



Aloha Neighbors,

I am writing to invite you to join our 'Ohana at 'Āina Ho'okupu O Kīlauea to support the work we are doing on behalf of our numerous stakeholders.

As a community-based non-profit, AHK primarily focuses on the well-being of the Kīlauea community and the greater Kaua'i North Shore area. Our main project to-date, has been development of the Kīlauea Community Agricultural Center (KCAC). If you have driven out toward the lighthouse recently or come to the Farmer's Market on Thursday afternoons, you probably have seen a lot of exciting progress on the community farm. And this is just the beginning in our mission to create a lasting, sustainable resource for the people of Kīlauea and beyond.

We are pleased to share the ongoing achievements made by our staff toward fulfilling our broader mission that have occurred in the last six months.



- After a very challenging year with the weather, we are happy to now have a 20 X 96 covered greenhouse to support the growth of our CSA program moving from 25 full shares to 50 full shares. Sign up for CSA on our website and join us as a subscriber for fresh organic fruits and vegetables: www.ainahookupuokilauea.org
- We have now purchased a 70-HP John Deere tractor and trailer. After three years of borrowing equipment, it is a great step forward to be autonomous and work the fields as needed. As one of only two sites in the state of Hawai'i awarded a permit to conduct Hemp Trials, we cleared two acres of land and have seeded ¼ acre with crop.
- We are waiting for the

easement to be recorded and all the permit approvals for the off-site water system. We expect the legalities to be resolved by the beginning of February and the entire system to be fully implemented by June 2019.



We have purchased the pipe for the onsite distribution system and are now surveying and clearing the roadway, where the pipe will be laid.



- What we are most proud of, and a tremendous "Thank You" to State Representative Nadine Nakamura, is acquisition of the legislative funding to increase our resources to hire two additional positions.

- We are excited to welcome three additional new board members – Patricia Ewing, Kirsten Hermstad, and Sandy Kato-Kluge – who join our current Board of Directors, as follow: Chair Alvin "Bino" Castelo, Vice-Chair David Steinmann, Secretary Shaylyn Kimura, and members Lloyd Geggatt and Greg Safko.



- Our biggest achievement, in the past few months, was to secure a long term lease with the support of the County Council and the Mayor’s Office. This 60-year lease agreement confirms the unwavering support of the County of Kaua’i and commitment to work with the community of Kilauea to increase the food security of Kaua’i.
- 2019 will be our most exciting year yet, as we expect to: implement our water system; complete the fundraising effort to fund our farmers market area (secured \$1.8 million out of \$2.5 million to date); doubling of the CSA production; as well as, recruiting interns to utilize more of the commercial lots that has already been privately funded.

All of the above achievements will allow AHK to increase production and bring more vitality to the site, allowing us to further feed and support our growing community.

As things on the North Shore have gone back to the new normal following the historic April flooding, the need for AHK support is still required to continue recovery and direct mitigation as a steady and strong voice at the table. As we are dedicated to support all our surrounding communities with our expertise and capacity, we also are involved with the development of the shuttle solution for the North Shore.

AHK depends on donors, volunteers and contributions from the Community. We invite you to join our ‘Ohana and consider offering a donation to support our important work.

Please reach out to the ones in your circles you know are doing similar work, who you feel would connect and collaborate in our efforts to make all our lives better for generations to come.



Your tax-deductible gift of any amount will help AHK to fulfill its mission and strengthen Kilauea, the North Shore, and the County of Kaua’i. **Please visit our website at www.ainahookupuokilauea.org.**

Mahalo Nui Loa to all our current contributors and volunteers for your passion and support for the mission of AHK.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Yoshito L’Hote

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