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SENATOR KAI KAHELE OPENS HILO CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

[HILO, HI] – Sen. Kai Kahele, Democratic candidate for Hawai‘i’s Second Congressional District, officially opened the Kahele for Congress Campaign Headquarters at 479 Kinoole Street in his hometown of Hilo with an interfaith blessing.

“It was important for me to base our headquarters here in Hilo and to stay connected to my neighbor island roots. We enter the next phase of our campaign with a new home for our grassroots organization to continue to grow,” said Kahele. “This will be a place for our supporters and volunteers to get involved and work to make sure our campaign is successful not only here on Hawai‘i Island, but across the entire state. It will also be a place for voters to come and learn about me, my background and my candidacy for Congress.”

The following faith leaders participated in the ceremony:

- Soto Zen Buddhist Minister Shino Hata, Taishoji Soto Mission
- Rev. Kaitlin McCallister, Church of the Holy Apostles, Episcopal Church
- Imam Shawon Rahman, Islamic Center of Hawai‘i
- Rabbi Rachel Short, Ahava `Aina
- Kumu Kekoa Harman, Associate Professor of Hawaiian Studies, UH-Hilo

The public is invited to visit or call the new campaign headquarters at:

479 Kinoole Street

Hilo, HI 96720

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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 and former Kaua‘i Mayor Bernard Carvalho have formally endorsed Kahele’s candidacy.

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 lieutenant colonel 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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