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**Alana Kobayashi Pakkala** is CEO and Partner at Kobayashi Group, a Honolulu-based development firm. She has been with the company for over 19 years. She oversees architecture, interior design, pro forma, and construction management, as well as sales and marketing. Since 2001, she has led luxury condominium projects, including Park Lane Ala Moana, ONE Ala Moana, Hokua, and Capitol Place, and introduced KG's Luxury Spec Home division with developments such as Kūki'o Homes and the Hokua Ali'i penthouse. She is also steering affordable housing projects, such as Kapolei Kai and Alder Street. A Punahou graduate, she earned a cum laude B.A. in English literature and psychology from Georgetown University. She serves on the boards of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children and O'ahu Transit Services. She has been honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i.

**Alec Bernstein** is a Senior Managing Consultant for Climate Resilience at ICF with over 14 years of experience as a climate change and water resources consultant, engineer, and entrepreneur. At ICF, Alec leads a team helping clients understand climate vulnerabilities and develop tools to support sustainable adaptation. Alec has led projects for state and local governments, utilities, development banks, and private companies. He developed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's most recent Climate Impact Assessment and works with the Philadelphia Water Department developing and implementing their first climate change design guidance which includes strategies for managing sea level rise risks. He previously consulted for the World Bank assessing climate change risk and designs for water infrastructure projects in Africa. Alec holds masters and bachelors degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

**Alex Yee, AICP**, serves as the Coastal and Water Program Manager within City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency. He joined the City and the Resilience Office in March 2021. Prior to joining the office, he worked in the Sea Level Rise unit for the California Coastal Commission, where he worked with numerous coastal city governments to enact sea level rise adaptation policies. With the office, Alex led the development and now implementation of the City's climate adaptation strategy: Climate Ready O'ahu. Alex has been active within the American Planning Association at the national level, holds a masters in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy, and a BA in International Relations and Chinese from Tufts University.

**Arjuna Heim** is Research Director and Director of Housing Policy for Hawai'i Appleseed. Born and raised on O'ahu, she brings a grounded, research-based local perspective and fresh, innovative approach to tackling Hawai'i's affordable housing challenges. She holds a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where her capstone examined the historical, political, and social dynamics behind Hawai'i's extensive inclusionary zoning policies. Arjuna's work centers on social equity, advancing policies that make safe, stable housing attainable for all Hawai'i residents. When not talking about housing policy, she's out surfing.

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**Aziz Bakkoury** works with the ArcGIS Urban team at Esri as a Senior technical consultant. He has over 20 years of experience in the GIS industry in both the private and public sectors, focusing on applying GIS technology in urban and transportation planning.

**Barry Usagawa** is the Program Administrator for the Water Resources Division of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply has led the development of Oahu's regional Watershed Management Plans for resource protection and water use and development, and is a member of the One Water Panel working to champion cost-effective and climate-resilient infrastructure services and natural systems for the people, culture, and sustainability of O'ahu. Barry has worked for nearly 40 years at Honolulu Board of Water Supply in water systems analysis, environmental, capital planning, water resource management, conservation, reuse, water rights and land use planning. He is a licensed professional engineer in Hawaii and a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

**Ben Sullivan** is the Executive Director for the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (Resilience Office). He has over a decade of experience in government including time as the Deputy Director and Energy Program Manager for the Resilience Office, and 10 years as the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator for Kaua'i County. Ben's early career included fifteen years in architecture & green building in Denver and Hawai'i. His work in climate began as a community-based clean energy advocate on Kaua'i, followed by a term on the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative Board of Directors from 2009-2011. Ben has not owned a car for ten years, and enjoys O'ahu's robust public transit system to get around on O'ahu.

**Brad Romine** as Hawai'i Sea Grant extension faculty, works closely with state and county government and communities on collaborative projects in support of coastal resource stewardship, planning, decision-making, and policy development incorporating the latest and best-available science. Brad contributed to State of Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Reports and coordinates a companion Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Viewer mapping tool. He coordinates the Pili Nā Moku project, a collaborative effort for 'āina restoration and community networking to advance climate resilience in the Hawai'i. He was appointed to the Honolulu Climate Change Commission in 2022. Brad completed his PhD in Geology and Geophysics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 2013 with a focus on coastal processes and hazards.

**Brad T. Saito** is Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu in the Real Estate and Land Use Section. He advises the Department of Planning and Permitting and represents the City in land use litigation, contested case hearings, and code-enforcement matters involving development rights, discretionary permits, environmental compliance, and zoning enforcement. He has served as counsel at oral argument before the Hawai'i Supreme Court and appears before the State Land Use Commission. Brad earned his J.D. from the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law, is admitted in Hawai'i (2007).

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**Bridey Best** is an Australian transplant to Hawai'i having worked in Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand and America. Bridey serves as Senior Vice President for WT Partnership America. Bridey's experience covers both sides of the transaction and all stages of the construction process. Spanning her 20-year career, Bridey has written P3, Design-Bid-Build and Design-Build specifications, managed procurements, undertaken technical due diligence as well as acted in an Independent Reviewer role assessing relevant construction milestones and certifying D&C payment claims. She is also experienced in project and program management for public and private sector clients.

**Calvert "Cal" G. Chipchase** is a partner at Cades Schutte LLP and chairs the firm's Real Estate Disputes Group. His practice centers on land use, zoning and entitlements, environmental review, and real estate/commercial litigation, including contested cases, administrative appeals, and challenges to land use approvals. He represents clients before state and county boards and commissions and in Hawai'i's state and federal courts. Cal earned his J.D., summa cum laude, from the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law, where he was class valedictorian, and clerked for Judge Richard R. Clifton (9th Cir.) and Judge Alan C. Kay (D. Haw.). He has taught real property and land use at Richardson for nearly two decades and is recognized by Chambers USA and Best Lawyers for land use and litigation.

**Senator Carol Fukunaga** returned to the State Senate in November 2022, and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. She also as a member on the committees on Energy, Economic Development (EET), Higher Education (HRE) and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs (PSM). Senator Fukunaga represents Hawaii's 11th Senatorial District and served in the Hawaii State Senate between 1992-2012; the district currently includes Mānoa, Makiki/Punchbowl, Papakōlea, Tantalus and the University region. She champions public access, economic diversification (particularly for women and AANHA communities), and the use of tech tools to solve community problems.

**Dr. Charles "Chip" Fletcher** is the Dean of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Dr. Fletcher received his PhD in Marine Geology from the University of Delaware. He serves as the Vice-Chair of the City and County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission. His research focuses on Pacific paleo-sea level history, beach processes, and modeling the impacts of past, present, and future sea level rise on island environments and communities. The results of his work are used by government agencies for administering coastal policy, establishing construction guidelines, and planning resilient infrastructure projects.

**Chris Bailey** is the Manager of the University of Hawai'i Leeward Community College's Wahiawā Value-Added Product Development Center (WVAPDC). Before joining the WVAPDC in 2022, Chris spent the last 11 years in Portland, Oregon, working in product development with Oregon State University's Food Innovation Center and in community economic development with the city of

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Portland, offering culturally-specific technical assistance to historically underserved entrepreneurs to get their products to market. Chris leverages this experience to support Hawai'i's entrepreneurs in launching and growing value-added food businesses through coaching in product development, scaling and commercialization, and market access.

**Christi Keller** is a Senior Planner in the Land Use Permits Division of the Department of Planning and Permitting at the City and County of Honolulu, specializing in Special Management Area and shoreline setback regulations and permitting, as well as review of environmental assessments and environmental impact statements. Ms. Keller assisted in drafting updates to the City and County's Special Management Area Ordinance, Shoreline Setbacks Ordinance, and their associated Administrative Rules, and regularly participates in State-wide Coastal Zone Managers meetings. Before joining the DPP in 2019, Ms. Keller spent over 20 years preparing, managing, and reviewing environmental disclosure documents for consistency with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

**Christin Reynolds**, One World One Water company founder and owner, expertise includes policy, engineering, mapping, and modeling. As a specialist in coastal and water management issues, she has provided/provides support for federal and local governments in Hawai'i and American Samoa. With over two decades of professional experience in facilitation, water resources, project management, and engineering, her career spans the public and private sectors. A Rotary ambassadorial scholar, Christin holds a master's degree in engineering and policy analysis from the Technische Universiteit Delft in the Netherlands and Harbin Institute of Technology in Harbin, China. She received her bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

**Cole Roberts** is a national leader in sustainability and the built environment. He has led climate risk assessments for major clients; worked with the cities of New York, Honolulu, and San Francisco on design and planning for future climate adaptation; and partnered with lead authors of the IPCC to bridge climate science and design practice. Through work in decarbonization, sustainability, and resilience, Cole has led teams to advance biodiversity and environmental performance, from biophilic buildings to ecological city enhancements to sustainable utility scale infrastructure - advancing renewable energy, material circularity; and coastal infrastructure. Cole has training from the University of New Mexico, Imperial College in London, and the Danish Center of Architecture in Copenhagen. He is a published author and keynote speaker and sits on the Board of the Business Council on Climate Change.

**Cuong Tran** is a Resilience Specialist with Tellus Civic Service on contract with the NOAA Office for Coastal Management in Honolulu, Hawai'i. In this new role, he provides technical assistance and other grant programmatic support in Hawai'i for the Climate Resilience Regional Challenge. Cuong holds a bachelor's in Global Environmental Science and a master's in Urban and Regional Planning

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from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He has a background in data science, community outreach, coastal management, and disaster preparedness and recovery. Cuong was raised in Lahaina, Maui, where he developed a lifelong passion for serving the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific.

**Cyrus Howe** serves as HGG's Operations Manager and leads the Follow the Drop Ala Wai Watershed Project to build green stormwater infrastructure across the community. Born and raised in Seattle, Cyrus studied community-based ecotourism out of an elephant camp in Northern Thailand. Cyrus has an MA in sustainable development from HPU and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. He lives with his wife and son in Makiki where they tend to a humble garden and enjoy the park.

**Dane K. Wicker**, born in Honolulu, is a committed public servant dedicated to advancing Hawai'i's economy and community welfare. As Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), Wicker now leads strategic initiatives to diversify Hawai'i's economy, strengthen local industries, and foster sustainable development. His entrepreneurial spirit is reflected in ventures across retail, consulting, and agriculture, contributing to local economic resilience. Wicker's diverse background underscores his commitment to enhancing Hawai'i's economy and community through innovative, impactful service.

**Daniel Dinell** is President of Trees for Honolulu's Future, a nonprofit umbrella group that envisions a tree-filled city of Honolulu that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change. He serves on the Mayor's Arborist Advisory Committee, several nonprofit boards, and is principal of a consulting firm. Prior to joining Trees for Honolulu's Future, Dan held leadership roles in both private and government sectors. Most of interest to HCPO is Dan is a former Executive Director of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA). Born and raised in Honolulu, a product of the Hawaii public schools, Dan holds a BA in political science from Colorado College and attended graduate school as a Monbusho Scholar at the University of Tokyo.

**Daniel Orodenker** holds a Law Degree from the University of San Diego and is a member of the Hawaii Bar. In the 1980s, he practiced administrative and land use law in Honolulu. In the early 1990s, he became Director of the Honolulu Waterfront Program, Executive Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and Development Assistant to the Director of DBEDT. In 1996, he became Director of the Hawaii Natural Heritage Program with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii. He later joined Swarovski's Crystal Architectural Division in Austria, supporting international business development. After returning to Hawaii, he worked again with Aloha Tower Development Corporation and opened his own consulting firm specializing in business development and land use entitlements. Since 2012 he has been the Executive Director of the State Land Use Commission.

**David L. Callies, FAICP**, is Professor Emeritus and the Benjamin A. Kudo Professor of Law (emeritus) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's William S. Richardson School of Law. A leading authority on

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land use, real property, and state and local government, he has authored or coauthored roughly 20 books—including *Regulating Paradise*—and more than 100 articles. Callies is a member of the American Law Institute and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. His honors include the Owners' Counsel of America Crystal Eagle Award (2015) and William & Mary Law School's Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize (2017). Before academia, he practiced land-use and local-government law in Chicago. Richardson Law celebrated his retirement in 2023, and he continues to write and speak on takings, land-use governance, and related topics.

**Dawn Hegger-Nordblom** worked for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands as the Senior Planner and ran Contested Cases, Enforcement Cases, and processed Conservation District Use Application permits with accompanying EAs and EISs. She worked for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, the Hawaii Community Development Authority, and the Hawaii Army National Guard as the National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator. She served on the Office of Planning's, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council, Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai, and was a member of the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee. She started Ke Kai Planning LLC in 2017. Clients include federal, state, and county agencies, private sector firms, and include non-profit or community organizations in need of pro-bono services.

**Dean Minakami**, appointed by the HHFDC Board on November 9, 2023, brings decades of planning experience to the role. He has worked at leading Hawai'i development and planning firms and guided major projects such as Koa Ridge in Central O'ahu; prior roles include senior planner at A&B Properties, project manager at PBR Hawaii, Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii and Wilson Okamoto, and policy analyst for the City and County of Honolulu. Minakami holds a Master's degree in urban and regional planning and a B.S. in economics from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and is a past president of the American Planning Association's Hawai'i chapter.

**Dolan Eversole** serves as the Waikīkī Beach management coordinator through the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program, in partnership with the Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association. In this role, Dolan provides technical, policy and project management support to the WBSIDA and other state and private stakeholders. Dolan is a Coastal Geologist, earning his Bachelors and Master's degrees in Geology and Geophysics at UH Mānoa. Dolan is also an urban planner which complements the more technical background in coastal processes. Eversole served from 2003 to 2010 as a technical and policy advisor to the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). In addition to his technical and regional experience, Eversole draws from decades of experience with ocean sports and ocean lifeguarding.

**Douglas Cullison** has over thirteen (13) years of experience working with various private and public agencies. Douglas brings a remarkable degree of expertise and knowledge to the team, ranging from

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project, construction, risk, and financial management. Prior to joining the Hawai'i School Facilities Authority, Douglas was a Deputy Director of Project Controls for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and, most recently, a Risk Manager for the Jacobs Engineering Group. Douglas holds a Master of Accounting and Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and International Business from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Shidler College of Business.

**Dre Kalili** has served as HDOT Deputy Director of Transportation for Harbors since 2022, overseeing the state's commercial ports. Key port priorities include building for resilience, securing federal funding for infrastructure upgrades, and completing capital improvement projects and land acquisitions to boost capacity and reduce congestion. Dre has led the development of digital twin models for port facilities statewide to support resilience planning, secured over \$120+ million in federal grants, executed Hawai'i's first ever sister port agreement with the Port of Long Beach, supported staff professional development, and participated in international peer exchanges including a US DOT port workshop in Brunei. She has 20 years of experience with the State of Hawai'i and City and County of Honolulu and holds an MBA and a bachelor's degree in international affairs and Russian language.

**Elizabeth Pickett** is Co-Executive Director of Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization, where she began working in 2008. Elizabeth works with staff and partners across the state and Pacific region to implement wildfire mitigation, planning, and education projects. Through her time at HWMO, she has witnessed how important collaboration and inclusive processes are on all projects and believes such a coordinated and respectful approach is the pathway to wildfire readiness and resilience in Hawai'i. She is Vice President of the Big Island Wildfire Coordinating Group and helped co-found the Pacific Fire Exchange project to develop and connect fire and land management science and practice. She earned a Master of Environmental Science degree from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Eric Sippert** leads HSEO's role as Regional Partner for the Energy Technology Innovation Partnership Program, which helps Hawaiian and Pacific Territory communities to become more energy resilient. He fosters community, governmental, non-profit, and private sector partnerships that contribute to energy resilience, reliability, and affordability.

**Erika Hughston** grew up on the Gulf Coast and holds a bachelor's degree in Marine Science from Texas A&M University and a master's in Public Administration from the University of Texas, focusing on coastal issues. She spent five years advancing public shoreline development projects on South Padre Island and now serves as a Capital Improvements Project Coordinator for Maui County Parks and Recreation, where she supports the planning and construction of sustainable infrastructure for community spaces.

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**Eva K. Blumenstein** manages the Water Resources and Planning Division of the County of Maui Department of Water Supply. She oversees the department's conservation program, source protection program, watershed protection program, resource monitoring and master planning. Eva led the development of the department's first strategic plan, the wellhead protection program and the Maui Island water use and development plan. She currently chairs the Maui Drought Committee. Eva earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from University of Hawaii at Mānoa and holds a Master of Law from the University of Stockholm in her native Sweden.

**Genevieve Hilliard Sullivan** is the Resilience Coordinator and Project Manager at the Hawai'i Department of Transportation's Office of Energy Security and Community Outreach. She manages the Energy Security & Waste Reduction Plan and helps implement the Navahine v. HDOT settlement, which affirms the right to a clean and healthful environment. Her work centers on community-based, Indigenous-informed, and nature-based transportation solutions. Previously, she worked in HDOT's Planning Branch on resilience projects, permit reviews, and led the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. She is a certified planner with a master's in environmental policy and planning from Lincoln University, New Zealand.

**Gordon Wood** has served as Public Works Administrator for the Hawai'i Department of Accounting and General Services since January 2024. While he joined DAGS in 2015, most of Gordon's career has been in private architectural practice. He is a graduate of Kailua High School (Go Surfriders!), and holds a Bachelor's degree from University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Go Bows!) and an MBA from Hawai'i Pacific University (Go Sharks!).

**Grant Murakami, AICP, LEED AP BD+C** is an Executive VP at PBR HAWAII and Associates, Inc. He has over 30 years of extensive planning experience in land planning, urban design, sustainability, and entitlements. This includes developing and leading complex master planning and entitlement projects, and policy-related land use studies for State and county agencies, private landowners, and Hawaiian Ali'i trusts. He has served as President for the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Planning Association; Director for the Hawai'i Chapter of the US Green Building Council; Chair of the Urban Land Institute Hawai'i's Land Use and Sustainability Committee; lecturer at the University of Hawai'i, Department of Urban and Regional Planning; and juror at the University of Hawai'i, School of Architecture.

**Hilarie Alomar** is responsible for creating asset value through planning, development and execution of master plans for a commercial real estate portfolio valued at \$3 billion. Duties include financial feasibility, due diligence, entitlements/permitting, capital project budgeting, marketing and leasing, partner relationships, and other development activities. Ms. Alomar also has extensive background in developing and implementing community consultation strategies that have a positive impact on permitting, project execution, and building community trust.

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**Isaac Moriwake** is the Managing Attorney of the Mid-Pacific Office of Earthjustice, a non-profit, public-interest law firm working on environmental and energy cases across the nation, with almost 40 years of serving the community in Hawai'i and the greater Pacific. His legal practice of 25 years includes litigation and advocacy before state and federal courts and agencies on a range of issues including water, climate and clean energy, and environmental justice. He was co-counsel for the youth plaintiffs and helped negotiate the historic settlement in the *Navahine* case.

**Jake Campos** joined Stifel in 2008 and has over 20 years of municipal market experience, focusing largely on development and economic development projects. Jake's experience financing infrastructure to support housing and commercial real estate development includes tax increment, special tax, sales tax and assessment district financings from coast to coast. Mr. Campos is the head of Stifel's Los Angeles office and serves as Vice Chair of Stifel's Municipal Credit and Commitment Committee. Mr. Campos graduated from Cal Poly with a BS in Business Economics. Projects of note that Mr. Campos has worked on include the San Diego Convention center expansion, Las Vegas art district redevelopment, and the Henderson Downtown redevelopment.

**James Pakele** is the founding President of Dynamic Community Solutions, the nonprofit created by and for the people of Pu'uuhonua O Wai'anae (POW). He led efforts to create DCS and establish it as a tax-exempt corporation, launched DCS's website and social media presence. He currently supports village programs, and works to build relationships with government, funders, and community on behalf of POW. He also manages the development of prototype homes at POW Farm Village. In 2020, he was named an Affordable Hawaii for All Fellow – among a dozen emerging leaders who are champions of creating affordable homes and communities for Hawai'i residents.

**Jared Chang** is the Planning Manager at Bowers and Kubota Consulting and has 20 years of experience in environmental and land use planning across Hawai'i. He leads statewide projects involving NEPA and HRS Chapter 343 compliance, discretionary permitting, long-range policy planning, and public engagement. Jared is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a graduate of ACEC's Senior Executives Institute. His work integrates technical expertise with organizational resiliency and stakeholder collaboration to support sustainable, community-driven outcomes.

**Jeff Darrow** serves as Planning Director for the County of Hawai'i, bringing more than 25 years of dedicated public service and extensive experience in Land Use and Community Planning. He began his County career in 1992 as a Police Officer before transitioning to the Planning Department in 1998, where he initially served as an Inspector. Over the years, Jeff has held various key roles within the department, culminating in his appointment as Deputy Planning Director in 2021 and now as Director. He has led critical initiatives including updates to the County's General Plan, Zoning Code, and Subdivision Code, and is instrumental in guiding policies related to Coastal Zone Management and Sustainable Development. Jeff is committed to transparent, community-driven Planning and

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advancing responsible growth across Hawai'i Island. When not at work, he enjoys surfing, bodyboarding, and skiing.

**Jeff Gray** is a certified arborist and licensed C27B tree trimmer with over three decades of experience working for the government, residential, and commercial clients across Maui. He is a Certified Citizen Forester under the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program and a member of Maui Green & Beautiful and the American Society of Consulting Arborists. Jeff has worked closely with renowned Maui arborist Ernie Rezents, and he previously served on the Maui County Arborist Committee.

**Jennifer Chun** is the Director of Tourism Research for the State of Hawai'i Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), leading the Research & Economic Analysis Division's Tourism Research Branch, which provides strategic analytical information about Hawai'i tourism and conducts special research that supports the state's marketing and product development efforts, planning by industry partners, and policy making. Jennifer was named DBEDT Manager of the Year for 2021. She has analyzed tourism data in Hawai'i for more than 30 years. Jennifer was previously the Director of Tourism Research for Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Prior to joining HTA, she was the practice Director at Hospitality Advisors LLC.

**Jennifer Maydan** has 19 years of experience in community planning in Maui County, working in both the private and public sector. Jennifer has been a planner with Maui County's Planning Department and Department of Parks and Recreation, working on projects including the Maui Island Plan, Lāna'i Community Plan, Moloka'i Community Plan, West Maui Community Plan, and Maui County Beach Park Vulnerability and Adaptation Study. Following the August 2023 wildfires on Maui, she joined the newly formed Office of Recovery to work on long-term recovery planning for Lahaina. Jennifer holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado at Denver and is a certified AICP. She is also Chair of the Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition for Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i and Chair of the Kaulunai Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council.

**Jesse K. Souki** is a Hawai'i land use and administrative law attorney and is an Associate General Counsel for the University of Hawai'i. His practice spans zoning and subdivision, environmental review and permitting, exactions and impact fees, and project delivery for public institutions. Jesse previously served as Executive Director and CEO of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority; First Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Director of the State Office of Planning. In 2024 he was President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association. He presents on environmental and Hawai'i land use laws, translating current decisions into practical guidance for planners and decisionmakers.

**John Hagihara (AICP)** is a Principal with HHF Planners specializing in environmental and land use planning. During his graduate studies at the University of Hawai'i Department of Urban and Regional

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Planning, he developed a passion for community-driven natural resource management. Throughout his career with HHF, John has been fortunate to work on a range of community centered planning assignments around the state and across the Pacific, including the recent Ke'eaumoku Complete Streets Plan and the ongoing Maui Urban Forestry Management Plan. Outside of work, he can be found amongst the beautiful urban canopy in Kapi'olani Park riding bikes or coaching his son's soccer team.

**Jonathan Levy** has been in the GIS field since 2001 in various private, utilities, and local government positions. Jonathan obtained his GIS Professional Certification in April of 2009 and is also a Part 107 UAS / drone pilot. He has been with HiDOT Harbor Division since early February 2024, where he is a GIS Analyst 5. In addition to 3D modeling and flying, Jonathan also assists in maintaining data and security for the Harbor's ArcGIS On-line.

**Joseph Kualii Camara** was born and raised on Molokai, and is raising his family in Kuamana, Hilo, Hawaii. Kualii graduated from Kamehameha Schools in Kapalama Oahu and has received a BA in Environmental Studies with Certificate in Forestry and Natural Resource Management from UH Hilo. Kualii has worked in Natural Resource Management for 17 years, working with DLNR in the Hawaii Island Natural Area Reserves program from 2008-2017. Since 2017 Kualii has managed the DHHL Aina Mauna Legacy Program on Maunakea. Kualii also assists DHHL with Natural Resource issues across Hawaii, including the Pili Na Moku Kohala Project Area in Kawaihae, where overgrazing by feral animals contribute to coastal sedimentation along the Kohala Coast and wildfire threatens DHHL Homestead as well as neighboring communities.

**Josh Wisch** is President and Executive Director of Holomua Collective, a nonprofit dedicated to giving local working families hope they can afford to stay in Hawai'i. Raised in a middle-income family in a small town, Josh draws on those roots to build partnerships that create durable solutions to keep local families home. With 20+ years of cross-sector experience, Josh led the ACLU of Hawai'i, served as District Director for Congresswoman Mazie Hirono, Deputy Director of the Department of Taxation, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Policy Director for AARP Hawai'i, and has been a litigator and political campaign manager. He is Board President of Temple Emanu-El, serves on the boards of the Kūpa'a Network and Hawai'i Book & Music Festival, is an Omidyar Fellow, "20 for the Next 20" honoree, and holds degrees from Carnegie Mellon University and the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Juli Burden** is the Program Director of the Hawai'i Agrivoltaic Research and Demonstration Center at the Hawai'i Agriculture Research Center (HARC) in Mililani. Since 2020, she has led multi-year research on co-locating solar energy and agriculture, working with industry partners, universities, and farmers to evaluate crop performance and economic viability under photovoltaic systems. The project's work spans over 30 crop trials, from native plants like māmakī to high-value specialty crops such as strawberries, helping prepare Hawai'i's agricultural community for dual-use farming. Juli

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holds an M.S. in Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences and is passionate about building resilient, efficient food systems for Hawai'i.

**Justin Tyndall** is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. His research focuses on urban issues, particularly housing markets. He is the lead author of UHERO's annual Hawai'i Housing Factbook, which provides data and analysis on the state's housing market. Justin holds a PhD in Urban Land Economics from the University of British Columbia, as well as a MUP from New York University.

**Ka'aina Hull** is the Planning Director for Kaua'i County. He has led Kaua'i in numerous climate resiliency initiatives, including the county's Shoreline Setback Ordinance, considered to be one of the most progressive coastal setback policies in the nation. In 2022, he drafted and spearheaded the adoption of the Sea Level Rise Zoning District. This district, with its corresponding regulations, is one of the first ordinances in the country to utilize scientific modeling around climate hazards to create specific zoning requirements for the built environment. He is currently the lead on Kauai's proposed wildfire wildland urban interface (WUI) zoning ordinance for the island's historic plantation camps. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and UC Berkeley. When free, he enjoys working with his wife and son on their small citrus and sheep farm on the south side of Kaua'i.

**Kalani Ka'anā'anā** is the Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Green Growth, a statewide public-private partnership and UN-recognized Local2030 Hub advancing the Aloha+ Challenge and the Sustainable Development Goals. A collaborative executive with 15 years of experience in cultural stewardship, community-based strategy, and regenerative systems change, Kalani previously served as Chief Stewardship Officer at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, where he led statewide shifts in destination management and branding centered on Hawaiian values and community priorities. His leadership is rooted in ancestral knowledge, cross-sector partnerships, and a deep commitment to Hawai'i's future, guided by the principle that island wisdom can shape global solutions.

**Kalbert Young** is currently the Vice President for Budget and Finance and the Chief Financial Officer of the University of Hawai'i System, a position he has held since early 2015. He served as the director of the Department of Finance for the State of Hawai'i for four years from 2011 to 2014, and as the director of finance for the Maui County from 2004 to 2010. He also previously worked for the Kapalua Land Co. and Kamehameha Schools. He earned a bachelor's degree in American History and a Masters of Business Administration, both from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

**Kaleo Manuel** was born and raised on the Island of Hawai'i and now resides in Wahiawā, O'ahu. He is currently the Director of Water Resources for Kamehameha Schools and was formerly the Deputy Director for the State of Hawai'i, Commission on Water Resource Management. Kaleo began his professional planning career at the State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He is an 'ōlapa and ho'opa'a in Hālau Pua Ali'i 'Ilima, completing his traditional 'ūniki rites with Kumu Hula

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Victoria Holt-Takamine in 2017. Kaleo also holds a B.A. in Hawaiian Studies, a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation, all from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Evolving from a land use focus, over the past 16 years, Kaleo strives to bring planning and indigenous knowledge to the fields of water advocacy and management in Hawai'i.

**Kate Blystone** serves as director of the County of Maui Planning Department. Kate's nearly 25-year career has included positions in the public, private, nonprofit, and educational sectors of the planning profession in the Pacific Northwest and Hawai'i. She was a program officer with Hawai'i Community Foundation's (HCF) House Maui Initiative when the wildfires of August 2023 destroyed Lahaina and ripped through upcountry. Her team at HCF quickly pivoted to recovery, focused on grantmaking and temporary housing solutions. She became director of the Maui Planning Department in January 2024 and works closely with her team on the Lahaina rebuild in addition to all the traditional kuleana of a planning department. Her specialties are community engagement, long-range and small town planning, and housing policy.

**Katie Roth** is the Hydrologic Planning Program Manager with the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM). Katie began her career at DLNR in 2011 working for CWRM and then as a Watershed Planner with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife where she coordinated statewide protection efforts for Hawaii's native forests and mauka watersheds working closely with groups like the Watershed Partnerships. Today, Katie leads a team at CWRM that does comprehensive water resource planning and implements policies that help protect and regulate the State's fresh water resources. She has B.A. in Urban Studies and Planning from the University of California, San Diego and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

**Kawika Winter** is a tenured Associate Professor at Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB), and in that capacity acts as the Director of the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve. He was a co-PI on the development of HIMB's Mālama 'Āina Plan.

**Dr. Keith Matsumoto** is the programs director for the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research. At PICHTR, Dr. Matsumoto developed and ran various technology programs with the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Navy – Office of Naval Research, in addition to Japanese government supported programs. Dr. Matsumoto is passionate about building a sustainable technology community in Hawaii and ensuring that Hawaii and the Pacific Region are environmentally sustainable. He was previously a member of the State Procurement Board, and life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and National Contract Management Association.

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**Kim Thayer** grew up on her grandpa's farm in Haiku, Maui where she developed a passion for trees and native forests. Kim holds an Honors degree in Anthropology from James Cook University. She began her career in planning with Munekiyo Hiraga before spending over a decade at the Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership, leading public education, and stewardship programs to protect Maui's native ecosystems. Now at SR Partners, Kim blends her project management and community engagement skills to lead projects such as the Maui Urban Forest Management Plan and Maui Economic Recovery Commission. She previously led the Maui County Arborist Committee, currently chairs the Maui Planning Commission, and serves on the board of Ke Kula O Piilani. Kim was named to Pacific Business News' 40 Under 40 in 2022 and Hawaii Business Magazine's 20 for the Next 20 in 2024. She is the proud mom of two children.

**Kimi Makaiau** is a planner at the UH Mānoa School of Architecture's UH Community Design Center (UHCDC). During her 20 years in natural resource management, community planning, and higher education, she worked alongside Native Hawaiian communities, organizations, and advocates -- experiences that deepened her understanding of Hawai'i's complex land use policies and planning challenges. She joined UHCDC after earning a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning, where she focused on community-based planning and land-use development. Since then, she has led and contributed to a number of public development initiatives across the State and in Central O'ahu, including the Central O'ahu Agriculture and Food Hub master plan, conceptual planning for the Whitmore High-Pressure Processing facility, the Food and Product Innovation Network, and Farm Fair Fielddays.

**Kitty Courtney** is a Marine Environmental Scientist with Tetra Tech Inc. where she has managed and served as technical lead for multiple international and Hawaii State and county projects on climate adaptation and coastal management including the Adapt Waikiki 2050 Area Adaptation Plan since 1990. Kitty holds a PhD in Oceanography from the University of Hawaii and MA from Biology from San Jose State University.

**Laura Hokunani Edmunds Ka'akua** is the Energy Security & Community Outreach Manager at Hawai'i Department of Transportation where she oversees fulfillment of the historic Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation settlement agreement which affirms the right to a clean and healthful environment, leads development of the Energy Security & Waste Reduction Plan, is helping to create a Native Hawaiian Consultation Policy, and supports collaborative transportation solutions and projects that are based in community, indigenous knowledge, and nature. Prior to HDOT, she served as Deputy Director of DLNR, President and CEO of Hawai'i Land Trust, and Native Lands Program Manager for Trust for Public Land. 'Ohana, hula, and mālama 'āina, fill her free time.

**Lauren Armstrong** has been a planner with Brown and Caldwell since 2022. Lauren's experience includes project management, master planning, public engagement, water resource planning and stormwater management. As a planner, Lauren helps facilitate the development of engineering

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solutions within the context of broader community goals. Prior to Brown and Caldwell, Lauren served as the Executive Director of Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization. Lauren holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She and her family operate a lychee farm on the Hāmākua coast of Hawai'i island.

**Lauren Long** is an Environmental Scientist and Pacific Learning Services Coordinator for NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (OCM). She sits in Honolulu, Hawai'i supporting Pacific partners in their learning interests, connecting them with OCM resources, and bringing needs back to the national office to inform product development and delivery. Lauren also works on OCM's national nature-based solutions portfolio of learning products and services. Lauren holds a master of environmental studies from the College of Charleston and a bachelor of marine science from Coastal Carolina University.

**Lily Zheng** is a Transportation Planner at the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, where she primarily supports community outreach initiatives and planning studies. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Hawai'i, focusing on user input design preferences for moderate-density residential development near transit.

**Liz Krueger** is the Chief Planner of the Land Use Permits Division in the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting. She has been involved in many policy initiatives and regulatory updates for O'ahu's Transit Oriented Development Special District, zoning code, coastal zone regulations, and affordable housing program. As an urban planner with the City and County since 2008, Liz has broad knowledge of the current and historic development regulations, land use permits, and development patterns on the island.

**Luca Cuniberti** - Hello! I am Luca Cuniberti. I have lived on the north shore of Oahu my whole life and have always been fascinated with transportation: airplanes, rail, and busses. I sought to become a member of the HDOT youth council to improve the transportation conditions on the North Shore. Our bus system has notable shortcomings, and many tourists could utilize public transit to reduce emissions that jeopardize the delicate ecosystem in the area. As the North Shore representative for the Hawaii Department of Transportation Youth Transportation Council, I aim to influence policy, raise awareness about the impacts of car dependency and tourism on Oahu's North Shore, and advocate for improved mass public transportation to benefit local residents.

**Mark Garrity** is passionate about making cities great. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, where he conducts long-range planning to help shape the future of transportation on Oahu and coordinates access to federal transportation funds. He previously served as the Deputy Director of Transportation Services for the City and County of Honolulu, where he oversaw implementation of Complete Streets policies and programs, protected bike lanes, and integration of the City's bus and rail systems.

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**Marvin Min** has more than 30 years of executive leadership, operational management, sales and marketing experience in composting, energy, and development industries. He has been with Hawaiian Earth for more than 10 years and currently oversees the company statewide. Marvin also works closely with Cedar Grove Composting in Washington State and routinely conducts facility tours for Hawaiian Earth in Hawai'i and Cedar Grove in Washington. He holds certification as a Certified Compost Facility Operator from Washington State University.

**Mary Alice Evans** is the director of the Office of State Planning and Sustainable Development. She serves as the co-chair of the Transit-Oriented Development Council and the State Commission on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. She served on the Honolulu City Planning Commission. She has worked for the State of Hawai'i in various departments, most recently as deputy director of DBEDT. Mary Alice earned a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning at UH-Manoa and served as APA-Hawai'i Chapter President for two terms.

**Melissa May** has extensive experience advancing climate resilience across policy landscapes and built environments in Hawaii. She has partnered with state and local agencies on award-winning projects including resilient design guidelines and policy analysis for climate adaptation and managed retreat. As resilience lead, Melissa develops business and strategy for Haley & Aldrich's Resilience team and integrates resilience into practice areas across the firm. Melissa's comprehensive knowledge of the policy and regulatory landscape makes her an invaluable problem-solving partner on complex planning and policy issues. Her inclusive, systems-based approach ensures that every project reflects a shared vision, builds community capacity, and provides a pathway to implementation.

**Michael Wahl** is from Colton, California and currently resides in Makaha on O'ahu. He has a degree in Anthropology/Archaeology and a master's degree in GIS. Michael has been a GIS Specialist for 17 years working in several industries including: a private water company, Navy emergency services at Pearl Harbor, Army cultural resources at Schofield Barracks, and now for the State of Hawai'i. He has worked for the DLNR State Historic Preservation Division since 2016 and he played a key role in the development of HICRIS and the SHPD GIS.

**Michele Lefebvre** has a PhD in biology from the University of Utah and bachelor's degree in biology from Boston University. She is an environmental scientist and project manager at Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Since 2005, Michele has been preparing Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements for a variety of applicant and agency projects. Her experience includes complying with NEPA and HEPA statutes, rules, regulations, and applicable orders and decisions. She taught the Environmental Impact Assessment undergraduate course at UH-Hilo for two semesters. She and her husband are raising their daughters in Hilo. She also serves on the Hilo Bayfront Trails and Warrior Aquatic Boards, and plays tennis when the weather allows.

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**Mike Packard, P.E., PTOE** is a Senior Traffic Engineer in SSFM's Strategic Services Group. He has over 20 years of private and public traffic engineering and transportation planning experience. This includes work on traffic operations analysis, intersection and crossing designs, and transportation planning of complete streets, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. Mr. Packard was instrumental in establishing the City and County of Honolulu's Complete Streets program, overseeing the creation of the design manual as well as serving as the first program administrator. He is an active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and Hawaii Bicycling League.

**Monique Zanfes** serves as Managing Director of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Branch for the Hawai'i State Energy Office. She is responsible for managing, developing, and implementing policies and programs that advance energy efficiency, promote renewable energy adoption, and ensure energy reliability in alignment with Hawai'i's clean energy and decarbonization goals. Her work includes overseeing initiatives that support the deployment of renewable energy technologies, State Lead by Example programs, and building energy efficiency standards, to reduce the state's reliance on high-carbon fossil fuels. Monique serves as the technical advisor on matters related to energy sector greenhouse gas emission reduction and accounting statewide. She holds a MS in Environmental Science and Management from UC Santa Barbara and a BS in Environmental Science from Hawai'i Pacific University.

**Moss Limuakamoku Kuon** serves in the Native Hawaiian Culture Seat for central Maui. He is a freshman at Kamehameha Schools Maui, and joined the Youth Council in hopes of being able to serve his community, and making change in the ways that matter most. Raised by a Hawaiian single mother in a mostly low income area, Moss knows what it's like to feel unseen by authority figures. In his position, he hopes to advocate for populations that are consistently unheard, misunderstood, or ignored: changing the world one conversation at a time.

**Munashe C. Silverberg** is a Renewable Energy Analyst. She is focused on large renewable energy projects, evaluating and supporting technical and resource feasibility, appropriate siting, effective permitting, and overall cost-effectiveness, while understanding and communicating potential impacts, options, and supply chains. Technologies within her purview include bioenergy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and wind systems. Munashe graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas with a double major in Biology and Business Administration with a focus on Energy Management and has an interest in leveraging technology and data-driven decision-making and policy.

**Natasha Soriano** is the Multimodal Transportation Coordinator for the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, bringing nearly 15 years of experience in transportation planning, design, and project delivery. She began her career as a design engineer with HDOT, later serving as a transportation planner for the County of Hawai'i, where she advanced initiatives such as Vision Zero and Complete Streets policies. In her current role, she leads statewide efforts to expand safe, equitable, and sustainable multimodal networks.

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**Niegel Rozet** is from Makawao, Maui, and lives in Wahiawā, O‘ahu. He holds a B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Management and a Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning from UH-Mānoa, with focuses in coastal ecology and community planning. His background spans science and grassroots work, with roles as a lab tech, diver, fisher, and research assistant with Hui ‘Āina Momona. He has been a Planner with KUA since 2019. He and his ‘ohana enjoy fishing, surfing, and spending time near the ocean.

**Noelle Cole** is the Branch Chief for Policy Planning in the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting’s Planning Division where she manages long range planning documents including the O‘ahu General Plan and the Primary Urban Center Development Plan, among other duties. She is an active participant in the City’s One Water Panel and is currently leading the DPP’s Adapt Waikīkī 2050 project team, working across departments and with the development community to achieve greater climate resilience in the Waikīkī Special Design District. Noelle holds M.C.P. and M.L.A. degrees from U.C. Berkeley.

**Ollie Lau** is a systems thinker who is passionate about reaching equitable planning solutions informed by robust public engagement and supported by data analysis. As a Planner for SSFM International, he works with communities across Hawai‘i to advance climate resilience. Recent projects include policy analysis for managed retreat, adaptation pathways planning for beach parks, and resilient strategies for state highways. Prior to moving to Hawai‘i, he worked on climate resilience and active transportation projects for a wide range of clients, from small rural communities to large federal agencies across the U.S. Mainland. He is a graduate of the School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management at the University of Oregon.

**Onaona P. Thoene** is a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP. Her practice focuses on real property, land use, environmental, business and corporate, and administrative law. Onaona served as Chair of the State of Hawai‘i Environmental Advisory Council from 2021-2024. She is a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama. Onaona received her J.D., magna cum laude, from the William S. Richardson School of Law with certificates in environmental law and native Hawaiian law, and a B.B.A., cum laude, from the University of San Diego. She was selected by attorney peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch 2024 for Administrative / Regulatory Law, Business Organizations, Energy Law, Environmental Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation - Environmental, and Real Estate Law, and named to the 2024 Hawaii Super Lawyers Rising Star List for Land Use/Zoning.

**Pauline Sato** has dedicated the past 30+ years to environmental preservation, working for organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Bishop Museum, Moanalua Gardens Foundation, and Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai‘i. Her skill-set has enabled her to assume various positions, from environmental educator and teacher trainer to volunteer coordinator, natural resources program manager, public awareness coordinator, and leadership program director. A

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strong believer in working with partners to accomplish shared goals, she has also served on several boards and councils. Pauline's extensive career in conservation has helped her build a broad network among people working to protect natural, cultural, and agricultural resources throughout Hawai'i.

**Peter Flachsbart, PhD, AICP**, is a retired Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He taught courses on urban land use and transportation planning and policy, and the use of methods and models in planning and public decision-making. He has been a member of AICP since 1979 and has served continuously as Professional Development Officer of APA, Hawai'i Chapter since 1983. He is the recipient of the Donald Wolbrink Chapter Achievement Award in 2000 and a national Leadership Award from the APA Chapter Presidents Council in 2013.

**Peter Koonce, P.E.** is a nationally recognized transportation engineer known for aligning transportation policy with engineering practice to improve multimodal safety and efficiency. With over 25 years of experience, he has worked in Portland for most of his career. Peter's leadership extends to national engineering standards and guidance: he is a past member of the Executive Committee and a current member of the Bicycle Technical Committee of the NCUTD. In 2024, he was elected to the International Board of Direction for the Institute of Transportation Engineers, where he is currently serving a three-year term. A dedicated advocate for professional advancement, Peter is actively involved with NACTO and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, consistently contributing to the evolution of the field of transportation engineering to support healthier communities.

**Quinn Vittum** is the Executive Director of Re-use Hawai'i, a non-profit employment social enterprise dedicated to reducing waste and expanding green job opportunities. Quinn supports and oversees Re-use Hawai'i's directors and managers to execute programs, initiatives and strategies. He works with the volunteer board of directors for future planning, financial oversight and to develop community support.

**Ramsay R. M. Taum** is a Cultural Sustainability Planner at PBR HAWAII. His eclectic background and experience in business, government and community service make him a valuable asset in both public and private sectors as well as in for-profit and non-profit business. Mentored and trained by respected kūpuna, he is a practitioner and instructor of several Native Hawaiian practices including ho'oponopono, lomi haha, and Kaihewalu Lua. His work in promoting sustainable place-based, and Hawaiian cultural stewardship principles and practices is acknowledged locally, nationally, and internationally. Mr. Taum is a recognized cultural resource and sought after as a keynote speaker, lecturer, trainer and facilitator. Trained by respected Hawaiian elders, he effectively integrates place-based, cultural-based, indigenous and Native Hawaiian cultural values and principles into contemporary business.

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**Randall Wakumoto** is the Program Administrator for the City and County of Honolulu's Storm Water Quality Division within its Department of Facility Maintenance. He has 28 years of engineering work experience with the City and County of Honolulu and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University. He also possesses a professional engineer's license in the State of Hawaii. His responsibilities involve administering the City's storm water management program which includes coordinating across City departments to ensure compliance under the Federal Clean Water Act requirements. He oversees a group of engineers, planners, environmental technicians and community relations specialists that perform inspections, enforcement, water quality sampling, public outreach and management of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects focused on improving water quality.

**Renee Espiau** is the Complete Streets Administrator for the City and County of Honolulu and has been involved in implementing the City's Complete Streets law since its adoption in 2012. She previously helped to establish and manage the City's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program within the Department of Planning and Permitting. Prior to returning to Hawaii, Renee was a Senior Transportation Associate at the Project for Public Spaces in New York City and a Senior Planner at the New Jersey State Department of Transportation. She holds a master's degree from New York University, a Bachelor's from the University of Oregon, and was born and raised on Maui.

**Rick Egged** serves as President of the Waikiki Improvement Association, a nonprofit organization focused on enhancing the vibrancy, safety, and overall experience of Waikiki for both visitors and residents alike. In this role, he has worked with stakeholders to create the first Hawai'i Business Improvement District and subsequent districts regarding beach and transportation improvements. For over thirty years, Rick has worked to improve the ecosystem and reduce flood risk in the Ala Wai Watershed. He is currently Co-Chair of the Ala Wai Watershed Collaboration.

**Dr. Ron Terry**, after a brief career as a professor, founded an environmental consulting business in 1992 that continues to this day. Specializing in forming teams to conduct EAs and EISs for government infrastructure, his projects include the Saddle Road Improvements, the Ka'u Forest Reserve Management Plan, Kekaha Kai State Park Improvements, and hundreds of state, federal and county wells, pipelines, roads, parks, medical facilities and solid waste facilities. He served 24 years on various State boards and commissions related to environmental science, most recently on Environmental Council, where he helped lead revision of the State's EIS Administrative Rules. He is a cofounder of the non-profit trail advocacy group Hilo Bayfront Trails, Inc., and serves as its Secretary. Side hustles include surfing and kayaking and world travel.

**Ron Whitmore PhD, AICP**, is a Principal with Raimi + Associates, a mission-driven planning firm focused on fostering healthy, equitable, and resilient communities. For 13 years, Ron played senior leadership roles in Hawai'i County, including as Principal Planner and Interim Manager of the Planning Department's Long Range Division and as Deputy Director of Research and Development. In those

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roles, he led programs focused on the General Plan, community development plans, climate change, energy, and disaster recovery. He is currently leading the Central Maui Community Plan update and the Ewa Development Plan update.

**Roxanne Adams** is the Administrator of the City and County of Honolulu Division of Urban Forestry where she oversees an estimated 250,000 trees in City and County parks and public rights-of-way. She is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, and she was formerly the campus arborist for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Roxanne also serves on the Trees for Honolulu's Future Board of Directors.

**Samantha Lara** is the Senior Community Planner for the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO). She is responsible for the outreach conducted by the OahuMPO for its required work products, planning studies, and transportation education initiatives. She has a background in political science and urban and regional planning and is currently pursuing a PhD in political science where her research focuses on child independent mobility. The *Imagine This Series* was created by Samantha with the explicit mission to invite the community into discussion about what transportation improvements could look like for Oahu.

**Samantha Spain** manages media relations, marketing, and public outreach for Aloha Stadium. She serves as the main point of contact for news and community updates, ensuring clear and consistent communication with the public, partners, and stakeholders. Through strategic marketing and public interaction, she highlights events and initiatives while keeping the community engaged with everything happening at Aloha Stadium.

**Sara Brown** has worked in municipal finance since 1997, focusing on the financing tools that cities, counties and special districts use to fund vital infrastructure projects associated with new development and community redevelopment. Those tools include land-secured bonds, such as Hawaii's community facilities district special tax revenue bonds, and tax increment debt. Over the past 25 years at Stifel, her experience in these two areas amounts to more than 400 bond issues totaling over \$9 billion. In Hawaii, she has worked on all four of the State's community facilities district bonds. Ms. Brown is the head of Stifel's California Public Finance practice. Ms. Brown graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in Economics and Applied Statistics. She received a master's degree in Public Sector Financial Management from the University of Maryland.

**Sarah Chang** is a project analyst with the Hawai'i State Office of Planning & Sustainable Development, Coastal Zone Management Program. She coordinates the Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP), a statewide plan that seeks to resolve coastal problems and issues that are not adequately addressed by existing laws and rules. The 2020 ORMP highlights three areas of need within the coastal zone: (1) Development and Coastal Hazards, (2) Land-based Pollution, and

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(3) Marine Ecosystems. The ORMP relies on collaborative implementation and facilitates cross-agency projects with partners that include Federal, State, County, and community representation.

**Sarah Harris** serves as the Hazard Mitigation and Long-term Disaster Recovery Program Manager for the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency. She joined the City in September 2022. In her role, Sarah coordinates City actions and policies to lessen the impacts of climate change and natural disasters while improving community resilience. Prior to joining the office, she worked for over eight years with firms in California and Hawai'i providing guidance to private and government clients on land use and environmental planning. Sarah holds a masters in Applied Geospatial Science with an emphasis in Planning and Recreation from Northern Arizona University (NAU), and a BS in Biology also from NAU.

**Scott Allen** is a civic design rōnin—an independent wayfarer navigating the intersections of regional planning, GIS, and learning design. Moonlighting as a PhD student in Learning Design & Technology at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, he explores how reflective methods, spatial literacies, and mobile technologies can reimagine community engagement and participatory planning. By land, he collaborates with teams at UH Mānoa, the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, and the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, designing public engagement frameworks and educational initiatives. By sea, he's Captain of the SV Puka Wai, sailing toward more just and equitable futures.

**Scott Glenn** serves as the Senior Advisor for Federal Affairs, Climate, and Housing to Hawai'i Governor Josh Green, M.D., where he leads cross-agency housing strategy, supervises the Governor's Housing Team, and represents the state in high-level federal and intergovernmental forums. He previously served in multiple cabinet-level roles, including Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Chief Energy Officer of the Hawai'i State Energy Office, and Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Scott holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a BA in Classical Archaeology and Philosophy from the University of Evansville. He is a certified planner (AICP).

**Sidney Lynch** has been the President of Protect Our Ala Wai Watersheds (POAWW), a nature-based watershed restoration and protection organization since 2019. She also serves on the Boards of the art organizations the Hawaii Potters' Guild, Glass Fusion Collective and The Hawaii Handweavers' Hui.

**Stephanie Whalen** is the president of the Kunia Village Title Holding Corporation and the Kunia Village Development Corporation. She was the former executive director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (formerly the Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Association). She held various positions with that company since 1973. She is the secretary of the Hawaii Foundation for Agricultural Research and president of the Kunia Water Association. Her formal education is in chemistry and pharmacology.

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She has over 50 years' experience in the agricultural industry in Hawai'i and has been involved in pesticide registrations and their monitoring, water quality monitoring, water distribution and management, community concerns over agriculture and the environment, and agricultural worker housing and property development.

**Steven Dale** is GIS Manager and Systems Resource Manager for the Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division. Steven has led digital transformation efforts that bridge technical complexity with real-world decision-making. This includes developing immersive 3D sea level rise models, integrating drone-based LiDAR and photogrammetry into planning workflows, and implementing enterprise systems like ArcGIS Online, Cityworks, and eBuilder. More recently, he has been integrating AI-assisted tools to extract insights from legacy documents and streamline infrastructure planning across teams.

**Terry Chan** is a Civil Engineer with the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Design and Construction. She holds a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from UC Berkeley and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawai'i. Her career began with Bechtel in the Bay Area, with seismic retrofits for the BART system, mustard gasses in Pueblo, Colorado, and the DOHA International Airport in Qatar. She later joined Jacobs (formerly CH2M HILL), contributing to natural treatment projects in Oregon, including the Albany Talking Water Gardens and Woodburn Wastewater Treatment Plant. Back in Hawai'i, she joined Engineering Concepts, Inc. on wastewater projects locally and abroad. Since joining the City in 2012, she has managed wastewater projects, led stormwater training, and developed the City's Climate Change Design Guidelines to support resilient infrastructure.

**Tim Streit** serves as the Lead Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planner at the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting, where he plays a pivotal role in shaping sustainable urban environments. Tim's expertise encompasses a broad spectrum of urban and community development projects, particularly in the realm of economic development. His work not only focuses on enhancing neighborhood connectivity and accessibility but also emphasizes the importance of affordable housing through innovative policy solutions. In his current role, Tim oversees the TOD program, managing a dedicated team while also engaging in project management and contract oversight. His leadership is instrumental in drafting key ordinances and resolutions, including the island wide affordable housing requirement, which aims to address the pressing need for housing in the region.

**Tom Eisen**, truthfully a geographer, has been engaged with Hawaii's planning community for over 30 years. Presently serving as a planner in the State's Environmental Review Program, Tom also has natural resource planning experience with the Coastal Zone Management Program and the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands. His planning perspective has been broadened by employment with two county planning departments, as well as working as a sole proprietor consultant and with a large



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local planning firm. Preferring to surf and practice yoga in his free time, Tom has also been a Neighborhood Board & Community Garden Board member, volunteered as a docent at the Waikīkī Aquarium, and built yurts, permaculture gardens, and photovoltaic systems.

**Travis Counsell** is the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League, a nonprofit that advocates for safe streets for all and works to enable more people to ride bicycles across the islands, including through the youth education program BikeEd Hawai'i. He previously owned a bicycle rental and tour business in Waikīkī and holds an MBA from the University of Hawai'i's Shidler College of Business. A passionate everyday cyclist, Travis can often be seen in Kailua riding his cargo bike to the beach with his dogs.

**Wendy Gady** earned a B.A. in Business and Communications from Iowa Wesleyan University and has done Executive MBA course work in Strategic Market Planning at the University of Michigan. She has managed a variety of farming operations, from conventional to Certified Organic, successfully written grants, passed national audits, developed farm business plans for individual operators, performed water testing and compliance across microclimates and water systems, raised financing for a 30-million gallon per year biodiesel plant, ran farmers markets, and coordinated water management, food safety, marketing, and new product training for operators. She works with stakeholders to keep agricultural land in production across O'ahu: helping producers access land and water, expanding row and orchard crop market access, and assisting with feasibility studies for expanding value-added products.

**Xiaofeng Li** is an Assistant Professor of transportation management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He received his PhD degree in transportation engineering from the University of Arizona in 2021. His primary research focuses on the interdisciplinary field between travel and transportation. He is especially focused on data collection and integration, and leveraging big data and machine learning approaches to address traditional challenges in travel monitoring, public transportation, shared micro-mobility, and smart city development.