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KAI KAHELE EARNS EARLY ENDORSEMENTS FROM KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS

Raises \$105,310 in online donations during the month of October

[HONOLULU] – Sen. Kai Kahele, democratic candidate for Hawai‘i’s 2nd congressional district, earned early endorsements from the following key community leaders from across the State of Hawai‘i:

- Sen. Stanley Chang
- Sen. Kurt Fevella
- Sen. Dru Kanuha
- Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole
- Sen. Clarence Nishihara
- Sen. Gil Riviere
- Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
- Rep. Stacelynn Eli
- Rep. Cedric Gates
- Rep. Joy San Buenaventura
- Rep. Chris Todd
- Rep. Tina Wildberger
- HI County Councilmember Sue Lee Loy
- CMSgt. Robert Lee (Ret.)
Hawai‘i National Guard
- Hon. Steven Levinson,
Ret. Hawai‘i Supreme Court Justice
- Dr. Amy Agbayani,
Civil Rights Activist
- Dr. Patricia Nekoba,
Educator
- Toni Lee,
Native Hawaiian Community Leader
- Debbie Nakanelua-Richards,
Native Hawaiian Community Leader
- Sivan Leoni,
Fmr. UH Men’s Volleyball Teammate
- Rick Tune,
Fmr. UH Men’s Volleyball Teammate

They join former Hawai‘i Govs. John Waihe‘e, Ben Cayetano and Neil Abercrombie, who serve as honorary co-chairs of the Kahele for Congress Campaign Committee, as well as, Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson and former Vermont Governor and Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, who have previously announced their formal endorsements of Kahele’s candidacy.

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“October turned into a banner month for our campaign. I am grateful and humbled to receive the strong support of these key community leaders. They come from every corner of the state and span the entire political spectrum. While they may not agree on every issue, I am proud that they stand united in their support of our grassroots movement and my bid for Congress. Their ongoing commitment to their communities lend to the good work we can do together to move Hawai‘i forward. Thank you all for your endorsements as well as your faith and confidence that I will serve as a true voice for every resident of the 2nd congressional district as their representative in Congress.”

In addition, the Kahele for Congress Campaign Committee announced that during the month of October it has raised \$105,310 in online donations from over 5000 donors with an average contribution of \$20.86.

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 Kahele for Congress campaign has raised over half a million dollars since January 21, 2019.

The 2nd Congressional District encompasses Hawai‘i Island, Maui, Kaho‘olawe, 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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