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***BIA-Hawaii Representative Appointed to State Building Code Council***  
*Construction industry veteran Mark Kennedy brings over 30 years of experience to post*

**HONOLULU** – The Building Industry Association of Hawaii announced today the appointment of Mark Kennedy to the State Building Code Council. Mark brings extensive experience building multifamily, single family production homes, custom homes, and light commercial construction. Mark has served on a variety of industry and community boards and committees as well as Division Manager, Project Manager, and Division Executive managing projects in Hawaii, Nevada and California.

The State Building Code Council is made up of building officials from each county, and representatives from fire, construction industry, energy, structural engineers, architects, and subcontractors and is responsible for adopting the various building codes by reviewing and discussing the language, intent, and use in Hawaii.

“Mark will represent BIA and our members well,” said BIA-Hawaii CEO Jessica Leorna. “Collaboration and working together to achieve common goals are keys to success for the entire building industry and the council, especially at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has the world on a hinge. Streamlining governmental processes that impact building as an essential industry will be at the forefront of discussions to keep Hawaii safe and moving forward. Mark is well-suited for this role and we are all lucky to have him involved.”

Since arriving to Hawaii in 1992, Mark spent two years helping to rebuild Kauai after Hurricane Iniki. He then moved to Oahu where has worked with several developers eventually joining Haseko, an award-winning developer, in 2003.

Mark obtained General Building Contractor licenses in Hawaii, Nevada and California. He is a member and volunteer for the International Code Council, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, Steel Frame Alliance, Habitat for Humanity in both California and Hawaii, and has taught courses in plan reading for several years at BIA.

A little-known fact about Mark is he was a professional skier for many years. He obtained the highest level of certification as a PSIA Ski Instructor, earned a position on the Western Demonstration Team, and became a PSIA Examiner, clinician and ski school supervisor at Heavenly Valley California. In addition, Mark competed in many freestyle contests specializing in moguls and became Montana State Freestyle Champion, competing in multiple national and regional freestyle contests, winning a placing in many, and was a NASTAR pacesetter.

While skiing is Mark’s first love, he has enjoyed being part of the construction industry from a young age. “I have been blessed with two great careers that I’ve enjoyed,” said Mark. “I am honored to be appointed to the State Building Code Council of Hawaii.” Mark can be reached by email at [mkennedy@haseko.com](mailto:mkennedy@haseko.com)

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