

## Membership in KA HĀ

Becoming a member of KA HĀ means that you support the mission statement and philosophy of KA HĀ to actively advocate for the rights and entitlements for Native Hawaiians who live on the continent. According to Census 2000 data, more than one-half of the nation's Native Hawaiian population resides outside of the state of Hawai'i. Your membership can help bring programs and resources to Kanaka Maoli who reside on the continent to enhance their overall well-being.

Look for KA HĀ's upcoming involvement in

- Collecting and aggregating data on Native Hawaiians living on the continent, including Census 2010
- Community and capacity building efforts in the forms of conferences, town hall meetings, and ho'olaule'a
- Supporting existing Native Hawaiian organizations through sponsorships and partnerships
- Educating the Native Hawaiian community through conferences, workshops, and newsletters
- Advocating on behalf of Native Hawaiians on every possible level

For information regarding membership visit our website [www.KAHAGroup.org](http://www.KAHAGroup.org).

## THE BOARD



**President Lono Kollars** is a photojournalist and multimedia producer. He has been a leader in the California Hawaiian community since 1996 and strives to lead KA HĀ with the *aloha* embedded in the traditional Hawaiian values of *nā mea i pono a pololei*. He is also a delegate for the Tennessee Hawaiian Civic Club and member of the Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California.

**Vice President Ryne Ka'uhiahiwa Ku** is a father of five and like every parent wants the best for *nā keiki*. He serves KA HĀ so all our children will be proud to be Hawaiian and have the opportunity to live and pass on the culture. His obligation is to add his voice to the many that are advocating on behalf of the Hawaiian people.



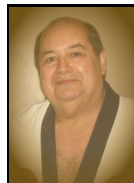
**Treasurer Pualani Ober** is an independent Tax Consultant and is active in the Hawaiian community by participating on the board of Nā Mamo, Inc.®, E Hula Mau® (one of the premier hula events on the continent), and other organizations of Native Hawaiian interest. She feels that learning, sharing and living our Hawaiian values is an important part of her own personal growth and necessary to perpetuate and honor what we call *Hawaiian*.



**Secretary Mia Kainoa Kaina Standley** has been living in Kaleponi for nearly 10 years after leaving her Kailua home. Through her service to KA HĀ she intends to provide a foundation of a strong and united Native Hawaiian community for her two small children to rely on.



**Kupuna Advisor Andy Ah Po** has served the Native Hawaiian community as a strong political advocate for over 45 years. Uncle Andy has helped to establish and incorporate countless numbers of Hawaiian organizations on the continent, and is a "founding member" of KA HĀ and also the first appointed member from the continent to sit on the BOD of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA).



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Kaleponi Advocates for Hawaiian Affairs

*A Hawaiian Voice in California*


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## Who is KA HĀ?

Kaleponi Advocates for Hawaiian Affairs (KA HĀ) is a group of individuals, community leaders and organizations who actively advocates for Native Hawaiian rights and entitlements and pursues programs and resources for Native Hawaiians on the continent. Newly founded in 2009, KA HĀ was conceptualized in August of 2008 when it became clearly apparent that Native Hawaiians had no organized collective representation on the continent.



## What is KA HĀ?

### The Mission Statement

The mission of KA HĀ is to serve as a voice of California Native Hawaiians working to protect Native Hawaiian rights and interests and to promote access to Native entitlements through education, training, service, and advocacy.

### The Philosophy

1. Preserve and promote a unique quality of life commonly referred to as Aloha; which is to accept all individuals who embrace Native Hawaiian culture and tradition regardless of their physical appearance, sex, sexual preference, race or religion and to share our Aloha (love, affection, lineage, and traditional Native Hawaiian lifestyle) with them;
2. Provide opportunities that will en-

hance the traditional culture, history, language, folklore, art, music, dance and overall lifestyle of the Native Hawaiian people, and to practice those ideals and principles that will not only preserve their traditional culture and customs but will help them to achieve self-governance and self-sufficiency through self-determination.

3. Bring as many Native Hawaiian and non-Native Hawaiians together to unite as one to address the current plight of Native Hawaiians.



## What does KA HĀ do?


KA HĀ advocates on behalf of Native Hawaiians at every level possible. It works to realize its goals through programs like the Kupuna Roundtable and the 2009 California Native Hawaiian Forum.

### Kupuna Roundtable, March 2009

In partnership with Statehood Hawaii and Visual Communications, KA HĀ hosted a day of interviews, video screenings, and discussions about Hawaii's statehood. The panel of six kupuna represented both northern and southern California. The interviews and roundtable will be aired in Hawai'i on 'Ōlelo.

### 2009 California Native Hawaiian Forum, April 2009

All Native Hawaiians were invited to participate in a day long forum with presenters from Oahu's CNHA. KA HĀ and KMOKI of Northern California worked collaboratively to provide this resource.



## Why register for Census 2010?

**Education:** Did you know that by registering we, the Hawaiian community, can apply for much needed government and local educational funds on the continent? *YOU NEED TO BE COUNTED.*

**Health:** Did you know that by registering we, the Hawaiian community, can access government and local mental health funds and services in our own communities? *YOU NEED TO BE COUNTED.*

**Domestic Violence:** Did you know that by registering we, the Hawaiian Community, can access government and local funds and services to seek the kokua needed to keep you safe? *YOU NEED TO BE COUNTED.*

**Disabilities:** Did you know that by registering we, the Hawaiian Community, can access government and local funds and services to seek kokua for those Hawaiians that are disabled? *YOU NEED TO BE COUNTED.*

**Kupuna Program:** Did you know that by registering we, the Hawaiian Community, can access government and local funds and services for our kupuna who are on fixed incomes? *YOU NEED TO BE COUNTED.*

When asked to fill out the Census 2010 form, be sure to say, *"I AM A HAWAIIAN, AND I WANT TO BE COUNTED!"*