

## **FINALISTS**

### **HAWAI'I COUNTY SEAT**

- **Peter S. Hoffmann**
- **Duane Kanuha**
- **Albert “Alapaki” Nahale-a**

## PETER S. HOFFMANN

**PERSONAL:** born in Jersey City, NJ on 17 Feb 1941. Married to the former Joan Mooney, recently celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Four children and ten grandchildren.

**EDUCATION:** BS Degree in Accounting - St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ - 1962.  
MA Degree in History – New York University, New York, NY – 1965  
Army War College – Carlisle Barracks, PA – 1986  
Ulumau Leadership Series – Hawaii County – 2004

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1965-1993: Active duty, United States Army, Intelligence Branch. Retired in the rank of Colonel. Assignments included 25 months in Vietnam, two years in Chiangmai, Thailand assigned to an Intelligence collection unit, and four years in Hawaii ending with duty with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Further assignments include three years in Munich, Germany with an Army Intelligence Group, two years on the US Army staff in the Pentagon to include budget work with four Congressional committees on Capitol Hill, Commander of an Intelligence Battalion at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, Commander of a Recruiting Battalion in Boston, MA, Commander of the PW/MIA Team in Bangkok, Thailand and finally three years as US Defense Attache, in the US Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

1993-1996: Director of Mission Support for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a 55 nation conflict-prevention, preventive diplomacy organization headquartered in Vienna, Austria. Among other duties, provided personnel, logistical and budgetary support for ten diplomatic missions located in the former Soviet Union and for the first Bosnian elections in the summer of 1996.

2004-2012: elected four times as Hawaii County Councilman for the Kohala District, completing a total of eight years on the Council, serving two of these years as Council Chair as well as several months as Vice-Chair.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** currently serves on the Board of Directors for the West Hawaii Community Health Center, is a substitute teacher at the Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School and serves on the school board, serves on the Stewardship and Development Commission for the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu as well as participating in several other community and parish activities. Previously served four years on the Board of Directors for the Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra, served eleven years as co-Chair of the Hawaii County Food Basket's Golf Tournament, served ten years as the President of the Waikoloa Senior Center, and seven months on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Speaks Thai and German.
- Twenty-one year member of the State Senior Softball League, whose team (Kona Gold) won the 2014 and 2015 State Tournament.
- Honored as the 2013 male recipient of the Outstanding Older American award for the County of Hawaii.

## DUANE KANUHA

Born, raised and educated in Hawai'i, Mr. Kanuha has been a land use and planning professional in both the public and private sectors for more than 40 years.

Mr. Kanuha recently retired from public service as Planning Director for the Hawai'i County Planning Department. He served as Deputy Planning Director and Planning Director under three Hawai'i County administrations (1976 to 1984; 1988 to 1990; and 2013 to 2016).

He also served as Assistant Land Agent for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Management Division, and in 2005, was appointed to the State Land Use Commission as the Hawai'i island commissioner. Mr. Kanuha Chaired the Commission from 2008 to 2009.

Mr. Kanuha spent more than 20 years, between 1990 and 2013, in various senior and corporate management roles in the private sector. He was appointed Land Director for the former 25,000 acre Hamakua Sugar Company and in 1992, joined Chalon International of Hawai'i as Vice President for Strategic Planning and Governmental Affairs. Chalon International of Hawai'i (currently Surety Kohala Corporation, Inc.) had acquired the 27,000 acre assets of the former Kohala Sugar Company in addition to other company holdings in Japan and California.

Over the years, Mr. Kanuha assumed other corporate management roles in and related to the company, including formation of Kohala Aina Partners, as managing member for Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust; and as Executive Vice President of Kohala Investment Works LLC, formed to acquire and manage real estate holdings in Hawai'i and Napa Valley, CA. as well as consult on various projects in Bali, Singapore, and Japan.

Mr. Kanuha is a past member of the Hawai'i Leeward Planning Conference, the State Na Ala Hele Advisory Council, Urban Land Institute (ULI), and the National Association for Interpretation. He has served on the board of directors for the American Lung Association, Na Kalai Wa'a Moku O Hawai'i, and the Hawai'i Islands Land Trust (HILT) among others.

Mr. Kanuha is a graduate of Hilo High School and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (1975) with a BA in Geography. Two of his three children are also graduates of the University of Hawai'i.

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## **Alapaki Nahale-a**

Alapaki Nahale-a was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii. He is a 1986 graduate of Kamehameha Schools and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Alapaki has spent over twenty five years serving community in a variety of roles. He was the Director and Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and the East Hawai'i DHHL commissioner. He has spent many years working for charter schools as President and Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter School Network, Director of Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School and Director of Kā'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School.

Alapaki has served on a variety of community boards and commissions including chairperson of the County of Hawai'i Cultural Resources Commission, member of the County Charter Commission, board member of the Boys and Girls club of the Big Island and board member of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. Alapaki was also appointed by President Obama to serve on the Presidential Scholars Commission where he helps to set policy for the Commission and select the top high school scholars from around the country.

Currently, Alapaki serves as Kamehameha School's Senior Director of Community Engagement and Resources for Hawai'i island. In that position, he works to connect programs, services, lands and resources with communities KS interacts with and helps support.

The father of four, Alapaki and his wife Kāhele reside in Pepe'ekeo, East Hawai'i with their two youngest children.