

Letter to Governor Josh Green

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Aloha Honorable Governor Josh Green,

Congratulations on becoming our new Governor and ready to get your hands on all appointments and committees. I'm currently serving on the Island Burial Council Board for Kaua'i Island. I'm asking for a reappointment with my term ending in June 2023.

Serving my first term on council showed me how much harder we need to utilize our Hawaiian trust laws as we deal with more inconsistencies with SHPD and our State laws concerning burial treatment and placements. I'm sure you'd be hearing more concerns from legislators.

My goal is to Malama our ancestors and perpetuate the Hawaiian Traditions of burial to Kanaka Iwi...I currently sit on Kaua'i Kupuna Council with Ho'ola Lahui/ Papa Lokahi, Kanieolouma Heiau, Kaua'i Watershed, Hanapepe Community Restoration, and member of Na Ali'i O Hawai'i. I definitely try to make ancestral lineage align with my cultural practice of Ho'oponopono and La'au Lapa'au/Lomilomi and Kahuna ha.

Being on the board has trained me through our Hawaiian Land Trust laws, Traditional Burial Customs & Practices, Sunshine laws, and OSHA & State Law policies. So I'm so grateful for the knowledge I've received and ready to explore more of how we can update some of these policies.

Again, this letter is for reappointment and I strongly ask for your quickest response.

Mahalo ia oe,
Johnnette Kauilani Kahalekai

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As a true Cultural Practitioner.. I have crossed the lines of being passionate about our cultural resources. How we Malama these resources and our stewardship to our aina. I have engaged myself in various groups and educate my mind and others of the many changes that have occurred and how we are needed to participate in the process of our future. Being in many Cultural classes like “iwi kupuna” it has made great discussions of true culture..Wē all need to be present to the changes that are being made .. to the land, ocean, water reserves, and our politically ambitious individuals who disregards Community input.

Current Employment

July 2019- Present.

Merriman's In Poipu
Kukui'ula Shopping Village
Poipu, Kaua'i, Hawaii 96756

Meagan Charmers-Martin [REDACTED]

August 30, 2019- Jan 2020
Contract Fixed period

Harmony Education Services
Music & Kanu O Ka Aina
Saint Michael's Church

Lihue, HI, 96766

Rebecca Hartshorn- Supervisor [REDACTED]
Music Teacher

March 2014- 2019.

Scotty's Music House
3-3391 Kuhio Hwy
Lihue, HI, 96766

Scotty Shapiro-Owner.
Kawika Jamison-Manager.
Sales Associate

January 1999-present

Church Of Universal Light
Ordained by Nalani Taylor
Presently used by Pele's
Weddings for the last 6 years
At Kauai Marriott Kalapaki

J. Kauilani Kahalekai.
Kahu/ Wedding Officiant.

1982-Present.

Musician/ Entertainer to have
traveled around the world to
promote Hawaii & its culture .

Contracted island musician presently at Merriman's in Poipu, Robs
Grill in Lihue, and Hanapepe Art Walk in Hanapepe, Wrangler's in
Waimea

October 1997-present. Hawaiian Healing Arts Instructor/
Practitioner in Ho'oponopono, La'au Lapaau, Lomilomi, Kahuna Ha.
Currently sitting on the board of Kauai Kupuna Council, Kauai Burial
Council, Kaneiolouma Heiau in Poipu.

Educational Background

Graduated at Kauai High School.	1975
Attended University of Hawaii Manoa	1975-76 no degree
Attended Kauai Community College.	1980-81 Certificate Construction Tech
Ho'oponopono Practioner	1997-Present
Officiant	1999-Present
Musician/ Entertainer	1997- present

Recommendations

Sandi Quinsat. Grand Hyatt Kauai- Project Manager

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Sean Puahi Chun. Ho'ola la Lahui- Youth Projects
President- Kupuna Council Kauai

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