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United in Backing of Aug. 9 Primary Candidate Endorsements

The Plumbers & Fitters Local Union 675 joins with other members of the **Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council** in the endorsement of the following slate of candidates on the **August 9, 2014 Primary Election ballot**:



Governor

Neil Abercrombie



Lt. Governor

Shan Tsutsui



U.S. Senate

Brian Schatz



U.S. House

Tulsi Gabbard



Hon. City Council

Ernest Martin

Heading the Trades Council's list of candidates in the forthcoming August 9 Hawaii Primary Election is Governor **Neil Abercrombie**, "whose re-election will assure the momentum for positive changes benefiting all segments of our community will continue," in the words of its president, **Reginald Castanares**.

As part of the gubernatorial team, incumbent Lieutenant Governor **Shan Tsutsui** was also endorsed.

The Plumbers Union business manager reminds voters the loss of any of the incumbents we support can abruptly affect the buildup begun during the Governor's first term, noting "the state and the various counties are barely at midstream in their time-consuming march toward achieving major economic goals."

In addition to the pictured endorsees, the Council urges support for the following candidates:

U.S. Senate: Brian Schatz-D

U.S. Representatives:

Congressional District 1: Neutral

Congressional District 2: Tulsi Gabbard-D

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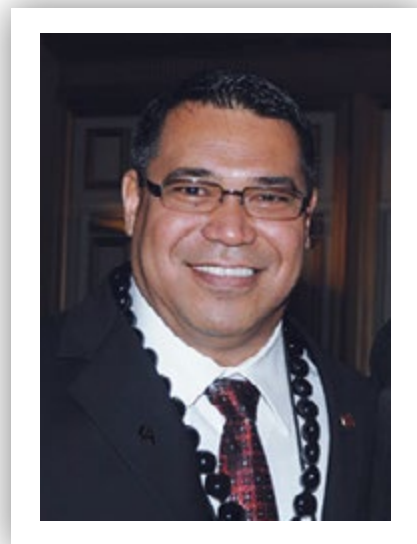
A Leadership Responsive to Its Members

Reginald Castanares, Business Manager/Financial Secretary

A challenge leaders constantly face is trying to be objective as humanly possible in posting a stand affecting many. It means thinking of different workable solutions and coming up with one generally acceptable to the group and will be beneficial. Reviewing the history of our chartered local union the members who completed their training and followed up as journey-workers in their specialties succeeded in realizing that dream. We shared that good fortune with workers in other sectors. Together we represented what historians would dub the burgeoning "middle class" of American society.

That distinction is real and very important to maintain and strengthen. It continues to provide that leg in our capitalistic system that keeps our lives and of those less fortunate, vibrant. Sure, we run into occasional cycles of good and hard times. For the most part, however, we as the labor arm of our national economy have ensured a meaningful balance in that much as Wall Street tries to dominate, we have ably challenged the latter's influence with those who enact the laws at every governmental level.

What all that says is that we can't let down our effort. Political leadership and philosophy come in cycles as



well. In short, there is no guarantee of unending rapport and understanding. We must be ever vigilant in the political realm if we in labor demand an economy that will remain fair to all levels of society.

Governor's 'Pa'ina' Draws Thousands Near Campaign Wind-down

The *pa'ina* (meal) with Governor Neil Abercrombie June 27 drew his largest throng of well wishers at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum in the closing stages of his re-election campaign.

"We're appreciative our Union brothers took time with their families to enjoy an early evening of superb *kaukau* and the islands' top musical talents," noted business manager **Reggie Castanares**, shown in the photo with the Governor, Electricians Union Local 1186 business manager **Damien Kim**, and **Debbie Spencer-Chun**, president and CEO of the Adult Friends for Youth.



2014 Labor Unity Picnic

Monday, September 1, 2014
at the Waikiki Shell

Food • Prize Drawings
Keiki Rides & Games
Entertainment

For labor union members And their families

HART Sees Building Opportunities for Sub-Bidders

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), the City's rail arm, is urging the building industry's specialty contractors to prepare bidding for work soon available at the already scheduled four park-and-ride lots neighboring the transit route and eventually in and near town rail stations designated as transit-oriented development (TOD).

The \$5.156 billion 20-mile route project, the state's costliest public undertaking ever, is being financed by \$1.55 billion under a federal full funding grant agreement and the half-percent surcharge on the General Excise and Use Tax (GET).

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Endorsements

Hawaii State Senate

SD1: Gil Kahele-D
 SD3: Josh Green-D
 SD4: Malama Solomon-D
 SD5: Gil Keith-Agaran-D
 SD6: Roz Baker-D
 SD7: Kalani English-D
 SD12: Brickwood Galuteria-D
 SD16: Breene Harimoto-D
 SD17: Clarence ishihara-D
 SD18: Michelle Kidani-D
 SD21: Maile Shimabukuro-D
 SD23: Neutral
 SD24: Jill Tokuda-D

Hawaii State House

HD1: Mark Nakashima-D
 HD2: Clifton Tsuji-D
 HD3: Richard Onishi-D
 HD7: Cindy Evans-D
 HD9: Kimo Apana-D
 HD12: Kyle Yamashita-D
 HD13: Mele Carroll-D
 HD14: Derek Kawakami-D
 HD15: James Tokioka-D
 HD16: Dee Morikawa-D
 HD18: Mark Hashem-D
 HD19: Bert Kobayashi-D
 HD20: Calvin Say-D
 HD21: Scott Nishimoto-D
 HD23: Isaac Choy-D
 HD25: Sylvia Luke-D
 HD28: John Mizuno-D
 HD29: Karl Rhoads-D
 HD31: Aaron Johanson-R
 HD32: Linda Ichiyama-D
 HD33: Arnold Wong-D
 HD34: Gregg Takayama-D
 HD36: Marilyn Lee-D
 HD37: Ryan Yamane-D

HD38: Henry Aquino-D
 HD39: Ty Cullen-D
 HD41: Matthew LoPresto-D
 HD42: Sharon Har-D
 HD43: Stacelynn Eli-D
 HD45: Michael Magaoay-D
 HD46: Marcus Oshiro-D
 HD48: Jarrett Keohokalole-D
 HD49: Ken Ito-D
 HD4/HD5/HD6/HD8/HD10/
 HD11/HD17/HD22/HD24/
 HD26/HD27/HD35/HD40/HD47/
 HD5-/HD51

City/County of Honolulu

At-large: John Waihe'e
 CD2: Ernest Martin
 At-large: Jeremyh Kama Hopkins
 CD4: Tommy Waters
 CD6: Carol Fukunaga
 CD8: Neutral

County of Kaua'i

Mayor: Bernard Carvalho
 Seat6: Mel Rapozo
 Seat7: Ross Kagawa
 Neutral: Seat1 thru 5

County of Maui

Mayor: Alan Arakawa
 East Maui: Bob Carroll
 West Maui: Neutral
 Wailuku/Waihee/Waikapu: Michael Victorino
 Kahului: Don Guzman
 South Maui: Don Couch
 Makawao/Haiku/Paia: Mike white
 Upcountry: Gladys Coelho Baisa
 Molokai: Stacy Helm Crivelo
 Lanai: Riki Hokama

Saturday, August 9, 2014 Your Opportunity and Right To Exercise Your Citizenship HAWAII PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

County of Hawaii

CD1: Valerie Poindexter
 CD2: Neutral
 CD3: Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
 CD5: Neutral
 CD4: Neutral
 CD6: Neutral
 CD7: Dru Mamo Kanuha
 CD8: Karen Eoff
 CD9: Neutral

Office of Hawan Affairs (OHA)

Oahu: Peter Apo
 Maui: Carmen Hulu Lindsey
 At-large: Rowena Akana
 At-large: John Waihe'e
 At-large: Jeremyh Kama Hopkins

KEY ELECTION INFORMATION

The State Office of Elections has sent its first batch of absentee ballots out this week and will be sending a second batch soon. If you've received yours be sure to look through our list of endorsements.

If you didn't request and absentee ballot you can still vote early, between July 28th and August 7th, by heading to the following polling places:

Honolulu Hale
 530 South King Street
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Monday through Saturday
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Kapolei Hale
 1000 Uluohia Street
 Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Monday through Saturday
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you prefer to vote on election day, but don't know where your polling place is then head to <https://elections2.hawaii.gov/pp/> to find out.

Industry Honors 45 New Apprentice Graduates



The Class of 2014: Front row are mostly PAMCA and Local 675 members who oversee the apprenticeship program. Behind them are the graduates present at their commencement along with members of the training staff and instructors.

The 45 recently graduated apprentices saluted June 28 at the PAMCAH-UA Local 675 commencement got fresh encouragement from industry and state leaders in a turning point of their trade career.

“You have an awesome advantage over many new college graduates in that you’re already on the job for which you’ve been trained over the past five years,” noted business manager **Reggie Castanares**, “in contrast to a collegian who more likely after leaving the campus hopes to find a job tailored to his major.”

Underscoring the point made by Local 675’s head, visiting **UA International** Representative for Hawaii and California, **Robert Lamb II**, reminded that the training center has advanced and refresher courses that “can only further sharpen your skill and value as a tradesman and shop operator.” Recalling his journey with the UA, Lamb said, “We should never quit learning, especially in a society that has been dramatically changed by technology.”

Governor **Neil Abercrombie**, his message conveyed by his managing director, **Bruce Coppa**, extending his well wishes, said his administration “will continue to create work opportunities toward ensuring a better, more livable Hawaii.”

Tyrus Kagawa, PAMCA president, said the apprenticeship program “remains a savior for our industry producing outstanding mechanics who undoubtedly will succeed us as leaders.”

The dinner, held at the Hilton Coral Ballroom, marked the 48th graduation ceremony sponsored by the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry. Specially honored graduates were the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 contest winners:

Plumbing: 1st, **Samuel L.K. Taylor**; 2nd, **Royce L. Akiona**.

Refrigeration Air Conditioning: 1st, **Dale J.M. Gapusan**;
2nd, **Lance Y. Kobashigawa**; 3rd, **Robert McCullough**.

Fire Sprinkler: 1st, **Peter K.K. Kamalii**; 2nd, **Peter C.K. Brzezowski**.

Steamfitter-Welder: 1st, **Bobby-Dwayne T. Namba**; 2nd, **Tauētia P. Puaina**;
3rd, **Blake A. Moniz**.

In addition, singled out for perfect attendance throughout their training program, were: **Royce L. Akiona**, **Adam G. Caughman**, **Joshua A. Johnson**, **Lealand G. Matsuo**, and **Shayne M. Takata**.

New Recruitment Set August 11-15

With demand currently high in a surging economy, the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry announces a recruitment drive for apprentices is set for a one-week period - August 11 through 15 (Monday through Friday). Waiting lists will be prepared for the plumber, refrigeration air conditioning, fire sprinkler fitter, and steamfitter welder apprenticeship programs on Oahu.

Interested parties are to register on any of the scheduled days from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plumbers & Fitters Training Center, 731-B Kamehameha Hwy., Pearl City.

An applicant must apply for only one of the specialties listed, be at least age 17, has a valid driver’s license, a high school diploma or an equivalent GED (General Educational Development) certificate, provide transcript of high school records and trade school courses (if any), pass a placement evaluation test, minimum score of 70%.

For further information, go to
www.plumbershawaii.com

Local 675 FCU Remains Fiscally Sound

Local 675 Federal Credit Union members, cautioned the interest rate may stay low another year, were buoyed, however, by a well capitalized portfolio, thanks to a 10.76% net capital ratio.

“Tightening regulations have made compliance challenging,” business manager and FCU president **Reginald Castanares**, reported at its recent annual meeting. “However, its fiscal soundness seems assured by the rising momentum in economic recovery, based on employment and housing data.”

New directors elected to the FCU board were **Susan Fukunaga** and President **Castanares**.

Union FCU Announces Loan Specials

Your Union FCU is offering the following loan specials:

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Unsecured Loan: 5.99%

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Court Order Seen A 'Slight Delay' on Work at 801 South Street Project Site

Compliance with an unexpected late hour court order for an archaeological survey has caused a temporary stoppage of construction of the second high-rise tower of 410 units for the **801 South Street** project, its developer reported. Demolition of an existing structure on the site is completed in preparation for a parking garage.

Work on the 635-unit first tower, not involved in the order, is proceeding as scheduled, noted **Marshall Hung**, principal for Downtown Capital LLC, the firm which bought the property that formerly housed Honolulu's two major dailies and the printing plant.

“We had earlier state assurance of having met the archaeological requirements but the court ruled otherwise responding to complaints filed against the Hawaii Community Development Authority. All marketed units have been sold for 801 South Street, touted an affordable downtown residential complex for Oahu's work force.

“We expect a favorable review of the court order which did not require a new development permit and therefore look to work resuming shortly,” Hung said. **Colbert Matsumoto**, a local business leader, said he was pleased with his partnership in the project “because it makes possible for more islanders to be in our downtown mix from historical, cultural, and business standpoints.”



Work on Tower B for the 801 South Street condo complex was held by a court order based on complaints state law was not adhered to. A review is pending and work resumption is expected.

Local 675 on the Campaign Trail



Local 675 joined other Team Schatz supporters for a couple of hours of sign-waiving before Senator Brian Schatz headed in for the KHON/AARP Debate.



Local 675 members gearing up to sign-waive for Senator Schatz.



Local 675 members helping Team Schatz breakdown after sign-waving.



President Val Ceria showing enthusiasm and support for Senator Schatz.



Senator Brian Schatz thanks Recording Secretary Tracy Tanouye for his support.

To keep up with Local 675 on the campaign trail follow us on Facebook (Hawaii Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675), Twitter (@HawaiiPlumbers) or Instagram (HawaiiPlumbers).

Retirees Host Union Staff

Members of the **Local 675 Retirees Club** hosted the Union's administrative staff and training center coordinators at their May gathering that highlighted an update on issues affecting the brotherhood.

Business manager **Reggie Castanares** noted that while business agents reported that the construction volume on the Neighbor Islands appears to be peaking military work across Oahu continues to make up for the slack. "We're used to cycles like that but are optimistic much of the gap will be made up with foreseeable work at Kakaako and outlying new communities," Castanares said.

Terms and conditions of the new labor contract due to be renewed in early July should realistically reflect what negotiators on both sides consider are fair in a changing and difficult market, he added.

The union chief praised the Apprenticeship Training program for upcoming changes that he sees will maximize the teaching capabilities of its instructors and result in a more engaged, productive student.

Retirees club president Willy Kanno expressed gratitude to the many donors who made the recent Food Bank collection another heartwarming success. The club's next meeting is Tuesday, August 12, at 9 a.m. at the Moanalua Golf Clubhouse.

License Board Reviewing Proposed "C" Categories for Generals

A possible overhaul of the "C" specialty licenses issued through the **State Contractors License Board** will be considered after it has reviewed comments that were due June 30 at the request of the recent legislative session, according to board executive secretary **Candice Ito**.

Recommended changes the Board makes, including input from various industry sources, will then be submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau before year-end for a finalized report to the next legislative session.

The request embodied in Senate Resolution 84 SD1 appears to center principally on the present licensing policy that allows a "B" General Contractor to perform certain "CV" specialty work without having to undergo an examination or pay the license fee required of the "C" applicant.

The resolution's concern is whether the License Board's regulations reflect the Legislature's intent of fairness provided all prospective licensees and how the regulations compare with those in other jurisdictions.

None of the current automatic licenses to "B" contractors include any of the classifications associated with the plumbing and allied trades.



Retirees Club leader Kanno welcomes Union head Reggie Castanares, who gave members an update on Local 675 activities.

Math Refresher Courses at HCC

Honolulu Community College is offering a 5-day, 2.5 hours per day math refresher course designed for those preparing for apprenticeship placement evaluation tests.

The course will help those needing a quick review of basic math concepts and conversions normally used in the plumbing and trade industry. Register for Session 1 by Aug. 8, Session 2 by Aug. 14. Call 845-9296.

Session 1: Aug. 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 (Mon-Thu) 5:00-7:30 pm; Saturday 9 am-11:30 pm. Tuition \$150.

Session 2: Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 (Mon-Fri) 5:00-7:30 pm. Tuition \$150.

Revised Refrigerant Card Available

Local 675 members who still have their UA-issued refrigerant cards in the 1990's disclosing their social security numbers can surrender them for replacements. The revised cards without the SS# are available or can be requested calling **Kirk Kageno**, Training Center, 456--0585. ex. 24.



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Calendar of Events

AUG

Saturday, Aug 9, 2014
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 1, 2014
LABOR UNITY PICNIC
Waikiki Shell (3pm-8pm)

Monday, Sept. 8, 2014
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Washington Middle School-Cafeteria

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014
KONA RAP SESSION
Kahakai Elementary School

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014
HILO RAP SESSION
Waiakea Intermediate School

OCTOBER

Monday, Oct. 6, 2014
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Washington Middle School-Cafeteria

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014
MAUI RAP SESSION
Maui Community College

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2014
KAUAI RAP SESSION
Kauai Community College

Monday, Oct. 13, 2014
DISCOVERS' DAY - HOLIDAY

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS CONFERENCE
Pomaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery

Oahu 675 Benefits Conference Set Oct. 25

Local 675's annual Oahu membership benefits conference is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Dole Cannery-Iwilei, Pomaika'i Ballrooms, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Members are encouraged to bring family members, including the *keiki*. It's always a fun opportunity as well for the entire ohana and, importantly, spouses can have the various benefits the breadwinner get clarified for them, business manager **Reggie Castanares** emphasized.

Six New Member Retirees

Recent retirees approved for pension benefits include:

- Ross T. Fukuhara 04/01/14
- Wallace H. Kawabata 04/01/14
- Wayne K. Matsumoto 04/01/14
- Randall H. Matsuzaki 03/01/14
- Glenn P. Olarti 04/01/14
- Ransen K. Sato 03/01/14

In Memoriam

Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of recently deceased:

- Herbert K.F. Chang** .. 05/07/14
- Bernard T.C. Ching** .. 04/04/14
- Shigemi Ishizaki** 02/26/14
- Larry B. Nakamoto** ... 03/31/14
- Paul T. Nakaura** 04/07/14

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Pearl City, HI 96782

Credit Union 537-9135
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Call office promptly on address change.