



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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October 2018

Luncheon / Meeting
Thursday Nov. 1, 2018

Waialae Country Club
11:00 A.M. Social Hour
11:30 A.M. Meeting
12:00 Noon Lunch
12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

\$37.00 Members
Guests

Buffet Menu

Island Greens
w/condiments
Pasta Salad
Primavera

Braised Boneless
Short ribs

w/ ume sauce

Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables of the day

Beverages

Rolls & Butter

Warm Bread
Pudding
w/vanilla sauce

Reservations/Cancellations

Celyn Chong Kee
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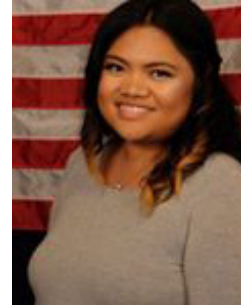
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Reservations/Cancellations
must be made by October 25th.
All lunches are reserved, so *No Shows will be charged for their lunch.* **Please - no walk-ins.**

Speaker:

TIANA ELISARA

Founder of the #LeftTheLeft Movement



Founder of the #LeftTheLeft Movement is a former left-wing activist and anti-Trump protester who will explain why she previously identified with and what were the main differences she learned about herself through the journey. She learned how the Left suppresses free thinking and empowerment.

Also:

Assorted Candidates



Think about who you would like to see in leadership positions in OLRW. Biennial elections are coming up in January. The committee will be looking for candidates after the November meeting and will announce a proposed slate in December.



HAU'OLI LAHANAU To November Babies

- Adreinne S.King 4
- Harriet Pien 6
- Carol Kawanakoa 10
- Kaipo Adachi 11
- Val Okimoto 12
- Tercia L. Ku 13
- Beverly Sutton Toomey 17
- Gladys Hayes 17
- Kimo Sutton 23
- Steven Olbrich 24
- Howard Chong 24
- Diana Anderson 25
- Kari Akini 26
- Allwyn Chao 28



The Pres Says...

Carol Thomas, President



We had a very lively and informative meeting on October 4 at Willows with Mark Meckler President of Citizens for Self Governance who spoke on Convention of States, Ray L'Heureux who spoke on taxes, Ron Curtis, Congressional Senate candidate running against Mazie Hirono, and Andria Tupola, our strong Republican candidate for governor. Each of these speakers brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise and shared this with our attendees.

Ron Curtis is an excellent candidate who is running against "crazy Mazie" who found her voice since Trump became president. Too bad she continues to remain speechless when anything about the dishonorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye comes up. Just like Hillary Clinton who still defends her reckless husband. My theory on Mazie's brutal attacks on Justice Kavanaugh is based on the

memory of her mother's severe abuse by her father. Her mother escaped Japan for Hawaii, leaving one three year old son back. Mazie seems to be very bitter to men telling them to "shut up, sit down, do the right thing, F**K you all"! OMG, she's been called the crazy senator from Hawaii. Is that ALOHA, I ask you?

I hope you all watched the Tupola-Ige debate. Hands down, Andria had Ige squirming and fumbling for answers. She was in command of that debate. Too bad we have to wait till late October to see them square off again.

Governor Ige tried to bait Andria with her support of President Trump and said how he doesn't support our President on immigration, health insurance, and other positions. He said it isn't the ALOHA way. May I remind our governor that it isn't PONO to criticize but then ask for and receive financial help with the natural disasters our state has recently endured? Has he forgotten the immediate \$\$ assistance just as he forgot his password in the nuclear debacle? President Trump isn't against immigration but is against ILLEGAL immigration. We are now experiencing the worst invasion of foreign immigrants at our southern border. Who will pay to support >11,000 illegals, I ask?

MR. PRESIDENT, BUILD THAT WALL!

Welcome to our newest member, Mr. Mark White, who represents the Convention of States in Hawaii.



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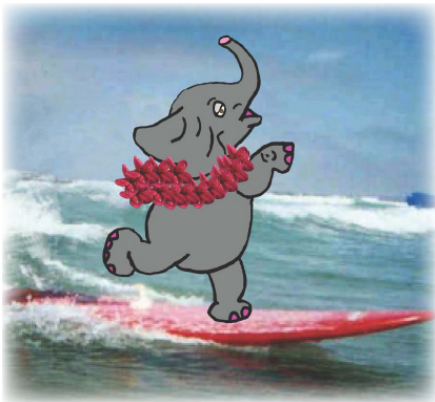
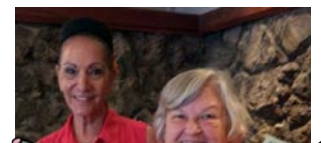
Next Month's Luncheon
December 13, 2018



October Luncheon The Willows



Thank you to our Speakers:
 Ron Curtis - US Senate
 Ray L'Hurreax - ConAm - Opposed
 Mark Meckler - Convention of States
 Andria Tupola - Governor



Kathryn Henski won the 50/50 drawing in October. Half of the pot went to Kathryn, the other half goes to the OLRW PAC. Thank you to all who contributed.

GRASSROOT INSTITUTE

President's Corner

by Dr. Keli'i Akina, President/CEO



When even a Hawaii Supreme Court Justice isn't sure who is supposed to pay a new tax, you know you have a confusing ballot measure.

On Thursday, Hawaii's highest court heard the counties' arguments against the wording of the proposed state Constitutional amendment that would raise property taxes to benefit education. The Grassroot Institute is among parties that joined an amicus brief filed by the Tax Foundation of Hawaii in support of the counties' case.

During oral arguments, the judges asked whether a future state Legislature could legally apply the tax to any owner-occupied residence; the defense conceded that was possible. When one judge asked how she could be sure the tax wouldn't apply to a hypothetical home bought for her daughter, the lawyer could only say, eliciting laughter in the courtroom, "Then I think you should probably vote 'No.'"

We'll have to see if the court decides to stop the measure from appearing on the ballot as written, but this isn't the first time we've seen an attempt to raise property taxes. Unfortunately, it probably won't be the last either.

Supporters of a property tax hike — whether to benefit education, kupuna care or some other program — have argued that higher taxes could actually help lower the cost of living in Hawaii. A prominent University of Hawaii economist, for example, recently claimed that "a substantial body of research indicates that higher property taxes reduce home prices" — and if higher property taxes mean cheaper houses and more money for education, then everybody wins, right?

But "indicates" is different from "proves," and to the extent that the research does support the proposition, it is only correlation, not causation. There are a lot of reasons why property values are high, and they typically have more to do with restrictions on land use or land availability than with property taxes.

So trying to lower the cost of living by raising taxes is like trying to cure cancer with Tylenol. At best, you're treating a symptom — and not very effectively either.

If we want to lower Hawaii's infamous high cost of living, then we must attack the root causes, such as the state's excise tax and high personal income tax rates.

If we want to increase housing affordability, then we must loosen state and county restrictions on land use and development, so we can build more homes.

Imposing a new tax or increasing existing taxes would only raise the price of paradise, and that's not very pono.

Constitutional Amendment

GRASSROOT INSTITUTE OF HAWAII

MEDIA RELEASE

from Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

10/19/2018

Hawaii's high court strikes down tax proposal
The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii agrees the ballot measure was vague and misleading

HONOLULU, Oct. 19, 2018 >> The Hawaii Supreme Court today struck down the proposed constitutional ballot question on whether the state should be allowed to tax real property to help fund public education.

Keli'i Akina, president of the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, said, "The fact that the Hawaii Supreme Court invalidated the proposed amendment is good news for all Hawaii citizens who value clarity in law and responsibility in government."

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii was a party to an amicus brief filed in support of Hawaii's four counties, who were the plaintiffs in the legal challenge.

"We joined the amicus brief because we felt the language of the proposed amendment was vague and deceptive," Akina said. "We hope the Legislature will take this opportunity to look at other, more sustainable ways to fund education without raising taxes."

To read a copy of the decision, go to:

[https://www.tfhawaii.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ORDER-Regarding-Petition-for-Extraordinary-Writ.pdf?utm_source=Grassroot+Institute+Weekly+Report&utm_campaign=1140f2d1e1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6-7-18presser_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9da0f1c1e4-1140f2d1e1-164722917&ct=t\(Y\)&mc_cid=1140f2d1e1&mc_eid=0a798bdaff](https://www.tfhawaii.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ORDER-Regarding-Petition-for-Extraordinary-Writ.pdf?utm_source=Grassroot+Institute+Weekly+Report&utm_campaign=1140f2d1e1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6-7-18presser_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9da0f1c1e4-1140f2d1e1-164722917&ct=t(Y)&mc_cid=1140f2d1e1&mc_eid=0a798bdaff)

OLRW Political Action Committee



2018 Contributions

Aloha Members!

We had a good fundraising season last year and were able to give more money to candidates this year than ever before. We even were able to make a donation to the Party of flowers at our Constitution Day Dinner.

We are beginning a new political season, collecting funds for the next election cycle.



In December we will have our usual Christmas Bake Sale and Silent Auction.

Please think about how you would like to contribute to that event. If you have a favorite item that you like to bake, please bring your baked goods in for sale. If you don't bake, you can donate a gift card or some other item of value, if you like, for the Silent Auction. You can also buy the items available at the sale. Our goal is to raise \$2000 at this sale for our PAC.

Friends of John E. Miller	\$500.00
Friends of Richard Fale	\$500.00
Friends of Mela Kealoha-Lindsey	\$500.00
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Committee To Elect Julia Allen	\$500.00
Friends of Diamond Garcia	\$500.00
Friends of Cynthia Thielen	\$500.00
Friends of Andria Tupola	\$4,000.00
Friends of Val Okimoto	\$2,000.00
Hawaii Republican Party	\$310.66
Total	\$12,660.66

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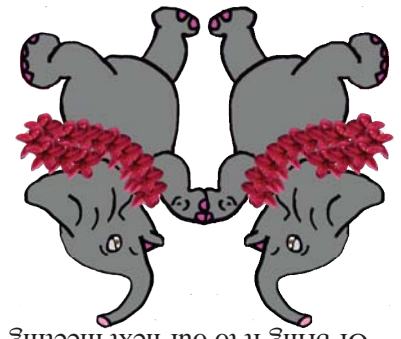
Thank you Hawaii! Supreme Court

The Hawaii! Supreme Court recently invalidated the proposed Constitutional Amendment that would have allowed the state to impose a "surcharge" on "investment" property for the purposes of the department of education.

The amendment, which was pushed through the legislature was so vague and unbelievable that even the Hawaii! Supremes couldn't allow it.

What is apparent is that it became an argument between the state and the county as to who was going to get the new tax money. The city says the property tax is theirs to raise, the state says if the city can raise a state GET tax for rail, why can't the state get their hands on a city tax? Of course we the taxpayers don't care who gets the tax money it comes from us. The only thing apparently left sacred from the tax collectors is our homes and that is up for grabs. We all pay plenty to live in Hawaii! but we should be able to stay in our homes without increased taxes forcing us out. The democrats won't be satisfied until they tax to our limit to pay the last vestige of society, our homes.

Garry Smith



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