

## **Biographies for Panelists in the May 21, 2023 Panel Discussion on “Community and Policing”**

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**Amanda Alvarado** currently works with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney as a Restorative Justice Project Coordinator. Previously she was a Victim Assistance Counselor/Special Projects Coordinator in the County of Hawai'i Prosecutors Office, where she provided counseling and case management services.

Prior to that Amanda worked at the Hawai'i Island YWCA for over six years in a variety of roles, including pre-school counselor in the YWCA's Developmental Preschool, and as a therapist, crisis counselor, and support group facilitator in its Sexual Assault Support Services. She has a number of other work and volunteer experiences related to restorative justice, therapeutic yoga, and counseling for youth and incarcerated women. She holds an MA in Counseling Psychology from University of Hawai'i at Hilo and a BS in Psychology from Portland State University.

**Kevin Dayton** is the former Capitol Bureau chief for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. He was formerly Capitol Bureau chief and Big Island Bureau chief for The Honolulu Advertiser, which was Hawaii's largest circulation daily newspaper until it closed.

He also reported for the Hawaii Tribune-Herald in Hilo, the Honolulu bureau of the Associated Press, Sun Press weekly newspapers in Kaneohe, and the Tucson Citizen.

He also worked as an executive assistant and executive director for Hawaii County Mayor Billy Kenoi, and is a former U.S. Army sergeant and infantry fire team leader.

He holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Hawaii Manoa, and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Arizona.

He and his wife Mahealani live in Hilo and have seven children, five of them grown. They have been state-licensed foster parents since 2009.

**Lester “Les” Alfred Estrella** was born and raised in Hilo and has four children and six grandchildren. He attended St. Joseph School, Hilo High School, and Hawaii Community College, where he studied auto mechanics and machine technology. After living on Oahu for 20 years working in the automotive industry, Les returned to Hilo in 1999 and decided for a change in occupation. Since then, he has over two decades of experience working with the intersection of the justice system and community reintegration, nonprofit organizations and the development of reentry and recovery housing programs.

Les has been active with the Hawai'i Island Going Home Consortium since 2006 and serves as Executive Committee Co-Chair. In 2015, he founded the nonprofit organization, Going Home Hawaii (GHH) and serves as the President and CEO. Les also sits on the Hawai'i County Workforce Development Board and remains dedicated to help persons who are justice-impacted, suffering from substance misuse and mental illness, homeless and the contributing factors compounding these issues.

**Michelle Leigh Manalo** was born and raised on the Big Island. She attended Pahoa High School and Hawaii Community College, where she received an associate degree in accounting. She has 15 years of experience in the retail industry and over 5 years in the nonprofit sector.

Michelle has been employed with Going Home Hawaii since 2018 and is the Director of Finance. She also serves as Interim Vice President and Treasurer for Friends of Big Island Drug Court, Inc. Having lived experience with the justice system, she supports others on similar journeys and hopes to inspire that change is possible.

**Iopa Kaluna O Keali'i Ho'omanawanui Maunakea Kamakawahine Auna Kealoha** is a highly regarded leader in the Puna community, known for his strong commitment to community organizing and delivering high-quality programs. As a construction surveyor by trade and a lineal descendant of Kumukahi and Waipio Valley, Mr. Maunakea brings deep cultural, social, and economic knowledge of the Puna area to his role as Executive Director of Kanaka O Puna. He is dedicated to serving the Puna community, using his personal and professional background to demonstrate positive impacts and build trust.

Raised by his grandmother Kupuna Katherine K. Maunakea, a lifelong community servant, Iopa was instilled with a sense of giving back to the community. Iopa was exposed to traditional Hawaiian practices. Instruction in 'ōlelo mākuahine, hula, mele, lā'au lapa'au, haku, ku'i 'ai, farming, fishing, and other cultural practices were common activities that sustained and perpetuated the Maunakea 'ohana.

Despite facing social injustices and inequities in Nānākuli, the Maunakea family continues to promote aloha 'āina through their involvement in Hawaiian culture, agriculture, education, science, health, and well-being. Still, Nānākuli is a microcosm of the many social injustices and inequities suffered by our lāhui.

In 2004, Iopa founded The Men of PA'A, a program aimed at helping men stay clean and sober through community service. Drawing from his own experiences with drug use, incarceration, and the criminal justice system, Iopa created a 12-step recovery model informed by traditional Hawaiian values, earning the trust of those in the program and beyond. He has since developed "Ho'okanaka," a life-affirming and transformative intervention that utilizes servant leadership to bring about positive personal change in the community.

In addition to his professional and community-focused work, Iopa is also an accomplished pro surfer, musician, and creator of the band "Bruddah Kuz."

**Benjamin Moszkowicz** was appointed Chief of the Hawai'i Police Department on January 17, 2023. Affectionately known as "Chief Ben", he will start a new chapter in the history of the Hawai'i Police Department as he leads the law enforcement agency primarily responsible for the over 4,000 square miles of the 'Big Island' of Hawai'i. He oversees 484 sworn personnel and 156 professional police staff members.

Before coming to Hawai'i Island, Chief Moszkowicz worked for the Honolulu Police Department where he most recently served as a Major in the Traffic Division. During his 22-year tenure in Honolulu, he worked in every bureau in the department with assignments ranging from patrol commander, to overseeing the 60-member Police Mountain Bike Team, to managing the Information Technology, Human Resources, and Criminal Investigations Divisions.

In addition to being a certified Drug Recognition Expert and Instructor, Moszkowicz was honored with the first-ever Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Hawai'i Lifetime Achievement Award for his tireless dedication to preventing impaired driving through education and enforcement.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Moszkowicz holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration with a specialization in Justice Administration from the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, and a Master of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego.

**Elroy T. L. Osorio, Jr.** was born in Hilo, Territory of Hawai'i, the second of six children. Growing up he attended Waiakea-Kai Elementary School, Kamehameha Schools Preparatory Department, and Kamehameha School for Boys, Class of '65. He is a graduate of Northwestern University, Class of '69 and the FBI National Academy, 1991, 164<sup>th</sup> Session. His career with the Hawai'i Police Department spanned over three decades, from 1971 to 2006. He spent 30 years in the Uniformed Patrol Division, N. Kohala, N. Hilo, S. Hilo, Puna; two years in the Criminal Investigation Services, Area 1, and three years in the Administrative Services Division.

Since retirement he has been active in the Keaukaha Canoe Club, Member, where he is on the Board of Directors and has served as Assistant Coach since 2007. He is also on the board of Keaukaha One Youth Development, and was a paddling coach for Kamehameha Schools for 12 years. Married for 52 years with three children and nine grandchildren, he describes himself as a Christian whose personal passions include, "the ocean, reading, music, motorcycles, people, glorifying God. Not in that order."