public Health from Columbia and Harvard Universities. He has been board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine since 1975 and was elected to the American College of Preventive Medicine soon thereafter.

He is an Honorary Life Member of the American Cancer Society in Hawaii and has been very active with the American Cancer Society for over 40 years. In 2000-2001, Dr. Bal was the National President of the American Cancer Society.

## **Norma Doctor Sparks**

Norma Doctor Sparks, M.S.W., J.D., is Co-founder and President of Families First Hawaii Services Inc., a consulting firm that advocates for children and families. Clients have included the County of Kauai; the Hawaii Department of the Attorney General; and CGI, an international information technology company.

After serving as law clerk for Chief Judge James S. Burns of the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals, Norma was a Hawaii Deputy Attorney General, assigned to the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Prior to law school, she was Administrator of the Family Crisis Services Branch in First Circuit Family Court.

Norma was Administrator of the Hawaii Child Support Enforcement Agency with an annual operating budget of \$12 million and about 300 child support enforcement officers statewide. She increased collections to \$75 million in 1995 from \$48 million in 1991 when her tenure started.

She was Administrator of Child Welfare Services in the Hawaii Department of Human Services with an operating budget of about \$45 million and about 400 staff statewide. She personally identified and obtained over \$9 million in new federal claims each year and over \$3 million in retroactive claims. She also implemented Family Conferencing as one of 5 pioneering jurisdictions in the country.

In California, Norma was Director of the Santa Clara County (Silicon Valley) Department of Family and Children. She managed a budget of about \$220 million and supervised over 1000 staff who provided child welfare services. Within two years of the start of her tenure, she initiated and completed the first successful reorganization of the Department in over 25 years, in close partnership with and support of community-based organizations and four employee union chapters.

She was Deputy Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Families Services where she managed \$200 million and supervised over 1,000 staff. She later was the Administrative Deputy of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services where she managed a \$4 billion budget and services for 14,000 staff.

Norma also was a private consultant to the California State Department of Social Services and other jurisdictions.

She received numerous community, federal, state, and county awards in Hawaii and California. In 2007, she was recognized as one of the Top 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the United States. In 1999, her Hawaii work was recognized by President Clinton and the Child Welfare League of America for most improvement in foster care adoptions.

She has served on community boards including Kauai Planning and Action Alliance; Kauai High School Foundation; Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce; Koloa Community Association; and Kauai Filipino Women's Club. She is a member of Kauai Chamber of Commerce; Surfrider Foundation-Kauai; Malama Mahaulepu; Friends of Mahaulepu; and Poipu Beach Rotary Club.

Norma holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a Master of Social Work; and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

She is married to Stephen Sparks and they have two sons, Dr. Chad Sparks of California and Gregory Sparks of New York City.

## **Steven A. Hunt**

Steven Hunt is a former Director of Finance who was widely credited with implementing a transparent budget process and establishing the structurally balanced budget framework for the County of Kaua'i. He is currently employed as the Real Property Tax Manager where he oversees both the Real Property Assessment and Real Property Collections divisions of the Department of Finance. Mr. Hunt is also serving as a member of Mayor Carvalho's policy committee, vacancy review committee, long-term financial planning working group, and budget team. He had previously served as Kaua'i County's appointed representative for the State-County Functions Working Group tasked with reviewing public services provided by the State and the counties, and to make recommendations regarding the distribution of transient accommodations taxes.

Steven graduated from Kaua'i High School before attending the University of Washington, where he majored in marketing and played varsity tennis for the Huskies. He continued his studies at the College of William & Mary in Virginia earning his MBA degree from the Mason School of Business. Before dedicating his career to public service, Mr. Hunt had previously worked in banking, family wealth management, real estate development, and as an independent fee appraiser. He married Lauren LaMadrid of Wailua and together they have two children, Conor (age 15) and Mason (age 13). Steven's past community service involvement has included volunteer work with Rotary International, Boys & Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, Island School Board, Visitor Industry Charity Walk, and various youth sports organizations.