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WE HAVE THE POWER TO SHAPE OUR GOLDEN YEARS.

*It's a kākou thing.
Let's do it together.*

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So, let's define Kūpuna:

An elder, grandparent, one having authority by virtue of age and experience and includes the many generations before us who by their spiritual wisdom and presence guide us through personal, familial or community challenges.

We look to our Kūpuna (today and yesterday) to help us find and fulfill our pathways through life. We consult with kūpuna as a powerful source of wisdom. Some define kūpuna as “to stand at the source”. *Ku* (to stand) and *puna* (from *punawai*, the source or spring water).

My friend Danny Akaka Jr. shares “we seldom expect definitive answers from our Kūpuna , and instead seek their perspective and experience to help us devise our own solutions. That way, we

can put the wisdom they so generously share to good use by applying it to today's situation.”

From a more practical Kūpuna perspective, we know one thing for sure...you can only achieve the lofty status of Kūpuna , by living up to it. One cannot be a Kūpuna at 30 or 40 years of age. At 50 you can begin receiving senior discounts! I say that humorously but also realize that the Kūpuna demographic, as a force, is the most politically active. And when deftly organized translates to power. **Kūpuna Power?** **Kūpuna Power** is a state of mind. **Kūpuna Power** is self- determination, that you have the authority over how your life will be lived, where and with whom. But, to accomplish most of those goals, Kūpuna must know the resources needed for their support. Resources that help you assume responsibilities for your decisions and actions. In doing so you will find your power and become self- advocates empowering yourself with the knowledge of what resources are available to you from the State, the City, and even the Federal Government.

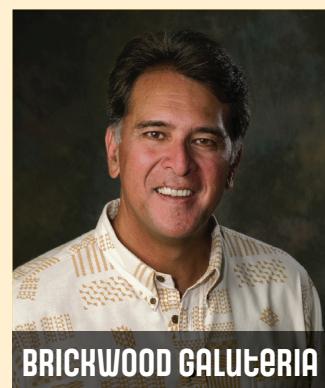
That's true **Kūpuna Power!**

Kūpuna Power is pleased to partner with Hawaii's Office of Elections. Hawaii will be voting by mail this election.

When you take advantage of postal voting, you get to fill out your ballot at a time that works for you. You can open the ballot at home and complete it on your own time. In fact, why not gather the ohana to talk it through before deciding, then return it by mail before the election deadline. It is a convenient option to use. Your Mailbox is your Ballot Box!

For more info, go to WeAreKupuna.com. We have distilled the overwhelming landscape of Kūpuna information into a helpful website of relevant subject matter, including “Vote By Mail.” In addition, Kupuna Power Face Book is available and, of course, refer to TV listings for Kupuna Power TV.

Finally, **KŪPUNA POWER** seeks to flip the script. We love and appreciate being “helped across the street” during the fall and winter of our lives. Equally important, we’re here to help our ohana and friends, our keiki and keiki’s keiki “across the street of life.” **KŪPUNA POWER** is a *Kakou* thing! 



Kūpuna Power, Founder
Former Hawaii State Senator

ATTENTION VOTERS:

Your MAILBOX is your BALLOT BOX

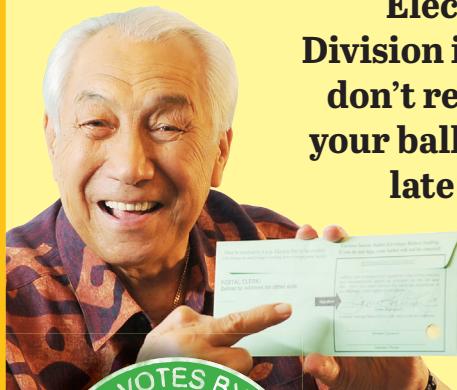


Starting this year, all of Hawaii conveniently votes by mail!

Now registered voters simply receive their packet in the mail, complete the ballot in the privacy of their own home and safely mail it before Election Day.

There are no polling places on Election Day.

Call your County
Elections
Division if you
don't receive
your ballot by
late July!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: What does it mean now that we are conducting elections by mail?

A: Starting with the 2020 Primary Election, all registered voters will automatically receive their ballot in the mail and no traditional polling places will be established. Going forward, voters should look for their ballot 18 days prior to each election.

Q: Where will my ballot be sent?

A: Your ballot is sent to the mailing address you provide with your voter registration. If you move or change your mailing address, you will need to update your voter registration to ensure you continue to receive your ballot.

Q: What if I didn't receive my ballot?

A: If you do not receive your ballot, check your voter registration and contact your County Elections Division for a replacement.

**Q: What if I make a mistake
on my ballot?**

A: If you make a mistake, damage your ballot, or change your mind while voting

your ballot, contact your County Elections Division for a replacement. Do not use whiteout to correct a mistake.

Q: Why do I have to sign the return envelope?

A: Your signature on the return envelope is matched to your signature on file with your voter registration to confirm your identity.

Q: What if I am away during the election?

A: Voters away from home during the election, including traveling or school, can request an absentee ballot be sent to an alternate address by completing an Absentee Application. The application is available at elections.hawaii.gov.

Q: Can I still vote in-person?

A: Yes, voter service centers will be opened 10 business days prior to each election. Services include accessible in-person voting and same-day voter registration. For locations and hours, visit elections.hawaii.gov.

JULY 21 BALLOT PACKETS DELIVERED

AUGUST 8 PRIMARY ELECTION

elections.hawaii.gov 453-VOTE (8683) | Neighbor Islands Toll Free 1-800-442-VOTE



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by understanding the many
resources available to support us.



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LOCAL RESOURCES

Aloha United Way
(808) 536-1951

Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i
(808) 536-4302

Lanakila Meals on Wheels
(808) 356-8519

The Salvation Army
(808) 988-2136

Hawai'i Meals on Wheels
(808) 988-6747

AARP Hawai'i
(866) 295-7282

Hawai'i Foodbank
(808) 836-3600

Executive Office of Aging
(808) 586-0100

Visit WeAreKupuna.com RESOURCES for more on Medicaid, Medicare, Long Term Care, Insurance, Elder Abuse and Healthy Living



**Don't Forget –
This Year Hawaii Will Vote by Mail!**
Primary Election – August 8
General Election – November 3

What You Need to Know:

- You must be registered to ensure you receive your mail ballot packet.
- You can still vote in person at a voter service center in your County.
- Voter service centers are open 10 days before and on Election Day.

For more information, contact the Office of Elections at **453-VOTE (8683)** or toll free from the Neighbor Islands at **1-800-442-VOTE (8683)**.

Important Dates:

July 21 – Mail Ballot packet delivered
July 27 – Voter Service Center open thru Election Day
August 8 – Primary Election

Registration Information contact your Clerk Office:

County of Hawaii – (808) 961-8277
County of Maui – (808) 270-7749
County of Kauai – (808) 241-4800
City & County of Honolulu – (808) 768-3800

Voter Service Centers: Open July 27

Oahu: Honolulu Hale or Kapolei Hale
Kauai: Piikoi Building Conference Room-Lihue
Maui: Velma McWayne Santos Community Center
Molokai: Mitchell Pauole Center
Lanai: Lanai Police Station
Hawaii Island: Hilo - Aupuni Center or
Kona - West Hawaii Civic Center

**Hours: Mon-Sat: 8 am – 4:30 pm,
Election Day: 7 am – 7 pm**





LOCAL RESOURCES

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Executive Office on Aging - (808) 536-0100
Aloha United Way - (808) 536-1951
Hawaii Foodbank - (808) 836-3600

HAWAII COUNTY

Hawaii County Office of Aging - (808) 961-8626
Hawaii Island Food Basket - (808) 933-6030
Hawaii County Nutrition Program
(Meals on Wheels) - (808) 961-8726

MAUI COUNTY

Maui County Office on Aging - (808) 270-7774
Maui United Way - (808) 244-8787
Maui Food Bank - (808) 243-9500

KAUAI COUNTY

Office of Elderly Affairs - (808) 241-4470
Kauai United Way - (808) 245-2043
Hawaii Food Bank Kaua - (808) 482-2224

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OUR VALUES

KUPUNA POWER is...
A resource to milama
our Kūpuna.

Is about empowerment, education, respect, and talking story. It's about taking control of your own life during the golden years and sharing your golden years with everyone in your life.

Seeks to help guide you to resources dealing with Medicare, Medicaid, long term care, and other items for the entire family to think and talk about together... WeAreKupuna.com.

Is about Seniors of all ethnicities, all backgrounds, all faiths and all persuasions.

Is about making choices, relationships, contributing; it's about dignity, respect, and belonging...all served with a big heaping scoop of Aloha!

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