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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to seek public office! Your willingness to serve in a position of public trust strengthens the foundations of our democratic system and provides voters with more choices.

We ask that you please read this manually carefully as it provides an overview of elections in Hawaii and answers frequently asked questions about the candidate filing process.

We wish you the best of luck on your campaign. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Office of Elections at 453-VOTE (8683) or neighbor island residents may call toll free at 1-800-442-VOTE (8683).

SCOTT T. NAGO
Chief Election Officer
The Office of Elections issues and files nomination papers for federal and state candidates. Additionally, the Office of Elections prints and counts ballots and provides voter education. Since the Office is responsible for the printing of ballots, it coordinates candidate filing, statewide.

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County of Hawaii
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25 Aupuni Street, Room 1502
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
(808) 961-8277
hiloelec@hawaiicounty.gov

The County of Maui Elections Division issues and files nomination papers for their county candidates as well as federal and state candidates on behalf of the Office of Elections. Additionally, the County Elections Division handles voter registration, the mailing and receipt of ballots, and establishes and operates voter service centers and places of deposit.

County of Maui
Elections Division
200 South High Street, Room 708
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
(808) 270-7749
county.clerk@mauicounty.us

The County of Kauai Elections Division issues and files nomination papers for their county candidates as well as federal and state candidates on behalf of the Office of Elections. Additionally, the County Elections Division handles voter registration, the mailing and receipt of ballots, and establishes and operates voter service centers and places of deposit.

County of Kauai
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elections@kauai.gov

The City and County of Honolulu Elections Division issues and files nomination papers for their county candidates. Additionally, the County Elections Division handles voter registration, the mailing and receipt of ballots, and establishes and operates voter service centers and places of deposit.

City and County of Honolulu
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clerks@honolulu.gov
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## Campaigning

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**HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT**
In the aftermath of the 2000 Presidential Election, Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) providing funding to states for infrastructure upgrades and accessible voting equipment as well as federal election oversight.

**MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT**
Congress passed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) expanding UOCAVA protections and requiring the ballot be mailed to UOCAVA voters 45-days prior to the election.

**NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING**
The Legislature provided for no-excuse absentee voting allowing any registered voter to request a mail ballot or vote at any early walk-in voting location.

**PRIMARY ELECTION MOVED**
The Legislature moved the date of the Primary Election from second to last Saturday in September to the second Saturday in August to comply with the Federal MOVE Act of 2010.

**ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION**
The Legislature passed election day registration, allowing voters to register and vote after the 30-day voter registration deadline.

**ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**
Online voter registration launched in August of 2015, allowing voters to register and update their registration online rather than a paper application.

**VOTE BY MAIL**
The Legislature passed elections by mail beginning with the 2020 Primary Election.
HAWAII VOTES BY MAIL

Beginning with the 2020 Elections, all registered voters will automatically receive their ballot at the mailing address associated with their voter registration approximately 18 days prior to election day. Polling places will no longer be established on election day.

The County Elections Divisions will establish voter service centers that will be open 10 business days prior to election day through the close of voting at 7:00 pm on election day. Voter service centers provide, among other things, accessible in-person voting and same day voter registration. Additionally, the County Elections Divisions may establish places of deposit for personal delivery of voted ballots beginning 5 business days prior to election day. In May 2020, the Office of Elections and County Elections Divisions will issue a joint election proclamation, to include the hours and locations of the voter service centers and places of deposit.

As 2020 is the first year we are conducting elections by mail here are tips for voters that are especially significant:

• Keep your voter registration up to date
• Request an absentee ballot if you will be off-island
• Check for your ballot 18 days before Election Day
• Voting closes at 7:00 pm on Election Day

VOTER SERVICE CENTER
ELECTIONEERING BOUNDARY

Campaign activities for the purpose of soliciting votes for or against any person, political party, or position on a question are prohibited within 200 feet from the perimeter of any voter service center, place of deposit, and its appurtenances. This includes the building in which the voter service center and place of deposit is located, any parking lot adjacent to the building and routinely used for parking at that building, routes of access between the building and any parking lot, and any route of access between any public thoroughfare and the building.

Any person who remains or loiters within the 200 foot electioneering boundary for the purpose of campaigning will be guilty of a misdemeanor. Campaign activities include distribution, circulation, carrying, holding, posting, or staking of campaign cards, pamphlets, posters, and other literature; use of public address system and other public communication media; use of motor caravans, parades, and entertainment troupes; and distribution of goods and services.

WATCHERS

Each qualified political party is entitled to appoint watchers to observe the conduct of the election at the voter service centers. There may be only one watcher per qualified political party in a voter service center at a time. Watchers must be registered voters in the State of Hawaii. They must not interfere with the activities of any voter or election official. Watchers will be given identification stating their name and political party they represent. Any violations of election laws observed should be reported to the respective Clerk of the voter service center.
KEEP YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION UP TO DATE

Ballot packets are sent to voter’s mailing address associated with their voter registration. Voters who have moved, changed their name, or mailing address must update their voter registration. Voters may check their voter registration online at olvr.hawaii.gov with a current Hawaii Driver License or Hawaii State ID and Social Security Number or by contacting the Office of Elections or their County Elections Division.

Voters who may be away during an election may request their ballot be sent to an alternate mailing address for the primary election, general election, or both by completing an Absentee Application. The application is available online at elections.hawaii.gov, and it must be received by the voter’s County Elections Division 7 days prior to the election.

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU WILL BE OFF-ISLAND
CHECK FOR YOUR BALLOT 18 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

All registered voters will receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days prior to the election. The mail ballot packet contains a ballot, ballot secrecy sleeve, pre-paid return envelope, and voting instructions.

Before voting, review the instructions, contests, and candidates on both sides of the ballot. A properly marked ballot counts 100% of the time. When marking the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue pen. If you change your mind or make a mistake, contact your respective County Elections Division for a replacement ballot. Do not use whiteout.

After voting the ballot, re-fold it and place it in the ballot secrecy sleeve. Place the ballot secrecy sleeve in the return envelope and sign the return envelope. Voters must sign the return envelope for the ballot to be counted.

VOTING CLOSES AT 7:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY

Voters may return their voted ballot by mail or in-person. Mailed voted ballots must be received by the County Elections Division by 7:00 pm on Election Day. If returned by mail within Hawaii, voters should send their voted ballot 2-3 days before Election Day to ensure it is received by the deadline. To return a voted ballot in-person, voters may visit a voter service center or place of deposit.

Upon receipt of voted ballots, County Election Officials conduct a signature validation. Voters’ signatures are attached to their voter registration and used to validate their Return Envelope containing their voted ballot. County Election Officials match the signature required on the Return Envelope with the signature associated with the voter’s registration.

After the signature is validated, the voted ballot is forwarded to State Election Officials to be counted. However, if County Election Officials find a discrepancy with a signature, as they are validating the Return Envelope, they will notify the voter. The voter will have 5 business days after the election to correct the issue before their ballot can be forwarded to State Election Officials to be counted.
The County Elections Divisions assign voters to a district/precinct based on their residence address. As voters move to a new residence, update their mailing address, or change their name, they must also update their voter registration to ensure they receive a ballot.

Voters can update their registration or register online at olvr.hawaii.gov with a Hawaii Driver License or State ID and Social Security Number. They may also submit a Voter Registration Application to their County Elections Division; or as they obtain or renew an ID card at the DMV.

The qualifications to register to vote are 1) United States citizen; 2) resident of the State of Hawaii; and 3) at least 18 years of age. Hawaii laws allows qualified individuals to pre-register at 16 years of age, but their registration will not be effective until they turn 18 years old.

The deadline to register to receive a mail ballot packet is 30 days prior to Election Day. However, if the deadline is missed, voters may register and vote in the upcoming election at a voter service center. In any subsequent election, they will automatically be mailed a ballot.

VOTER DATA
Hawaii’s voter registration data is an electronic file available for purchase, for election purposes only. Please contact your County Elections Division to request the voter registration data.
VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES AND MATERIALS

The Office of Elections provides materials for organizations and individuals such as candidates to register and educate eligible citizens, statewide. Materials include, the Voter Registration Application, Absentee Application, and Hawaii Votes by Mail brochure.

The Voter Registration Application and Absentee Applications are available in packs of 50. A maximum of 100 of each application may be requested every 30 days. Applications are also available online at elections.hawaii.gov to print. Completed applications may be submitted to the respective County Elections Division.

To request voter registration materials, please contact the Office of Elections, Voter Services, at (808) 453-8683 or elections@hawaii.gov.
WHAT’S ON MY BALLOT?

The contests that appear on each voter’s ballot is determined by their residence address provided on their voter registration application. There may be fewer contests on the general election ballot as a candidate may have won outright in the primary election.

PRIMARY ELECTION

The primary election nominates candidates to represent qualified political parties and nonpartisan candidates in the general election. The primary election replaces the traditional political party caucuses and conventions in which each political party chooses a slate of candidates to run in the general election. In the primary election, the voters, rather than the parties, choose the candidate who will run for office in the general election. Also on the ballot are the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and county contests. This encompasses the nonpartisan OHA trustee, county mayor, county prosecuting attorney, and county councilmember contests.

Hawaii conducts a single-party primary election. All political preferences appear on the primary election ballot pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution, Article II, Section 4, which states “Secrecy of voting and choice of political party affiliation or nonpartisanship shall be preserved”. On the ballot, voters must select one political preference, and vote only for candidates of the selected political preference for partisan federal and state contests. The order political preferences appear on the primary election ballot is determined by lot pursuant to HRS §12-21, rather than alphabetically, so that there is an equal chance of a political party being listed first on the ballot. The political preference order includes each qualified political party and nonpartisan.

There is a header indicating each political preference section, as well as headers identifying OHA and county contests. When voting on the primary election ballot, voters must 1) complete the Select-A-Party contest by choosing a political preference; 2) locate the selected political preference on the ballot; 3) vote only for the candidates affiliated with the selected political preference; and 4) vote for the OHA and county contests.

PARTISAN CANDIDATES

Individuals who wish to appear on the ballot as a candidate of a specific political party must belong to a qualified political party in Hawaii. Currently, the Democratic, Green, Libertarian, and Republican parties are qualified in Hawaii. New political parties have until 4:30 pm on February 20, 2020 to file a petition to qualify for the 2020 Elections. Should additional parties become qualified, a revised list of parties will be available at elections.hawaii.gov.

The person(s) receiving the greatest number of votes at the primary election as a candidate of a party for an office shall be the candidate of the party in the general election, but not more candidates for a party than there are offices to be elected (HRS §12-41(a)).

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

Individuals not affiliated with any political party in Hawaii may run as nonpartisan candidates for any partisan office. To qualify for the general election, nonpartisan candidates must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Receive at least 10% of the votes cast for the office; or

- Receive a vote equal to or greater than the lowest vote received by the partisan candidate who was nominated.

If more nonpartisan candidates qualify to run in the general election than there are seats available, then the nonpartisan candidate who receives the most votes will appear on the general election ballot (HRS §12-41(b)).

Nonpartisan qualification provisions for the general election do not apply to candidates for OHA, County of Hawaii, County of Maui, County of Kauai, and City and County of Honolulu contests.
Review both sides of ballot
Select a party
Vote only within the party selected
All voters can vote for OHA and county contests
The order of offices and candidates on the ballot is determined by state law, HRS §§11-114 and 11-115. For the 2020 Elections, offices are listed in the following order:

President and Vice President (general election ballot only)

United States Representative

State Senator

State Representative

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

County Mayor

County Prosecuting Attorney

County Councilmember

State Constitutional Amendment Question (general election ballot only)

County Charter Amendment Question (general election ballot only)

The names of candidates are placed on the ballot under their respective offices in alphabetical order by the candidate’s last name except for those cases listed below.

Candidate Vacancies: The name of the replacement candidates shall be printed in an available and appropriate place on the ballot, not necessarily in alphabetical order.

Vice President: In the general election, the name of the candidate for Vice President shall be placed immediately below the name of the candidate for President of the same political party. The teams are placed on the ballot in alphabetical order by the last name of the candidate for President.
GENERAL ELECTION
The general election is held after the primary election to determine which of the candidates nominated will take office. The general election is a candidate contest, meaning voters select candidates regardless of political preference for partisan federal and state contests. Voters also select candidates for OHA and county contests.

Candidates for President and Vice President appear only on the general election ballot. Qualified political parties in Hawaii conduct presidential preference polls to determine the state’s presidential choice to their national party. The state and national party will determine and submit their presidential nominees to our office to be placed on the general election ballot. Parties or groups not qualified in Hawaii nominate their candidates for placement on the general election ballot through a presidential petition process.

Constitutional amendment and charter amendment questions also only appear on the general election ballot. Constitutional amendments are proposed and submitted by the Hawaii State Legislature. There is no initiative process which would allow registered voters or citizen groups to propose and submit questions to amend the Hawaii State Constitution. Charter amendment and initiative questions are submitted by the respective County Clerk. State constitutional amendment questions are listed in the order provided by the Hawaii State Legislature. County charter amendment and initiative questions are listed in the order provided by the respective County Clerk.

2022 ELECTION CONTESTS
Based on the terms of office, in addition to the offices with 2 year terms, the following offices will be up for election in 2022.

United States Senator, 1 of 2 seats
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
State Senators, 25 of 25 seats
OHA trustee, Maui resident, Oahu resident, and the three (3) At-Large trustees
County of Maui, Mayor
County of Kauai, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu, Councilmember districts II, IV, VI, and VIII
GETTING RESULTS

State election officials will post the results reports at elections.hawaii.gov after 7:00 pm on election day when all voter service centers have closed. At the close of voting, County election officials will collect voted ballots, from places of deposit and voter service centers, which will need to be validated through signature verification before being forwarded to State election officials at the counting center to open, count, and tabulate. The volume of voted ballots collected at the close of voting may delay the release of the result report. A final election day result report will be released for each county as they finish counting all validated voted ballots and a statewide final election day result report will be released once all counties are finished. The final election day results must be released by 6:00 am following the close of voting. The following reports are released:

Statewide Summary is a compilation of contests

County Summary is reported for each of the four counties. It is a compilation of the contests in the specific county.

Statewide Precinct Detail is reported by district/precinct as well as the method of ballots cast – mail or voter service center.

Election day reports are preliminary results. Ballots may be counted within the election contest period such as ballots that require additional review by the County Elections Division after audits and reconciliation. Subsequent reports will be posted at elections.hawaii.gov.
RECOUNTS

Act 155, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 requires that an automatic recount is triggered if the difference between 2 candidates – who would qualify to appear on the general election ballot or would be elected, is 0.25% or 100 votes, whichever is greater. State election officials determine if any contest requires a recount and schedule dates and time for Official Observers to be present. The results of any recount must be released no later than 72 hours after the close of voting.

State election officials will notify the candidates, using the contact information provided at the time of filing, and political parties of the affected contest of the dates and time the recount will be conducted.
ELECTION DAY

PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 8, 2020
Mailed voted ballots must be received by the County Elections Division by 7:00 pm. Voter service centers close at 7:00 pm on Election Day. Any voter in line at that time will be allowed to vote.

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020
Mailed voted ballots must be received by the County Elections Division by 7:00 pm. Voter service centers close at 7:00 pm on Election Day. Any voter in line at that time will be allowed to vote.

DATES & DEADLINES

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE FILING
FEBRUARY 3, 2020, 7:45 AM TO JUNE 2, 2020, 4:30 PM
During candidate filing, individuals can obtain a nomination paper to utilize in collecting signatures from voters eligible to vote for them. Then, submit the completed nomination paper along with a filing fee.

DEADLINE TO FILE A NOMINATION PAPER
JUNE 2, 2020, 4:30 PM
The candidate filing closes on June 2, 2020, 4:30 pm. No nomination paper will be accepted after the deadline.

WITHDRAWAL FOR ANY REASON
JUNE 3, 2020, 4:30 PM
Candidates may submit a request to withdraw their candidacy for any reason to the Office of Elections for federal and state contests or to their County Elections Division for a county contest.

CANDIDATE OBJECTION
JUNE 9, 2020, 4:30 PM
An objection to a candidate’s nomination paper may be made by the chief election officer, the clerk for county contests, a registered voter, or an officer of a qualified political party. Registered voters must file their objection with the Office of Elections for federal and state contests or their County Elections Division for county contests. Objections made by an officer of a political party must be filed directly with the Circuit Court.

WITHDRAWAL FOR ILL HEALTH
JUNE 19, 2020, 4:30 PM
Candidates may submit a request to withdraw their candidacy from the Primary Election for reasons of ill health to the Office of Elections for federal and state contests or to their County Elections Division for county contests. Candidates must also provide a statement from a licensed physician or physician assistant indicating that such ill health may endanger the candidate’s life.

WITHDRAWAL FOR ILL HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, 4:30 PM
Candidates may submit a request to withdraw their candidacy from the General Election for reasons of ill health to the Office of Elections...
for federal and state contests or to their County Elections Division for county contests. Candidates must also provide a statement from a licensed physician or physician assistant indicating that such ill health may endanger the candidate’s life.

**AUTOMATIC RECOUNT, IF ANY**  
**AUGUST 11, 2020**  
An automatic recount may be triggered if there is a difference of 0.25% or 100 votes, whichever is greater. Any candidates and political parties affected by a recount will be notified. The recount must be completed within 72 hours of the election.

**CONTEST FOR CAUSE**  
**AUGUST 24, 2020**  
A complaint on contests for cause must be filed with the Hawaii Supreme Court.

**AUTOMATIC RECOUNT, IF ANY**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2020**  
An automatic recount may be triggered if there is a difference of 0.25% or 100 votes, whichever is greater. Any candidates and political parties affected by a recount will be notified. The recount must be completed within 72 hours of the election.

**CONTEST FOR CAUSE**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 2020**  
A complaint on contests for cause must be filed with the Hawaii Supreme Court.

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**POLITICAL PARTIES**

**QUALIFY A POLITICAL PARTY**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 4:30 PM**  
Parties qualifying for the 2020 Election must obtain 757 signatures of currently registered voters in the State of Hawaii on a petition issued by the Office of Elections. The petition along with the party rules and officers must be submitted to the Office of Elections.

**PARTY RULES FOR QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES**  
**MARCH 11, 2020, 4:30 PM**  

**PARTY OBJECTION**  
**MARCH 19, 2020, 4:30 PM**  
An objection to a political party petition may be made by the chief election officer or a political party. All objections must be filed with the Office of Elections by 4:30 pm on the 20th business day after the petition has been filed. Therefore, the deadline could be earlier if the political party filed its petition earlier.

**PARTY OFFICERS FOR QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES**  
**MAY 9, 2020, 4:30 PM**  

**VOTER SERVICE CENTER WATCHERS**  
**JULY 18, 2020, 4:30 PM**  
Qualified political parties submit names of voter service center watchers for the Primary Election to the County Elections Divisions.

**VOTER SERVICE CENTER WATCHERS**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2020, 4:30 PM**  
Qualified political parties submit names of voter service center watchers for the General Election to the County Elections Divisions.

**DISQUALIFICATION**  
**MARCH 3, 2021**  
The Office of Elections determines if a political party has qualified to field candidates for the 2022 Election based on the results of the 2020 Elections.
PRESIDENTIAL

PRESIDENTIAL PETITION
AUGUST 5, 2020
Last day for parties or groups not qualified in Hawaii to file presidential petitions with the Office of Elections to appear on the General Election ballot. The petition must have 4,377 signatures of currently registered voters in the State of Hawaii. To obtain a presidential petition, individuals must submit an application and notarized declarations of intent.

CANDIDATES AND ELECTORS
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
Last day to submit presidential electors for both presidential candidate petitioners and qualified political parties and the last day for qualified political parties to certify nominees for president and vice president. All requirements must be filed with the Office of Elections.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE
DECEMBER 14, 2020, 2:00 PM
When voters cast their vote for president and vice president, they are actually casting a vote for the slate of electors who have pledged their support for that same candidate. The Electors, nominated by qualified political parties and presidential candidate petitioners, convene at the Electoral College to elect the next president and vice president.

VOTERS

UOCAVA MAIL BALLOT PACKETS
JUNE 24, 2020
The County Elections Divisions mails the Primary Election ballot to overseas voters 45-days prior to the election pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). UOCAVA voters include members of the U.S. Uniformed Services and the merchant marines and their family members, and U.S. citizens residing abroad.

VOTER REGISTRATION
JULY 9, 2020, 4:30 PM
Last day to register to vote to receive a mail ballot packet for the Primary Election. Voters may register and vote at a voter service center.

MAIL BALLOT PACKETS
JULY 21, 2020
Voters will begin receiving their mail ballot packets for the Primary Election. The mail ballot packet includes the ballot, ballot secrecy sleeve, postage paid return envelope, and instructions. Voted ballots must be received by the County Elections Division by 7:00 pm on Election Day.

VOTER SERVICE CENTERS
JULY 27, 2020
Voter service centers are open through Election Day. Services include in-person voting and same-day registration. Voter service centers are operated by the County Elections Divisions. The hours and locations will be published through a joint proclamation in May 2020.

REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT
AUGUST 1, 2020, 4:30 PM
Voters may request an absentee ballot be sent to an alternate mailing address no later than 7 days prior to the election.
PLACES OF DEPOSIT
AUGUST 3, 2020
Places of deposit are established by the County Elections Divisions as an additional location for voters to drop off their voted ballot. The hours and locations of the places of deposit will be published through a joint proclamation in May 2020.

UOCAVA MAIL BALLOT PACKETS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
The County Elections Divisions mails the General Election ballot to overseas voters 45-days prior to the election pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). UOCAVA voters include members of the U.S. Uniformed Services and the merchant marines and their family members, and U.S. citizens residing abroad.

VOTER REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 5, 2020, 4:30 PM
Last day to register to vote to receive a mail ballot packet for the General Election. Voters may register and vote at a voter service center.

MAIL BALLOT PACKETS
OCTOBER 16, 2020
Voters will begin receiving their mail ballot packets for the General Election. The mail ballot packet includes the ballot, ballot secrecy sleeve, postage paid return envelope, and instructions. Voted ballots must be received by the County Elections Division by 7:00 pm on Election Day.

VOTER SERVICE CENTERS
OCTOBER 20, 2020
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PLACES OF DEPOSIT
OCTOBER 27, 2020
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REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT
OCTOBER 27, 2020, 4:30 PM
Voters may request an absentee ballot be sent to an alternate mailing address no later than 7 days prior to the election.
The candidate filing process allows qualified individuals to have their name appear on the ballot. To appear on the ballot, candidates must complete and file a nomination paper. The Office of Elections will issue and accept nomination papers for all federal and state elective offices, including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). Nomination papers for county offices are only available from the respective County Elections Division. The Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai will also issue and accept their respective federal and state elective offices.

To become a candidate, interested individuals must meet the qualifications and file the appropriate documents with the Office of Elections or County Elections Division and other agencies as required.

To obtain a nomination paper, candidates must first submit an Application for a Nomination Paper. Applications are available on the Office of Elections’ website at elections.hawaii.gov. Submit your application to the locations listed below to receive a nomination paper. Applications are also available at the following locations:

- Office of Elections: federal and state elective offices.
- County Elections Division in the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai: respective federal, state, and county elective offices.
- City and County of Honolulu Elections Division: City and County of Honolulu elective offices only.

Check the Office of Elections’ website, elections.hawaii.gov, for each location’s contact information and hours of operations.

**FELONY CONVICTIO**

For state and county offices, under the "Uniform Act on Status of Convicted Persons" a person sentenced for a felony may not become a candidate for or hold public office from the time of the person’s sentence until the person’s final discharge (HRS §831-2). An individual who has been sentence for a felony must receive and present his/her final discharge papers before he/she is eligible to file a nomination paper. There is no requirement for federal offices.
## Application for a Nomination Paper

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Ballot Name - maximum of 27 typed spaces; including all letters, spaces, and punctuation marks. May include a nickname or Hawaiian equivalent in parenthesis. Titles and slogans are not allowed. Use this format: LASTNAME, Firstname M.I., Jr. (Nickname)

Comments

The information contained on this form will be released to the public with the exception of HI Driver License or HI State ID Number, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, and Residence Address Number. If no Mailing Address is provided Residence Address will be released to the public.
Candidates may apply for more than 1 nomination paper if they have not decided which office or party to run for. However, candidates may not file a nomination paper for more than 1 office or for more than 1 party; nor shall any person file a nomination paper both as a party candidate and as a nonpartisan candidate (HRS §12-3).

Candidates are advised to file their nomination paper early and to allow ample time to comply with all requirements.

CHANGES TO NOMINATION PAPER
A new nomination paper is required if the candidate desires to change the candidate’s name, the office or district sought, or the party affiliation. Filing requirements and deadlines remain unchanged.

INCOMPLETE OR ALTERED NOMINATION PAPER
A nomination paper which is incomplete (does not contain all the required certifications, signatures, and requirements of Hawaii Revised Statutes §12-3), or contains alterations or changes made by anyone other than the chief election officer or clerk shall be void and will not be accepted for filing.

LOST NOMINATION PAPER
Candidates who lose their nomination paper should contact the office of issuance for a replacement set.

Candidates are responsible for acquiring the required number of signatures on the reissued nomination paper. Filing requirements and deadlines remain unchanged.
Each candidate must designate the name that he/she wants to appear on the ballot. The ballot name will be placed on the nomination paper and must be finalized at the time of filing.

Each candidate is allowed a maximum of 27 characters on the ballot for his/her name including all letters, blank spaces, and punctuation marks. The ballot name may include a nickname or Hawaiian equivalent in parenthesis. Titles and slogans are not permitted as part of the candidate's ballot name.

All candidates' names will be in the format prescribed by the Office of Elections to ensure the consistency and equality. The chief election officer is authorized to conform all names printed on the ballot to the format prescribed in the Hawaii Administrative Rules.

CANDIDATE’S BALLOT NAME

Each candidate must designate the name that he/she wants to appear on the ballot. The ballot name will be placed on the nomination paper and must be finalized at the time of filing.

Each candidate is allowed a maximum of 27 characters on the ballot for his/her name including all letters, blank spaces, and punctuation marks. The ballot name may include a nickname or Hawaiian equivalent in parenthesis. Titles and slogans are not permitted as part of the candidate's ballot name.

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Ballot Name Format
LASTNAME, Firstname M.I., Jr. (Nickname)

Candidates verify and confirm the correct spelling of their ballot name at the time of filing. Once the nomination paper is filed, the candidate’s designated ballot name cannot be altered except for changes made by the Office of Elections to ensure consistency and equality.
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Prior to being filed, the nomination paper must be signed by a specific number of properly registered voters who are qualified to vote for the candidate. Candidates are responsible for ensuring there are sufficient signatures of qualified voters on their nomination paper based on the office sought. To be valid, each signatory must:

• Include name, signature, residence address, and month and day of birth for verification.

• Be registered to vote in the district from which the candidate seeks election.

• Sign a nomination paper for only 1 candidate for a specific elective office if there is only 1 seat available. However, if more than 1 seat is available for election, a signatory may sign as many nomination papers as there are available seats.

Mailing address will not be accepted in place of a residence address. Voter registration affidavits that have not been entered in the voter register by the clerk shall not be considered or accepted when determining whether a signatory is eligible to sign a candidate’s nomination paper.

Signatures will be verified at the time of filing. Candidates are advised to obtain more signatures than is required in anticipation of invalid or unqualified signatories. Once the nomination paper is filed, candidates will not be allowed to add more signatures.

Legal Name: ____________________________
Name Commonly Known As: ____________________________

Legal Name
(Last, First, M.I.)
(Apilyedo, Umona a Nagan, Akintengnga a Nagan)

Signature
(Prima)

Residence Address
(House No., Street Name, Apt. No.)
(Numero ti Balay yo, Nagan iti Kalsada, Numero ti Apartment)

Date of Birth
(mm/dd)
(Petsa ti Pannakayanak (Bulan/Aldaw))

Office and District:

Political Party or Nonpartisan:

Issued By & Date:

This Signature Page must be circulated with page 1 and 2 of the Nomination Paper.

Valid Signatures:
Initial & Date:
### WITHDRAWAL OF SIGNATURES

Voters may withdraw their signature from a candidate’s nomination paper by providing written notice to the chief election officer or clerk, in the case of a county office, at any time before the candidate’s nomination paper is filed. The written notice must include the voter’s name, residence address, month and day of birth, the voter’s signature, the name of the candidate, and a statement that the voter wishes to remove his/her signature from the candidate’s nomination paper. State law also requires that the notice of withdrawal must be received by the chief election officer or clerk no later than 4:30 pm on the fourth business day prior to the close of filing. Any request received after the candidate’s nomination paper is filed or after the fourth business day prior to the close of filing will not be accepted.

The candidate shall be sent written notice, within 24 hours of receipt of a request, that the voter has withdrawn his/her signature from the candidate’s nomination paper and the voter’s signature will not be counted.

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2 of the Nomination Paper.
State law prohibits exceptions or extensions to the filing deadline. Additionally, candidates are encouraged to file their nomination paper at the office of issuance. Check the Office of Elections’ website, elections.hawaii.gov, for a list of locations and hours of operations.

MEDIA COVERAGE
Candidates requesting media coverage are advised to coordinate with the office of filing prior to sending a press release. This is to ensure the candidate’s nomination paper is in order prior to filing and adequate accommodations are set.

CERTIFICATIONS BY CANDIDATES
All the certifications on the nomination paper, except for the Oath of Loyalty/Affirmation, must be certified by each candidate by self-subscribing oath. Pursuant to HRS §19-3.5, any person who knowingly takes an oath prescribed or authorized by law and willfully makes any false statement of fact while under oath therein shall be guilty of voter fraud, which is a Class C felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a $10,000 fine.

PARTISAN CANDIDATES
Candidates who are not members of a political party may be challenged and disqualified on that basis.

RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE
Elected state or county public officials must resign from the office currently held before being eligible as a candidate for another state or county elective office. This applies only if the term presently held is not normally scheduled for election in the same year as the office sought. The candidate must resign from the office currently held before filing the nomination paper (Hawaii State Constitution, Article II, Section 7).

Candidate Certification
I, _____________________________________________________________________________________, the candidate named herein, hereby certify by self-subscribing oath that:
1. I will qualify under the law for the office which I am seeking;
2. I have determined that all of the information on my nomination paper is true and correct, except for that information provided by the voters who signed my nomination paper; and
3. I am in compliance with HRS Section 831-2, dealing with felons, to the extent applicable.
Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________

Partisan Candidate Certification
I, _____________________________________________________________________________________, the candidate named herein, further certify by self-subscribing oath that I am a member of the _____________________________________________________________________________________.
Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________

County Candidate Certification
I, _____________________________________________________________________________________, the county candidate named herein, further certify by self-subscribing oath that I have complied with the relevant provisions of the applicable county charter and county ordinances pertaining to elected officials.
Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________

Resignation Certification
I, _____________________________________________________________________________________, the candidate named herein, further certify by self-subscribing oath that I have complied with Article II, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, Resignation from Public Office, and qualify under the law to be a candidate for another State or County office.
Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________

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Each candidate must take and subscribe to a prescribed written Oath of Loyalty or Affirmation before a notary public or a public officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The Oath of Loyalty or Affirmation may be completed before filing; or at the time of filing, depending on location. Check with the location before filing, as to whether a notary public or public officer authorized by law to administer oaths will be available.

Candidates should be prepared to provide a current identification containing the person’s picture and signature (e.g. driver license or state ID) when the Oath of Loyalty or Affirmation is subscribed to before a notary public.

Office Use Only

I, ______________________, the candidate named herein, hereby certify by self-subscribing oath that:

1. I will qualify under the law for the office which I am seeking;
2. I have determined that all of the information on my nomination paper is true and correct, except for that information provided by the voters who signed my nomination paper; and
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Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Affirmation

I, ______________________, do solemnly, sincerely, and truly affirm and declare, that if elected to office I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that if elected I will faithfully discharge my duties as ______________________ to the best of my ability; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

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Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Partisan Candidate Certification

I, ______________________, the candidate named herein, further certify by self-subscribing oath that I am a member of the ______________________.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Complete Oath of Loyalty OR Affirmation

Oath of Loyalty

I, ______________________, do solemnly swear and declare, on oath that if elected to office I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that if elected I will faithfully discharge my duties as ______________________ to the best of my ability; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; So help me God.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Affirmation

I, ______________________, do solemnly, sincerely, and truly affirm and declare, that if elected to office I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that if elected I will faithfully discharge my duties as ______________________ to the best of my ability; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

OATH OF LOYALTY OR AFFIRMATION

This ______ page “Nomination Paper,” dated ____________, was subscribed and sworn to before me this ______ day of ____________, 20______, in the ______ Circuit of the State of Hawaii.

______________________________
Signature of Notary Public, State of Hawaii
Printed Name of Notary Public: ______________________________
My commission expires: ______________________________
or By ______________________________
Clerk or Public Officer authorized to administer oaths.
**FILING FEE**

The filing fee must be paid by cash, cashier’s check, certified check, or money order at the time of filing. Personal or campaign checks are not accepted. Candidates running for federal or state office and who file their nomination paper with the County of Hawaii, Maui, or Kauai are encouraged to pay the filing fee by cashier’s check, certified check, or money order. The filing fee varies depending on the office sought and is nonrefundable.

**DISCOUNTED FILING FEE**

Candidates for state and county offices that agree to abide by the state’s voluntary campaign expenditure limits may receive a discounted filing fee by submitting an Affidavit to Voluntarily Agree with Campaign Expenditure Limits to the Campaign Spending Commission prior to filing their nomination paper with the chief election officer or clerk. To receive the discounted filing fee, the candidate must provide the chief election officer or clerk with a notarized filed copy of the affidavit at the time of filing.

A candidate who agrees to the expenditure limit, but subsequently exceeds the expenditure limit must pay the balance of the full filing fee and notify all opponents, the Office of Elections, and the Campaign Spending Commission by telephone and in writing the day the expenditure limits are exceeded. The candidate must also notify all contributors, within 30 days of exceeding the limit, that the expenditure limit was exceeded (HRS §11-426).

Contact the Campaign Spending Commission for more information about campaign expenditure limits.

**CANDIDATES WHO ARE INDIGENT**

Candidates who declare themselves indigent via an affidavit may have the filing fee waived. The affidavit must be accompanied by a petition signed by registered voters who constitute one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the total voters registered at the last preceding general election in the district from which the indigent person seeks election. Indigent candidates must file a nomination paper and comply with other filing requirements.

**AUDIO BALLOT**

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires an audio version of the ballot for individuals with disabilities. Upon filing the nomination paper, the candidate will be asked to record his/her ballot name. This recording will be used to assist the production of the audio ballot ensuring the correct pronunciation of the ballot name. It will not be the actual recording used for the audio ballot.

Campaign Spending Commission
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 300
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 586-0285
www.hawaii.gov/campaign
OBJECTION TO A CANDIDATE’S NOMINATION PAPER

An objection to a candidate’s nomination paper may be made by the chief election officer, the clerk for county contests, a registered voter, or an officer of a qualified political party. All objections must be received not later than 4:30 pm, June 9, 2020.

An objection by a registered voter is to be made to the chief election officer or clerk in the case of county contests, who will reach a preliminary determination on the objection as to whether it may warrant disqualification. If the preliminary determination is that the objection may warrant disqualification, then the chief election officer or clerk in the case of county contests, will file a complaint in the circuit court for a determination of the objection.

An objection by an officer of a qualified party is to be made by the officer directly filing a complaint in the circuit court for a determination of the objection.

Candidates will be notified of any challenge by registered or certified mail. Refer to Section 12-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes for more specific information on challenges, evidentiary hearings, and decisions.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES

Candidates who have filed a nomination paper may withdraw their candidacy for any reason by 4:30 pm on June 3, 2020. After, candidates may only withdrawal for reasons of ill health by 4:30 pm, June 19, 2020 for the Primary Election or by 4:30 pm, September 14, 2020 for the General Election.

To withdraw, the candidate must submit a written notice to the chief election officer for a candidate seeking federal or state office, or the appropriate clerk for a candidate seeking county office. Candidates who withdraw for reasons of ill health must also provide a statement from a licensed physician or physician assistant indicating that such ill health may endanger the candidate’s life.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RECEIVING AND FILING A NOMINATION PAPER

DO I HAVE TO PICK UP MY NOMINATION PAPER IN PERSON?

No, a candidate may authorize someone to pick up their nomination paper. The authorized person must be able to provide specific information about the candidate such as, legal name, date of birth, social security number, residence and mailing address, telephone numbers, and a contact person’s name and phone number.

Once a nomination paper is issued, no alterations or changes will be made. If the information is incorrect, the nomination paper will not be accepted for filing.

WHY SHOULD I PICK UP MY NOMINATION PAPER IN PERSON?

When picking up a nomination paper, the person issuing the paper will explain the filing process and answer any questions you may have. As the candidate, you are responsible for complying with the filing requirements and understanding the applicable laws regardless of who picks up the nomination paper. If you are a first time candidate, we strongly recommend that you pick up your nomination paper in person.

CAN SOMEONE OTHER THAN MYSELF FILE MY NOMINATION PAPER OR CAN I MAIL IT IN?

Our laws do not prohibit a candidate from having another person file their nomination paper or from filing through the mail. However, we strongly recommend that you file your nomination paper in person to ensure that you fulfill all of the requirements. The nomination paper submitted by mail must be received by the candidate filing deadline, not post-marked.

Each candidate is required to sign many documents in the nomination process. If any document is incomplete, the problem can be easily rectified when a candidate files in person.

WHAT DO I NEED WHEN I COME IN TO FILE MY NOMINATION PAPER?

You will need the following items when you come in to file your nomination paper:

- Your original nomination paper containing at least the minimum signatures required;
- Your filing fee in the form of cash, cashier’s check, certified check, or money order (candidates for federal or state office filing in the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, or Kauai are encouraged to pay by cashier’s check, certified check, or money order). Personal or campaign checks will not be accepted;
- A notarized filed copy of the Affidavit to Voluntarily Agree with Campaign Expenditure Limits from the Campaign Spending Commission if you wish to qualify for the discounted filing fee; and
- A current identification containing your picture and signature (such as driver license or State ID) for the Oath of Loyalty/Affirmation. Check with the location before filing, as to whether a notary public or public officer authorized by law to administer oaths will be available.
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DECIDE TO RUN FOR A DIFFERENT OFFICE OR UNDER A DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTY?
If you wish to make any change on the nomination paper, you must request a new set. Do not alter any information on the nomination paper. A nomination paper that has been altered in any way will not be accepted for filing.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY RESIDENCE ADDRESS AFTER I FILE MY NOMINATION PAPER?
Once you file you may not alter your nomination paper in any way. This includes changing the residence address listed on your nomination paper. Although we will not make a change directly on the nomination paper, we will attach your written notification of your change of address to your nomination paper.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I LOSE MY NOMINATION PAPER?
If you lose your nomination paper, contact the office of issuance immediately. You must still acquire the required signatures and meet the filing deadline and requirements.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO SIGN MY NOMINATION PAPER ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS, OR DO NOT LIVE WITHIN THE DISTRICT I SEEK TO REPRESENT?
Signatures of persons who are not properly registered to vote or who do not reside in the correct district will not be counted. The Office of Elections, or the County Elections Division, will verify that the people who sign your nomination paper are properly registered and eligible to sign your nomination paper before you file the nomination paper.

We strongly recommend that you obtain more signatures than required and file your nomination paper early to avoid the consequence of insufficient signatures. If you wait until the last day to file your nomination paper and the number of signatures, for any reason, is insufficient, you may not qualify to be a candidate. If you file early, and the number of valid signatures on your nomination paper is insufficient, you will have an opportunity to obtain additional signatures before the deadline.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY NOMINATION PAPER DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES OR ARE INCOMPLETE IN ANY WAY?
State law prohibits the chief election officer or clerk from accepting or filing any nomination paper that is incomplete or does not have the required number of valid signatures.

MAY I ADD ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES TO MY NOMINATION PAPER AFTER I FILE THEM?
No, once the nomination paper is filed you will not be allowed to alter it in any way. This includes adding additional signatures to your nomination paper. You are responsible for ensuring that the people who sign your nomination paper are qualified voters and reside in the correct district before they sign your nomination paper. Make sure your nomination paper contains the required number of signatures of qualified voters in the district before you file.
**BALLOT NAME**

**MAY I CHANGE THE WAY MY NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AFTER I FILE MY NOMINATION PAPER?**
No, once the nomination paper is filed you will not be allowed to alter it in any way. This includes changing the way your name will appear on the ballot as designated on your nomination paper. Make sure your name is spelled correctly before you file your nomination paper.

**IN WHAT ORDER WILL CANDIDATE NAMES APPEAR ON THE BALLOT?**
Our laws require that the names of the candidates shall be placed upon the ballot for their respective offices in alphabetical order by the candidate’s last name except for those cases listed below.

Candidate Vacancies: The name of the replacement candidates shall be printed in an available and appropriate place on the ballot, not necessarily in alphabetical order.

Vice President or Lieutenant Governor: In the general election, the name of the candidate for Vice President or Lieutenant Governor shall be placed immediately below the name of the candidate for President or Governor, respectively, of the same political party. The teams are placed on the ballot in alphabetical order by the last name of the candidate for President or Governor, respectively.

**POLITICAL PARTY AND NONPARTISAN**

**IF I AM RUNNING AS A PARTISAN CANDIDATE, BY WHAT DATE DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL PARTY?**
You must be a member of the political party from which you seek office before you file your nomination paper. Our state law requires that you sign a certification, by self-subscribing oath, which states that you are a member of the specific party when you file your nomination paper. If you are not a member of the party when you file your nomination paper, you may be disqualified on that basis.

**IF I RUN AS A NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE IN A PARTISAN OFFICE, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY GO ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IF I WIN MY PRIMARY?**
No, nonpartisan candidates who seek a partisan office must qualify to appear on the general election ballot. To qualify a nonpartisan candidate must:

- Receive at least 10% of the votes cast for the office; or
- Receive a vote equal to or greater than the lowest vote received by the partisan candidate who was nominated.

If more nonpartisan candidates qualify to run in the general election than there are seats available, then the nonpartisan candidate who receives the most votes will appear on the general election ballot.

The nonpartisan qualification provisions listed above do not apply to candidates for Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), County of Hawaii, County of Maui, County of Kauai, or City and County of Honolulu.
CAMPAIGNING

HOW CAN I GET A LIST OF CANDIDATES?
Lists of applicants and candidates are updated and available every Friday after close of business during the candidate filing period on the Office of Elections’ website, elections.hawaii.gov.

The list is also available at the Office of Elections and County Elections Division. These lists will not be mailed or faxed by any of the offices.

WHERE CAN I GET PREPRINTED LABELS?
Preprinted mailing labels may be obtained for a fee from various service bureaus. The preprinted mailing labels may be obtained and used for election purposes only. Contact the County Elections Division to request the voter registration data.

WITHDRAWAL AND RESIGNATION

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT BEING A CANDIDATE AFTER FILING MY NOMINATION PAPER?
After filing your nomination paper, you must officially withdraw from the election by submitting a request to withdraw to the chief election officer, or to the clerk in the case of county offices, by the withdrawal deadlines.

You may withdraw for any reason up to 4:30 p.m. on the day immediately following the close of filing, Wednesday, June 3, 2020. After this deadline, you have until the fiftieth day prior to the election to withdraw for reasons of ill health only. Requests to withdraw for reasons of ill health must be accompanied by a statement from a licensed physician or physician assistant indicating that such ill health may endanger the candidate’s life. The following are the dates for a candidate to withdraw for reasons of ill health:

- Primary Election: Friday, June 19, 2020, 4:30 pm
- General Election: Monday, September 14, 2020, 4:50 pm

WHEN AND WHY MUST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL RESIGN FROM PUBLIC OFFICE?
A State or County elected official must resign from public office if he/she is seeking another State or County elective office; and the elected official’s current term does not end in the same year as the office sought. The resignation requirements apply only to State and County offices. The candidate must resign from the office currently held before filing his/her nomination paper.
FEDERAL OFFICE

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
President and Vice President are elected as one ticket on the General Election ballot. Candidates for President and Vice President may appear on the General Election ballot as 1) a nominee of a qualified political party; or 2) a nominee of a party or group not otherwise qualified to place candidates on the ballot, but has met the presidential petition requirements (HRS §11-113). The State of Hawaii does not have a presidential primary or provisions for write-in voting. Contact the Office of Elections to inquire about ballot access for president and vice president.

TERM
4 years, January 2021 to January 2025

QUALIFICATIONS
• Natural born citizen of the United States
• U.S. resident for 14 years prior to election
• At least 35 years of age

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
To qualify by presidential petition, the petition must contain the signatures of 4,377 registered voters of the State of Hawaii.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
Candidates for federal legislative office who are nominated in the primary election and are unopposed in the general election will be deemed elected to the office sought after the primary election regardless of the number of votes received by that candidate (U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 4) (U.S. Amendment XX, Section 1) (HRS §12-41).

SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS
2 of 2, Congressional I and II

TERM
2 years, January 2021 to January 2023

QUALIFICATIONS
• United States citizen for 7 years
• Inhabitant of Hawaii when elected
• At least 25 years of age

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
25 registered voters of the congressional district

FILING FEE
$75.00

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders should be made payable to Office of Elections.
OTHER AGENCIES AND REQUIREMENTS

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Individuals running for federal office, including U.S. Representative, becomes a candidate when they raise or spend more than $5,000 in contributions or expenditures. Federal candidates must designate a principal campaign committee. This campaign committee takes in contributions and makes expenditures for the candidate’s campaign. Contact the FEC for information and to complete the forms.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
Ethics rules require federal candidates to disclose personal financial information. Candidates for U.S. Representative should contact the House Committee on Ethics.

THE HATCH ACT
A federal law passed in 1939, limits certain political activities of federal employees, as well as some state, D.C., and local government employees who work in connection with federally funded programs. The law’s purposes are to ensure that federal programs are administered in a nonpartisan fashion, to protect federal employees from political coercion in the workplace, and to ensure that federal employees are advanced based on merit and not based on political affiliation. If you are unsure about your employee status, check with your employer regarding your eligibility and contact the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Federal Hatch Act Unit.

U.S. Office of Special Counsel
1730 M Street, NW, Suite 218
Washington, DC 20036
(800) 854-2824
hatchact@osc.gov
www.osc.gov
STATE OFFICE

STATE SENATOR
Candidates for state senator who are unopposed in the general election will be deemed elected after the primary election (Hawaii State Constitution, Article III, Section 4).

SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS
13 of 25, Senate 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 25

The U.S. Census will be conducted in 2020 followed by reapportionment in 2021. Reapportionment redraws voting district lines to ensure each district contains roughly the same number of people.

TERM
4 years, however, due to reapportionment in 2021, state senators elected in 2020 will have a 2 year term, November 2020 to November 2022

State senate seats have staggered 4 year terms of office, meaning half of the seats are up for election then the other half are up the following election. The staggered terms are determined by the Reapportionment Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS
• Resident of Hawaii for not less than 3 years prior to election
• Qualified voter of the appropriate state senatorial district sought prior to filing

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the senate district

FILING FEE
• Full: $250
• Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Office of Elections

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Candidates for state representative who are unopposed in the general election will be deemed elected after the primary election (Hawaii State Constitution, Article III, Section 4).

SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS
51 of 51, Representative 1 – 51

TERM
2 years, November 2020 to November 2022

QUALIFICATIONS
• Resident of Hawaii for not less than 3 years prior to election
• Qualified voter of the appropriate state representative district prior to filing

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the representative district

FILING FEE
• Full: $250
• Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Office of Elections
If there is 1 candidate for a seat, the candidate is deemed elected at the close of filing. If there are 2 candidates for a seat, they will appear on the general election ballot and the candidate receiving the most votes is deemed elected. If there are 3 or more candidates for a seat, they appear on the primary election ballot. If a candidate receives majority of the votes cast, excluding blank and overvotes, at the primary election, the candidate is deemed elected. Otherwise, the 2 candidates receiving the most votes will appear on the general election ballot. The candidate who receives the most votes at the general election is deemed elected (HRS §13D-4).

SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS
4 of 9, nonpartisan, Hawaii resident, Molokai resident, Kauai resident, At-Large

TERM
4 years, November 2020 to November 2024

QUALIFICATIONS
• Resident of respective island for seats requiring residency
• Registered voter of Hawaii

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
25 registered voters of the State of Hawaii

FILING FEE
• Full: $250
• Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to the Office of Elections

OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION
Candidates and their committee(s) must register and file reports with the Campaign Spending Commission. An individual is a candidate under the campaign spending law if the individual 1) files nomination papers for an office; 2) receives contributions, makes expenditures, or incurs financial obligations of more than $100 to bring about the individual’s nomination or election to office; 3) gives consent for any other person to receive contributions, make expenditures, or incur financial obligations to aid the individual’s nomination or election to office; or 4) is certified to be a candidate by the chief election officer or county clerk. Contact the Campaign Spending Commission for information on electronic filing, reporting schedule, fundraising, contributions, public funding, and fines.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
Candidates for state office, including Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), are required by state law to file a disclosure of financial interests with the State Ethics Commission. Candidates for state elective offices should be aware that there are ethics laws that apply to political campaign activities of state legislators, employees, and board and commission members. Copies of the Commission’s flyer, Campaign Restrictions for State Officials and State Employees, and required forms are available from the State Ethics Commission. To avoid inadvertent violations of the State ethics laws, refer to Chapter 84 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes or contact the State Ethics Commission for information and guidance.
COUNTY OF HAWAII OFFICE

A candidate who receives majority of the votes cast, excluding blank and overvotes, or is unopposed for a seat at the primary election, is deemed elected and the contest will not appear on the general election ballot. If no candidate receives majority of the votes cast for a seat at the primary election, the 2 candidates receiving the most votes will appear on the general election ballot. The candidate who receives the most votes at the general election is deemed elected (Hawaii County Charter, Article XIII, Section 13-27).

**MAYOR**
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICT
1 of 1, nonpartisan, County of Hawaii

TERM
4 years, December 2020 to December 2024

QUALIFICATION
Qualified voter of the County of Hawaii for at least 1 year prior to election

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the County of Hawaii

FILING FEE
- Full: $500
- Discounted: $50

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Director of Finance

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICT
1 of 1, nonpartisan, County of Hawaii

TERM
4 years, December 2020 to December 2024

QUALIFICATIONS
- Qualified voter of the County of Hawaii for at least 1 year prior to election
- Licensed attorney in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the County of Hawaii

FILING FEE
- Full: $250
- Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Director of Finance

**COUNCILMEMBER**
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS
9 of 9, nonpartisan, Council 1 – 9

TERM
2 years, December 2020 to December 2022

QUALIFICATIONS
- Resident and registered voter of the council district for at least 90 days prior to primary election
- Qualified voter of the County of Hawaii for at least 1 year prior to election

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the council district

FILING FEE
- Full: $250
- Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Director of Finance
COUNTY OF HAWAII ETHICS
Hawaii County Code, Chapter 2, Article 15, Section 2-91.1, requires that all elected officials and candidates for county office must file financial disclosure statements with the County Clerk’s Office, Elections Division. Candidates for elective county office, including incumbents, shall file statements within 10 working days after the deadline for filing for office. Additionally, elected officials must file disclosure statements within 20 working days after taking the oath of office and on/or before January 31 of each year thereafter until the end of the term of office.

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Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 961-8277
hloelec@hawaiicounty.gov

OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION
Candidates and their committee(s) must register and file reports with the Campaign Spending Commission. An individual is a candidate under the campaign spending law if the individual 1) files nomination papers for an office; 2) receives contributions, makes expenditures, or incurs financial obligations of more than $100 to bring about the individual’s nomination or election to office; 3) gives consent for any other person to receive contributions, make expenditures, or incur financial obligations to aid the individual’s nomination or election to office; or 4) is certified to be a candidate by the chief election officer or county clerk. Contact the Campaign Spending Commission for information on electronic filing, reporting schedule, fundraising, contributions, public funding, and fines.

Campaign Spending Commission
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 300
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 586-0285
www.hawaii.gov/campaign
COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICE

If there are 1 or 2 candidates for a seat, they will appear only on the general election ballot. If there are 3 or more candidates for a seat, they will appear on the primary election ballot and the 2 candidates receiving the most votes will appear on the general election ballot. The candidate who receives the most votes at the general election is deemed elected ( Maui County Charter, Article 3, Section 3-2).

COUNCILMEMBER
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS
9 of 9, nonpartisan, East Maui, West Maui, Wailuku-Waiheee-Waikapu, Kahului, South Maui, Makawao-Haiku-Paia, Upcountry, Lanai, Molokai

TERM
2 years, January 2021 to January 2023

QUALIFICATIONS
• Resident in the area of the county from which the person seeks to be elected for a period of 1 year before filling
• Qualified voter of the County of Maui

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the County of Maui

FILING FEE
• Full: $250
• Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to County of Maui
OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION
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COUNTY OF MAUI ETHICS
Section 10-3 of the Maui County Charter requires that all candidates for elective county office file a financial disclosure statement concurrently with the filing of nomination papers at the County Clerk’s Office, Elections Division and Board of Ethics. Additionally, all elected county officers shall file a financial disclosure statement within 15 days of taking office.
**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

If there is only 1 candidate at the primary election, the candidate is deemed elected at that time. If there are 2 or more candidates at the primary election, the 2 candidates receiving the most votes will appear on the general election ballot. The candidate who receives the most votes at the general election is deemed elected (Kauai County Charter, Article I, Section 1.03).

**SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICT**

1 of 1, nonpartisan, County of Kauai

**TERM**

4 years, December 2020 to December 2024

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Qualified voter of the County of Kauai for at least 1 year prior to election
- Licensed attorney in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii
- Practiced law for at least 3 years in the State of Hawaii

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT**

15 registered voters of the County of Kauai

**FILING FEE**

- Full: $250
- Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Director of Finance

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**COUNCILMEMBER**

The 14 candidates receiving the most votes at the primary election will appear on the general election ballot. The 7 candidates receiving the most votes at the general election will be deemed elected (Kauai County Charter, Article I, Section 1.03).

**SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICTS**

7 of 7, nonpartisan, County of Kauai

**TERM**

2 years, December 2020 to December 2022

**QUALIFICATION**

Qualified voter of the County of Kauai for at least 2 years prior to election

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT**

15 registered voters of the County of Kauai

**FILING FEE**

- Full: $250
- Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to Director of Finance
OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION
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COUNTY OF KAUAI ETHICS
Section 3-1.9 of the Kauai County Code requires that candidates for elective county office shall, within 7 days of filing nomination paper, file with the County of Kauai Board of Ethics a financial disclosure statement. Upon assuming office, newly elected officials shall file an amended financial disclosure statement within 30 days of assuming office.

Board of Ethics
4444 Rice Street, Room 150
Lihue, HI 96766
(808) 241-4917
www.kauai.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/board-of-ethics
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU OFFICE

If there is only 1 candidate for a seat, the candidate will appear on the primary election ballot, and be deemed elected at that time. If there are 2 candidates for a seat, they will only appear on the general election ballot. If there are 3 or more candidates for a seat, they will appear on the primary election ballot. If a candidate receives majority of the votes cast, excluding blank and overvotes, at the primary election, the candidate is deemed elected. Otherwise, the 2 candidates receiving the most votes will appear on the general election ballot. The candidate who receives the most votes at the general election is deemed elected (City and County of Honolulu Charter, Article XIII, Section 13-116).

MAYOR
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICT
1 of 1, nonpartisan, City and County of Honolulu

TERM
4 years, January 2021 to January 2025

QUALIFICATIONS
• Qualified voter of the City and County of Honolulu
• At least 30 years of age

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the City and County of Honolulu

FILING FEE
• Full: $500
• Discounted: $50

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICT
1 of 1, nonpartisan, City and County of Honolulu

TERM
4 years, January 2021 to January 2025

QUALIFICATIONS
• Qualified voter of the City and County of Honolulu
• Licensed attorney in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii
• Practiced law for 5 years
• Actively involved in criminal cases for 3 years within 10 years immediately preceding election

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the City and County of Honolulu

FILING FEE
• Full: $250
• Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to City & County of Honolulu
COUNCILMEMBER
SEATS AVAILABLE AND DISTRICT
5 of 9, nonpartisan, Council I, III, V, VII, IX

TERM
4 years, January 2021 to January 2025

QUALIFICATION
Resident and registered voter of the appropriate council district

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
15 registered voters of the council district

FILING FEE
• Full: $250
• Discounted: $25

Cashier’s checks, certified checks, and money orders payable to City & County of Honolulu

OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ETHICS
Section 3-8.4 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu requires that candidates for City and County of Honolulu elective offices, including incumbents, file financial disclosure statements with the Clerk’s Office within 10 working days after the deadline for filing for office. Additionally, elected officials must file financial disclosure statements within 20 working days after taking the oath of office on/or before January 31 of each year thereafter until the end of the term of office.

Office of the City Clerk
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 768-3800
clerks@honolulu.gov
www.honolulu.gov/elections
Any advertisement, including signs and banners, that is broadcast, televised, circulated, published, distributed, or otherwise communicated, including by electronic means, shall contain the name and address of the candidate, candidate committee, or other person paying for the advertisement.

If the advertisement is not authorized by a candidate or a candidate’s committee, the advertisement shall contain the name and address of the person paying for the advertisement (HRS §11-391).

In addition to this requirement, no candidate or committee shall cause or submit any advertisement in support of a candidate or against an opponent, except under the following conditions:

- As authorized by the candidate: the advertisements must contain a prominent notice that the advertisement is approved and authorized by the candidate, except that advertisements paid for by the candidate or candidate committee does not need to include the notice of approval and authority.

- Advertisements not authorized by the candidate: the advertisements must contain a prominent notice that the advertisement is published, broadcasted, televised, or circulated without the approval and authority of the candidate (HRS §11-391).

Bumper stickers and other sundry items are exempt from the disclaimer requirement (HRS §11-302 & HAR §3-160-2).

For advertisements missing the disclaimer, the Campaign Spending Commission has adopted a Schedule of Fines which is available for viewing on the Commission’s website at ags.hawaii.gov/campaign/schedule-of-fines/.

All candidates are urged to check their respective county ordinance(s) regulating advertisements.
CAMPAIGN SIGNS REGULATIONS

STATE OF HAWAII
No person or government agency, whether federal, state, or county, shall, in any manner or for any purpose do any of the following acts without a written permit from the director of transportation or the director’s authorized representative: place, erect, leave, or store any structure, motor or other vehicle, equipment, or any other object wholly or partially within the right-of-way of any state highway; provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the holding or displaying of movable signs, for the purpose of carrying on political campaign activities (HRS §264-6).

No person shall erect or maintain any outdoor advertising outside the right of way boundary and visible from the main-traveled way of any federal-aid or state highway within the State, except for the following:

• Directional and other official signs and notices;

• Signs, displays, and devices advertising the sale or lease of the property upon which they are located;

• Signs, displays, and devices advertising activities conducted on the property upon which they are located; and

• Signs lawfully in existence on October 22, 1965 that have been determined as landmark signs (HRS §264-72).

COUNTY OF HAWAII
Hawaii County Code, Chapter 3, Section 3-5, Definitions:

(8) “Sign” shall mean any sign, device, figure, painting, picture, drawing, placard, poster, awning, canopy, street clock, light model, notice or bill, including announcement, declaration, display, illustration insignia, or message used to advertise or promote the interests of any person when it is placed outdoors on real property in buildings or structures on real property or buildings in view of the general public.

Hawaii County Code, Chapter 3, Section 3-32(a)(1), Exempt Signs:

(D) Political Campaign Signs: Any sign or poster not exceeding one square foot in area, announcing a candidate seeking political office; provided that the sign or poster is permitted only for a period of 60 days preceding a general or special election and for a period of 10 days following such election. Note: Act 194, signed into law on June 18, 2003 amended HRS §445-112(1) to remove any durational limits on the posting of political signs. As such, any durational limits on the posting of political campaign signs in the County Code are no longer applicable. Conformance with all other sign requirements addressed by the building and traffic provisions of the County Code will still be required. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 961-8331 or a private attorney.

COUNTY OF MAUI
Maui County Code, Chapter 16.12A, Noncommercial Signs, Section 16.12A.030, Signs Authorized for all districts without a permit: For all districts, signs or posters not exceeding eighteen square feet in display surface, announcing candidates seeking political office are authorized.
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Political campaign signs fixed to the ground or to a structure were prohibited under Section 21-5.90-2(d) of the Land Use Ordinance (LUO). This prohibition, however, was found unconstitutional by the courts and was repealed by the Council. Therefore, no regulation exists at present.

Signs identifying the campaign headquarters of a political candidate or issue are permitted, and are regulated as “business signs.” Such signs must be located on the premise of the headquarters, and are subject to the LUO sign regulations regarding number, type, and size for the underlying zoning district (see Section 21-5.90-3).

Signs associated with campaign headquarters which are located in the following places are regulated:

- **On the lot outside the campaign office; or**

- **On the exterior face of the building where the campaign headquarters is located; or directly fixed to a window (inside or outside) of the campaign office when they can be seen from a public right-of-way or the parking lot of an adjoining lot.**

Before installing a headquarters sign, it is necessary to obtain a sign permit issued by the Planning and Permitting Department located in the Honolulu Municipal Building. Detailed information on such signs and interpretation or clarification of the rules may be obtained over the business counter or by calling the Planning and Permitting Department, Permit Issuance Section, at 768-8000.

The LUO does not regulate advertisements fixed to a motor vehicle and political signs carried by individuals.

No person shall use any type of aircraft or other self-propelled or buoyant airborne object to display in any manner or for any purpose whatsoever any sign or advertising device. For the purpose of this section, a “sign or advertising device” includes, but is not limited to, a poster, banner, writing, picture, painting, light, model, display, emblem, notice, illustrations, insignia, symbol, or any other form of advertising sign or device.

COUNTY OF KAUAÏ

Section 15-4.6 Signs Not Requiring a Permit.
The following types of signs are exempt from the permit requirements of this Article, but must comply with the requirements of sections 15-4.4 (Prohibited Signs), 15-4.7 (Construction and Location of Signs), and 15-4.10 (Violation and Penalty).

(a) Temporary Signs.

(2) Political Campaign Sign. Any sign which:

(A) Identifies the headquarters of a political candidate, and shall not exceed the size limitation set forth in Section 15-4.5(b).

(B) Identifies and/or provides information about a political candidate or issue to be voted upon. It shall not be posted within the street right-of-way boundary of any public road or highway and shall not block, obstruct or impede, partially or completely, any public sidewalk or pedestrian walkway and shall not exceed the size limitations set forth in Section 15-4.5(b).

For complete information on campaign sign regulations for the County of Kauai, see Article 4, Section 15 (Outdoor Signs) of the Kauai County Code and direct any questions to Department of Public Works, Building Division.

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Building Division
4444 Rice Street, Suite 175
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(808) 241-4854
www.kauai.gov/publicworks/building
WHERE WILL YOU VOTE?

AUGUST 8, 2020

NOVEMBER 3, 2020