

## **CANDIDATE BIOS**

**Kainoa Torres-** Aloha Ainaloa community. My name is Kainoa Torres. I have been a home owner for over 25 years now, and lived in puna for over thirty years. I went to Pahoa high and is well known in the Puna district. I would like to come back on the board because I have unfinished work that I promised our community like the bus shelters for the children on the back roads during my first term, I was head of road crew. we got all the speed bumps painted. But still need to replace some signage. Hopefully with your help, I can come back in and finish my duties . Most important to me are those buss shelters for the kids. ALOHA.

**Jason DeKemper-** My name is Jason DeKemper, and I have been proud to call Ohia Drive home for the past seven years. I truly love our neighborhood and am committed to helping it reach its full potential as a board member. With your vote, I can continue my contribution to Ainaloa.

As a Safety Professional, I bring expertise that I believe can help ensure our entire ohana has a safe and thriving environment—especially our keiki. We have a responsibility to pass this community down to them better than we found it, and I take that responsibility seriously.

In addition to my professional background, I am actively involved in the Strategic Planning Committee, where I am working to help shape our neighborhood into the vibrant, welcoming place we all deserve. Serving on the board would allow me to continue this work and help guide our community toward a stronger future.

**Sharyl Lee “Sha’le” Madrona-** Aloha, my name is Sharyl Lee. “Sha’le” Madrona. I am Kanaka Maoli, born and raised on the big island. My family and I have been homeowners in the Ainaloa community since 2019. I’ve been in the psychology field as a mediation specialist and a personal advocate for the people. I served as a member of the board of directors for numerous agencies n clubs. I am a member of the Truth for the People, a supporter of the Mental Health Foundation for Veterans, and many other community groups. I am an independent promoter and grassroots reporter for UpRise Promotions & Media. I am a person of observation and a solutionest. Every individual who lives in our community deserves the respect to be heard. I will be that voice to stand and make your voice known. I look forward to serving on the board as your advocate to build and create a positive and safe community.

**Alfred Yadao Jr.-** My name is Alfred Yadao Jr., I have been a homeowner in Ainaloa for the past 38 years. I would like to announce my candidacy for the Ainaloa Association Board. Having previously served as Board President for 5 years. Now, I would like the opportunity to finish what I started and work tirelessly for our community’s betterment. It’s time for us to come together and unite. Our community needs unity and cooperation, moving forward

together like a wave. I look forward to representing homeowners and residents on the board.

**~Robert Kaleikula-** My name is Robert Kaleikula, I am a homeowner and entrepreneur in Pahoa. I am passionate about providing exceptional craftsmanship and customer service through my company. With my strong technical background and commitment to the community, I am well-equipped to serve as a board member and make a positive impact on our neighborhood. My roots run deep in the islands, and I value integrity, hard work, and building lasting relationships. I look forward to bringing my skills and experience to the table and working together to achieve great things.

**Val Belnap-** Aloha! I'm Val. Roberta, and I married in 1989. We have 5 daughters and 6 granddaughters.

My go-to answer "yes". I believe we can do great things. My family had a desire to have a community potluck regularly. So we created it. My daughter chairs yard sale committee. She and my wife co-chair Family Activities Committee. I'm the muscle. We host keiki activities almost every month, and have big plans for 2026. We hosted the community Halloween this year, Christmas keiki craft with Santa and The Grinch, the pancake breakfast, bingo night...these are a few of the things I and my family helped to provide in an effort to build community.

I've never felt at home like I do in Ainaloa. We love Hawaii. The culture, the people. We've lived here for 7 years and I'd like to serve on the board, continuing great things here.

**Mark Jones-** To the Ainaloa Community Association Members,

I have lived in Hawaii since 1984 and moved to Ainaloa in 2018. I previously served on the Ainaloa Community Association Board, including as Vice President. That experience gave me a solid understanding of Board operation, ethical governance, and the importance of working collaboratively for the benefit of our community.

Before moving to Ainaloa, I served on two homeowner association boards on Oahu. At Hidden Valley Estates, I led building and property maintenance efforts and coordinated a major cleanup following storm damage. At Makakilo Mala, I was responsible for overseeing pool and park security. These roles required fairness, transparency, and steady leadership. During my service on the Ainaloa Board, we accomplished several important improvements, including upgraded maintenance services, new office staff and caretaker support, improved drainage near the mailboxes, enhanced security systems, expanded parking, and the purchase of new equipment to better maintain roads and community property. Long-term projects including new mailboxes, are also underway.

I believe effective boards succeed through respectful collaboration, adherence to established procedures, and clear communication, even when opinions differ. I am running again to continue contributing my experience, judgement, and commitment to a transparent, well-run, and welcoming Ainaloa community.

Sincerely,  
Mark Jones

**Ryan Brannigan- Aloha**

My name is Ryan Brannigan. My wife and two young children moved out to Ainaloa almost 3 years ago from Kohala. When we were looking for homes on this side of the island and we fell in love with our home on sight. My wife and I saw the potential in this area. There's a park for the kids, open field to run around on, mailboxes, and a little center for gatherings. I bring a background in culinary for over 20 years. Currently working at Hilo Benioff Medical Center as their Executive Chef. I have experience managing and leading large and small teams in unions and private entities. Experience with budgeting, payroll, driving revenue, and reading P & L statements. I'm a firm but fair leader.

I want Ainaloa to be a place that I truly call home for my family and I. A close knit community looking out for the best interests of one another. Through improvements and proper management, Ainaloa will be an attractive place to live for years to come. I feel making fair and sound decisions is vital to overall function and growth. If given the opportunity I would like to contribute my skills to this community.