

RE-ELECT
COUNCILMAN FRED HOLSCHUH
COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1



- *In* all my years of campaigning and public service, I have never had to respond to any individual opponent, but because of Mr. Yagong's direct attacks on me in his Sunday Sept. 10th ad, I feel compelled to do so.
- *As* I have previously stated, I have spoken to Mr. Don Bryan, President of Tradewinds Forest Products about re-locating the veneer mill on another site than the O'okala Mill site. The investment of time, money, permitting, etc. would make this virtually impossible. Mr. Yagong, in a recent forum in Waimea, loudly proclaimed to the audience about how they would feel if "someone from Oregon" built a veneer mill in their residential community. Mr. Yagong has supported the mill since I was on the land board in 2001. Now, he has taken up the cry, "Not in O'okala", in spite of the fact that many residents want the mill at the industrially zoned mill site.

The jobs for children and grandchildren are very important to them. I have asked for and received from Mr. Bryan, written answers explaining the mitigation commitments for all the concerns raised by the community. He also explains what he will do for O'okala. Copies of this letter have been forwarded to Mayor Kim, Rep. Takamine, Dr. Tawn Keeney, and will be printed in Hamakua Times this week.

- *Mr.* Yagong has implied in recent writings that I am not available to the community. I am always available, but I will not create meetings just to have meetings. Between January and August this year, I have attended 60 community meetings, not counting council meetings and public hearings.
- *Regarding* the 2% of real property taxes for public lands, I definitely did not support changing the charter to do this. None other than President James Madison stated in the Federalist Papers over 200 years ago, that never should the Constitution (equivalent of the County Charter) be used to finance specific items. I voted to support the petition initiative to put the question to the voters in November, but I do not think the public should pass this measure. We must never commit moneys in such a fund when our obligation is public services, including health and safety. Tax experts have stated that passing this will almost certainly lead to increasing real property taxes. There are many other means to finance purchases of public land if necessary. The resolution I recently wrote and got passed to begin the process to purchase the Rice property at the Waipio overlook is a good example.
- *Mr.* Yagong has challenged my leadership abilities by stating I have only chaired the Human Services Committee. As a physician, I asked to chair this committee four years ago. This is the committee that impacts the less fortunate of us on Hawaii Island. This committee initially heard from Mr. Howard Marks about Project Lifesaver, the system I championed to locate missing persons with disabilities. This committee recently heard the initial discussion about the proposed university district zoning change, which will be one of the most important things we will do for this island.

As regards leadership, I co-founded HEPA in 1971, the first private practice ER group in the state, was a HEPA board member for 30 years; was president of the statewide Hawaii Medical Association and its Physician of the Year; Chief of Staff of Hilo Medical Center for 4 years and have been involved in numerous boards, commissions and human services and public safety organizations. Some of these positions are documented in my brochure.

I am grateful for the outpouring of support I have received throughout the district. I respectfully ask to continue to serve you on the council and humbly ask for your precious vote.

Aloha, *Fred*

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