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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

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HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL

District V
District IX

Daniel Paleka, Jr.
Ronald Gonzales

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

District IV
District VI

Tommy Waters
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.