

# BIOGRAPHY



## Quentin K. Kawananakoa

Born in Honolulu in 1961, Kawananakoa is the son of Edward “Dudie” Kawananakoa and Carolyn Willison. He is descended from Prince David and Princess Abigail Kawananakoa, and related to Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.

Growing up in Kailua, Quentin attended public schools, including Kainalu Elementary, before entering Punahou School at age 12 as the family moved to Kaneohe. Quentin attended the University of Southern California, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the Business Administration's Entrepreneurship Program in 1983.

With public service in mind, Quentin decided that a degree in law would provide a path to achieve a greater good. He entered the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii in 1989. Three years later he passed the Hawai'i State Bar exam and became a law clerk to Justice Frank D. Padgett of Hawai'i State Supreme Court.

It wasn't long before he was discovered by Honolulu law firm Case, Bigelow & Lombardi, where he served as attorney for four years, remaining as “Of Counsel” when he entered politics to serve as Representative for the 26th House District from 1994 to 1998. As a longtime member of the Republican Party, he served as minority leader of the State House. His strong bid for United States Congress in 1998 was cut short by illness, from which he has completely recovered.

Over the next decade, Quentin devoted time to his young family and to spearhead the reorganization of the family business – the Estate of James Campbell. Countering the best predictions of financial experts, Quentin helped to successfully transform the expiring estate into an ongoing company. In the process, jobs were preserved, and a vital philanthropic foundation that has funded hundreds of worthy causes in the community.

Quentin was a founding member of the Native Hawaiian Bar Association, an association of lawyers and judges of Hawaiian ancestry that promotes unity and the exchange of ideas. He has also served on a number of boards and commissions: Past President of the Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club; Board Member of The Friends of Iolani Palace; Regent of Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i; member of the United States Civil Rights Commission Advisory Committee; and Board Member & Advisory Committee Member of the Moanalua Gardens Foundation.

Presently, Quentin serves as Oahu Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, helping the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to effectively manage the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and to develop and deliver land to native Hawaiians. Today, DHHL is the largest developer in the state, and will develop 1,200 homes in the Kapolei region over the next three years.

Quentin has been married for 10 years to Elizabeth Broun Kawananakoa with whom he has two sons, Kincaid, age 8, and Riley, age 6. An avid sports enthusiast from childhood, he played on the USC rugby team, and enjoys canoeing, hiking, snowboarding and paragliding.





## A Vision for Hawai‘i

As Hawai‘i enters an era of new leadership, government at all levels seem to be in flux. We have seen the welcome return of a two party system in Hawai‘i’s State government, and watched the system work to bring positive change for our people. There have been struggles, no doubt, but the interchange of ideas has invigorated local politics in many ways.

At the same time, we have seen the public’s approval of our national leadership descend to its lowest level in a decade. Federal overspending, campaign finance corruption and influence peddling, and the poorly run war in Iraq have contributed to the public’s lack of confidence in both Congress and the Administration.

For lifelong Republicans, the indiscretions and poor decisions of a few members of our own party have been particularly difficult to witness. For them, the historic and noble values of our Republican Party seem to have given way to special interests and greed.

It is time to restore *trust* in our politicians and *respect* for our government and the United States Congress.

I believe in the core values of our way of government and of our Party. I believe in the power of reaching across political and parochial boundaries to find solutions for the common good. I believe that Hawai‘i deserves a balance in the delegation it sends to Congress, and that the coming election will make that possible.

As a Representative of Hawai‘i to the United States Congress, I will work with members of both parties as we begin to restore confidence and pride in our Federal government. I will work to improve and diversify Hawai‘i’s economy, to enact legislation that makes it easier for all of our residents to get ahead and stay ahead. I will make sure that the interests of our State are fairly and firmly represented in every appropriate forum.

As a representative of Hawai‘i to the nation and to the world, I will stand for the decency, the grace and the tolerance of different cultures that make us Hawai‘i. I will see to it that the issues facing Native Hawaiians are resolved, a continuation of the work that I have been doing with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Our campaign has the experience and the will to win in November. We’re on the ground on every Island with an organization forged from the strong connections I have made through my background as a legislator and Minority House leader, as an attorney and businessman, as a civic leader, as a Republican, and as a Hawaiian.

It is time for government to reaffirm the values that have been the pride of this nation for generations. To summon the will to resist special interests and control spending without placing additional burdens on all Americans. It is time to ensure the future of a prosperous, sustainable society with a balanced new generation of leaders, working together for the good of all Hawai‘i’s people.

– *Quentin K. Kawananakoa*



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## **Quentin Kawananaoka announces candidacy for United States 2nd Congressional District**

*(Kailua, Hawaii)*, April 23, 2006- Quentin K. Kawananaoka will officially announce his candidacy for the United States Congress on Sunday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. The launch of his campaign will be held at the Elect Kawananaoka Campaign Headquarters, 171-D Hamakua Dr, in Kailua. He enters the race for Hawai'i's 2nd Congressional District, being vacated by Congressman Ed Case. At the event, he will be joined by many of his friends, family, and supporters. The 44-year-old Hawai'i native is married to Liz and they have two sons ages 8 and 6. He has been a strong presence in Hawai'i since 1994 when he became a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives, an office he filled through 1998. During his legislative tenure, he rose through the ranks of Republican Party leadership to become House Minority Leader. Kawananaoka's involvement in government is complemented by his many contributions to the community. He is currently a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and serves as one of the Oahu Commissioners. Kawananaoka's campaign reflects his commitment to bring together disparate interests and people in order to arrive at solutions that benefit all of Hawai'i. To learn more about Quentin and his campaign for Congress, please visit [www.kawananaoka.com](http://www.kawananaoka.com) or call 521-1160.

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