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ELECTION-AMERICA RELEASES LIST OF HAWAIIAN ELECTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES

HONOLULU – More than 200 delegate candidates for a Native Hawaiian constitutional convention were announced today by Election-America, the private national election company contracted by Na'i Aupuni. Na'i Aupuni is an independent organization whose purpose is to establish a path for Hawaiian self-determination through an election of delegates to a constitutional convention, or 'aha, and a potential ratification vote by registered Native Hawaiians, if needed.

Na'i Aupuni directors are extremely pleased at the large number of diverse and qualified Hawaiians who will be taking part as candidates in the upcoming election of delegates to the 'aha. The list of candidates for each district, along with information on each candidate can be found at www.naiaupuni.org **or** at <https://vote.election-america.com/naiaupuni/bios.htm>

"The nomination of delegate candidates is a milestone in the upcoming historic election for Hawaiians to determine if a reorganized Hawaiian government will be formed," said Kūhiō Asam, Na'i Aupuni president. "The candidates are diverse in their age, backgrounds and purpose. They are representative of a good cross-section of the Native Hawaiian community."

The 209 delegate candidates will vie for 40 delegate positions on the road to the 'aha. Ballots for the election of delegates will be sent to certified voters on Nov.1. The election of delegates will take place between November 1 and November 30. Votes can be cast throughout November by traditional mail or electronically. Those using traditional mail should mail their ballots early so they arrive at Election-America before the end of November.

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Hawaiians who have not been certified can still apply with the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission (www.kanaiolowalu.org) or at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (www.oha.org/registry). Information about the election process can be found at www.naiaupuni.org or by emailing naiaupuni@election-america.com. **The deadline to be certified is October 15, 2015.**

Hawaiians who are not sure of their status or have not received any information from Election-America, should verify their status and contact information with the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission at www.kanaiolowalu.org or at (808) 973-0099.

The delegates will be elected to represent Hawaiians living in the state as well as Hawaiians living outside the state. The breakdown of the districts, delegates and candidates is:

District	Delegates	Candidates
O'ahu	20	110
Hawai'i Island	7	32
Maui	3	15
Kaua'i & Ni'ihau	2	5
Moloka'i & Lana'i	1	4
Out-of-State	7	43

About Na'i Aupuni

Na'i Aupuni is an independent organization made up of a volunteer board of directors from the Hawaiian community. It exists solely to help establish a path for Hawaiian self-determination and is guiding an election, convention and ratification process where all Hawaiians who wish to participate can be heard. Na'i Aupuni was formed in December 2014 and is separate and independent from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State of Hawaii. For further information about Na'i Aupuni and the upcoming elections, please visit <http://www.naiaupuni.org/>.

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