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JANICE IKEDA APPOINTED TO HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Honolulu, HI — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) is excited to announce the appointment of Janice Ikeda to its Board of Governors, effective March 30, 2026.

Janice Ikeda is the founder and chief executive officer of Vibrant Hawai'i, a Hawai'i Island based nonprofit organization working to strengthen community resilience, economic mobility, and wellbeing across the state. Ikeda brings more than two decades of experience in community development, nonprofit leadership, and cross-sector collaboration. Since founding Vibrant Hawai'i in 2018, she has designed and scaled a network of Resilience Hubs on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu, supporting governance development, Community Emergency Action Plans, resource coordination, and training in rural and coastal communities. She has also led major initiatives including Kaukau 4 Keiki, Social Service Navigators, Micro-Investments, 'OAKA Youth Leadership, and Hui Hānai Ka Moku. Under her leadership, Vibrant Hawai'i has facilitated more than 200 listening sessions and convened a network of 1,400+ community contributors advancing locally led solutions across the moku.

Prior to founding Vibrant Hawai'i, Ikeda served as director of operations for Hope Services Hawai'i, disaster recovery coordinator for the County of Hawai'i, and community advancement and resource development director for Hawai'i Island United Way. She began her nonprofit career at 'Aha Pūnana Leo, where she supported Hawaiian language revitalization through strategic planning, fundraising, and program development. Ikeda holds an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University, a B.A. in Communication, Hawaiian Studies, and Sociology with a Certificate in Hawaiian Language from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, and an A.S. in Information Technology from Hawai'i Community College.

"Janice brings a deep love for Hawai'i and a proven ability to turn community wisdom into lasting change," says Tamar Chotzen Goodfellow, HCF Board Chair. "Her leadership has strengthened

communities across our islands, and we are honored to welcome her to the Board of Governors as we continue our work toward a Hawai'i where every family can thrive."

The HCF Board of Governors comprises respected community leaders who represent the rich diversity and broad interests of Hawai'i. Their knowledge of and sensitivity to Hawai'i's issues and needs provide invaluable leadership to HCF. The board establishes policies, sets organization-wide priorities and program strategies, and ensures that the financial stewardship and operations of HCF are conducted with integrity and accountability. The work of current board members builds on that of former board of governors' members who have served HCF with distinction over the organization's 110-year history.

"I am deeply honored to join the Hawai'i Community Foundation Board of Governors," says Ikeda. "HCF has long been a trusted partner in advancing community-driven solutions across our islands. I look forward to working alongside such dedicated leaders to help ensure that families across Hawai'i, in every moku and on every island, have the chance and the choice to remain rooted, resilient, and thriving for generations to come."

Ikeda will serve on the board's External Engagement Committee.

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Ikeda's headshot can be found at this [Dropbox link](#).

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About the Hawai'i Community Foundation

The vision of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai'i in which all our Island communities thrive. With our 110-year history, our trusted expertise, and the generous support of donors, we are working to address the root causes of our state's most difficult challenges, including expanding access to affordable housing, conserving freshwater resources, and ensuring the healthy development of Hawai'i's young children. We focus our efforts through the CHANGE Framework, which identifies six essential sectors affecting the overall well-being of these islands and their people. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. In 2025, HCF stewarded more than 1,175 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations committed to building a better Hawai'i. Through these funds, along with contracts and private foundations, we've distributed over \$116 million in grants statewide so far this year, including scholarships assisting more than 1,400 Hawai'i students. For more information about HCF, please visit Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org and follow our social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.