



## **KAHELE FOR CONGRESS PASSES FUNDRAISING MILESTONE**

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[HONOLULU] – Sen. Kai Kahele, democratic candidate for Hawai‘i’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, announced today that the Kahele for Congress campaign has passed an important milestone by raising over a half-million dollars since its launch earlier this year. Kahele for Congress raised \$501,582.58 since January 21<sup>st</sup>, including \$102,719.32 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, which ended on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

“Building a grassroots infrastructure that spans all eight Hawaiian Islands has been a daunting and humbling task,” said Kahele, “but I believe the early success in our fundraising efforts, earning key endorsements, and positive polling numbers show that momentum for our campaign continues to grow every day, and that the people of Hawai‘i’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District are ready for change. I will continue to travel to all of our communities, on all of our islands, to engage directly with our neighbors, families and friends to earn their support and vote. From Hilo to Hanalei, one thing has been made crystal clear to me: the people want and need a representative who is committed full-time to the job. We need a representative who puts the needs of our district first.”

Kahele serves as Majority Floor Leader and Chairman of the Committee on Water and Land in the Hawai‘i State Senate where he represents his hometown of Hilo. He is an 18-year combat veteran aviator who was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Hawai‘i Air National Guard.

Former Hawai‘i Governors John Waihe‘e, Ben Cayetano and Neil Abercrombie serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Kahele for Congress Campaign Committee. Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson formally endorsed Kahele’s candidacy.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District encompasses Hawai‘i Island, Maui, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, Kaua‘i, Ni‘ihau and the rural parts of O‘ahu, including Waimānalo, Kailua, Kāne‘ohe, the North Shore, and the Leeward coast.

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*Kai Kahele serves as a Lt. Col. in the Hawai‘i Air National Guard, United States Air Force. Use of his military rank, job titles, or photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Hawai‘i Air National Guard, United States Air Force or the Department of Defense.*

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