

Allen Cardines, Jr. summary of qualifications and why he would like to serve on this commission.

Summary:

I grew up in the community of Nanakuli, Hawai'i and have been serving as senior pastor of a church for the past 17 years. Currently, I am working to create a safe community of healthy relationships within families so no children should live in fear in their own home and to encourage community leaders to work together with Aloha.

Here's a brief snapshot of how we are doing that:

1. Working with HPD Community Policing Team in District 8 to start and grow a vibrant and empowering Neighborhood Security Watch in Nanakuli
2. Working with Ann Mahi (Complex Area Superintendent in Nanakuli-Waianae Complex), Kalei Kalilihiwa (Kamehameha Schools Waianae Coast Region) and other community partners to prevent suicide and bullying at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School
3. Working with Hui Ho'omalua of Partners in Development to encourage, support and strengthen foster families in 96792. To recruit and train additional caregivers and supporters to love on foster children
4. Working with various prison ministries and transitional homes to break the cycle of incarceration by loving, reaching and transforming incarcerated parents and children
5. Working with Federal, State, City and community leaders to implement effective, evidence based restorative justice practices towards community transformation
6. Working to train approximately 30 family advocates at HCAP with a powerful, fun and fresh perspective on parenting with the potential of impacting hundreds of vulnerable children and families on Oahu
7. Providing powerful, fun, fresh, exciting and encouraging parenting workshops and academies to parents in our community with emphasis on fathers, foster families and incarcerated parents and those transitioning back into the community with hopes of reducing domestic violence, divorce and children in foster care

Why:

I would like to serve on this commission to partner with other individuals, men and organizations to promote safe and healthy relationships, families and communities by emphasizing the important role fathers play in making this a reality in the lives of their children. I would like to see resilient communities that would overcome unhealthy hurts, habits and hang ups like Adverse Childhood Experiences in the following ways:

1. Treat and beat physical, emotional and sexual abuse by 25% by 2025
2. Treat and beat physical and emotional neglect by 25% by 2025
3. Treat and beat household dysfunctions like:
 - a) Suicide by 25% by 2025
 - b) domestic violence by 25% by 2025
 - c) divorce by 25% by 2025
 - d) substance abuse by 25% by 2025