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Kawananakoa Contemplating a Run for State House

Experienced Candidate Will Put Hawaii First in Serving Her People

(Kailua, Hawaii), June 3, 2008 – Former Representative Quentin Kawananakoa’s today announced a potential return to political office. “I was set on running for the State House but family and friends have urged me to consider running for other offices. Out of respect for these individuals, I am taking a few more days to make a final decision on my return to local politics,” said Quentin Kawananakoa.

A group was formed to encourage Kawananakoa to run and lend their assistance to his political efforts. “I think he would be a tremendous asset to the State House,” said Representative Lynn Finnegan. “We are ready to help Quentin get there.”

There are several political contests this year in Kawananakoa’s Waimanalo-Kailua district. Among the races up for grabs are the State House, City Council, Congressional and Mayoral races. “I’ve worked with Quentin for over 15 years and I know he would represent his constituents well in any of these seats” added Senator Fred Hemmings.

His family and friends have asked him to consider all races which is what Kawananakoa intends to do. “As excited as I am, I must be prudent and make a decision based on sound facts. I want to know that I am participating in a capacity that will best serve my community,” said Kawananakoa. “I will make a final decision in a couple of days.”

Kawananakoa served in the State House from 1994-1998 where he was the Minority Leader and led the fight to stop the biggest tax increase proposed in the State of Hawai’i.

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From 2002 to 2006, Quentin served on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. During his four-year term he dedicated his efforts and time to help the Department succeed in its mission of providing affordable housing to native Hawaiians.

In 2006, Quentin ran for the United States House of Representatives and lost his bid by 89 votes.

Currently, he serves as a Commissioner on the Honolulu Fire Commission.

Today he wishes to serve Hawai'i and its people again in public office: "I have been very blessed in my life and I have a sincere desire to give back to our community."

"By the end of the week I will make a formal announcement regarding my candidacy," Kawanakoa added.

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