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HGEA Endorses Harry Kim for Hawaii Island Mayor

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Hawaii Government Employees Association announced its endorsement of Harry Kim for Hawaii Island Mayor today. Kim has a long history of public service including 16 years as Hawaii County Civil Defense Director and more recently Hawaii County Mayor from 2000 to 2008.

“Harry Kim is a pragmatic leader who believes in and cares for Hawaii’s working people,” said HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira. “He understands how decisions he makes as Mayor will impact public employees and the community. Harry embodies middle class values, and he recognizes the rights of workers to organize while balancing the needs of all who call the Big Island home.”

Candidates endorsed by HGEA are selected by a member-driven process that starts with political action committees, which are made up of members. Political action committee recommendations are then reviewed by the HGEA board of directors, which is composed of members elected by their respective bargaining units and/or island memberships. The candidate endorsement process is ongoing. Candidates wishing to be considered for endorsement should contact the HGEA division office on their respective island.

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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.