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Aloha kakou. I am a native Hawaiian born on the island of Kauai and raised in the traditional Native communities of the Navajo, Hopi and Apache peoples in Arizona and among the Inupiat Eskimo on the North Slope of Alaska. For many years, my family and I have lived on Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am the founding and current President and CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a national association of more than 70 Native Hawaiian community development organizations. CNHA dedicates all of its resources to its vision of an engaged Hawaiian community strengthened by self-determination, cultural knowledge and an identity that advances the well-being of the Hawaiian Islands and its people.

I believe in servant leadership that unifies and empowers the talent of so many incredible organizations and agencies throughout the community focused on community, policy and economic development. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve.

I have extensive executive and management experience, and I enjoy working with community, having served as Director of Housing for one of the largest municipal governments in Alaska and as Executive Director for a large public housing authority, as well as on the boards of various nonprofit organizations and on various commissions and committees.

With a background in public administration, business, finance, and multi-cultural community development, I would like to contribute to the mission of OHA and hope to bring additional perspectives from community. Mahalo for your consideration.