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COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HOST HAWAI'I JUSTICE GUBERNATORIAL FORUM

HONOLULU: ['Ekolu Mea Nui](#) and [ACLU of Hawai'i](#), along with community partners, will host a **justice-focused gubernatorial candidate forum** on Sunday, July 17th on O'ahu. The event will provide voters with critical information, prior to the Saturday, August 13th Primary Election, on where the candidates and their parties stand on criminal justice issues in Hawai'i.

WHAT: **Hawai'i Justice Gubernatorial Candidate Forum**

WHO: **Gubernatorial Candidates: Vicky Cayetano (D), Gary Cordery (R), Kai Kahele (D), and Heidi Tsuneyoshi (R).**

Hosted by ['Ekolu Mea Nui](#) and [ACLU of Hawai'i](#) and sponsored by community partners: Tara Reed, Going Home Hawai'i, NAACP Hawai'i, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Matsunaga Institute for Peace, Men of PA'A, Pono Hawai'i Initiative, Faith Action for Community Equity, Ceeds of Peace, Our Hawai'i Action, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Hawai'i Innocence Project, Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, HPC Taskforce, and Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice.

Co-moderated by **Kameha'ililani Waiau** and **ACLU of Hawai'i Policy Director, Carrie Ann Shiota.**

WHEN: **Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

WHERE: The event will be **live-streamed** online on Facebook ([ACLU of Hawai'i](#), ['Ölelo Community Media](#), ['Ekolu Mea Nui](#) and [Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution](#)) and YouTube ([ACLU of Hawai'i](#) and ['Ölelo Community Media](#)). The **LIVE broadcast** will also air on **7/17 at 3:00 PM on OLELO49**. **Rebroadcast** is scheduled for 7/29 at 8:30 PM, 7/30 at 8:30 AM, 7/31 at 10 PM, and 8/1 at 12 PM on OLELO49.

ACLU of Hawai'i is rooted in the belief in second chances, the principle of innocence until proven guilty, and that incarceration should be the last option, not the first. Public health crises like poverty, mental illness, substance use disorders, and homelessness are more appropriately addressed through criminal justice policies and approaches focused on achieving safety and stability for all our communities, including violence interrupters, drug treatment, reentry support, living wages, and affordable housing. We believe the future Governor of Hawai'i should use their executive powers in new and transformational ways that confront racial and economic injustice, readdress the harm of the criminal legal system, and invest in effective community-based solutions to ending mass incarceration. **NOTE: The ACLU of Hawai'i does not endorse or oppose candidates for elected office.**

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