

REBECCA JUSTINE 'IOLANI SOON



Date of birth: 11/28/1984

Hawaiian ancestry

My father's family heritage traces back to Waihe'e Valley on Maui. We were kalo farmers near 'Eleile Spring for generations until our 'ohana moved to O'ahu.

Educational background

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, 2003

Babson College, BS in Business Administration specializing in Social Entrepreneurship and Business Law, 2006

University of Hawai'i Law School, anticipated 2016

Employment history

Pacific Gateway Center, VP Economic Development, 2006-2008

Native Hawaiian Organizations Association, Executive Director, 2008-2012

Solutions Pacific, Chief Operating Officer, 2012-Current

Criminal record

None.

Personal statement

As families and as a community, our roots run deep. They stretch across thousands of years of history, wind through oceans deep and rich with heritage, and have fought through centuries of oppression. It is our parents and grandparents, who fought the fights that allow us to have these conversations today. I feel blessed and thankful to be part of a

generation, which was raised asking important questions and allowed to engage in debates about our social, economic, and political future. In front of us is an opportunity to continue to build upon the work done by so many before, to protect today's resources, and to create an even better future for our keiki. These will be challenging conversations, which strike at the very core of our beliefs in what that future should look like. We will not all agree – we are a diverse community with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. But I believe that if we have a shared value of respect for one another, we can achieve something positive. We can ensure that we are fostering a space where all voices are heard, all people are respected, and we are working together to strengthen Hawai'i's future for generations to come.

The delegate candidate represent these 10 people are eligible voters who have nominated them : Raynard Soon

Jordan Kealaikalani Inafuku

Heather Haunani Giugni

Anthony Melvin Makana Paris

William Henry Kekoa McClellan

Nicole Makana Nakealoha McClellan

John Kalanialiiloa Shane Aeto

Keone John Nakoa

Lisa Marie Veneri

Keani Nalikolei Wallace Rawlins-Fernandez