

# Nūpepa ‘o Hui Aloha ‘Āina

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## What is Aloha ‘Āina?

Aloha ‘Āina is a concept that we need natural resources therefore we care for our environment in the same manner that we care for our family. It is this caring for our environment that adds value to our lives because it is the land from which man was created, and to the

land that we will one day return. It is the respect for the natural order of things, the circle of life, and all that it encompasses.

Ultimately, it is the realization that water can run dry, as we can see with O‘ahu’s aquifer.

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## Is Aloha ‘Āina Party only for Hawaiians?

No, it is actually about everyone. Have you ever seen what happened in Easter Island after the environmental collapse? Did you know that the Fertile Crescent in the Bible is a desert today? These things are far more than an act of God, they were brought on by the actions of man. Although natural disasters do happen, many times a healthy environment will stavr most environmental tragedies away.

The Aloha ‘Āina Party has other areas of focus as well, such as the economy. Did you know that the state uses tons of taxpayer money to eradicate invasive species, yet many of those invasive species would actually be profitable on the market?

The Banana Revolution at Kepaniwai, ‘Īao Valley

Much like the photo above, when living entities are well taken care of, the living entity thrives. Just a few months ago, these bananas were all rotting away. With a little maintenance and love, they began to perk up and their leaves grew bright and strong.

In the same manner, when taken care of, people will thrive and families won't be strained over stressors that should not be a part of our lives. Our residents should not have to depend on a barge to eat, just as much as we should be reducing our dependence upon the barge for environmental and supply reasons. Did you know that experts are indicating that the entire world will run out of oil within the next 40 years? This information can be found by asking Google this question:

*"When do experts predict that the world will run out of oil?"*



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For example, the DLNR ran out of funding before they could eradicate the invasive Albizia tree. However that tree is a hardwood tree that can be used as lumber. So is the eucalyptus. This means that we wouldn't have to pay high lumber prices because it doesn't have to be shipped here. It would build local business, generate jobs, and bring revenues through sales. It would also be considered a rare wood since there is a limited supply.

The answers are scary, especially when you think about families who won't have the money to convert. It would mean that our social service systems will need more money to operate - money that we just don't have to pay taxes. It really is a lot to think about.



## Do the right thing:

Organize a small group clean up today, in your ahupua'a or neighborhood. Send us your pictures at: [john@votealoha.org](mailto:john@votealoha.org) to be featured on our website and in our Aloha 'Āina Get Action! column.

## Aloha 'Āina Get Action!

Featured in today's article is just a hui of teenage boys who are finding their way through today's world through caring for the land. The group consists of teens from both Maui and Molokai who utilize Aloha 'Āina as a positive means to release both their energy and woes. This natural channeling provides balance as well as an avenue for bonding.



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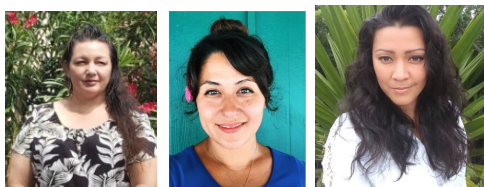
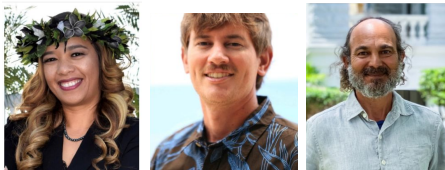
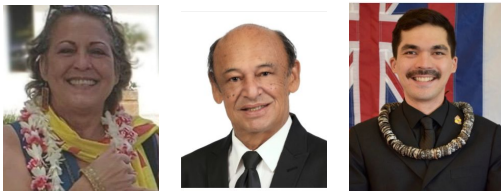
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## Ho‘omaika‘i to our 2020 Candidates and to the Aloha ‘Āina Party

On surviving your first election during your first year of  
establishment.

Mahalo to our Candidates of  
the 2020 Election Year



From top to bottom, left to right:  
Ipo Keen, Ron Ka-ipo, Erik Ho,  
Joseph Simpliciano, Keline Kahau, Umi  
Sexton, Shaena Ho‘ohouli, Travis Gilstrand,  
Howard Greenburg, Kahala Chrupalyk, Theresa  
Kapaku, Johanna Decker, Desmon Haumea,  
Devin McMackin, Ikaika Marzo

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Luana Alapa!



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