

## **DESIREE CRUZ**



**Date of birth:** 08/29/1962

### **Hawaiian ancestry**

Parents - Ernie Cruz Sr. & Doreen Sukanuma, granddaughter of Maria Ka`ahanui Lono Sukanuma of Papakolea, great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Kamala Ka`ahanui & John Lono of Honokohau, Maui.

### **Educational background**

Kailua High School-graduate, Hawai`i Community College-AAS in Hawaiian Lifestyles/Hula & AA in Liberal Arts, UH-Hilo Hawaiian Studies major 2 yrs.

### **Employment history**

Owner / Director of Desiree Models & Talent, Kana`iolowalu / NHRC Sr. Comm. Outreach Specialist, Big Island Visitors bureau -Destination Specialist, COH Mayor- PR Specialist

### **Criminal record**

NONE

### **Personal statement**

I believe that Hawaiians today are better educated, stronger, more spiritually connected and better prepared to make critical decisions that will benefit our descendants for generations to come. I'm excited to work together with the various voices within our community. I strongly believe that people from all walks of life must step forward to participate in building a better future for or Hawai`i. We must be willing to hear and consider other points of view, must treat all with respect and aloha. Finally, we must agree to disagree, be respectful of each other, be inclusive of all and work to support the majority.

**The delegate candidate represent these 10 people are eligible voters who have nominated them :** Cathleen Hedges

Raynette Suganuma-Carlson

Doreen M.N. Suganuma

Herbert Suganuma

Maraea K. O`Connor

Carleen Ornellas

Trevor Kainoa Daines

Debbie-Jean K. Suganuma

Myra Piliialoha McGuire

Warnice Hanamaika`i