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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for February 4, 2026 Election Commissions Meeting (I am in favor of mail-in voting)
Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026 5:24:14 PM

Aloha, my name is Jessica Kuzmier and I live in West Hawaii.

I want to testify in favor of mail-in voting, as I believe our current system of mail-in ballots provides a generous and convenient way for residents to be able to vote when it is best for them, as many people do not have the ability to take time off from work on Election Day to stand on a line. They may not have the transportation or ability to get to a polling place, even if it is open on days other than Election Day. Mail-in voting is helpful for those who have health concerns, family emergencies and other contingencies which preclude them from presenting their ballot in person. If people are off-island, it works well for them in this circumstance as well.

I have always appreciated mail-in voting, and feel it is a great way for more people to get involved. As one has to prove citizenship to register to vote, and the signature on the ballot is compared to the one offered when one is registered, I believe it is a secure form of voting that makes it better for disabled, elderly and those who have multiple jobs or lack of transportation. I do believe that mail-in voting should be kept in place and believe it strengthens our democracy, not weakens it.

I also appreciate the fact that we have early voting, and that voting centers are open on days before Election Day so those who want to vote in person can do so. I would be happy if there were more locations open to make it more convenient for people who do not live near a hub and/or cannot get to that location conveniently.

I am glad that the Legislature is taking up a bill that will fund more in-person Voting Service Centers to accommodate more citizens, and I hope it will be a reality by our Primary Election in August.

Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Jessica Kuzmier, West Hawaii

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] YES ! Mail In Voting
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 4:01:11 PM

Aloha, Please end any discussion or any reference to ending mail in voting or investigating prior elections.

Testimony shows how overwhelmingly it is wanted.

The commission should move forward, working on ways to improve voting.

A count of what number of ballots where mailed in and what number of ballots

were dropped off in the collection boxes, seem worthwhile.

So moving forward, a count may show, that certain drop off locations, should be relocated...for example.

The number of people who actually use the drop off boxes, verses the Post Office, etc.

These are all future, moving forward actions, not the old rehashing of the past.

It is time to move on, and accomplish something useful.

Thank you for accepting my testimony.

Aloha & Mahalo,

Vivian S. Toellner

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Direct Nago to proceed to fulfill his statutory duties now, BUT ...

- 1. only in the presence of bipartisan observers who have a documented history of calling for election integrity (a short review of your public testimony will give you dozens of options and I suggest Commissioner Ralph Cushman be given the job of selecting more than half the audit-observers IF you want to earn back SOME trust from those who've testified to the Commission - fruitlessly - for years regarding the problems with Mr. Nago and our elections) and**
- 2. with documented safeguards (e.g., full livestream video the entire time, complete chain of custody as the ballots are transported, etc.).**

No tap dancing (stalling, excuses, etc.).

Transparency MANDATORY...

If Nago refuses to uphold the law(s) - see a short list of the Hawaii statutes below - the Commission should invoke its right to dismiss him and hire someone capable of following the law, who will genuinely (not just provide deceptive lip service) protect the sacred trust of accurate election processes and results.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH MR. NAGO -

Here is one glaring example of Mr. Nago's previous failure to understand the law (a generous interpretation by me, as outright fraud or outright lack of intellectual capacity are the only two other interpretations):

I (and at LEAST two other people) timely requested, in late August/early September 2022, the Cast Vote Records for Hawaii County.

Mr. Nago declined to produce the records.

THAT IS A FEDERAL FELONY, with both fines and prison time as consequences.

YOU - dear five complicit members of the Commission who persist in circling the wagons around the crimes of this E.O. - **did nothing to hold him accountable, despite complete documented evidence being presented to you (EVIDENCE which still exists and can be easily provided again).**

For your part in all this, a review of Accessories After The Fact, Misprision of Felony, Obstruction of Justice, etc., might be helpful, as YOU (five members) are also accountable when you become aware of criminal behavior and do nothing.

What Hawai'i law already allows/requires (mahalo to DOGE in HAWAII for this short list):

HRS § 11-154: Ballots may be unsealed/resealed under election procedures with observers.

HAR § 3-177-757(g): "Subsequent audits may be conducted by the chief election officer..."

HRS § 52-1 et seq.: The Commission has authority to direct the CEO.

HRS § 16-42: Requires hand tallies for post-election audits (and the audit can be expanded to a full county).

Here is the GOLD STANDARD for accurate elections in Hawaii, authored by Capt. Seth Keshel:

Here are the Ten Points to True Election Integrity:

- I. [Clean Out the Voter Rolls](#)
- II. [Ban All Electronic Elections Equipment](#)
- III. [Voter ID with Paper Ballots Only](#)
- IV. [Ban Mail-In Voting*](#)

- V. [Ban Early Voting*](#)
- VI. [Drastically Smaller Precincts*](#)
- VII. [Ban Ballot Harvesting](#)
- VIII. [Election Day is a Holiday](#)
- IX. [New Reporting Requirements for Transparency](#)
- X. [Heavy Prison Sentences for All Who Commit Fraud](#)

If you have things to contribute to any that will bring about improvement, they can be sent to me at skeshel@protonmail.com.

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Urgent Report: Broken Trust in Hawaii's Election System – Violations of Federal Laws, Chain of Custody Failures, and Systemic Bias Exposed in Recent Commission Meetings Dear Hawaii Elections Commissioners, I am writing as Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, "Pikachu" Shelby Billionaire, a concerned citizen of the Hawaiian Islands, to submit this honest and unflinching report on the profound broken trust in our state's election system. This analysis is based on publicly available documents, including the February 4, 2026 Elections Commission Meeting Packet (<https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-02-04-EC-Meeting-Packet.pdf>) and Agenda (<https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-02-04-EC-Agenda-FINAL.pdf>), past meeting minutes, YouTube recordings of commission meetings, social media complaints, public testimonies, and Commissioner Ralph Cushnie's submissions. As a Democrat-controlled state, Hawaii's election processes exhibit a hidden bias and agenda to maintain power, perpetuating a culture of opacity, unaccountability, and outright violations of federal election laws. The public has been fighting this BS for years—since at least 2022, if not longer—and it's time to call it out without mincing words. This report draws from irrefutable evidence of systemic failures: ballot discrepancies numbering in the thousands, broken chains of custody that violate the Help America Vote Act (HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 20901 et seq.) and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq.), dismissed lawsuits that highlight judicial complicity, and a commission riddled with infighting and dismissals of legitimate concerns. I'll use direct quotes from public testimonies, meeting transcripts, and records to expose the corruption. The people of Hawaii deserve better than this rigged charade—let's give 'em hell and demand real reform.

1. Analysis of the February 4, 2026 Meeting Packet and Agenda: A Facade of Business as Usual Amid Ongoing Scandals The February 4, 2026 agenda (<https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-02-04-EC-Agenda-FINAL.pdf>) is a sterile list of items: Approval of minutes, CEO report, public testimony, and discussions on voter registration and certification processes. But dig into the packet (<https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-02-04-EC-Meeting-Packet.pdf>), and it's clear this is just window dressing for deeper issues. The packet includes routine updates on voter lists and certification, but buried within are references to ongoing "permitted interaction groups" (PIGs) investigating ballot discrepancies—echoing the unresolved complaints from 2024 and earlier. Key BS exposed: The agenda glosses over public testimony, yet past meetings show it's where the real fire comes from. For instance, the packet notes "public comments on agenda items," but doesn't address the elephant in the room: Chain of custody failures. Under HAVA, states must maintain secure voting systems and auditable paper trails (52 U.S.C. § 21081), but Hawaii's mail-in dominance (95.5% in 2024) has led to unverifiable discrepancies. The packet's CEO report claims "verified election records" via the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), but this is laughable given Commissioner Cushnie's documented findings of thousands of unaccounted ballots. This violates federal law by failing to preserve election records (52 U.S.C. § 20701) and ensure accurate audits.

2. Commissioner Ralph Cushnie's Submissions: The Lone Voice Calling Out the Fraud Commissioner Ralph Cushnie has been a thorn in the side of this biased system since his appointment in January 2024, submitting reams of public records requests, analyses, and complaints that expose the rot. His work, available in meeting packets and court filings, includes: - **Kaua'i 2024 Discrepancies:** Cushnie's independent analysis (submitted to PIGs and detailed in July 2025 reports) showed 3,772 more ballots tabulated by the state than delivered by Kaua'i County. He provided USPS receipts, county logs, and SVRS data proving the gap. Quote from his September 26, 2025 submission (

[Packet.pdf](#)): "Election records are verified? The SVRS is secure? These claims are contradicted by the evidence—unexplained increases in ballots with no chain of custody." This directly violates HAVA's requirement for verifiable audit trails. - ****Hawai'i County Overcounts:**** Cushnie documented 19,040 more ballots in the 2024 general election than reported collected, again with no verifiable chain (submitted October 2025). He motioned for subpoenas of logs (adopted 4-3 in August 2025 meeting), but the commission dragged its feet. - ****Calls for Audits and Hand-Counts:**** In multiple submissions (e.g., July 16, 2025 minutes: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025-07-16-EC-Regular-Mtg-Minutes.pdf>), Cushnie demanded hand-counts of paper ballots, arguing ballot images can be manipulated—echoing federal concerns under HAVA. He deferred to public testimony like Andy Crossland's, who highlighted "inconsistencies in minutes" as cover for deeper fraud. Cushnie's lawsuits (e.g., Cushnie v. Nago, dismissed December 2024: <https://law.justia.com/cases/hawaii/supreme-court/2024/scec-24-0000797.html>) were thrown out on technicalities, not merit, showing judicial bias in a Democrat-dominated system. He's not alone—his work builds on years of public fights, like the 2022 primary challenges (dismissed by Supreme Court: <https://law.justia.com/cases/hawaii/supreme-court/2022/scec-22-0000515.html>), where petitioners alleged improper audits. ### 3. The BS the Public Has Been Fighting: A History of Complaints, Testimonies, and Bias Hawai'i's public has been battling this corrupt system "since God knows when"—at least 2020, with escalating complaints in Democrat-controlled meetings. YouTube recordings (e.g., December 3, 2025 Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OrktiFK0fg>) show hours of testimony accusing fraud: - ****Public Testimonies Calling Out BS:**** In October 29, 2025 meeting (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWCXuEQO_B0), testifiers like Kina Campbell and Doug Pasnik demanded verbatim minutes and audits, accusing Nago of insubordination. Gary Cordery testified on mail-in flaws: "Nago has been ineffective—lacks transparency." Jennifer Hunt: "Process rigged." From August 27, 2024 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3ZrT095rpQ>): Dozens alleged mishandling, with Cushnie pushing subpoenas. - ****Social Media Complaints & Bias Exposed:**** X/Facebook/Instagram overflow with outrage. E.g., @ralph_cushnie_elections_ (Instagram reel: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DMWlvWbhqON/>): "Elections Commission Report shows Malfeasance—demand audit!" Comments: "We got your back Ralph... let's do this!!!!" Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4051080208507893/posts/4285845345031377/>): "Hawaii undergo independent audit—discrepancies found." Another (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521926490837331/posts/574895272207119/>): "Ralph Cushnie exposes corrupt elections—3,700 unaccounted Kaua'i, 19,040 Hawai'i." Bias: As a Democrat stronghold, commission votes often 5-4 against probes (e.g., Osterkamp calling Cushnie's claims "fiction" in November 2025—<https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/11/heres-how-to-get-the-hawaii-elections-commission-back-on-track/>). - ****Past YouTube Meetings & Testimonies:**** October 1, 2025 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPVvrMrTqn0>): Introductions mask tension; public slams Nago. KHON2 video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cfWV-BqPOw>): "Divided over mail-in—allegations of mishandled ballots." Testifiers: "Mail-in illegal—fraud risk." PBS Insights (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7QBVDJS8L4>): Corruption discussion, voter suppression flyers (2004 Wisconsin parallel). Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DPSHo63Cc2c/>): Kanakamaoli testimony: "Transparency advocate—unedited call-out." Another (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DRQa5DCEnbV/>): Commissioner Papalimu demands name removal from "fake report" dismissing discrepancies. This BS isn't new—2020 Cast Vote Records withheld (federal violation: 52 U.S.C. § 20701); 2022 primaries rigged per dismissed suits. Public fights: Bernegger lawsuit (November 2025) for 2024 records (<https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/11/heres-how-to-get-the-hawaii-elections-commission-back-on-track/>); DOJ suing Hawaii (December 2025) for NVRA non-compliance (voter lists withheld—

[department-failure-comply-with-federal-elections-laws/](#)). Bias: Democrat majority dismisses as "personal crusades" (McAdam quote), protecting Nago despite "damning" reports (Cushnie).
4. Broken Chain of Custody & Federal Violations: The Core Corruption Federal laws broken:
- **HAVA (52 U.S.C. § 21081):** Requires auditable paper trails/secure systems. Cushnie's evidence shows no verifiable custody—USPS receipts don't match SVRS (e.g., Kaua'i 3,772 gap violates audit integrity). - **NVRA (52 U.S.C. § 20507):** Voter list maintenance; DOJ lawsuit confirms Hawaii's failure, enabling fraud. - **52 U.S.C. § 20701:** Preserve records—unaccounted ballots violate this. Testimonies call it out: Sherilyn Wells (August 2024: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/Supplemental-Packet-2024.08.27.pdf>): "Nago's termination for Cast Vote Record denials—federal requirement." Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4051080208507893/posts/4397302527218991/>): "Extra 600 ballots—where from?" This erodes trust in a biased system keeping Democrats in power. ### Demands for Action 1. Full independent audit of 2024 elections (all counties)—hand-count paper ballots. 2. Investigate chain violations—subpoena all logs. 3. Remove Nago for insubordination/failures. 4. Address bias—reform commission for balance. 5. Respond publicly within 14 days. The people are done with this BS—time for real change. Sincerely, Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I. Ohana Unity Party, Chairman www.Ohanaunityparty.com Presidentbillionaire@gmail.com Facebook @Keiki'okalani Instagram @Ohanaunityparty IG @Legendarybillionaire X @Ohanaunityparty X @AmericanpartyOG Support The Channel, Like, Subscribe, Donate YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@theXXXfiles> Venmo @Presidentbillionaire CashApp \$ShelbyBillionaire BTC Wallet 1sRfKDphW18hojoyTQVy9qQVSUtQgahYwj

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Urgent Warning: Perpetual Campaign Spending Fraud, Unconstitutional Primary System, and Systemic Election Rigging in Hawaii – Full Statistical Report & Call for Reform or Face Lawsuits

Dear Hawaii Elections Commissioners, As Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, "Pikachu" Shelby Billionaire, a lifelong resident and advocate for the Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands, I am compelled to send this urgent warning and detailed report on the never-ending fraud plaguing our elections. Every year, political candidates—especially incumbents and party insiders—announce their runs early, rake in unlimited, unreported donations, and only file paperwork in the last possible week of June to qualify for the ballot. This fraudulent scheme exploits loopholes in campaign spending laws, allowing them to cheat the system while new rookie candidates like independents and third-party hopefuls get steamrolled. It's a rigged game from the start, disheartening future generations and killing any fair shot for non-Democrat or non-Republican voices in our Democrat-controlled state. The bias is blatant, the apathy criminal, and the corruption endemic—look no further than zero chain of custody on Maui and Honolulu, which screams fraud, laziness, or worse. This isn't hyperbole; it's a pattern repeated every election cycle, violating federal and state laws while trampling the Hawaii State Constitution. If you don't act differently this time—implement real reforms like mandatory early reporting, chain of custody audits, and open primaries—massive lawsuits are coming down the pipeline with serious consequences. What's the point of running for office if it's rigged from the beginning? This is why young people don't want to become politicians—it's corrupt as hell, just like President Donald Trump's entanglements in the Epstein files, tied to human trafficking and smuggling rings that expose elite impunity. Hawaii's system is no different: A Democrat stranglehold that suppresses competition, fueled by mail-in dominance (over 90% in recent elections) opening doors to cheating via mail, electronic tampering, and more. Below, I provide a full statistical report on mail-in vs. in-person voting, backed by data, to prove the point. The game is rigged—let's give 'em hell and fix it. ### 1. The Annual Fraud Scheme: Early Announcements, Unlimited Fundraising, and Last-Minute Filings Every election year, candidates pull the same BS: Announce early (e.g., January or February), raise massive, no-limit funds without disclosure, then file in late June—just before the July deadline—to qualify. This violates Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-302 (campaign spending reports must be filed timely) and federal laws like the Federal Election Campaign Act (52 U.S.C. § 30104), which require transparency to prevent undue influence. Rookies face corruption head-on: Incumbents hoard cash (often from special interests), while newcomers scramble. Examples from 2024: Multiple Democrats (e.g., Senate races) announced mid-2023, fundraised unchecked, filed June 2024—zero oversight until after primaries. This apathy/laziness in enforcement points to fraud: Why no proactive audits? Public testimonies scream it—e.g., in October 2025 meetings, testifiers like Gary Cordery called out "ineffective" Chief Election Officer Scott Nago for ignoring these schemes. Zero chain of custody on Maui and Honolulu exacerbates this: Ballots vanish or multiply (e.g., Commissioner Ralph Cushnie's 2024 findings: 3,772 unexplained Kaua'i ballots, 19,040 Hawai'i County overcounts—no logs, no accountability). This violates HAVA (52 U.S.C. § 21081) requiring secure audits. It's disheartening for keiki—future generations see a system where only insiders win, deterring young politicians. Stats show independents lose 95% of races (e.g., 2024: Zero third-party wins in primaries), proving the bias. ### 2. Unconstitutional Primary System: Forcing Party Choice Violates Article 2, Section 4 Hawaii's closed primary forces voters to choose a party before voting, breaking the Hawaii State Constitution Article 2, Section 4 (adopted 1978): "All elections shall be free and equal, and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the

right of suffrage." This "interferes" by discriminating against independents/non-partisans (40% of voters per 2024 data), killing third-party chances. Democrats control—rigged from the start. Public fights: 2022 Supreme Court dismissals (e.g., SCEC-22-0000515) ignored this; testimonies like Jennifer Hunt's (August 2024: "Process rigged") echo it. This unconstitutional violation ensures Democrat/Republican dominance—independents lose all the time because voters can't cross lines freely. Open primaries elsewhere boost turnout 15% (e.g., California)—why not here? Hidden agenda: Keep power. ### 3. Mail-In Dominance: Over 90% Proves Rigging Opportunities Hawaii's 95%+ mail-in system (since 2020) opens floodgates to cheating—mail tampering, electronic hacks, ballot harvesting—all controlled by Democrats. Stats report (sourced from official data): - **2024 General Election:** 95.5% mail-in/absentee, 4.5% in-person (Hawaii Office of Elections: <https://files.hawaii.gov/elections/files/results/2024/General/histatewide.pdf>). Turnout: 50.3% (Ballotpedia: https://ballotpedia.org/Voter_turnout_in_Hawaii)—low despite ease, suggesting apathy/fraud. - **2022 Midterm:** 95.0% mail-in, 1.4% in-person (Ballotpedia). Turnout: 40.5%—drop from 2020's COVID boost. - **2020 Presidential:** 94.6% mail-in, 0.8% in-person (Ballotpedia). Turnout: 55.7%—spike, but mail risks exposed (e.g., USPS delays, unverified signatures). - **Historical Trend:** Pre-2020: ~50% mail-in (e.g., 2018: 39.5% turnout, mixed methods). Post-2020: 90%+ mail-in enables fraud—zero custody means ballots "appear" (Cushnie: 22,812 unexplained 2024). National contrast: 2024 U.S. mail-in 30.3% (EAC: https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/2024_EAVS_Report_508c.pdf)—Hawaii's extreme invites abuse. WTF: 90%+ mail-in = Democrat control (party insiders oversee counting). Public complaints: YouTube (October 2025: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWCxuEQO_B0) testifiers demand hand-counts; social media (Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4051080208507893/posts/4285845345031377/>) alleges "extra ballots." This rigs against independents—mail voters stick to parties, killing cross-over. ### 4. Ties to Broader Corruption: Epstein Files & Elite Impunity This mirrors national rot—President Trump's Epstein entanglements (5,300+ mentions, unverified rapes like Katie Johnson's) expose elite fraud rings. Hawaii's system protects insiders similarly—Democrat bias dismisses complaints (e.g., Osterkamp: "Fiction"). Young people see it: Corruption deters candidacy (stats: <5% under-35 candidates in 2024). Pointless to run if rigged. ### Demands & Consequences 1. Mandate early reporting for announcements—close June loophole. 2. Audit chains statewide—subpoena logs per Cushnie. 3. Adopt open primaries—end Article 2 violation. 4. Shift to 50% in-person—reduce mail fraud. 5. Respond in 14 days, or face lawsuits (class-actions on NVRA/HAVA). Ignore at your peril—public is done. Sincerely, Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I. Ohana Unity Party, Chairman www.Ohanaunityparty.com Presidentbillionaire@gmail.com Facebook @Keiki'okalani Instagram @Ohanaunityparty IG @Legendarybillionaire X @Ohanaunityparty X @AmericanpartyOG Support The Channel, Like, Subscribe, Donate YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@theXXXfiles> Venmo @Presidentbillionaire CashApp \$ShelbyBillionaire BTC Wallet 1sRfKDphW18hojoyTQVy9qQVSUtQgahYwj

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We want a recount of the ballots for the Neighbor islands I'm just gonna put we want to recount of the ballots for the Neighbor islands.

We need verifiable elections.

During the pandemic I received 16 ballots at our apartment complex for people that didn't even live here!

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Please forward my attached written testimony to the Election Commissioners as soon as possible, so they have a chance to read it before tomorrow's board meeting.

FRAUD IN HAWAII

(evidence proves Hawaii state employees and the Election Commissioners are stealing Hawaii's elections)

(evidence proves Hawaii state employees and the HPHA Board of Directors are stealing federal funds from federal housing programs - i.e., Section 8, VASH, etc.)

God bless Hawaii,
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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02.04.26 BOARD MEETING / ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS

HRS Chapter 92, commonly known as the **Sunshine Law**, is Hawaii's open meetings law. It mandates that public agency meetings be open to the public **to ensure transparency in government**.

<https://oip.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SL-unofficial-version-2025.pdf>

It is my opinion that the Elections Commissioners have failed miserably in their legal responsibility to:

1. **ensure transparency**
2. **to supervise** Scott Nago, the Chief Elections Officer; and **terminate** Scott Nago for altering the ballot counts.

The Election Commissioners have allowed days, months, years, to pass since Scott Nago has been allowed to falsely alter the ballot counts.

Every attempt has been made by Commissioner Ralph Cushnie to hold Scott Nago responsible for recently falsely altering the ballot counts, and yet most Commissioners have refused to support Ralph Cushnie, and in fact have made it known that they are in opposition to recounting the ballots, and/or to hold Scott Nago legally responsible for falsely altering the ballot counts. This is unacceptable. By allowing Scott Nago to alter the ballot counts, this allows Democrats to steal from Hawaii. As long as Democrats remain in power, evidence proves fraud is increasing.

RE: STATE DEBT IS \$43B (INCREASE OF \$27B IN THE LAST 3 YEARS)

THE TOTAL HAWAII STATE DEBT IS CURRENTLY **\$43B**
THIS IS A \$27B INCREASE (in the last 3 years)

- 2025 = \$43B DEBT population 1,432,820
- 2022 = \$16B DEBT population 1,437,812

(4,992 decrease in population in the last 3 years)

The main obstacle causing locals to move off island is housing.

RE: FRAUD

Evidence proves that Governor Josh Green allows state employees to steal federal funds from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Evidence proves Hakim Ouansafi, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, is purposefully and intentionally issuing an average of 69% of the vouchers he receives from HUD, and he falsely reports to HUD that he used 100% of the subsidy he received for 100% of the vouchers.

Evidence proves that \$1B has been stolen from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program since January 2015, and state employees continue to steal \$3.5M every month.

By allowing Scott Nago to alter the ballot counts, this allow Democrats to steal federal funds from Hawaii.

Evidence proves that in 3 years, the state debt has increased by \$27B (was \$16B in 2022, is \$43B in 2025).

Hawaii State Attorney General Anne Lopez not only represents Scott Nago, but also represents Hakim Ouansafi, who retaliated against me AFTER I caught him stealing federal funds from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

- Evidence proves that HPHA alone has allegedly stolen over **\$117M** since 2015 from the Section 8 program.
- Evidence proves that 3 of the 5 PHAs in Hawaii have stolen over **\$1B** since 2015 from the Section 8 program.
- Evidence proves that the HPHA Board of Directors are complicit in the steal by approving all the illegal policies that allow Hakim Ouansafi and his staff to implement illegal policies that support the steal. Note: Hakim Ouansafi admitted in his signed Declaration that he enforces illegal policies; however, he imputes liability to the Board of Directors for approving the illegal policies, and imputes liability to his staff for implementing the illegal policies.

- Evidence proves the Election Commissioners are complicit in altering the ballot counts, and have made every attempt to thwart any efforts to hold Scott Nago responsible for his illegal actions to alter the ballot counts.

I request that the Election Commissioners stop this circus of prolonging the recounting of all legal ballots by requiring Scott Nago, not the Commissioners, provide evidence to prove the ballot count is legal. This includes any and all evidence (i.e., post office certifications, mailings, envelopes, etc.). It is the responsibility of Scott Nago, not the Commissioners. The commissioners job is to demand that Scott Nago provide this information.

Failure to demand that Scott Nago provide this information only proves that there are Commissioners who are complicit and support the false altered ballot counts. Failing to meet quorum/vote by the Commissioners proves there are some who are complicit, and should be held legally accountable for acting outside the scope of their duties.

The facts are:

- Scott Nago, Chief Elections Officer, is the sole gatekeeper who **determines** who wins our elections, and
- Leslie Kondo, the State Auditor, is the sole gatekeeper who **approves** the steal of \$1B from Hawaii.

Just like the HPHA Board of Directors are complicit in the steal of millions, now evidence proves the Elections Commissioners are complicit in the steal of our elections, which allows Democrats to continue to govern Hawaii and allow state employees to commit fraud by diverting and/or misappropriating federal funds.

It is appropriate that a lawsuit be filed against the Elections Commissioners, acting outside the scope of their duties, by failing to perform their duties, and failing to terminate Scott Nago for altering the ballot counts.

It is my prayer that any attorney who reads this consider filing a class action lawsuit against the Election Commissioners. It only takes two or more persons to constitute a class action lawsuit.

Please consider adding me to this lawsuit, as I am confident that I am able to provide factual evidence to prove fraud by state employees, a clear result of altering the elections to allow state employees to continue to commit fraud.

LAWSUIT

Laurie Thorson v. Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hakim Ouansafi (HPHA Executive Director), Ryan Akamine (HPHA Chief Compliance Officer), and Lyle Matsuura (HPHA Supervisor)

1. District court judge, Micah Smith (Biden appointed) refused to allow me to amend my complaint to add the claim of FRAUD and BRIBERY; and to add defendant Bennett Liu, Chief Financial Officer, evidence proves he fraudulently alters the HPHA financial statements to hide the steal of subsidy from the 31% of the vouchers not issued to the public.

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It is important that the Election Commissioners know that enough time has passed to prove they are being complicit in election fraud, and their actions and/or failure to act warrants a lawsuit being filed against each of the Commissioners, except Ralph Cushnie, for being complicit in the election fraud scheme and for failing to supervise and terminate Scott Nago for falsely altering the ballot counts.

Time is of the essence. Please remedy this problem, no later than the end of this month, or it is reasonable to conclude that the Commissioners have no intentions of performing their duties and are determined to continue to act outside the scope of their duties; and therefore should be held legally accountable for their actions/inactions.

It should be noted that Attorney General Anne Lopez not only represents Scott Nago and Chair Curtis, but also represents the state employees in my lawsuit who I caught stealing over \$1B in federal funds from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

I am praying for Hawaii. Please do what you can to stop the fraud in Hawaii. It starts with honest elections, and eliminating all fraud being perpetrated by state employees. I really do care about Hawaii, and I pray the Commissioners do the right thing.

God bless Hawaii,
Laurie Thorson
Lthorson7@gmail.com

From: [Sherilyn Wells](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Relevant to 2/4/26 meeting testimony: resending June 20, 2024 email - SAME fallacious argument by Nago conflating retention/preservation with sealing. Fw: See 52 U.S. Code § 20701. Scott Nago misrepresented the 22 month period as a "SEALING..."
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 8:09:42 AM
Attachments: [edited_audit_guidance_508_1\(6\).pdf](#)

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<https://dictionary.justia.com/conceal>

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From: Sherilyn Wells <votetrees@protonmail.com>

Date: On Thursday, June 20th, 2024 at 5:46 PM

Subject: See 52 U.S. Code § 20701. **Scott Nago misrepresented the 22 month period as a "SEALING of the voting records" (keeping them locked up, beyond reach) when it is a "PRESERVATION of the records" - he MUST keep them intact (no tampering) and AVAILABLE during that time frame.** but, barring legal action requiring them to be held beyond that time, may discard the records AFTER the 22 month period

To: elections.commission@hawaii.gov <elections.commission@hawaii.gov>

Yesterday, during the public hearing, Scott Nago misrepresented the 22 month period following an election as a time when the voting records are sealed. That is not only incorrect, it is shocking that he would make that claim and shows that he is either completely unaware of the legal details of his job ... or that he has no problem lying to you.

The applicable law is a federal statute which is effective at the state and local level, too, and violating 52 U.S. Code § 20701 is a federal felony with both monetary fines and incarceration as penalties. See DOJ guidance document quoted below and attached.

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Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Source [52 USC § 20706](#)

From the ATTACHED Department of Justice document:

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Sherilyn adds - the following sentence from the attached DOJ document clearly indicates that, during the 22 month period, post-election ballot examinations take place (i.e., NOT sealing the records so that they cannot be accessed).

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Therefore, if the original election official who has custody of records covered by the Act hands over those election records to other officials (for example, to legislators or other officeholders) or the official turns over the records to private parties (such as companies that offer to conduct “forensic examinations”), the Department interprets the Act to require that “administrative procedures be in place giving election officers ultimate management authority over the retention and security of those election records, including the right to physically access” such records. *Id.* In other words, the obligation to retain and preserve election records remains intact regardless of who has physical possession of those records. Jurisdictions must ensure that if they conduct post-election ballot examinations, they also continue to comply with the retention and preservation requirements of Section 301.

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Judicial decisions have established that voter intimidation need not involve physical threats. In certain contexts, suggesting to individuals that they will face adverse social or legal consequences from voting can constitute an impermissible threat. Here are a few examples of the types of acts that may constitute intimidation:



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- Sending a letter to foreign-born Latino registered voters warning them that “if they voted in the upcoming election their personal information would be collected ... and ... could be provided to organizations who are ‘against immigration’” was potentially intimidating. See *United States v. Nguyen*, 673 F.3d 1259 (9th Cir. 2012).
- Having police officers take down the license plate numbers of individuals attending voter registration meetings contributed to intimidating prospective voters. See *United States v. McLeod*, 385 F.2d 734 (5th Cir. 1967).
- Sending robocalls telling individuals that if they voted by mail, their personal information would become part of a public database that could be used by police departments to track down old warrants and credit card companies to collect outstanding debts could constitute intimidation. See *Nat’l Coal. on Black Civic Participation v. Wohl*, 498 F. Supp. 3d 457 (S.D.N.Y. 2020).
- Linking individual voters to alleged illegalities in a way that might trigger harassment could constitute intimidation. See *League of United Latin Am. Citizens - Richmond Region Council 4614 v. Pub. Int. Legal Found.*, 2018 WL 3848404, at *4 (E.D. Va. Aug. 13, 2018).
- Conducting a “ballot security” program in which defendants stand near Native American voters discussing Native Americans who had been prosecuted for illegally voting, follow voters out of the polling places, and record their license plate numbers might constitute intimidation. See *Daschle v. Thune*, No. 4:04 Civ. 04177 (D.S.D. Nov. 1, 2004).

See also *United States v. North Carolina Republican Party*, No. 5:92-cv-00161 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 27, 1992) (approving a consent decree in a case where the United States alleged that it violated Section 11(b) to send postcards to voters in predominantly African American precincts falsely claiming that voters were required to have lived in the same precinct for thirty days prior to the election and stating that it is a “federal crime to knowingly give false information about your name, residence or period of residence to an election official”).¹

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There have been reports, with respect to some of the post-2020 ballot examinations, of proposals to contact individuals face to face to see whether the individuals were qualified voters who had actually voted. See, e.g., [Cyber Ninjas Statement of Work ¶ 5.1](#) (proposing to select three precincts in a large urban county to collect information from individuals through “a combination of phone calls and physical canvassing”).

This sort of activity raises concerns regarding potential intimidation of voters. For example, when such investigative efforts are directed, or are perceived to be directed, at minority voters or minority communities, they can have a significant intimidating effect on qualified voters that can deter them from seeking to vote in the future. Jurisdictions that authorize or conduct audits must ensure that the way those reviews are conducted has neither the purpose nor the effect of dissuading qualified citizens from participating in the electoral process. If they do not, the Department will act to ensure that all eligible citizens feel safe in exercising their right to register and cast a ballot in future elections.

If jurisdictions have questions about the constraints federal law places on the kinds of post-election audits they can conduct, they should contact the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division. If citizens believe a jurisdiction has violated the Civil Rights Act’s election record retention and preservation requirements, or believe they have been subjected to intimidation, they can use the [Civil Rights Division's online complaint form](#) to report their concerns or call (800) 253-3931.

From: [Sherilyn Wells](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ guidance on post-election ballot examinations requires simultaneous retention/preservation. See "Federal Constraints on Post-Election Audits" (attached)
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 8:39:03 AM
Attachments: [Federal Constraints on post election audits.pdf](#)

Election Officer Scott Nago erroneously (purposely) continues to conflate retention & preservation with SEALING records.

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Employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time chief election officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6

<https://law.justia.com/codes/hawaii/title-2/chapter-11/section-11-1-6/>

Chapter 11 – Section 11-1-6(g) The chief election officer is an at-will employee. The elections commission shall provide written notification of any removal and state the reason for the removal.

What is an at-will employee?

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Judicial decisions have established that voter intimidation need not involve physical threats. In certain contexts, suggesting to individuals that they will face adverse social or legal consequences from voting can constitute an impermissible threat. Here are a few examples of the types of acts that may constitute intimidation:



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- Sending a letter to foreign-born Latino registered voters warning them that “if they voted in the upcoming election their personal information would be collected ... and ... could be provided to organizations who are ‘against immigration’” was potentially intimidating. See *United States v. Nguyen*, 673 F.3d 1259 (9th Cir. 2012).
- Having police officers take down the license plate numbers of individuals attending voter registration meetings contributed to intimidating prospective voters. See *United States v. McLeod*, 385 F.2d 734 (5th Cir. 1967).
- Sending robocalls telling individuals that if they voted by mail, their personal information would become part of a public database that could be used by police departments to track down old warrants and credit card companies to collect outstanding debts could constitute intimidation. See *Nat’l Coal. on Black Civic Participation v. Wohl*, 498 F. Supp. 3d 457 (S.D.N.Y. 2020).
- Linking individual voters to alleged illegalities in a way that might trigger harassment could constitute intimidation. See *League of United Latin Am. Citizens - Richmond Region Council 4614 v. Pub. Int. Legal Found.*, 2018 WL 3848404, at *4 (E.D. Va. Aug. 13, 2018).
- Conducting a “ballot security” program in which defendants stand near Native American voters discussing Native Americans who had been prosecuted for illegally voting, follow voters out of the polling places, and record their license plate numbers might constitute intimidation. See *Daschle v. Thune*, No. 4:04 Civ. 04177 (D.S.D. Nov. 1, 2004).

See also *United States v. North Carolina Republican Party*, No. 5:92-cv-00161 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 27, 1992) (approving a consent decree in a case where the United States alleged that it violated Section 11(b) to send postcards to voters in predominantly African American precincts falsely claiming that voters were required to have lived in the same precinct for thirty days prior to the election and stating that it is a “federal crime to knowingly give false information about your name, residence or period of residence to an election official”).¹

¹ While voter intimidation need not involve physical threats, federal law of course prohibits using “force or threat of force” to intimidate or interfere with, or attempt to intimidate or interfere with, any person’s “voting or qualifying to vote” or serving “as a poll watcher, or any legally authorized election official, in any primary, special, or general election.” 18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(A). The Deputy Attorney General recently issued [Guidance Regarding Threats Against Election Workers](#).



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There have been reports, with respect to some of the post-2020 ballot examinations, of proposals to contact individuals face to face to see whether the individuals were qualified voters who had actually voted. See, e.g., [Cyber Ninjas Statement of Work ¶ 5.1](#) (proposing to select three precincts in a large urban county to collect information from individuals through “a combination of phone calls and physical canvassing”).

This sort of activity raises concerns regarding potential intimidation of voters. For example, when such investigative efforts are directed, or are perceived to be directed, at minority voters or minority communities, they can have a significant intimidating effect on qualified voters that can deter them from seeking to vote in the future. Jurisdictions that authorize or conduct audits must ensure that the way those reviews are conducted has neither the purpose nor the effect of dissuading qualified citizens from participating in the electoral process. If they do not, the Department will act to ensure that all eligible citizens feel safe in exercising their right to register and cast a ballot in future elections.

If jurisdictions have questions about the constraints federal law places on the kinds of post-election audits they can conduct, they should contact the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division. If citizens believe a jurisdiction has violated the Civil Rights Act’s election record retention and preservation requirements, or believe they have been subjected to intimidation, they can use the [Civil Rights Division's online complaint form](#) to report their concerns or call (800) 253-3931.

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Your strategy, is brilliant.

Now that candidates are running for next election- 2026, and 2024 is not certified?????
Not legally certifird as of hrs-election laws

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Scott nago, U should stop cover up and resign, but I will see U and Jon h. And Mike Curtis in federal court soon, In JESUS CHRIST HOLY NAMES, AMENE

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We, the voters who weree cheated of 19,000 +/- big island 2024 ballots want real, honest answers by scott nago, jon hendericks- county clerk and the commission not being at all transparent.

2 federal court cases have been filed to force scott nago and his pearl city give up the big island voter lists asap.

We, in n. Kohala in precinct 8-1 district 8= north and south kohala demand election commission do an independent AUDIT ASAP.

2/2/2026 is day candidates can pull papers to run for office!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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A hui hou for now, plz email us back

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My Thoughts on OIP Complaints to the Hawaii Office of Elections I've analyzed publicly available information on complaints filed with the Hawaii Office of Information Practices (OIP) regarding the Office of Elections (OE). OIP is Hawaii's watchdog for the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA, Chapter 92F, HRS) and the Sunshine Law (Part I of Chapter 92, HRS), handling requests for public records, open meetings, and government transparency. Complaints to OIP about OE often stem from concerns over election integrity, record access, and procedural transparency—issues that have intensified since 2020 amid national debates on voting systems. From my web search: key patterns in OIP complaints against OE include: - **Delayed or Denied Records Requests**: Complainants frequently allege OE violates UIPA by not providing timely access to election records, such as voter rolls, ballot images, or chain-of-custody documents. For example, in 2024, OIP handled over 50 election-related complaints statewide, with 20% involving OE (OIP Annual Report, 2025). Delays average 45–60 days, exceeding UIPA's 10-business-day requirement, leading to 15% of complaints being upheld as violations. - **Sunshine Law Violations**: Complaints cite closed meetings or insufficient notice for Elections Commission sessions, violating Chapter 92. In 2025, OIP investigated 12 such complaints against OE/Commission, upholding 8 (67%) for inadequate public access or minutes (OIP Opinions Database). - **Broader Context of Election Concerns**: These complaints tie into larger allegations of discrepancies (e.g., 3,772 unexplained ballots in Kauai, 19,040 in Hawaii County per 2025 PIG reports). OIP has ruled in favor of complainants in 40% of election records cases since 2022, ordering releases but rarely imposing penalties due to limited enforcement powers. - **Systemic Issues**: Hawaii ranks 45th in election transparency (Heritage Foundation Index, 2025), with OIP complaints up 30% post-2024 election. Native Hawaiian communities are disproportionately affected, as limited access hinders cultural and land rights tied to voter rolls for OHA elections. My thoughts: These complaints highlight a troubling lack of transparency in Hawaii's elections, eroding public trust in a Democrat-dominated system. While OE argues resource constraints, the pattern of delays and denials suggests apathy or bias—fueling perceptions of a "rigged" process. OIP plays a crucial role but lacks teeth for swift enforcement. In an election year, addressing these through reforms (e.g., stronger Sunshine Law compliance) is essential to restore confidence. The complaints aren't baseless; they're symptoms of a system needing urgent overhaul to ensure every voice, especially from marginalized groups like Native Hawaiians, is heard. Below is **Written Testimony Demanding Action on OIP Complaints Against the Office of Elections** **Hawaii Elections Commission and Office of Elections** **Submitted for Public Record and Consideration** **Date: February 4, 2026** **Aloha Members of the Elections Commission and Chief Election Officer Scott Nago,** As Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party and a tireless advocate for election integrity, transparency, and the protection of our democratic rights in the Hawaiian Islands, I submit this written testimony to demand immediate and decisive action on the growing number of complaints filed with the Office of Information Practices (OIP) against the Office of Elections (OE). These complaints expose a pattern of delays, denials, and violations that erode public trust in our elections—especially in a Democrat-controlled state where bias and apathy seem to shield insiders from scrutiny. The people of Hawaii deserve better; our democracy depends on it. I urge the Commission to hold a public hearing specifically on these OIP complaints, inviting complainants, OIP representatives, election experts, Native Hawaiian leaders, and the public to testify. Without such a hearing, these issues risk being swept under the rug—allowing the same problems to fester into the next election cycle. In an election year, addressing this head-on would demonstrate bold leadership committed to fair, transparent

elections—earning the trust and votes of citizens who are increasingly disillusioned with the system. ****Key Concerns and Data from OIP Complaints – The Evidence Is Clear**** 1.

****Widespread Violations of UIPA and Sunshine Law**** - OIP received over 50 election-related complaints in 2024–2025, with 20% directed at OE (OIP Annual Report, 2025). 40% of these were upheld as violations, including failures to provide timely access to public records under the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA, Chapter 92F, HRS). - Average response delays: 45–60 days, exceeding UIPA's 10-business-day requirement (OIP Opinions Database, 2025). - Sunshine Law complaints (Chapter 92, HRS): 12 investigations in 2025, with 67% upheld for inadequate public notice, closed meetings, or incomplete minutes—denying citizens their right to observe and participate. 2. ****Specific Patterns of Denial and Obstruction**** - Complaints often involve withheld voter rolls, ballot images, chain-of-custody logs, and audit records—essential for verifying election integrity. For instance, in 2024, OIP ruled in favor of complainants in 8 cases where OE denied access to Cast Vote Records, citing "confidentiality" despite UIPA's public interest override (OIP Opinion S-MEMO 2024-15). - Native Hawaiian overrepresentation in affected communities: 64% of trafficking survivors (often tied to economic instability from distrust in systems) are Native Hawaiian—transparency in elections is key to empowering marginalized voices (NIWRC, 2025). 3. ****Broader Impact on Public Trust and Democracy**** - Hawaii ranks 45th in election transparency nationwide (Heritage Foundation Index, 2025), with voter turnout dropping to 50.3% in 2024 (Ballotpedia, 2025)—partly due to perceived bias in a Democrat-dominated system. - Unresolved discrepancies (e.g., 3,772 unexplained Kauai ballots, 19,040 Hawaii County overcounts per 2025 PIG reports) fuel complaints—OIP has noted a 30% increase in election-related filings since 2022. - The Epstein files exposed elite impunity; similar patterns in Hawaii's elections (e.g., dismissed lawsuits like Cushnie v. Nago) suggest systemic bias protecting insiders—eroding faith in democracy. ****Real-World Example: The Human Cost of OIP Delays**** In 2025, complainant Ralph Cushnie's OIP request for 2024 ballot logs was delayed 90 days, then partially denied—despite OIP upholding similar complaints (OIP Opinion U MEMO 2025-10). This obstruction prevents independent verification, fostering distrust. A public hearing would allow complainants like Cushnie to testify—exposing the BS and pushing for reforms. ****Conclusion and Renewed Call to Action**** OIP complaints are not frivolous—they are cries for accountability in a biased system. I urge the Commission to investigate fully, comply with OIP rulings, and hold a public hearing to address these violations. Failure to act will invite lawsuits and further erode trust. As Gandhi said: "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." Let us practice aloha and pono—schedule the hearing and restore integrity to our elections. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration. I am available for questions or oral testimony. In solidarity for transparency, justice, and ohana, Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I. Ohana Unity Party, Chairman
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