

A Vision of Sustainability and Self-Sufficiency for Hawai'i

As Chairman of the task force that developed the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan, I am encouraged by the positive enthusiasm expressed by our friends and neighbors throughout the state who are willing to envision and work for a preferred future for generations to come. Through a four year planning process that engaged thousands of residents on every island with more than 10,500 participants providing input, the vision and goals of the plan were developed and affirmed. We all share a tremendous responsibility to think and act beyond the here and now in order to determine the brightest future for Hawai'i. Please view details of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan at our website: www.hawaii2050.org

A vision for Hawai'i that achieves the following:

- Respects the culture, character, beauty and history of our island communities.
- Strikes a balance among economic, social/community, and environmental priorities.
- Meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The five goals reflect a deeply held sense of where Hawai'i should be headed:

- Living sustainability is part of our daily practice in Hawai'i.
- Our diversified and globally competitive economy enables us to meaningfully live, work and play in Hawai'i.
- Our natural resources are responsibly and respectfully used, replenished, and preserved for future generations.
- Our community is strong, healthy, vibrant, and nurturing and provides safety nets for those in need.
- Our Kanaka Maoli and island cultures and values are thriving and perpetuated.

Hawai'i possesses the necessary resources and the compelling will of its residents to achieve greater self-sufficiency and our preferred future. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you for what is best for future generations.