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Fulfilling the Commitment



Leiali'i, Island of Maui



Scattered Lots, Island of Moloka'i



Kaupe'a, Island of O'ahu



Waiohuli Scattered, Island of Maui



Pi'ihonua, Island of Hawai'i

And more to come:

- Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai and Kekaha, Island of Kaua'i
- Waimānalo, Kaupuni Village and East Kapolei I, Island of O'ahu
- Waiehu Kou 4, Island of Maui
- Lālāmilo and La'i'Ōpua, Island of Hawai'i
- Ha'uowi, Island of Lana'i

Chairman's Message

Aloha Kākou!

Nearly four years ago we began a journey that was driven only by a vision of what we thought should be, what we thought could be, and what we wanted to be. It was a vision of our greatest hopes and our promise to fulfill commitments to native Hawaiians.

On May 27, 2004, on the island of Maui, we had the first of many statewide Informational Meetings which let everyone know where, when and how many residential lots we were going to develop in the following years. We spoke about projects on each island and began following those meetings with Orientation Meetings for specific developments.



Chairman Micah A. Kāne

The Orientation Meetings were followed by Award Meetings for our new Undivided Interest Awards and Lot Selection Meetings for our Turn Key Awards. We have awarded leases on every island for projects that include Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai in Anahola, Kaua'i; Kaupe'a in Kapolei; Waimānalo; Waiohuli, Waiehu and Lahaina, Maui; La'i 'Ōpua and Waimea, Hawai'i.

Today, as our vision takes shape, we begin to deliver on our promise.

On O'ahu, the first homes in the 326 lot Kaupe'a subdivision is near completion,

East Kapolei I will be awarded before the year is out and Waimānalo has been awarded.

On the Big Island, the self-help and turn key homes in Hilo are in construction, the first phase of Lālāmilo is underway, the infrastructure for La'i 'Ōpua will begin in the next few weeks.

On Maui, Leiali'i's first homes should be dedicated in October, Waiohuli and the farm lots have begun infrastructure development, Waiehu Kou 3 has been completed and Waiehu Kou 4 has broken ground.

On Kaua'i, Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai has broken ground, Kekaha's infrastructure is complete and home construction has started.

We have come a long way and yet our journey has just begun. The homes we build are really the first steps of Prince Kūhiō's dreams of a strong and proud native Hawaiian.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for standing with us, and to the staff at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the heart and soul they put into each day's work.

U.S. House Committee Approves Native Hawaiian Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On July 26, 2006, the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee approved a bill sponsored by Congressman Neil Abercrombie, which authorizes continued federal funding and provides greater financial flexibility to Hawaiian homesteaders and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Abercrombie had earlier joined Rep. Robert Ney (R-OH), chair of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, in introducing the Hawaiian Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2006 (H.R. 5851).

The measure reauthorizes existing Native Hawaiian housing programs for five years (until 2011) and expands their scope.

In 2000 Congress passed legislation authorizing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide block grants for affordable housing for Native Hawaiians through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The 2000 measure also authorized HUD home loan guarantees for Native Hawaiians on Hawaiian home lands.

In 2005, the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) provided \$8.43 million for housing and housing-related activities. In addition, Congress appropriated \$957,280 for loan guarantees for the Section 184A Loan Program, which provides loan guarantee authority for \$37,403,000. It is anticipated that in 2006, the NHHBG will provide \$8.37 million for housing and housing-related activities and \$856,000 for loan guarantees, which provides \$35,714,000 in loan guarantee authority.

The House of Representatives has approved moderate increases in those funding levels for 2007, and the appropriations legislation awaits further action by the Senate.

The Hawaiian Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2006 reauthorizes these programs and adds new provisions authorizing loan guarantees for home mortgage refinancing and permitting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to issue bonds.

Rep. Ney told the Financial Services Committee before it acted on the bill, "This [request for reauthorization and improvements] came from the Governor of Hawai'i and Neil Abercrombie responded instantly."

"This legislation acknowledges the housing needs of Native Hawaiians and establishes a mechanism to address those needs. It is one component in our larger effort to secure justice for the native people of our land. I appreciate Representative Ney's support of this legislation, which plays such an important role for the Hawaiian community."



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250 Native Hawaiian Families Receive Homesteads in Kapolei

DHHL's new financial education program assist many to qualify for loans



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Nearly 2,000 people attended a lot selection meeting at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall on July 8, 2006 as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) offered 250 homestead leases to native Hawaiian families in Phases 2 and 3 of the Kaupe'a subdivision in Kapolei.

Kaupe'a is a subdivision within the Villages of Kapolei—an established, master-planned community in leeward O'ahu. The 52-acre subdivision has 326 lots, averaging 5,000 square feet in size. The first 76 homes in phase 1 were awarded in November 2005. Phase 2 has 128 homes and phase 3 has 122 homes.

"Kaupe'a is making an impact in addressing the demand for affordable housing on O'ahu," Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Micah A. Kāne said. "More importantly, our new financial education program, the Home Ownership Assistance Program or HOAP, is beginning to qualify people who never thought they would be in a position to own their own home."

"The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands con-

tinues to have a significant impact throughout our state because for every family who receives a lease award it means one more family getting an affordable home,"



Frances Segundo was first to select at the Kaupe'a 2 & 3 lot selection meeting. She succeeded to her father's (Aloysius Lincoln's) application rights.

said Governor Linda Lingle who was on hand to congratulate the first lease recipient of the day. "In addition to providing affordable housing, DHHL's HOAP program is educating people on how to manage their finances, and that is a lifelong skill which can be passed on and instilled in future generations."

Applicants needed to be financially pre-qualified in order to select a lot at the Kaupe'a offering. Of the 825 applicants who met this requirement, 106 went through the HOAP program.

Home construction has already begun for Phase 1 of the Kaupe'a project and the first homes are expected to be completed by the end of the year. Home construction for Phase 2 begins during this quarter and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2007. Phase 3 will begin this fall with home construction to be completed in the second quarter of next year.

Kaupe'a had a selection of five model homes with prices ranging from \$238,600 to \$296,100. DHHL, through the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, also offered a down payment subsidy to the first 59 eligible awardees who meet an income requirement of 80 percent of median income of the City and County of Honolulu.

Since the beginning of 2003, DHHL has awarded more than 1,200 leases and by the end of next year, more than 850 new leases are projected to be awarded.

Bad Mailing Addresses—Figures Raise Alarm

Changing mailing address?

Don't forget that you must notify (in writing) the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of any changes in your mailing address in order to remain eligible for a Hawaiian home land award. Complete the form below and mail it to:

State of Hawai'i
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805

We **must have** your **current** mailing address on file at all times. *All notifications, including lease offerings, are made through the mail.* After six months, the U.S. Postal Service will not forward mail to your new address. Please remember, it is your responsibility to notify us in writing of any changes.

Please check status: Applicant Lessee Both

Print full name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

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Signature & date: _____

Telephone nos.: Home _____ Bus. _____

If any of the information printed on the address label is incorrect, please correct the information by using this form.

On July 7, 2006, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands had 37,034 applications and 8,418 homestead leases on file. An alarming 6,060 (16.5 percent) applications and 547 (6.5 percent) leases have bad addresses.

According to Section 10-3-10 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, an applicant for a homestead lease must notify the department, in writing, of any change of address within 15 calendar days of such change.

The rule goes further to state "whenever the department initiates action to award a lease, all applicants whose addresses are not current and who cannot be contacted by mail shall be placed on a deferred status."

Whenever an applicant does not respond to any two successive contact attempts, the department places the applicant on a deferred status until updated information is received.

As for lessees, the administrative rules and the lease conditions remain silent on failure to notify the department of changes of address. For traditional homestead leases, undeliverable and unheeded notifications of lease violations could fester into contested case hearings that could eventually lead to lease cancellation.

If you have a friend or relative who recently moved and who is an applicant or lessee of Hawaiian home lands, have them fill out the accompanying form and return it to the department. Please stay in contact with the department.



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Two Newest Members of the HHC

The past legislative session saw the confirmation of the two gubernatorial nominations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission by the state Senate. Being confirmed were Donald S.M. Chang and Francis Kahou Lum.

Both new commissioners represent the island of O'ahu. Commissioner Chang is serving out the remainder of the term of former Commissioner Colin Ka'alele, who resigned in late 2005. His appointment took effect upon the confirmation of the Senate and expires on June 30, 2007.

Commissioner Lum replaced former Commissioner Quentin Kawananākoa, whose term ended on June 30, 2006. His appointment took effect on July 1, 2006 and expires on June 30, 2010.

Donald Chang graduated from Maryknoll High School and attended the University of Hawai'i. He joined the Honolulu Fire Department in 1957 rising through the ranks to the department's highest position, Fire Chief, in 1993. Chief Chang retired from the Fire Department in 1994 after a long distinguished career spanning more than 36 years.



Francis K. Lum (left) and Donald S.M. Chang take the Oath of Office during the swearing-in ceremony on June 30, 2006 at Washington Place.

Commissioner Chang has been active in a variety of community and civic organizations. He is commit-

ted to helping more Hawaiian families receive the opportunity to get onto Hawaiian home lands and looks forward to working with DHHL to achieve Prince Kūhiō's vision of 'Āina ho'opulapula. He brings a strong administrative background, a caring attitude and an open mind to the decision-making process to the commission.

Francis Lum has the distinction of having served as the Chief of Protocol for five of Hawai'i's governors, dating back to Governor John Burns in 1967 and including current Governor Linda Lingle. He is the acknowledged expert on government protocol procedures, having planned and organized visits to Hawai'i by heads of state from a variety of nations around the world.

Commissioner Lum is a keiki o ka 'āina, born and raised here in Hawai'i, where he attended St. Louis High School. He also served more than 40 years as a member of the Hawai'i National Guard, including active duty service in Vietnam. DHHL and the Hawaiian community will greatly benefit from his knowledge and understanding of state government and the people we serve.



After being sworn-in as members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Donald Chang (second from left) and Francis Lum (second from right) are flanked by Chief Justice Ronald Moon, Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor James Aiona.