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EVERY FOURTH MONDAY at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Miyama Main Hall, Harris United Methodist Church, Nuuanu Ave. and South Vineyard Blvd.

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MONDAY July 23, 2018

**THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
WHO IS RUNNING? WHY?**

**WHAT ADDITIONAL POWERS & DUTIES, IF ANY, SHOULD WE GIVE
THE LT. GOV?**

**ALL CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR HAVE
BEEN INVITED!!**

Kokua Council Windward

Thursday, July 19, 2018

(Meetings now held on the third Thursday of every month)

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pohai Nani, 2nd Floor Club Room

**MAKING THE WORLD A MUCH BETTER
PLACE**

Featured Speaker:

RICHARD MILLER

Emeritus Dean & Professor, William S. Richardson School of Law

In order to maximize opportunities to hear from our candidates, the Meeting will begin at 11:45

KEY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND ATTENDEES:

For all Candidates:

"The LG is an office without significant purpose or power. What new duties or powers would they--the candidates--want the Legislature to give to the LG?"

Each candidate will also be asked to address one or two of the following issues that impact seniors:

- (1) Adequate funding for State and County Kupuna services.**
- (2) The government's untimely payments to service providers.**
- (3) Improved oversight of licensed care homes and new aging in place operations.**
- (4) Consumer Protection for condo seniors.**
- (5) The transparency of the legislative process**
- (6) Improving the Kupuna Caregiver's bill**
- (7) The implementation of more effective regulation and penalties against abusers of children and elders.**

**Report on June 25, 2018 Monthly meeting
Featured Speaker – First Lady DAWN AMANO-IGE**

Mrs. Ige reviewed her background, with particular focus on her professional career in education. She also noted her current interests in education, health care, and Alzheimer's disease, noting that she has a family member suffering from it, and is a caregiver herself.

Much of the meeting was an informative give and take with attendees, who shared their experiences and issues with the First Lady. She was very interested in listening and learning from our advocates.

Among the key issues discussed were the following:

- The need to empower individual school communities to make decisions closest to the students.
- The need to reduce educational red tape.
- The importance of STEM, global education and civic education.
- Lack of resources and staff for the Long Term Care Ombudsman.
- The Budget bill proviso attempting to change the Kupuna Caregivers program.
- The reluctance of the Department of Health to conduct unannounced inspections.
- The reluctance of the Department of Health to post inspection reports in a timely fashion with minimum redactions.
- The lack of coherent or effective regulation of condominium management associations.
- The evidence that arbitrary and confusing fees can result in a vulnerable resident (especially seniors) losing ownership of their units.
- The incomplete state laws to ensure and enforce fair, open and democratic decision-making.

The First Lady indicated she would take these concerns to the Governor. She also shared that the budget proviso is likely to be considered unconstitutional as it attempts to amend state law without the required legislative process.



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Who Are We?

The **Kokua Council** is one of Hawaii’s oldest advocacy groups. There is a \$10.00 annual membership to defray printing and postage costs. At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action. We embrace diversity and extend a special invitation to any senior or intergenerational minded individual interested in advocating for these important issues in Hawaii.” All are welcome. **WHEN:** 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **WHERE:** Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu & South Vineyard Blvd., Ample parking and a light lunch are provided for \$5.00 Donation. **REACH US:** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mission: “Kokua Council advocates and seeks to empower seniors and other concerned citizens to be effective advocates in shaping the future and well-being of our community, with particular attention to those needing help in advocating for themselves.”

YOUR 2018 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board and attending community members elected the 2017 Kokua Council Officers and Board Members. Officers: President — Jim Shon, 282-1509; Secretary – Kathy Wyatt; VPs: Barbara Service and Lila Mower, Treasurer – Barbara Service, 352-7779. Board Members: Charles Carole; T. J. Davies, tjdavies@juno.com ; Larry Geller, 540-1928; Lila Mower, Barbara Service, Helen Wagner, Emeritus: Sam Cox, Richard Miller.

Website: www.kokuacouncil.org

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Yes! I want to join Kokua Council. Here are my annual dues and my contact information. I understand that my phone number will be added to the Kokua Phone Tree and I will receive the monthly newsletter and occasional e-mails. Our fiscal year starts in January. Please make checks payable to **Kokua Council**.

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