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Public Meeting regarding whether the Federal  
Government should reestablish a  
government-to-government relationship with  
the Native Hawaiian community

PUBLIC MEETING

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## P U B L I C M E E T I N G

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2 MS. CHANG: So with that, the first three that I  
3 have is Ceci Kupau, David -- is it Pia? -- and then I have  
4 Kuuipo Naone.

5 MS. KUPAU: Aloha mai kakou.

6 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

7 MS. KUPAU: For the record, I would like to thank  
8 Dr. David Keanu Sai for the education of our true Hawaiian  
9 history. Go to [www.puafoundation.org](http://www.puafoundation.org) and order your Hawaii's  
10 history textbook *Ua Mau Ke Ea - Sovereignty Endures*.

11 My name is Cecilia Kupau. I am a Hawaiian subject,  
12 I am a Christian, a Hawaiian Catholic of St. Mary's Church and  
13 Mission Churches in Hana District on the east side of Maui. I  
14 live on my 'ohana ancestral land, Kahii Estate in Pukuilua,  
15 Hana, Maui, with my brother Francis Noah Kupau, a Hawaiian  
16 subject.

17 I am here today to say a'ole, no to all five  
18 questions plus the other 19 questions. I am here today to  
19 honor our Queen Liliuokalani for her leadership role, her  
20 intelligence in international law, and her executive  
21 agreements with President Grover Cleveland in 1893 that kept  
22 our Hawaiian government secured till today.

23 Second, I am here today to acknowledge the loyal and  
24 courageous men, women, and children who signed the ku`e  
25 petition's treaty against annexation; also to resonate the

1 1,944 signatures of our past Hana, Hawaiian subjects who  
2 contributed.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. KUPAU: Lastly, I am here today to pose a  
5 question to the Department of Justice's Office of Legal  
6 Counsel, who did not respond with evidence to the Office of  
7 Hawaiian Affairs CEO Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe's questions dated  
8 May 5th, 2014, that the Hawaiian Kingdom does not exist as an  
9 independent and sovereign state under international law. I  
10 have to presume the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to exist;  
11 therefore, my question is: By what authority is the  
12 Department of the Interior claiming to be here in Hawaii,  
13 being a foreign sovereign and independent state, since the  
14 Department of Justice has already concluded that Congress  
15 could not have annexed the Hawaiian Islands by a joint  
16 resolution? Mahalo.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: I next have David and then I have Kuuipo  
19 Naone and Eric Kanakaole.

20 MR. PRAIS: Aloha, David Ka'eo Kainoa Kealoha Prais.

21 First off, you know, it's not fair how you guys came  
22 in one week after Kana'ioloalua failed, one week you guys are  
23 here already. Less than -- less than 20 percent know that  
24 you're even here and the ones that know don't even know why  
25 you're here. It's not fair. Even people didn't even know

1 which school the meeting was being held at.

2 The United States stole it, 1893, didn't give it  
3 back. Now you guys here telling us that, Oh, we'll give back,  
4 but what do you want? I mean, just give it back, plain and  
5 simple. Stop being criminals.

6 This is my daughter, Naleialoha [Hawaiian names]  
7 Kalani Ka'eo Prais.

8 Yeah, right now what the United States is doing is  
9 telling us that it's okay to steal. You're perpetuating  
10 criminal activity. It is not correct. You guys need to give  
11 it back and be pono about it.

12 Hope you guys enjoyed Old Lahaina Luau last night:  
13 Good show, good entertainment. You know, we're aloha. I'm  
14 sorry you guys are here on the business that you are. If you  
15 came otherwise, we would give you aloha. And there's so much,  
16 so much, so much.

17 As far as this, this paper saying that Shelly --  
18 Sally Jewell came through the other year and met with the  
19 native community, what community did she meet with? Here we  
20 are, every island. You guys stepped in and not giving us a  
21 chance, not being able to be educated about it. It is unfair  
22 and unlawful. Mahalo. Yeah, that's it. Mahalo.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. CHANG: Thank you, David.

25 I now have Kuuipo Naone, Eric Kanakaole, and Sol

1 Church.

2 MS. NAONE: Aloha.

3 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

4 MS. NAONE: The offer of reestablishing a government  
5 to quasi-government community -- "community" defined as a body  
6 of nations or people having a common history, so hence the  
7 word "tribe" -- is misleading and misdirected. There is no  
8 comparison in history with the colonization of the Indian  
9 nation versus the occupation of our nation. What we share are  
10 similarities of injustices, like no water for our [Hawaiian  
11 word] kalo or for our streams.

12 So statements made using the word "colonialism" only  
13 helped promote an act of denial to conceal the prolonged  
14 occupation in Hawaii, despite the existence of Hawaii as an  
15 independent sovereign nation verified by the Permanent Court  
16 of Arbitration in Larsen vs. The Hawaiian Kingdom in 2001.

17 In your opening remarks at the other meetings it was  
18 mentioned that you pride yourselves in helping to create the  
19 Hawaiian Homes Act. This act had done nothing but cause  
20 division by subjecting our people to an unconscious racist --  
21 racial mind set, questioning the 50 percent as if the true  
22 Hawaiian and anyone less than 50 percent, Hawaiian, but not  
23 quite Hawaiian. Definitely and clearly a violation of --  
24 human rights violation under international law and the laws of  
25 occupation.

1           This act further falsifies our history, enhancing  
2 the confusion and fear owing to the indoctrination and  
3 inculcation of Americanism in Hawaii school systems since  
4 1906. Besides this, it gives the illusion that these cedes  
5 lands are ceded, yet all lands are held in a defect in title  
6 as seen in today's court system and as well as the DHL's  
7 hearings.

8           What protects this current system is the creation of  
9 rules, acts, and constitutions established on a pretense after  
10 January 17, 1893, and the illegal acts done by the United  
11 States in 1898, evidence that the United States have no legal  
12 claim, no right, no authority, no jurisdiction over the  
13 Hawaiian Kingdom. So our Na Hui is a peaceful, patented  
14 nation with original laws still intact and treaties with many  
15 nations and not just one.

16           So with all of that, I say a'ole to all the  
17 questions. Mahalo.

18           (Applause.)

19           MS. CHANG: I have Eric, Sol, and then Ihilani.

20           MR. KANAKAOLE: Aloha, 'ohana.

21           AUDIENCE: Aloha.

22           MR. KANAKAOLE: I've been doing this work for like  
23 about 26 years and I have never seen so much hewa. And let me  
24 tell you, you know, from the time I started to now, there's so  
25 much things that have happened throughout the years.

1           But I'd like to introduce my name and my name is  
2 Eric Kanakaole. I am a kanaka by birth, both of my parents  
3 are true kanakas and I come and speak because of them.

4           And I'd like to quote Williamson B. Chang's comments  
5 and statement to the Department of the Interior.

6           Just let me get my breath back.

7           [As read.] "The lack of jurisdiction of the United  
8 States and the Department of the Interior is based on two very  
9 simple points. First, the United States claims jurisdiction  
10 over the territory of Hawaii based on the legal effect of the  
11 joint resolution of 1898. 30 Stat. 750.

12           "Second, the United States claimed jurisdiction by  
13 the way of the Act of Admission of 1959, admitting as --  
14 admitting Hawaii as a state. This testimony asserts that:

15           "Number 1" --

16           Just a few more, a few more questions.

17           "The joint resolution of 1898 has no power to  
18 acquire the Hawaiian Islands as territory of the United  
19 States, and"

20           "Number 2" --

21           This is the last.

22           "Section 2 of the Action of the Admission Act by  
23 which the territory of Hawaii was admitted as a state confirms  
24 and this -- and thus admits that the State of Hawaii does not  
25 include the Hawaiian Islands.

1           "The joint resolution of 1898 has no power to  
2 acquire the Hawaiian Islands as the territory of the United  
3 States."

4           So to your questions, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole,  
5 a'ole. Thank you.

6           (Applause.)

7           MS. CHANG: I have now Sol, Ihilani, Lahala Ann, and  
8 Bill.

9           MR. CHURCH: Aloha. My name is Sol Church. I'm a  
10 seventh generation Naiole.

11           I have to say a'ole to all the questions provided.  
12 The secretary should not assist or involve the United States  
13 government in the reorganization of the Hawaii government.  
14 Since the illegal and illegitimate overthrow of Hawaii's  
15 unified monarchical government, Hawaii and its people have been  
16 an illegally occupied nation with its own previously  
17 established constitution and reorganized and independent from  
18 any other nation but its own, even by the United States.

19           Hawaii's Constitution and kanawai are still the  
20 de jure and the lawful governing constitution of this nation.  
21 The first constitution of Hawaii granted by Kamehameha 'Ekolu  
22 on October 8th, 1840, should be recognized and honored by the  
23 United States government to determine an appropriate  
24 government-to-government relationship with the de jure  
25 governing of the nation of Hawaii. The nation of Hawaii and

1 its government have already been recognized through treaties  
2 and conventions by the United States government.

3 The reorganization of Hawaii government should be a  
4 process established by the kanaka of Hawaii without the  
5 facilitation of State of Hawaii, either, for they are not  
6 officially sanctioned and are a de facto group, that means  
7 they're fake. There are prerequisites for establishing  
8 federal acknowledgement of a government-to-government  
9 relationship with the nation of Hawaii with the United States  
10 of America should be determined by the Hawaii government for  
11 the United States under rightful constitution of Hawaii.

12 What you are here doing here today is called  
13 potential racketeering, it is a war crime. It means the  
14 people who --

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. CHURCH: -- the people who caused the problem  
17 are coming up with a fake solution. For the U.S. to  
18 facilitate anything is illegal.

19 We are not Native Hawaiian. The word "native,"  
20 according to *Bouvier's Law Dictionary*, means all persons born  
21 under the jurisdiction of the United States are considered as  
22 natives. We are kanaka.

23 An illegal fix of --

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. CHURCH: An illegal fix of trade will always be

1 an illegal fix of trade. The U.S. needs to back out and  
2 recognize and honor the rightful constitution of our  
3 kumukanawai given to us by Kamehameha 'Ekolu. We are not a  
4 tribe, we are a body of a nation. Mahalo.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. CHANG: Ihilani, Lahala, and Bill.

7 Is Ihilani here?

8 MS. CATUGAL: I'm Ihilani Catugal and my answer is  
9 no to all the questions.

10 We are kanaka who will never belong to the United  
11 States. An illegal fix of trade will always be an illegal fix  
12 of trade. How many -- no matter how many illegitimate  
13 contracts are proposed by the States, we will not volunteer  
14 our citizenship to the United States, nor did our kupuna who  
15 signed the ku`e petitions.

16 Since the invasion of the U.S. Naval forces upon  
17 Hawaii in 1893 we have experienced a slow genocide. In the  
18 120 years passing we have lost family, dignity, 'aina, and iwi  
19 under the illegal military occupation of the foreign United  
20 States government. Even the manner and legalese that these  
21 questions have been presented remains in the perpetually  
22 condescending tone and judgement that the U.S. also sustains  
23 in our education and informational systems. The only thing  
24 that the United States can do for us is to leave us alone and  
25 to cease benefiting from our home, kupuna, and children any

1 more.

2 Our nation is under a slow and steady recovery and  
3 the truth and history are there. We will answer only to the  
4 rightful constitution of Hawaii. When our nation is at full  
5 strength, the United States of America will be the last  
6 country we establish any kind of relationship with if they  
7 should be even so privileged. Mahalo.

8 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CHANG: Lahala Ann and then Bill.

11 MS. TRASK: Aloha.

12 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

13 MS. TRASK: Bill is my husband. He said he doesn't  
14 want to talk.

15 MS. CHANG: Okay. That's okay.

16 MS. TRASK: But what I want to say is I am 70 now  
17 and I was born in Hana. And when I finished law school at  
18 Santa Clara, I came to Hana to practice law. And we did  
19 everything, everybody did everything they could, planting,  
20 growing, the language was revived. Too old for me, but my  
21 sister Damien, raised also in Hana with my mother, Haunani  
22 Cooper, she -- Trask, she speaks fluently and teaches in the  
23 Hawaiian immersion program.

24 So what I want to say is that in my heart of hearts  
25 I believe that -- what has been said that we are a people that

1 have been so terribly abused by the United States of America  
2 where they go everywhere in the world taking freedom, but in  
3 reality they don't give or participate in what they say.

4           And by this time in my age and, you know,  
5 Alzheimer's and all the things that we have coming at us when  
6 we're 70, is that in your heart when you are an indigenous  
7 Native Hawaiian and you embrace all the other races like my  
8 husband, who is a haole from Texas, and you have your children  
9 and you raise them, the mark that you have from being Hawaiian  
10 and marrying into Hawaiian and everything else that you know  
11 better than I can never be erased. No matter how hard they  
12 treat you, no matter how they disregard you, no matter how  
13 they audit you --

14           It says pau over there. I don't think anybody's  
15 coming after me, so I'll close.

16           But I'm so proud that I come from Hana and that we  
17 all love each other, share our bananas, go to the fishing  
18 'alea, because that's the part of being Hawaiian that we don't  
19 need any more education about. And the message to the United  
20 States of America is shame, shame, shame on you. You go all  
21 over the world pretending, United States of America, that they  
22 bring freedom, but they don't. They bring slavery and  
23 ignorance. I mean, I don't even speak Hawaiian. I should,  
24 like my sister, but you couldn't even get it in the schools.  
25 They didn't even give you degrees for that.

1           So I'm so proud that I come from Hana. Thank you  
2 very much.

3           (Applause.)

4           MS. CHANG: I now have Russell, Representative  
5 Russell Kahookele; Aimon Chee, and Albert Young.

6           MR. KAHOOKELE: Before I begin my two minutes that  
7 you guys give me, we got some protocols. We like aloha you  
8 guys from Hana. Even though --

9           (Applause.)

10          MR. KAHOOKELE: Auntie Ceci, we got all respect for  
11 you as a kupuna for opening us in prayer.

12          All of these panels, like to thank you guys for  
13 coming from America and giving us two minutes for explain to  
14 us -- you know, oh, so we can explain to you how we feel,  
15 yeah.

16          First off, now that I got the aloha part out and  
17 welcoming you to our district, the district that I represent  
18 as the elected representative from the lawful Hawaiian  
19 government -- I was elected in 2011. I declare this  
20 hearing -- you know, I object to this hearing, first and  
21 foremost. You guys like proposed some rules changes, you guys  
22 asking us if we should take the first step. After 100 years  
23 and then some, now you like take the first step? To do what,  
24 recognize us as Indians?

25          First off, even the Indians not Indians. They

1       deserve more respect than that. They come from many different  
2       nations. And what they told the first white man? Hao. Yeah?  
3       How can you do this to us after we teach you how to survive  
4       with the Mother Earth and the land?

5                You guys create one national holiday, it's called  
6       Thanksgiving. Just so happened to coincide with the Kuokoa  
7       Day, the independence. The Kingdom of Hawaii was recognized  
8       on November 28th in 1810, but most Hawaiians, when come around  
9       that time in Thanksgiving, that's all they thinking about is  
10      eating one turkey. They're not thinking about the birthday of  
11      their nation.

12               Yesterday was the birthday of America. Happy  
13      belated birthday. Yeah?

14               You guys represent the government, then you're going  
15      to apologize to us for the illegal actions. Now you're gonna  
16      come and ask us if we still like your help? For what? More  
17      illegal activities? No. We want to get recognized as the  
18      independent and sovereign nation of the Kingdom of Hawaii that  
19      we had reinstated on our own on March 13, 1999, you know,  
20      according to the laws of the State of Hawaii, the federal  
21      government, and international laws. But you guys like make  
22      rules? What supersede what? The rule gonna supersede the law  
23      or the law supersede the rule? The way I see it, law is what  
24      we standing on.

25               Now, the brother over here say -- putting out P-A-U.

1 I graduated from Lahainaluna High School and then joined the  
2 military for defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.  
3 I never know nothing about the Kingdom of Hawaii. I cannot  
4 speak Hawaiian. So maybe if you had "finish," I might finish.  
5 But because they got some letters, I'm not finished yet. I  
6 thought I told you that we not pau. I thought I told you  
7 that, we not pau.

8 We reinstated our country, our Kingdom of Hawaii, on  
9 March 13th. And if you guys sincere, take this message back  
10 to your boss, tell Barack Obama, if we needed [Hawaiian  
11 language spoken], then tell him come here and talk to us.  
12 Okay? Tell him [inaudible] --

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. KAHOOKELE: -- honor the [inaudible] agreement  
15 between America and us. Okay?

16 [Multiple speakers.]

17 MR. KAHOOKELE: Because, yeah, we still mad and we  
18 still hurt, but we also understand that making you guys one  
19 enemy is not one good thing. We get TV too, you know. We saw  
20 what happened to Sadam Hussein when you went into Kuwait and  
21 invaded Kuwait's sovereignty. The United States went over  
22 there for reinstate Kuwait, liberate the people of Kuwait.  
23 Who gave Saddam Hussein all that power? You guys, your  
24 government sold him all these weapons of mass destruction.

25 All we get is weapons of mass aloha and so we gonna

1 greet you with that and I'm gonna say aloha again, because the  
2 Lord said to love our enemies and the way we see it, we one  
3 illegally occupied country and you guys is our enemy. Okay?  
4 But we no more army, we no more weapons. What we get is what  
5 you guys get, Akua. So your Constitution says that you guys  
6 honor the Lord. Yeah? The Bill of Rights which recognizes  
7 everybody's right to their nationality. Not to one tribal,  
8 okay, to a nationality. So we reinstated our country and we  
9 exercising our rights to travel, we exercising our rights to  
10 congress, and, yes, we'd like to sit down, talk story.

11 Now I have in my hand testimonies from other  
12 citizens that I represent. The way I calculated it as two,  
13 four, six, ten, 12, I cannot give up 20 minutes speaking on  
14 behalf of these people. Is there any objections?

15 AUDIENCE: No.

16 MS. CHUNG: No, wait, brother. No, no, wait.

17 MR. KAHOOKELE: Auntie, no worry, I'm not going to  
18 take 20 minutes.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MR. KAHOOKELE: But if you gonna delay, it might be  
21 longer. [Inaudible.]

22 Oh, there you go. So Hawaiian too much, now he got  
23 'em in English. Time is over? Look at it.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. KAHOOKELE: For the camera, yeah. For the

1 camera and for the panel, everybody, time is over.

2 You guys 100 years too late to make the first step.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. CHANG: All right. Thank you.

5 And, brother, thank you for the lei.

6 And I just want to let you know, Kekua is just doing  
7 his job, so please aloha Kekua.

8 Mahalo for the lei.

9 Aimon Chee, Albert Young, and then Hana -- is it  
10 Malani?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Malaki.

12 MS. CHUNG: Malaki, okay.

13 MR. CHEE: [Hawaiian language spoken.] For the  
14 people in here who don't speak Hawaiian, I will use English.  
15 I am against all your rulings. [Hawaiian language spoken.]

16 So in regards to Hana and the people of Hana, my  
17 great-grandmother was from Hana, my grandmother then was from  
18 Hana. I am from the Hia family. And I'm happy today to  
19 address you folks because my people signed the ku`e petition.  
20 I have many aunties and uncles who signed that petition back  
21 then and said no. And as a Hia, as Medeiros today, I say no  
22 again.

23 The United States needs to de-occupy Hawaii. The  
24 United States needs to return our 'aina and our lands. The  
25 military needs to leave Hawaii nei. You're illegally

1 occupying our lands and our territory. You have come in and  
2 you've done genocide against our people, committed war crimes  
3 against our people, and you're continuing to do this by having  
4 this meeting today.

5           There are two lawyers that are sitting here. You  
6 asked her, you should know this, that these things are  
7 international war crimes against the Hawaiian people. These  
8 meetings are also war crimes. Your names should be put onto a  
9 war crimes list with the Geneva Convention -- against the  
10 Geneva Convention. And you folks should have your name put on  
11 top of there.

12           I went to school with you, Esther. I went to  
13 Kamehameha, I went all those years to Kamehameha, and they  
14 never taught me what it meant to be Hawaiian. They never  
15 really taught me what it meant as far as still having a nation  
16 of Hawaii today and I had to go back to university and find  
17 that out on my own that, yes, the Kingdom of Hawaii exists.  
18 And one of the reasons why I did that was because Billy Hoopii  
19 came and talked to my brothers one day and that started the  
20 whole thing.

21           And I'm here to testify against the United States at  
22 what you did to our people, that you stripped us of our  
23 language, that you stripped us of our culture, and then you  
24 have the nerve, the nerve to come back and act like you're  
25 here to help us. And you still don't wanna return our lands,

1 you still don't wanna return our government, and you folks are  
2 still occupying illegally within our country, not your  
3 country. And you dare to say that you have jurisdiction and  
4 legal claim within this country and you don't have any of  
5 that. And all of you should be put on the war crimes list.

6 That's all I have to say. Mahalo.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. CHANG: I have Albert Young; Hana; after Hana, I  
9 have Don Atay; and then Shane.

10 MR. YOUNG: Aloha. My name is Albert Kekoalani  
11 [inaudible] Young. I was born and raised in Hana, Maui.

12 To me, the questions -- to me, the questions, I  
13 guess there's 19 more of them besides the five, to me, big fat  
14 a'ole, you guys.

15 You know, you guys got these meetings and meetings  
16 and meetings. You guys just beating around the bush already.  
17 Stop, give us it back. Give us back already, you know.  
18 What's up? You know, if we walked into your house and took  
19 from your icebox, we would get arrested, we'd go to prison,  
20 you know. Tired already. It's about time for you guys to go  
21 prison, maybe pay back restitution like that, you know. Sick  
22 and tired of it. Thank you. Aloha.

23 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. CHANG: I now have -- is it Hana? And then I

1 have Don, Shane, Paulo Burns, and Cliff Hashimoto.

2 And if you could state your name too.

3 MR. MALAKI: Thank you, Auntie.

4 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

5 MR. MALAKI: Aloha kakou. Hana Malaki,  
6 representative of the lawful Hawaiian government, District 4,  
7 Aupuni O Maui, in the Haiku area.

8 And mahalo, Hana Town, for inviting and opening your  
9 doors for all of us here today.

10 I am not here in support for anything you guys have  
11 to offer. Right off the bat I just gonna read three lines  
12 from what you guys gave everybody from the news release. I'm  
13 sure -- you know, Maui is the last island so far, so whatever  
14 that -- whatever you guys heard, I'm sure you heard it all  
15 already, yeah.

16 But over here it says, "Over many decades, Congress  
17 has enacted more than 150 statutes that specifically recognize  
18 an -- and implement this trust relationship with the Native  
19 Hawaiian community..."

20 First of all, I don't think there was ever a trust  
21 relationship with Congress and we don't really care what 150  
22 statutes Congress has passed in support of what -- of who we  
23 are. I think the purpose is for treaty obligation, yeah. The  
24 Kingdom of Hawaii has five treaties with the United States of  
25 America, treaties of -- treaties of friendship, treaties of

1 commerce, treaties of governance, treaties of navigation, and  
2 America violated every single one of those treaties.

3 So for you guys to come here today and talk about  
4 friendship, well, the only help that I can see you guys  
5 helping us today is to hold you guys responsible for the  
6 injustice, yeah. That's a violation of international law and,  
7 you know, people go to jail for that. But America was never  
8 held accountable to this day. That's a big a'ole, you know.  
9 Treaty obligation, five treaties violated by your country and  
10 our country. Okay?

11 Two, "The Native Hawaiian community, however, has  
12 not had a formal governing entity since the overthrow of the  
13 Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893."

14 Well, you know what? The Kingdom of Hawaii was  
15 overthrown once, yeah, and it was reinstated. And then it was  
16 overthrown again in 1893 and on March 13, 1993, it was  
17 reinstated again for the second time. So for you guys to say  
18 that a governing entity since overthrow of Hawaii -- well,  
19 then maybe you guys better go back and do your homework, yeah,  
20 'cause it's all filed through the federal registry, yeah. We  
21 don't need your guy's help to have a government of our own  
22 choosing, you know.

23 And the third is, "In 2000, the [government]" --  
24 "the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice  
25 jointly issued a report on the reconciliation process that

1 identified self-determination for [the] Native Hawaiians under  
2 Federal law as their leading recommendation."

3 I don't think so that that's what we recommended.  
4 That's something that you guys self-executing, you know,  
5 that's what you guys want, is to have us recognized under the  
6 federal law so you guys can keep that chain around our necks  
7 for the rest of our lives, you know. We come from a country  
8 of our own choosing, you know, so we don't need you guys' help  
9 for tell us what country that is. Okay?

10 So to end the discussion, I am not an American, I'm  
11 a national of my own country and that's not America, yeah. I  
12 going to say no to all five questions. And I don't know what  
13 part of illegal overthrow you guys no understand. If your  
14 country would admit to one crime in 1893, one illegal act,  
15 everything after that is illegal. This is illegal, yeah.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. CHANG: I think that was [inaudible]. So I now  
18 have Don and then Shane and Paulo.

19 MR. ATAY: Aloha. My name is Don Atay and before I  
20 give you my answer, [Hawaiian language spoken].

21 Now, that's called, Ke Akua is my answer to  
22 [inaudible]. My answer in your language is no, no, no, no,  
23 and no. Mahalo.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Don.

1 I have now Shane; Paulo; and then after Paulo Burns,  
2 I have Cliff Hashimoto.

3 MR. SINENCI: Aloha kakou.

4 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

5 MR. SINENCI: To question No. 1, I vote no. The  
6 Department of the Interior should not be proposing any  
7 administrative rule changes, the Secretary of State's office  
8 shouldn't initiate these dialogues.

9 To question No. 2, I also vote no. The Department  
10 of the Interior's an office of the U.S. government and deals  
11 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Hawaiian  
12 Affairs. Hawaiian government should have equal status with  
13 the U.S. government. The Hawaiian Kingdom has treaties with  
14 over 27 countries and remains to hold a seat at the United  
15 Nations as a recognized nation of the world.

16 To question No. 3, the Kingdom of Hawaii already has  
17 an established constitution. The process of reestablishing  
18 the Hawaiian Kingdom should be within an international arena  
19 and not an American one.

20 To question No. 4, I also vote no. No federal  
21 entity should be involved in this nation-building process,  
22 including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Office of  
23 Hawaiian Affairs was formed for the sole purpose of managing  
24 the kingdom trusts in Public Law 86-3.

25 To question No. 5, I believe the Department of the

1 Interior should research and document the timeline of events  
2 that lead to the illegal overthrow of a peaceful Christian  
3 queen. At the coup d'etat, they imprisoned our queen in the  
4 palace that her brother built. They depicted her with a  
5 black-painted face in the political cartoons and spread  
6 propaganda that she was a savage. To add insult to injury,  
7 you established a military agenda on a peaceful country. I  
8 ask that you pursue human rights violations for the blatant  
9 interference of the natural progression and evolution of an  
10 entire race of people.

11 Mahalo.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

14 I have Paulo Burns and Cliff Hashimoto.

15 MR. BURNS: Aloha mai kakou.

16 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

17 MR. BURNS: I'm Paulo Burns. Mahalo Ke Akua for  
18 making this opportunity to bring together the Hawaiians and  
19 Hawaiian supporters to gain more unity and understanding of  
20 this foundational issue [inaudible]. Thanks for the loud pray  
21 and persistence of many keiki o ka 'aina, the way has been  
22 paved to achieve complete independence.

23 The crime of stealing the Hawaiian Kingdom is an  
24 extremely well-documented case with all the hard evidence  
25 needed to prove without a doubt that serious crimes began 121

1 years ago and that the crimes against the Hawaiian Kingdom  
2 heirs continue today. Remember, you did not commit the crimes  
3 and you -- and you are the circumstance to choose to  
4 perpetuate the fraud and become a criminal yourself or work  
5 towards justice and start a new legacy filled with love,  
6 satisfaction, and peace.

7 It is my prayer that there is some compassion in the  
8 hearts of those who have the power to make a difference. We  
9 are children of Hawaii that are full with many tremendous  
10 gifts to share with the world. We deserve, as children of the  
11 most High God, to have a fair opportunity to thrive  
12 uninhibited into the millennia.

13 This is a very unique and complex situation in  
14 Hawaii right now, every Hawaiian has entitlements of royal  
15 patent lands. Many don't yet know they have this right  
16 because they were lied to by the occupying system. The lands  
17 can never be lost because the patent says it stays in the  
18 family forever. I encourage all of you heirs to state your  
19 interest in your royal patents because as it is today, the  
20 U.S. courts have no jurisdiction in dealing with royal patent  
21 issues from the country of the Hawaii Kingdom. Occupying your  
22 birth right entitlement will help speed up the process of  
23 independence.

24 Knowing all this makes you wonder why some people  
25 are trying to fast track federal recognition. Federal

1 recognition is needed by the U.S. to extinguish all  
2 entitlements to the Hawaiian people. This is to extinguish  
3 royal patent land titles, income, treasuries, and all your  
4 rights. What a bogus deal.

5 The Hawaiians are strong and ready to take control  
6 of what is rightfully theirs. They will be a beacon of light  
7 to the world when they heal the land, the ocean, and the  
8 people and greet all with aloha.

9 My wife, six children, and I live on a royal patent  
10 lands that was passed to her from her dad. If federal  
11 recognition means my wife loses her inheritance, there would  
12 be a worse kind of genocide exercised to us. Because of this  
13 expensive American system we live in, we can't afford to buy  
14 land in Hana and yet my children's kupuna are buried all  
15 throughout this lands. We depend on the land for food,  
16 because I cannot afford to feed a family of eight in this  
17 current economic system from the supermarkets. Our quality of  
18 life, physical health --

19 Almost pau.

20 -- mental health, and spiritual health would be  
21 greatly diminished if we didn't have this land to live on in  
22 Hana. My children get to be raised in this glorious land of  
23 Hana and become the next practitioners of the culture and you  
24 should advocate for us so that there will still be a Hawaiian  
25 cultural 100 years from now.

1 All that stand up for us will be remembered in our  
2 stories and always welcome. I call upon the powers of Ke  
3 Akua, our ancestors, and our many guardians to help us and  
4 protect us and to be victorious to secure our stewardship of  
5 this holy land in co-creating an age of peace, prosperity,  
6 health, and great joy for all upon this planet. We all have  
7 to step up and do our part. Mahalo Ke Akua.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

10 I have Cliff Hashimoto. After Cliff, I have Angie  
11 Aina, Shavonn Matsuda, and then Kimmer -- is it Horsen?

12 MR. HASHIMOTO: Good afternoon. Aloha.

13 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

14 MR. HASHIMOTO: I'm Clifford Hashimoto and I think  
15 I'm here representing everybody that's over 80 years old. How  
16 many 80-year-olds do we have here, over 80?

17 AUDIENCE: [Inaudible.]

18 MR. HASHIMOTO: Okay. Since there's no  
19 80-year-olds, then, I'm going to represent them.

20 I think enough has been said about whether you  
21 should be here listening to this or whether you should even be  
22 holding this hearing, so I'm not going to go into that. All  
23 right? I'll keep it short. The only thing that I can really  
24 say at this point is that I stand and I support everything  
25 that everybody that spoke to me -- spoke to you prior to my

1 coming up to speak to you and I support everything that  
2 they've said.

3 The next thing is I don't know why you're wasting  
4 your money here to do this, you know? The taxpayers in the  
5 United States must love spending their money on something that  
6 is almost useless. I mean, this is -- this has been going on  
7 for a long time and it looks like you're just regurgitating  
8 all of this all over again with these questions, at least  
9 that's the way I see the questions. I've read these before.

10 So with that, thank you very much for coming and I  
11 hope that when you leave here that you receive something that  
12 has been said not only here, but I watched some of the  
13 previous hearings that you had and ditto the same thing that  
14 was said there then as well. Okay. I'll save you 30 seconds  
15 for somebody else. Thank you very much.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Mr. Hashimoto.

18 I now have Angie, Shavonn, and Kimmer. After  
19 Kimmer, I have Francis, Karalyn, and (pause) --

20 MS. AINA: Aloha.

21 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

22 MS. AINA: My name is Angie Aina. Good name; right?  
23 It's all about the land, it's all not about what they're  
24 saying. And all of those questions, it's no, no, no, no, no.  
25 It is really all about the land. We as maka'ainanana, the

1 people of the land, need to understand that. If we don't  
2 understand that, how can we hold onto our land?

3 I've been to so many meetings, I even went to the  
4 one at the rotunda Monday last week. Amazing, you know,  
5 people know what's going on, but they're too shy. I was that  
6 way in school. We were all looked down as Hawaiians and  
7 that's so sad. People tell me, You're a full-blooded  
8 Hawaiian, why don't you speak the language? Because it was  
9 taken away from us. We got lickings for that, I'm sorry to  
10 say.

11 But now we have a chance to speak out. Come on,  
12 people, realize what they're trying to do. It's all about our  
13 land. I watched *Free Hawaii*, that blogspot, before I come and  
14 Governor Neil was saying, We got the 2.4 million acres, now we  
15 have to go about getting the 1.8 million acres. And the  
16 people that was with him was all laughing. That's how they  
17 treat us, like second-class citizens. We're not that way.  
18 We're a proud people. We're not Indians. We only have one  
19 language and that's Hawaiian, not Cherokee, not all the other  
20 races of Indians, only Hawaiian. Be proud, be proud to be a  
21 Hawaiian. I am. Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

24 Shavonn and then Kimmer, Francis, Karalyn.

25 MS. MATSUDA: Aloha mai kakou, [Hawaiian language

1 spoken]. My name is Shavonn Matsuda.

2 I was born and raised here and I just wanted to say,  
3 you know, I don't really -- I'm really confused about why  
4 you're here in the first place, as I'm sure a lot of our  
5 people are. If you knew just a little bit about our nation's  
6 history and your nation's history and relationship with our  
7 nation, then you would see, like so many people have already  
8 been saying, that you have no jurisdiction here.

9 And so I don't really feel a need to answer your  
10 questions in the first place, but because I know how your  
11 nation does things, I will say no, no, no, no, no. And the  
12 rest of the questions aren't listed on the handout that was  
13 given to us today, but I say no to the rest of the fourteen  
14 some questions that you're posing today.

15 And I also wanted to say a lot of the people when  
16 you've been going around [Hawaiian word] 'aina, they've been  
17 talking about our history and the major events and -- which  
18 basically means the wrongs that your nation has done against  
19 our people and our nation. But I just wanted to say  
20 without -- whether or not the DOI has jurisdiction, you coming  
21 here today or you coming here all of this -- you know, the  
22 past couple of weeks, now you have a kuleana. Whether it  
23 falls under your job title or not, you have a kuleana to us  
24 now, 'cause we're sharing with you all of the stuff that we've  
25 been experiencing, our kupuna has been experiencing, now it's

1 on you. Whether -- like I said, whether it falls under your  
2 job title or not, whether it falls under the DOI, you have to  
3 go back and talk to the people who have the power in your  
4 nation. Or better yet, you know, if you want to give up your  
5 citizenship and come and join us, I'm sure we can talk story  
6 about that.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. MATSUDA: But I want to say mahalo for coming,  
9 because this is how we do it. We don't do it behind closed  
10 doors with just the big head of state or whatever you -- kind  
11 of plans you think you can make. This is how it works, you  
12 bring the people out, you hear what the people have to say and  
13 you go from there. So I mahalo you for that, but, again, I  
14 answer no to all of your questions. And also would like to  
15 add, if you want to help, why don't you start by getting the  
16 military out of here? Okay. Mahalo.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: Thank you. Mahalo.

19 I have Kimmer, Francis, Karalyn.

20 MS. HORSEN: Kimo from New York and for -- I  
21 represent the entire 30,000 Native American population that  
22 lives in Hawaii due to the 2010 census. I'm also here to  
23 reach some sort of agreement. I'm glad you're here, I aloha  
24 you too.

25 The main thing I think right now, issue right now is

1 we need -- as Native Americans, we have a lot of combat  
2 veterans over -- you know, we have the big hub over there on  
3 Oahu and we have a lot of military coming in, Native American,  
4 all sorts -- or all kinds of tribes or nations, whatever you  
5 wanna call us.

6 My tribe is Cayuga. We helped Benjamin Franklin  
7 draft the Constitution of the United States from our  
8 confederacy, from our Gayanashagowa. And I just want to say  
9 that -- I had a bunch of stuff written, but I only have two  
10 minutes.

11 I'd like to give you some of my manao that would  
12 help, I think really help in this whole process that we're  
13 trying to achieve here. I think there needs to be some sort  
14 of -- I don't wanna -- I will just say relationship, I won't  
15 say government. There needs to be some sort -- if, you know,  
16 your powers can help all -- everybody's power that's here on  
17 the 'aina here, that would be great. We need justice, we need  
18 law, we need some sort of -- my tribe, we come from the Great  
19 Law of Peace. This is -- this is a great law, if we can, you  
20 know, enforce it, you know. We need law enforcement, we need  
21 employment, jobs, you know, people need to feed their  
22 families.

23 The Native Hawaiians and the Native Americans, we've  
24 been pushed to all the land that, you know, the United States  
25 doesn't want. And we're serving, we're serving, we're

1 serving. Excuse me. We never sided with the British or the  
2 United States. Okay? Or the French. Never. We're still  
3 here.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. HORSEN: Sorry. We're caught in the middle. We  
6 were always caught in the middle. We had 6,000 of our tribe  
7 died, killed, because of the extermination order by George  
8 Washington. It has to, has to be stopped somewhere. Tell  
9 President Obama, tell everybody in your higher up chain of  
10 command, whatever, tell them yes, give us jobs, give us  
11 everything, give us -- give us help, assistance.

12 I'm sorry. I need to give you -- I need to give you  
13 a documentation, okay, concerning my tribe, the Cayuga Nation.  
14 We never left New York. Okay? We stayed there, we fought for  
15 the land. We have other nations, we have Canadian Iroquois in  
16 Hawaii, Mohawk, let me tell you some -- real quickly go over.  
17 We have --

18 I'm sorry. I'm representing the Native American  
19 population in Hawaii. I'm not, you know --

20 Okay. Just ask for a little bit more time. I know  
21 you all have to talk. Okay.

22 We have the Otoe-Missouria Tribe -- these are  
23 confirmed tribes: Oneida, Hopi, Aztec, Crow, Mohawk,  
24 Cherokee, Choctaw, Pueblo, Navajo, Kiowa, Shoshone, Lummi,  
25 Comanche, Lakota, Nakota, Polynesian and Native American

1 marriages. Okay? But we're treated like second-class  
2 citizens. We have no representation, nobody is representing  
3 us. Okay? We have hospital -- we need representation, we  
4 need for each island. I would suggest Kauai, one; Oahu, at  
5 least three; Maui, at least one, I know they have natives here  
6 and people have told me they have natives here; Big Island, at  
7 least three; and Molokai, one.

8 No.

9 We need sweat lodges, we need our religion  
10 respected, our languages. Okay? We would like to suggest a  
11 federal law protecting us from racial slurs. Okay? We're not  
12 Redskins. Okay? Federal law. We would like education, we  
13 would like public schools with -- from an indigenous  
14 perspective. Please, teach what really happened. We never  
15 agreed. Okay? Teach it from our perspective, teach it from  
16 the Native Hawaiian perspective. Please, don't -- don't  
17 preach, you know, what's -- preach. We want -- we want the  
18 indigenous perspective, our perspective. There's 507 of us  
19 Cayugas left.

20 I'm sorry. I'm almost pau. I'm so sorry.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Don't be sorry, pal. You go.  
22 We wait 121 years, two minutes nothing.

23 (Multiple speakers.)

24 MS. HORSEN: Okay. The two spirits, two spirits,  
25 yes, we like -- we just like to have two spirits, our -- in

1 the English/Western perspectives are gay, you know. We have  
2 those here, whatever you wanna call 'em. We'd like to -- we'd  
3 like to have all this incorporated. And we don't want to take  
4 over their land. This is their land, their kuleana. Their  
5 kupuna live here. Please, we respect that, but we'd like some  
6 sort of federal law or state giving us some time, time to  
7 conduct our sweat lodges, time to conduct our religious  
8 ceremonies. We'd like health care, we'd like legal help.  
9 We'd like our combat veterans at the Department of Veteran  
10 Affairs, the kanaka maoli as well, we would like them -- their  
11 voice to be heard, because Hawaii is ranked last for veteran  
12 help. These kanaka maoli, these Native Americans are helping  
13 the United States government. Okay? They're helping. We  
14 helped for so long, we're tired.

15 MS. CHANG: It's been eight minutes.

16 MS. HORSEN: We're tired. Okay? And that's just  
17 some suggestions. Okay? Please, I don't know what to say to  
18 the questions. I had -- I had a minute to comment and read  
19 like -- like a book full of -- full of rules that I just got.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say a'ole. Say no.

21 MS. CHANG: Can you summarize?

22 MS. HORSEN: So a'ole. Mahalo.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. CHANG: Okay. Thank you.

25 I know you might not like having two minutes

1 [inaudible], but we've run out of time in other places and I  
2 want to give everybody a chance to speak.

3 So now I have Francis and then after Francis,  
4 Karalyn.

5 MR. SINENCI: Okay. Francis Sinenci, I'm a retired  
6 Chief Master Sergeant, United States Air Force. Sorry, I  
7 didn't bomb you guys.

8 Dang you, Hashimoto, for coming in front of me and  
9 stealing my thunder. I was going to say exactly the same.  
10 And thank you, Kahala, and I thank you, Sol, thank you, all  
11 you guys, for saying the things that I was gonna say.

12 I kind of lost my voice. So how many more minutes I  
13 got?

14 MS. CHANG: One and a half.

15 MR. SINENCI: What all you guys say, I agree with  
16 you guys. [Hawaiian language spoken.]

17 So for all the minutes that she spent, I'm going to  
18 relinquish to the next person. Mahalo. Thank you all.

19 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Francis.

20 Now I have Karalyn Henderson. And I'm sorry if I  
21 mispronounce your name, but Kalawaian or Kalawaia.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Kalawaia.

23 MS. CHANG: Okay. Kalawaia and then Mahealani.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Aloha. My name is Karalyn Nalani  
25 Henderson.

1 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

2 MS. HENDERSON: My sheet is fill of -- full of noes  
3 for lots of reasons that everybody already explained. The  
4 Hawaiian government does not and should not exist in a  
5 government-to-government relationship with the U.S.,  
6 especially where the U.S. is at the head and where we are made  
7 to exist within their terms. The Hawaiian government must be  
8 given the time and authority to organize and govern Hawaii on  
9 our own terms. It's just pretty clear that you're asking the  
10 wrong questions. So a resent -- a resounding no from me.  
11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

14 Number 40 -- I mean, 39, Kalawaia and after that  
15 Mahealani Wendt.

16 MR. MOORE: Aloha.

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MR. MOORE: It's Kalawaia.

19 MS. CHANG: Sorry.

20 MR. MOORE: I'm sorry, my handwriting is really bad.

21 I'm just going to keep it short. It's no, no, no,  
22 no, no. I don't know what the other 19 questions are, but I  
23 bet no is the right answer on that too if my first five are  
24 no.

25 I don't wanna keep repeating what everybody else has

1 said. We know our history. You guys maybe don't know it, I  
2 don't know, or you were set up.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. MOORE: I teach my kids that if you say  
5 something to deceive somebody or if you leave something out to  
6 deceive somebody -- usually that's me they're deceiving, my  
7 kids -- I say that's a lie. And you guys being here is things  
8 being left out and the questions that you're asking are things  
9 being left out and that's a lie. And you guys have to go back  
10 and talk to your bosses to rectify that or stop coming,  
11 because we don't want the lie anymore. That's it.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

14 I now have Mahealani Wendt. After Mahealani,  
15 Tweetie Lind.

16 MS. WENDT: Aloha.

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MS. WENDT: Aloha, everybody. I'm Mahealani Wendt.  
19 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

20 I was executive director of Native Hawaiian Legal  
21 Corporation for 32 years and I'm a current member of the  
22 Native Hawaiian Roll Commission or Kana'ioloalau. We have  
23 registered 125,000 Hawaiians, but there are many Hawaiian  
24 patriots who have chosen not to register. And right now our  
25 Hawaiian community is struggling with its own governance

1 decisions.

2           The commission's official position is that the U.S.  
3 and state governments should not interfere in this process.  
4 It is up to the people to decide through a democratic process  
5 of their own choosing what their political relationship to the  
6 U.S. and state governments should be. The Native Hawaiian  
7 Roll Commission's answer to the five questions is no.

8           For the past 14 years a federal recognition bill has  
9 been pushed through Congress largely without the people's  
10 broad-based input or consent. Concessions were made to  
11 appease liberals and conservatives alike. Our rights were  
12 traded away as though they were the politicians' to barter and  
13 trade. While this was going on, we were expected to be  
14 obedient and just go along. This way of doing things is not  
15 pono. When added to the U.S.'s admitted theft of our  
16 sovereignty and national lands, the result is a disaffected  
17 and angry people.

18           I personally support establishing a political  
19 relationship with the United States. I look at it this way:  
20 It's a 120-year battle where our soldiers are outnumbered by  
21 318 million on the other side, supported by the world's  
22 largest war machine. Our surrender is not an option. And the  
23 U.S. has tried to pacify with entitlement programs, turning a  
24 deaf ear to the moral and legal imperatives of our cause,  
25 imperatives which the U.N. and international courts decline to

1 enforce.

2 We can fight to the death and teach our children and  
3 grandchildren to fight to the death to the last patriot or we  
4 can enter into a temporary truce, treat our wounded, bury our  
5 dead, heal ourselves, and make ourselves strong to fight  
6 another day. I considered federal recognition a temporary  
7 truce, not a surrender, for it is a principle of international  
8 law that a people's right to self-determination and to freely  
9 choose their governance can never be extinguished. Our  
10 political will alone is what will restore us to our country,  
11 but this is a decision for all of us to make together and not  
12 a chosen few.

13 Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

14 Aloha.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

17 I have Tweetie Lind. And then No. 45 (*sic*) is Mapu  
18 Kekahuna. And I apologize, No. 45, it looks like Hookele may  
19 be part of the last name. I'm sorry if I mispronouncing it.

20 So Tweetie, Mapu.

21 Tweetie, come.

22 MS. LIND: I'm very shy.

23 MS. CHANG: Don't be shy.

24 MS. LIND: Aloha, everybody.

25 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

1 MS. LIND: I want to welcome you. All my family's  
2 here. I want to welcome you for coming and letting our royal  
3 Hawaiian president send you here to listen to our pii.  
4 Don't -- but we love -- we love it.

5 Anyway, I support everything, mostly, that everybody  
6 has said here, but I wanted to say that I'm in the backyard of  
7 the Department of the Interior that owns almost all of my  
8 village in Kipahulu. That is about the only place where they  
9 took over, took our lands, took our resources, took our water,  
10 sold the lands, gave it to this, and they just sort of like  
11 stripped us of it.

12 In 1991 -- I've been -- actually, I've been in this  
13 move from 1977 with the Kahoolawe move with Brother George and  
14 Kimo Mitchell and we learned a lot from that. And then later  
15 on we decided we wanted to go back home and start our own  
16 thing, so ended up in nineteen -- in 1950, since all of these  
17 things was happening, constant, constant, I kind of wanted to  
18 do a research, how did we lose all these lands? So supposedly  
19 in 1967 the national park comes in, they negotiate, takes our  
20 land. Our family was part of the big exhibition where they  
21 wanted to preserve the birds, preserve the water, preserve the  
22 land, but never for us. The intention was really never for  
23 us.

24 Then in 1997, the Kahoolawe, of course. 1980s, the  
25 Kipahulu condemnation. In 1991, the national park had an

1 agreement where they went up to Congress and said, We accept  
2 all these clear title lands. Never asked us, never  
3 compensated us, they just left us like that. And 30 years now  
4 they coming back and claiming the rest of Kipahulu.

5 So in my village there's only about maybe 20, 30 of  
6 us Hawaiians. The rest are all non-Hawaiians, they're very  
7 comfortable, they're very trust fund kids, and they don't  
8 care. They're actually kind of like afraid of us because they  
9 think we gonna attack them, take them out. No, no, no.

10 I am a kupuna in my village. I worked that status,  
11 I worked hard for it. I'm a taro grower and I do want the  
12 young people that have come through our project to continue  
13 the fight. The reason is 'cause you're all educated now,  
14 smarter than we were in our days. Educated, they're so  
15 professional, so these are the people that will make these  
16 things happen.

17 I want to also thank that lawyer over there, 'cause  
18 she was the first one who helped us with the condemnation to  
19 let them know, Don't sell the lands, but to keep it and put a  
20 trust for us. Do you think they did that? They slide it and  
21 sold it to our personal owner and we were left out again.

22 But like I say, we made an agreement with the park,  
23 we have a nonprofit. I'm sure not everybody likes that idea,  
24 but we did it because we had to survive in our community or  
25 they would have taken it all.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. LIND: Everything, everything in my heart and  
3 everything that everybody's talking about, too long already.  
4 There's many of us who are willing to take the steps. If I  
5 can work with the park for the last 20 years, we all can.

6 Please, please, please, tell Obama thank you and  
7 thank all of you too. Okay. Mahalo.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: I have Mapu. After Mapu, again, I  
10 apologize, this person signed up as No. 45, looks like the  
11 last name is Hookele.

12 MR. KEKAHUNA: Ma, I think that's you.

13 Anyway, aloha, everybody. I'd like to address my  
14 kanaka Hawaii. Coming out here today set precedence our  
15 kupuna, so aloha all of our kupuna here today, 'cause you are  
16 the foundation of who we are today.

17 [Hawaiian name] said, Let our Ali'i live on. This,  
18 they're worried. This is another decoy because they've got to  
19 pay the Hawaiians back all the money they owe us. Crown ceded  
20 lands they gotta pay back to our native people, that's why  
21 doing all these things to start to get all the people all  
22 upset. Hewa. So the answer to that, all no. We're not  
23 American Indians. We are a kingdom, we are. We were a  
24 kingdom until it was taken illegally.

25 So to all our kanaka Hawaii, this is the process

1 that we have to go through. I aloha everybody here today and  
2 everybody's comments and everything is valid. [Inaudible] the  
3 history with these people, because they know the wrong that  
4 they did. All our governmental officials, OHA, Kamehameha  
5 Schools, they gotta get on the bandwagon, no take from the  
6 treasonous. Because the Hawaiians, hard for to get money from  
7 them, hard. They make it more hard for the native people.

8 So I speak my Kekahuna 'ohana and my family from the  
9 [Hawaiian word], I speak heart to our Hawaiian people to --  
10 this is just one facade, coming here to trick everybody to  
11 believe. So I'm not going to scream and I'm not going to yell  
12 at you guys, 'cause poho, waste time, waste time.

13 So we gotta rebuild, people, but we gotta do it the  
14 right way. The constitution that Liliuokalani wrote, that  
15 stands, that's the constitution we follow, not the federal  
16 government. Because everything that's Hawaiian, from  
17 Kamehameha Schools down, now they allow foreign people into  
18 our Hawaiian programs. Hewa. It was intended for the native  
19 people, not for everybody. And we're not racist. What is  
20 Hawaiian stays Hawaiian. What is not, leave. Okay? Mahalo,  
21 everyone, kakou.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. CHANG: I have Fawn Burns and then after that I  
24 have Kauwela and then No. 52, is it Kapua? Kapaua?

25 Is Fawn here? Fawn?

1 MS. BURNS: Aloha mai kakou.

2 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

3 MS. BURNS: [Hawaiian language spoken.]

4 I'm so blessed to be able to call myself kanaka,  
5 with so much inspiration and so much knowledge that we can  
6 gain from each other, I'd just like to say that first. I'm a  
7 subject of the Kingdom of Hawaii. My mom not agree -- might  
8 not agree with me, but I'm an adult now, so I can say that I  
9 am.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MS. BURNS: The true government of which my kupuna  
12 [Hawaiian name] and John [Hawaiian name], whom of which signed  
13 the ku`e petition to oppose the annex to the United States  
14 government, and for my kupuna Ann Keakua [Hawaiian name] to be  
15 able to address this long overdue matter. I'm a part of the  
16 same government that my beloved Queen Liliuokalani have  
17 governed back in 1893. I oppose the same government that  
18 imprisoned her illegally also in 1893.

19 The natives of Hawaii, supporters of the true  
20 Hawaiian government and our queen, stands here yet again, 121  
21 years after, to listen to the United States to restate the  
22 same obvious questions and receive the same obvious answers:  
23 No, no, no, no, no. These meetings with the Department of  
24 Interior came right after the trustworthy OHA member stated a  
25 very crucial question to the Secretary of State. It's

1 important that you know that the Hawaiian government or the  
2 Hawaiian community here waited in anticipation for a reply,  
3 that instead of a reply, we get meetings with the Department  
4 of Interior. For some, we wonder why. For some, we think  
5 that's the answer, that now America wants to make good with  
6 all those years of oppression upon the people of Hawaii.

7 I come here with solutions, not only bringing back  
8 history, which my -- my fellow people have already mentioned.  
9 And a full disclosure, that's number one, full disclosure, and  
10 being honest. That's what we talking about full disclosure,  
11 you know. There's always something the United States is  
12 offering to us as native recognition, but yet there's a hidden  
13 agenda behind that. We want truth, we ask for truth, we pray  
14 for truth, and I truly believe that when the United States  
15 government is able and ready to sit and talk truthfully  
16 amongst the people of Hawaii, that our Hawaiian government  
17 will be ready to be able to reply on our behalf. For 121  
18 years we have waited for that opportunity and maybe this is  
19 the process of which we should take to be able to extend  
20 another 120 years of what truly happened to us from our side  
21 of the story, our perspective.

22 So at this time we encourage you, as representatives  
23 of the United States government, within your boundaries and  
24 policies, to be able to see how you would be able to remedy  
25 this problem, this long-lived problem. For you now hold the

1 kuleana. You hold the responsibility of all of our remarks,  
2 our love, our hurt, our fears, now we give it to you, it's on  
3 your table. And now again we wait for a reply and we hope  
4 that reply will not come another 100 years. Mahalo nui loa.  
5 Aloha.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: I now have Ms. Kahookele. After that,  
8 Kauwela.

9 MS. KAHOOKELE: Aloha, [Hawaiian language spoken].

10 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

11 MS. KAHOOKELE: I'm [Hawaiian name] Kahookele from  
12 Lower Nahiku. And I thank you all for being here and I thank  
13 myself for being here. I'd like to share something before I  
14 say any of my opinions.

15 Auntie Ceci, would you come and help me.

16 [Hawaiian word], but I think something like this  
17 should have been put up before anything occurred. It is the  
18 mo'oku'auhau of our ali'i nui. And there's another one like  
19 this, but beyond their time, which I'm speaking of Kahili and  
20 Piilani then, yeah. It's very important that we here together  
21 under them.

22 And the answer to all of this, this palapala  
23 [Hawaiian language spoken] is a'ole, no, a'ole, no, no, no,  
24 no, no, no, 'cause this is hewa. How can one compare the  
25 Native Hawaiians where their monarchy was overthrown and

1 compare it with the treaties of the American Indians?

2 [Hawaiian language spoken.]

3 And I would like to share something else, the flag  
4 of the Hawaiians that I see on the sign there, I really hate  
5 to say this, but whenever I look at that flag, I think of the  
6 British. That represents Britain, the annexation, the control  
7 of Hawaii. This man, of which I am the sixth generation, put  
8 the track on that flag. The original Hawaiian flag was taken  
9 to China. At the time they were exchanging Sandalwood. Okay?  
10 And that flag was left in China. This should be our Hawaiian  
11 flag here. [Hawaiian language spoken], the royal crest of  
12 Hawaii nei. That's all I have to say. Mahalo, mahalo.

13 [Hawaiian language spoken.]

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. CHANG: Now I have Kauwela.

16 MS. VALEHO-NOVIKOFF: Aloha mai kakou.

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MS. VALEHO-NOVIKOFF: I come today and speak on  
19 behalf of my descendents Kaholokai, [Hawaiian name], and  
20 Kahoolana from Kauaipapa, Hana, Maui; and also Waikoloa from  
21 Pauwela, Maui, whose names were on the ku`e petitions during  
22 the overthrow.

23 What Native Hawaiian community requested this  
24 advanced notice of proposed rule making? If the first step of  
25 the process provides for an extensive series of public

1 meetings and consultations in Hawaii and Indian Country to  
2 solicit comments could help determine whether the department  
3 develops a formal administrative procedure for reestablishing  
4 an official government-to-government relationship with the  
5 Native Hawaiian community -- asking for the procedure? You  
6 already have a hidden agenda and are moving the process along.  
7 The answer is no.

8           The queen of Hawaii stated, quote, I, Liliuokalani,  
9 by the will of God named heir-apparent on the tenth day of  
10 April, A.D. 1877, and by the grace of God Queen of the  
11 Hawaiian Islands on the seventeenth day of January, A.D. 1893,  
12 do hereby protest against the ratification of a certain  
13 treaty, which, so I am informed, has been signed at Washington  
14 by Messrs, Hatch, Thurston, and Kinney, purporting to cede  
15 those Islands to the territory and dominion of the United  
16 States. I declare such a treaty to be an act of wrong toward  
17 the...violation of international rights both toward my people  
18 and toward friendly nations with whom they have made treaties,  
19 the perpetuation of the fraud whereby the constitutional  
20 government was overthrown, and, finally, an act of gross  
21 injustice to me, unquote. That's our queen.

22           So with that said, why would we go into any more  
23 fraudulent and gross injustice with contracting with the  
24 Department of the Interior United States?

25           Okay. It's stuck for a reason.

1           In closing, we're not an American tribe and it is  
2 usual -- the usual case to go through the Department of the  
3 Interior to get federal recognitions for tribal status. We  
4 are not of that, we are of a nation that has never gone away,  
5 it's just layered and layered upon with the State of Hawaii  
6 with the Federal government, and this imposition that you're  
7 putting on us today. Thank you.

8           (Applause.)

9           MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

10           I have the next I think 'ohana, 53, 54, 55, and 56.  
11 It's Bu Pog and his 'ohana or her 'ohana. Bu Pog?

12           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

13           MS. CHANG: Why don't you come up?

14           I am so sorry. Fifty-three, it looks like Eleu,  
15 Aukelo, does that -- does anybody remember signing up as 53,  
16 54, 55?

17           (Multiple speakers.)

18           MS. CHANG: All right. Mahalo.

19           MR. POG: Aloha. Aloha, everyone.

20           AUDIENCE: Aloha.

21           MR. POG: Thank you folks for coming, I appreciate  
22 it. Mr. Hirsch, Ms. Kia'aina, Ms. Suh, thank you very much  
23 for coming and hearing us.

24           I say again to the questions, no, a'ole, a'ole,  
25 a'ole, a'ole.

1 [Hawaiian song.]

2 MR. HILL: [Singing.] How would they feel? Would  
3 they smile, be content, or cry? Cry for the gods, cry for the  
4 people, cry for the land that was taken away, and yet you'll  
5 find Hawaii.

6 What's happening, everybody?

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. HILL: [Inaudible.]

9 Well, anyway, remember, you guys, when we used to go  
10 baby time, how they -- I remember since I was five years old,  
11 kindergarten, [vocalizing music], your hand on heart looking  
12 at the flag. [Vocalizing music.] Then just when you think  
13 almost pau, [vocalizing music]. Gees. You remember that?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah.

15 MR. HILL: Yeah, I was conned too.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. HILL: I wish they taught me how for make one  
18 sure [inaudible]. Okay, whatever. Anyway, [inaudible].

19 So our queen, this is from her. Kanaka over there  
20 give me palapala for read to you guys, 'cause he shamed and  
21 scared -- not scared, but he was like [inaudible], he was like  
22 false crack, [inaudible], I was going to false.

23 I'm like, Oh, easy, easy, brother. Aloha, aloha,  
24 aloha.

25 (Laughter.)

1 MR. HILL: So our queen says this, so I'd like to  
2 read it, if you don't mind.

3 One minute, hurry up, [inaudible]. Okay.

4 [As read.] "Oh, honest Americans, as Christians  
5 hear me for my trodden people! Their form of government is as  
6 dear to them as yours is to you. Quite as warmly as you love  
7 your country, so they love theirs. Do not covet the little  
8 vineyard of Naboth's, so far from your shores, lest the  
9 punishment of Ahab fall upon you, if you - not you in your  
10 day, in that of your children, for be not deceived, God is not  
11 mocked. The people to whom your fathers told of the living  
12 God, and who taught us to call 'Father,' and now whom the sons  
13 now seek to despoil and destroy, are crying aloud to Him in  
14 their time of trouble; and He will keep His promise, and will  
15 listen to the voices of His Hawaiian children lamenting for  
16 their homes."

17 That's the Queen, cousin, not me.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. HILL: Just found this yesterday. Okay, I'm  
20 pau.

21 Okay. Before I do, hey, I'd like to say, I place my  
22 grievance to the flag of the United States of America, Banana  
23 Republic, no understand. Their nation, oh, my God, stole our  
24 sovereignty, 'aina and all.

25 [Inaudible.] Okay. Aloha.

1 (Laughter and applause.)

2 MR. HILL: We're not pau. I'm telling ya, we're not  
3 pau.

4 (Laughter and applause.)

5 MS. CHANG: Okay. After that, I have Kekauli, Kaohu  
6 Pua'a, and then I have Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, if you want to  
7 come up, and Jack.

8 MR. NOVIKOFF: [Hawaiian language spoken.]

9 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

10 MR. NOVIKOFF: No to everything. Only got Hawaiian  
11 nation and American nation, cannot combine them. [Inaudible]  
12 like the Americans, go ahead, God bless you guys, but no  
13 [inaudible] sovereign independent. As long as you get that,  
14 aloha.

15 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

16 I have Mavis. Do you want to come up? After Mavis,  
17 I believe this is Jack, No. 63. After that, I have Keoni  
18 Smith, Steven Hookano, and then L. Pauahi Hookano.

19 JACK: Aloha kakou.

20 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

21 JACK: I'm going to talk, yeah, for Mavis.  
22 Actually, I was after her, but you don't call my name on  
23 there.

24 [Inaudible comments.]

25 JACK: The time start now.

1 Well, all I -- I go and meet [inaudible], all the  
2 answers to the questions is no. It's all like they've been  
3 saying -- like they've been saying, hewa.

4 But now I gonna turn 'em around and I'm going to  
5 talk to the people, not you guys. You know what -- well, I'm  
6 going to come in on Tweetie with Kahoolawe, you know, plenty  
7 of you guys want Kahoolawe, you know, we was the ones that  
8 went kind of open with Kimo and George. We the ones who get  
9 arrested. And George Mokuhele and Terry over there, they know  
10 what would happen, that's the real guys. 'Cause you guys hear  
11 about Molokai, but you guys never hear about the Hana guys,  
12 yeah. Hana had a [inaudible], plenty to do. And you guys  
13 still going on Kahoolawe, we one big part of that. That's why  
14 the islands are open now, so you know.

15 (Applause.)

16 JACK: I don't usually toot my horn, but I tooting  
17 'em now.

18 But what I get, you know, some guys not gonna like  
19 what I get to say. You know, if we gotta get on the  
20 bandwagon, government, we need a government. I know I've been  
21 with Henry, I've been -- you know, in 2001, me and my wife,  
22 went say, hey, you know, we came back from Washington and we  
23 say, hey, you know, still never get nowhere. I've been on  
24 this from 1973. I heard my first -- I was in Kapiolani  
25 Community College and I heard my first thing on sovereignty.

1 This guy Ike Lee, Uncle Ike Lee went give us one speech on  
2 sovereignty. I was young, just out of high school. Hey, I'm  
3 getting 60 and still never get nowhere yet, you know.

4 You know, I -- and in 2001 or 2002 we went write to  
5 all the sovereignty groups, we invite them, come down to our  
6 'aina and all of them. And we invite all of OHA -- remember,  
7 OHA got the money. I don't care what they say, this process  
8 going to take money, a lot of money. If you went like this,  
9 signed up 120,000 or 140,000 people, you'd make one mailing,  
10 so what we gotta get is get people out there, you know, I said  
11 this all along.

12 I know -- I love Henry, I love Keanu and they're all  
13 right and America all wrong, but I say -- I put this to the --  
14 to the leaders of these guys, a true leader will give up  
15 everything to have what we -- what we want. You know, I'll  
16 give it up. That's a true leader, not my way is the way. My  
17 way is not the way. You don't get plenty people -- I mean,  
18 when you get 80,000 votes saying that I want this man, then  
19 the people has chosen that man, you know.

20 Hey, we brought 'em down Hana, we wrote letters out  
21 to all these guys, all of the OHA trustees; only two guys went  
22 reply, nobody else went reply. I mean, how concerned I -- you  
23 know why, we wanted to bring 'em down to our hale, Hana guys  
24 know our hale, sit down. We all sit down, we all the same,  
25 yeah. Whether we gotta go get [Hawaiian word] and put 'em on

1 the ground, sit down, all the same level and let's talk story,  
2 let's get together. That's the biggest problem that we get  
3 today.

4 And this, it ain't gonna happen if we gonna keep  
5 this up. We fighting each other and [inaudible] -- but when I  
6 was in -- I heard that speech till now, we still talking about  
7 the same thing over and over and over. Hey, we gotta let go,  
8 man, we gotta get together, you know? I mean, you know, I  
9 know -- you know, Henry been in existence long time, Keanu  
10 been in, but we -- if you one true leader, I put in the  
11 challenge to them, give it up for the cause. If you think you  
12 guys gonna run on open field with nobody, no time, and you  
13 vote for me and I think I'm the one because I can do this,  
14 this, that, then he'll be the chosen leader and we work from  
15 there.

16 But we need a government, that's the bottom line of  
17 it all. We cannot work with nobody on anything without one  
18 true government. Aloha.

19 MS. CHANG: Aloha.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. CHANG: I now have Keoni Smith, Steven Hookano,  
22 L. Pauahi Hookano.

23 MR. SMITH: Aloha, Hana.

24 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

25 MR. SMITH: My name is Keoni Smith and it's a

1 pleasure to stand in front of all of you and talk about this  
2 very, very sensitive issue. Of course, the answers to your  
3 questions would be no.

4 I brought my children here today because I wanted  
5 them to see what a desperate nation does to continue to  
6 perpetuate lies. And I think I wanted to show them, really,  
7 that the Hawaiian people will no longer acquiesce to  
8 occupation of the islands of Hawaii. We're tired. Enough  
9 already.

10 What you need to list on that, all those questions  
11 over there and this piece of paper is de-occupation of the  
12 islands of Hawaii and ceding the islands of Hawaii back to the  
13 lawful government which exists.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

16 Steven Hookano, then L. Pauahi Hookano.

17 MR. HOOKANO: Hello, everybody. Thank you for the  
18 people who have -- who testified. Mahalo for you guys. I  
19 like to thank Kekua for being the guidance in my life as well  
20 as many others and thank you for the ku`e petition for our  
21 ancestors who laid that foundation for us.

22 So I'd just like read one, read something, 'cause  
23 pretty much I agree to disagree with the process they putting  
24 us under, which is under the interior of something. It's just  
25 another cage to keep us in. I tired of cages, I tired of

1 so-called entities controlling my life. I want to be out of  
2 the cage. I don't want to be in a cage, free like a bird.

3 And I'm going to read this letter.

4 I am against the following actions by the United  
5 States federal government, the United States Department of the  
6 Interior, the State of Hawaii, including the Office of  
7 Hawaiian Affairs, OHA, and all other agencies supporting  
8 federal recognition and its hideous implications of Native  
9 Hawaiians and the nation of Hawaii.

10 I support total independence and I'm saying no to:  
11 federal recognition, reclassification, or identity alteration  
12 of Native Hawaiians to an American Indian; Act 195 language  
13 and legal terminology for American Indians employed in the  
14 same context as Native Hawaiians; nation within the nation  
15 status; interference by U.S. government in self-determination  
16 elections; Kana'iolowalu, Kau Inoa, and any other Akaka Bill  
17 clone; lies, deception, attempt fraud by the United States of  
18 America, State of Hawaii, and OHA; and the abdication of our  
19 sovereign inherent rights. We will not give up our rights.  
20 We will continue on.

21 But before we do that, just amongst us and the  
22 people in this audience, if I offend you in any way, I  
23 apologize, because I think that's the first step so that we  
24 can make everything as a people go forward.

25 And I don't -- I don't feel that we should be

1 underneath the Department of the Interior, I believe we should  
2 be under the department of exterior with international law  
3 applied. And we can have a true neutral party that can put  
4 the Hawaiian people together and have that level playing field  
5 so that whatever we decide we want, that's up to the people.  
6 We, the people, not individuals pushing agendas for other  
7 people's interests.

8 So I object to everything you guys -- those five  
9 questions that you guys tried to apply upon us, I object to  
10 all of that. And thank you very much. Aloha.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Keoni.

13 I now have Meakiekie Kaua and Mahinalani Kealakai.  
14 L. Pauahi Hookano [inaudible], she had spoken at  
15 another meeting, so she agreed to go afterwards.

16 MR. WOOD: All five, no. Everything you guys have,  
17 no. 'Cause everybody said already, we just get lied to over  
18 and over again and that's not right. I love God, period.  
19 What is opportunity like we get and won't even get chance at  
20 this. You know, a doctor tell you dead, they all tell you  
21 dead, then you die. But [inaudible] that, you come back  
22 again, [Hawaiian word], and that's why I'm here.

23 My name that she read right now is Kaua. That's my  
24 great-great-great-grandfather's name. My name is Gary Wood  
25 and I owe nothing United States. You guys been taking

1 everybody else's money, put on social security, birth  
2 certificates, for what? You guys committed first crime of  
3 [inaudible].

4 The thing is that we, the people, that educated like  
5 this, that's what I like to see. I love to see more like  
6 this, because we people are just saying this thing what's  
7 happening to them in their lives. That is warriors. I love  
8 to be around warriors, 'cause enough is enough and we are  
9 ready to do what gotta be done as a military person.

10 Federal government, they are nothing, nothing but  
11 criminals in the act. Know that. [Inaudible] over and over  
12 again. I am military. Yes, my father is buried there. What,  
13 we go in military to protect our lives? That's why I went  
14 for, for shoot somebody that get on the other side to protect  
15 us, and yet you guys do that to us. You guys get us to come  
16 out and go in military to fight a war and yet you guys nothing  
17 but --

18 MS. CHANG: Use the microphone so everybody can hear  
19 you.

20 MR. WOOD: Thank you.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I hear you okay too.

22 MR. WOOD: Good.

23 Because the warrior, that's what we need, a warrior  
24 is what we need. We have one to million, to billion of  
25 warriors out there. [Inaudible] said that on TV, My boys are

1       born as warriors. We were born as warriors.

2                   Our God is so good, He said to our queen and  
3       [inaudible] I heard a lot of that Queen Liliuokalani said.  
4       She said no violence. Who did she talk to? Our Father in  
5       heaven, king of all kings. To tell these guys, I ain't no  
6       puppet or pushover, she said. So am I. So am I. No matter  
7       what, I'll go for it all the way, 'cause that's what warriors  
8       are made for. At the same time, no violence, 'cause we're  
9       gonna stand together, as one together. Together 'cause why?  
10      I'm pure-blooded, pure-blooded Asian, pure-blooded European,  
11      pure-blooded from Michigan, Connecticut, that's why my name's  
12      Wood. I will not be United States' owned. Pure-blooded  
13      maoli. Not one percent, not one drop, pure blood. And each  
14      kid from here, from here, they -- people came up, they are  
15      pure-blood maolis.

16                   What you guys are doing is not right. And what is  
17      wrong with that is when I be facing into a ship, a courtroom,  
18      and I talk my olelo language, [inaudible] and not in olelo,  
19      because that's our pure-blooded language. Why is it when I  
20      stand there [inaudible] with case number and I do my language,  
21      [Hawaiian language spoken]. [Inaudible.]

22                   Remember, that's our task of our lifetime.  
23      [Inaudible] stop our language, stop everything else. No way.

24                   MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

25                   (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: I now have Mahinalani Kealakai and  
2 Sandee Pa.

3 And, Luwella, [inaudible] the others who haven't  
4 spoken come up? Thank you.

5 MS. KEALAKAI: Correction, name change, Mahinalani.  
6 I am Her Highness Kahanu. Okay? And aloha to all of you.

7 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

8 MS. KEALAKAI: I've been through other meetings and  
9 I am proud of our Hawaiian people. I'm sad to say that I  
10 can't say that about my family. But each one of you that has  
11 been continuing the taro patches, keeping our culture alive  
12 without the money that we're supposed to be receiving, I am  
13 very proud of you.

14 I went to Nanakuli and Waimanalo. I thought we was  
15 going to have war in Nanakuli, but they were very awesome.

16 But I wanna say today that you have been using our  
17 government, but have been reviving -- revising our government.  
18 Okay? And we need -- we're asking you here, we want it back.  
19 Because before we became a state, we were pretty much doing  
20 okay. And the federal has to be in there because we have put  
21 money into the federal. And I'm sad to say that all the money  
22 that I put in, I'm not getting it back. I am equal to the  
23 person that was getting minimum wage. Okay? So I'm hoping  
24 all these politicians, instead of getting hundreds of dollars  
25 monthly, they need to get minimum wage. And if they do take

1 care of the Hawaiians -- and I mean don't let me stand in line  
2 two years to get into a senior citizen home and all the haoles  
3 getting in there before me. I am sad. Okay? I am very sad.

4 And I am happy that we are all here today and all  
5 the other days that you folks had offered us that this is  
6 where we're able to speak up. But don't go back and label us  
7 a tribe, because we're not. Because I understand through my  
8 brother-in-law -- he told me not to come to the meetings.  
9 Why? Because OHA has already labeled us a tribe, which is not  
10 okay.

11 And there's a lot of money that even our people are  
12 getting. You guys are Westernizing them. Windmills we have  
13 on our 'aina, every time I see one -- and Honolulu has more --  
14 I am sad, because our Maui Electric has to pay these people  
15 for the usage and my electric bill is still the same. Know  
16 that if you folks all do solar on your homes, that your  
17 electric bill will be only \$18 a month and, guess what,  
18 whatever extra electricity is coming from your house go right  
19 back to Maui Electric.

20 Anyway, mahalo. And if I've offended anyone by my  
21 words, my actions, by my thoughts; I ask you all to forgive  
22 me. But know that if you guys getting paid more than minimum  
23 wage, a'ole.

24 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Auntie.

25 I now have --

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. CHANG: The last four people that have signed up  
3 that have not spoken are Claudia Kalaola and I -- I'm sorry, I  
4 can't pronounce the first name, the last name is Young, No.  
5 77. And then No. 80 is Shawn Hill and 81 is Mack Cockett.

6 So do I have Claudia?

7 MS. KALAOLA: Right here.

8 MS. CHANG: All right. Thank you, Claudia.

9 MS. KALAOLA: Aloha. Anybody recognize this shirt?  
10 From 2003, long time. Anyways, aloha [Hawaiian language  
11 spoken] 'ohana.

12 In Kamana'opono Crabbe's letter to the secretary of  
13 state, Secretary of State Kerry, he asked the question, "Does  
14 the Kingdom of Hawaii still exist?" This one simple question,  
15 even though the letter was rescinded, opened up a can of worms  
16 for the U.S. government. Why? Because even though it was  
17 rescinded, it was read, people read it, so the cat was out of  
18 the bag. It was an [Hawaiian word] moment for them. Oh, they  
19 know. And so in the next six weeks, hurry up, put all these  
20 meetings together, and here we are today. But the U.S., being  
21 a nation that prides itself on being committed to the  
22 democratic process, the consent of the governed and due  
23 process, they could not in good faith just let it go, so we're  
24 having the meetings today.

25 But this is a time of change for all of us, we have

1 to realize this, that we have to come together. We have to  
2 have one voice, because, number one, the Kingdom Hawaii -- of  
3 Hawaii continues to exist; number two, the joint resolution,  
4 which was merely an act of Congress or a parliamentary act,  
5 never took away the sovereignty of Hawaii; and, number three,  
6 annexation never took away the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of  
7 Hawaii. So reality check, by its own laws the U.S. is  
8 occupying Hawaii.

9 So to your question, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole,  
10 a'ole.

11 And to those of our 'ohana who fear for your jobs  
12 for -- to fear coming out and saying something, standing up,  
13 think about this quote of a great American, President Franklin  
14 Delano Roosevelt, There is nothing to fear but fear itself.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. CHANG: And No. 77, last name is Young; then 80  
17 Shawn Hill; and after that is Mack.

18 Is Mr. or Mrs. Young here? Okay.

19 Shawn Hill.

20 MR. YOUNG: Hello, everybody. You guys know me in  
21 Hana over here. Hello, panel, thank you for coming.

22 You probably, guys, not gonna like what I got to  
23 say, but I'm going to say it anyway. This is my testimony.  
24 The injustice that was done 121 years ago to Hawaii's people  
25 is unspeakable, deplorable, and is a sin in the eyes of the

1 Lord God Almighty. And what you did to our queen mother  
2 Liliuokalani is the greatest sin from a power such as the  
3 United States government to a defenseless nation of Hawaii.

4 I know that I cannot blame you on this panel,  
5 because you are not involved, but you on this panel can make  
6 the wrong that was done right now. We want this panel to help  
7 us go through the procedure to help us fill in the papers to  
8 restore us to our Hawaii again. Okay? Not a nation within a  
9 nation, Hawaii that was before. We want this panel to help  
10 us go through -- okay. All the lands that were taken, we want  
11 back, along with compensation for pain and suffering, okay,  
12 121 years worth.

13 As Bill -- President Bill Clinton apologized to us  
14 for the injustice, I call on President Barack Obama to step up  
15 to the plate and get directly involved in this process to help  
16 us get our sovereignty back, help us fill out the necessary  
17 papers to get the ball rolling to our goal. If we have to  
18 elect a leader and counsel to a democratic Hawaiian  
19 government, so be it and we will. I call again on President  
20 Barack Obama, who is Hawaii's son, to make this his number one  
21 priority. I also call on all the OHA trustees to back him up  
22 and to get off their butts and to step up or resign.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. YOUNG: I also want all our senators like Brian  
25 Schatz and all those guys to back directly on this issue.

1 Also all our state legislatures and representatives to get off  
2 their butts too and represent the Hawaiian people, because  
3 that is their job.

4 My name is Skip Young and I am from Hana, Maui.  
5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Mr. Young.

8 I now have Shawn Hill and then Mack.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I have the solution.  
10 Everyone has a problem, but I have a solution.

11 MS. CHANG: Do you know what we agreed to, we're  
12 going to let everybody speak once first. Thank you very much.  
13 I appreciate it.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MS. CHANG: That was very courteous.

16 Mack, come on up.

17 MR. COCKETT: Aloha, everybody.

18 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

19 MR. COCKETT: 'Ohana, aloha. Excuse me.

20 First of all, I gotta make my heart right, yeah. I  
21 did anything wrong to offend anybody, I'm sorry for it. I'll  
22 deal with you folks later.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MR. COCKETT: First of all, when I got here, I never  
25 know the meeting was at one o'clock. I must've missed where

1 because there was no notice, yeah. And when I got here, they  
2 gave me all this palapala, so in one minute I read everything,  
3 yeah.

4 Fast forward. So I'm going to interpret everything  
5 for you folks. This one, they gotta take back and raise the  
6 font. Too small, no can read, no good.

7 This one is talking about they're answering their  
8 own questions, yeah.

9 And this one is from Jessica. I'm going to give her  
10 my e-mail.

11 And this one, I thought it was an application, yeah,  
12 but no more where was the last job you worked, so that one no  
13 good.

14 But this one, the five questions, yeah, of course  
15 everybody already said it, no. Okay? But --

16 Oh, forgive me, are you the secretary? You  
17 secretary? Well, it says here, "Should the Secretary," how  
18 come she didn't come?

19 So who's the secretary?

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Kerry.

21 MR. COCKETT: Oh, John Kerry. I know, I know, I  
22 know. I knew that.

23 So we should be talking to him, but --

24 Tell me when I got eight seconds, okay, because  
25 [inaudible] into the ground.

1           Okay. But, you know, enough right there, everybody,  
2 'cause we the people of love, aloha, yeah. 'Cause this is  
3 Hana, this place, it's beautiful, yeah. We wish everybody  
4 could live in one beautiful place like this from Kipahulu --

5           Almost pau.

6           MS. CHANG: Eight seconds.

7           MR. COCKETT: I know. I can see him.

8           But what I wanted to say is I just want everybody to  
9 be happy, yeah, life is short, yeah. You cannot be living on  
10 lies, yeah. Stop lying. It's really hard to keep lying and  
11 lying and get caught in the corner.

12           I'll take you back, I remember this story from when  
13 I was small kid, it goes something like this: Three little  
14 bears -- or three bears, they went to the market for buy some  
15 food for the luau. But what happened? Rumor has it that  
16 somebody went, broke into their house, yeah, and then they  
17 get -- that's what you call it. You can get arrested for  
18 that; right? It's like broke the furniture, that's criminal  
19 property damage, yeah. Occupation, yeah. And when the bears  
20 came home -- so rumor has that person run away, got away, but  
21 not no more, yeah. America knows that they did wrong.  
22 Admitting the thing and continuing to lie is hewa, is no good,  
23 no good.

24           MS. CHANG: Thank you.

25           MR. COCKETT: You're welcome. Can I keep going?

1 MS. CHANG: No.

2 MR. COCKETT: Please.

3 MS. CHANG: No. I've got -- I've got --

4 MR. COCKETT: Anyway, anyway, thank you, everybody.

5 Don't give up hope. Okay? God is good all the time.

6 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. CHANG: I have -- the last three I have is  
9 Robert Torres, if you'd like to come up, and then Lanakila and  
10 then Lisa.

11 MR. TORRES: You can tell I had a question mark, you  
12 guys call me up?

13 MS. CHANG: Oh, no. If you want to. If you don't  
14 want to, it's up to you.

15 MR. TORRES: Well, actually, I would like to.

16 I wasn't actually -- I was kind of indecisive about  
17 speaking, but I guess we have plenty of time that we've been  
18 waiting for a hundred twenty-five, thirty years. And since  
19 [inaudible], we've gotten to this point.

20 All I'd like to say is I'm kanaka maoli, I'm a  
21 grandfather, and I'm a concerned about the entitlements that  
22 we have already, we could lose. And as a nation speaking to  
23 the community, we gotta protect that for our kupunas and for  
24 our grandchildren. I had a very wise and beloved auntie tell  
25 me one time [inaudible] occupying Kahoolawe. And we were

1 running around trying to emulate them and [inaudible]. And  
2 she said to me, you know, Bob, we gotta remember that the  
3 things -- we look to the past to make sure we don't make the  
4 same mistakes in the present.

5 And in the present the actions and the decisions we  
6 make are going to have consequences in the future. So we may  
7 have waited a long time and -- you know, but we stand on the  
8 backs of our [Hawaiian word], Samuel Kamakau, Joseph Nawahi,  
9 who they may have disagreed amongst themselves, but always  
10 came together to the point where they kept us moving forward.  
11 And to me, I look at this meeting as that's where we are. So  
12 we need to think about what we're doing today in order to  
13 ensure the future of our village and our nation. That's all I  
14 have.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

17 I have now Lanakila. After Lanakila, Lisa and then  
18 LeeAnn.

19 Lanakila? Okay.

20 MS. WILLARD: Aloha. My name is Lanakila Willard.  
21 I'll try not to -- try not to cry, but I don't think that's  
22 possible.

23 We all feel our kupuna around us in this room and  
24 outside. And so as the uncle before me said, what we do today  
25 is going to affect our future. And so I would like to

1 first -- I've submitted written testimony and I was not going  
2 to testify today, but there were a couple things I heard that  
3 I would really like to take the time to point out and  
4 something I observed through all the meetings you have had in  
5 Hawaii. That our people, they are very proud people and they  
6 have been kicked to the curb by the very people who claim to  
7 be our trustees, and that has to change. And it cannot change  
8 unless we are allowed to be us, 'cause we are not allowed to  
9 use the things that are inside of us that we have been taught  
10 by our kupuna.

11 We say we stand on the ku`e petition, but we must  
12 also stand on what our kupuna have taught us. In our culture  
13 we have a process -- or processes sometimes called, but it's  
14 really one process -- to fix things when they're wrong. When  
15 it's gone wrong, it doesn't matter how wrong they have gone,  
16 first you need -- and you have to some degree done that with  
17 your apology bill, but it has not been loud enough and it has  
18 not been inclusive of all the wrongs done. That needs to be  
19 done.

20 Second is the process of kukakuka, we talk, we talk  
21 about what went wrong. So I'm going to look at what you're  
22 doing today as the beginning of that, because we have to talk,  
23 like it or not.

24 Thirdly, you ho'oponopono, that term is used too  
25 loosely today, that is when you sit down and you fix what has

1       been acknowledged and talked through and it is binding and you  
2       don't go home till it's done. So whoever is gonna come gonna  
3       have to stay long time. Okay?

4                   And one thing I'm -- I've been telling Paulo, one  
5       more thing I want to tell you and I'm sure our people know,  
6       but our people know it and we don't want anything to do with  
7       it, that's 'cause Kana'iolowalu belongs to the State of  
8       Hawaii. The State of Hawaii is a corporation operating our  
9       governmental structure, so what we need is a process to move  
10      them out so we can take our structure back. Thank you.

11                   (Applause.)

12                   MS. CHANG: Lisa. After Lisa, I have LeeAnn, and  
13      then after LeeAnn, I have Kuulei.

14                   MS. KASPIZYCKI: Aloha, Hana.

15                   AUDIENCE: Aloha.

16                   MS. KASPIZYCKI: I'm from Makawao, a haole girl, and  
17      it's turned out -- and hi, you guys. It's just turned out  
18      that I have -- I didn't intend to come to Hana this year at  
19      all and just have been tagging along with my hanai mom. And I  
20      got a quick education [inaudible] about what's happening and  
21      have just been looking up information the last couple of  
22      weeks. And, you know, and I've lived on Maui most of my life  
23      and I feel a lot and I see why things are the way they are,  
24      but it's not for me to say, normally, so -- since you're  
25      taking testimony from non-Hawaiians, here I am.

1           When I look back just from the very beginning of the  
2 information that's available to us about how the United States  
3 came into Hawaii, it's all -- there's just nothing right about  
4 it. It's like a gang who came and just did what they want and  
5 anything that stood in their way, they found a way to weasel  
6 around it. It's -- it's not pono, right, but -- to say the  
7 least.

8           And, anyhow, I just don't -- so, excuse me, what I  
9 wanted to say is that I've been so impressed by all of the  
10 Hawaiian people who are so educated and know for absolutely  
11 crystal clear what happened and how it happened. And it  
12 just -- it leaves zero, zero possibility to deny that it's --  
13 it's a sham, so I -- you know, for give -- to give all this  
14 energy, you guys, I don't know what you guys actually do  
15 except for -- I don't even know if you carry a message, but  
16 I -- it's -- forgive me, pau. A'ole. Yeah, if I have  
17 questions that I can respond to, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole, a'ole,  
18 a'ole.

19           (Applause.)

20           MS. CHANG: LeeAnn. And after LeeAnn, I have  
21 Kuulei.

22           MS. PAMAN: Aloha, everyone.

23           AUDIENCE: Aloha.

24           MS. PAMAN: My name is LeeAnn Kahookele Paman and I  
25 am a citizen national of the lawful reinstated Hawaiian

1 government. I am kanaka maoli and I am here to represent my  
2 family in giving you our answers. And I represent not just  
3 myself, but my husband, my four children, and my 16  
4 grandchildren, and we all say no to all five questions.  
5 Aloha.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. I have now Kuulei.

8 MS. KAAUAMO: Aloha.

9 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

10 MS. KAAUAMO: Aloha, Hana. I am from Keanae. My  
11 name is Kuulei Kaauamo. My daughter spoke earlier.

12 I agree with everyone that spoke today. What I'm  
13 asking you -- you have been from island to island to island,  
14 you have been at so many meetings and I believe at every  
15 meeting it has been no, no, no, no, no. Don't you get it?  
16 Don't you folks get it? We don't need you here.

17 Like Russell said, Obama is a keiki o ka 'aina, he  
18 is from Hawaii. Let him hear our voices, take it back to him  
19 and let him hear the voices of the people in Hawaii where he  
20 was born. Let him know that the Hawaiian people that gave him  
21 so much, that gave his family so much, and we allowed his  
22 family to live here in peace and not being -- you know, being  
23 good, that -- and he needs to listen, listen to his people.  
24 This is where he was born, he needs to listen to us, he needs  
25 to know the suffering that our people have been in.

1           And with you going around all the islands, I just  
2 cannot see where you cannot understand all our people that are  
3 here.

4           How many of you are saying a'ole?

5           (Audience response.)

6           MS. KAAUAMO: Listen to our voices. Listen to our  
7 voices. Listen to your -- our voices. All over we are saying  
8 a'ole. Thank you.

9           MS. CHANG: Thank you very much.

10          (Applause.)

11          MS. CHANG: I've gone through the list of everybody  
12 who signed up. There are three people who have made comments  
13 in the past and have -- are on the list. They are L. Pauahi  
14 Hookano and then Sandee Pa and then Luwella Leonardi.

15          MS. HOOKANO: Aloha mai kakou.

16          AUDIENCE: Aloha.

17          MS. HOOKANO: I'm Pauahi Hookano. I currently live  
18 in Wailua Nui. I just started [inaudible] Makakilo and that's  
19 where I'm from.

20                 I just wanted to say and repeat -- reiterate what I  
21 said last time, which was a'ole to all of the questions, which  
22 by now you should know means no.

23                 And also if you look at the sign over there, it  
24 says, "No treaty of annexation," meaning that there was no  
25 government-to-government agreement for Hawaii to give up its

1 kingdom, yeah. So because of that, yeah, you guys went in  
2 your own lawmaking body, yeah, and you made a joint resolution  
3 and that is a law within the -- your country, yeah, saying,  
4 Oh, we're going to have Hawaii, yeah, and you guys decided it  
5 there. The thing is, is if you guys did that today, that  
6 would be saying amongst yourselves, Oh, we're going to make  
7 Iraq a part of America and you -- and enforce the law that you  
8 created here or in America over there. It doesn't apply.  
9 That's what we're saying.

10 The Department of the Interior is only recognizing  
11 domestic dependent nations, yeah, and if you look at Rosebud  
12 Reservation, if you look at the current lawsuit that Native  
13 Americans are putting up against the Department of the  
14 Interior for the incredible mismanagement of the -- of the  
15 way --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hewa.

17 MS. HOOKANO: -- they govern, yeah, the -- the  
18 native -- the federally recognized tribes, there -- there's no  
19 comparison. It's evil, what you guys have done to the natives  
20 on the continent. It's evil, what you guys have done and  
21 continue to do to us kanaka maoli here. That's all I have to  
22 say. Mahalo.

23 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. CHANG: [Inaudible.] We have Sandee Pa and then

1 Luwella.

2 MS. PA: Aloha.

3 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

4 MS. PA: I am so privileged to be here. And one of  
5 the things that motivated me is I am doing another [Hawaiian  
6 word] represent from the Waimanalo ahupua`a. My grandma grew  
7 up in Hana. And when I saw what happened on Lanai because  
8 there wasn't that many people and this panel said take it or  
9 leave it, I said I gotta go Hana, 'cause I love my 'ohana.

10 And I just want you to know everything that you're  
11 saying is so true, because, you know, this governor, I call  
12 him Abercrombie -- excuse me, I don't like to say names, but,  
13 you know what, he told us we had one surplus and now we broke.  
14 You know, one lie after another. What are we supposed to do?  
15 Who we supposed to believe?

16 I went to Anahola on Kauai, 'cause I'm the kind of  
17 person that I don't wanna just hear somebody talking about  
18 something, I've gotta see, smell, and feel, 'cause that's the  
19 Hawaiian way. And every Hawaiian that came up here, I so  
20 aloha you. You know when we do something that we feel maybe  
21 not right? We ho'oponopono right away, we ask for  
22 forgiveness, we know how. We know how to be with each other,  
23 it's innate, it's part of us.

24 So give us the respect that we deserve, because the  
25 select few, because of money, forget about us. They do,

1 'cause I saw it on Anahola. I went to a water faucet, 'cause  
2 we're camping over there with some Hawaiians with no more  
3 house, yeah. I went to turn off the -- turn on the water, no  
4 more water. I go, "How come there's no more water?" You  
5 know, Honolulu, all the parks we go, get water, you know,  
6 'cause got plenty tourists over there and it's not Hawaiian  
7 home lands, so they say. But, anyway, no water. I go, "Who  
8 turned off the water."

9 The lady that's supposed to be representing us -- I  
10 don't need to say her name, 'cause I know they only gonna get  
11 upset if I say it -- in a nice house with all the white  
12 linens, turned off the water.

13 Okay. Number one, we know we gotta clean up the  
14 opala. So if you de-occupy, you know all the depleted uranium  
15 that's making our people sick --

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. PA: -- making our people sick and then they  
18 come and they dump more on the beach 'cause they don't wanna  
19 take it to the West Coast. See, these are the truths that we  
20 know, 'cause we're awake now. Sorry, we're not sleeping  
21 anymore. But you know what? We still got aloha, but give  
22 us --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Tell us your genealogy.

24 MS. PA: What?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Your genealogy.

1 MS. PA: Aloha.

2 So I'm from the Pa 'ohana.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

4 MS. PA: And the last thing I wanna say is we know  
5 that brother Sam Hirschia (*sic*) has feelings, 'cause when we  
6 asked him at Kapa'a meeting, he say he has no emotion that he  
7 can discuss with us 'cause he wants to make sure these  
8 emotions are valid that we're sharing here. Well, they're  
9 very valid and they're real. And you know what, I say that  
10 with aloha, 'cause I know you not gonna be able for sleep, any  
11 of you, until you do what is right. Do what is right.  
12 Mahalo.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: Luwella. And then I have one last  
15 person who signed up, C. Rose Reilly.

16 MS. LEONARDI: Hello, everyone. I am --

17 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MS. LEONARDI: I am so glad to be here, to be here  
19 with you. Sister Alt and Brother Alt are my grandparents and  
20 they have contributed a lot to Hana. Their parents -- my  
21 grandfather is the descendent of one of the four delegates  
22 that took the ku`e petition to Washington. If you look it up,  
23 it says Alt. We've had three generations, my shoulders too,  
24 that have to carry the ku`e petition. I just wanted to share  
25 that with you because Hana plays a very, very special part in

1 that.

2 I'm from Ko'olaupoko. At Ko'olaupoko, which is  
3 Waimanalo, we have Kaupo. There is a connection, my [Hawaiian  
4 word] is from Waimanalo. All of Ko'olaupoko --

5 Excuse me. I'm so sorry, I'm so nervous, you know,  
6 I -- you know, driving to Hana was just awesome, by the way.  
7 I so enjoyed it.

8 So I am my father's daughter, my father's name is  
9 Kanaka O'o 'Niaupio. Thank you.

10 And I'm here because I want to mention on Oahu we  
11 were so inundated with coastal zone management meetings with  
12 the governor, because he wants to give the entire ahupua`a of  
13 He'eia to the scientists under NERRS, which is the estuary.  
14 That means from mountain all the way out the entire Kaneohe  
15 Bay.

16 The other thing that we -- my -- one of my help --  
17 close partners is Pono Kealoha. Pono Kealoha, not only did he  
18 film for CZM, he was just a few blocks away when Kollin Elders  
19 was murdered by a drunken security.

20 We also were doing DHHL water rights and we were  
21 fighting to say our voice at the water rights meeting with  
22 DHHL. What they wanted to do was start with the spigot, not  
23 start with the pu`u where the -- where our water cycles start.  
24 So it took a lot for us to fight for that. This is all within  
25 the last two years. DHHL Lands, they want to take our -- the

1 pu`u, which is 1,450 acres from the pu`u of Waimanalo and give  
2 it -- that away to DLNR. We were -- we were at PMG, Pono was  
3 at -- Pono Kealoha was at all of these struggles.

4 So when they let us know on Thursday that we were  
5 going to meet the DOI on Monday, we all got on to our  
6 computers and let our people know what the DOI was about -- or  
7 what's happening. Did we know what it was about? No. We had  
8 to show up at these meetings and then we found out and we had  
9 to do it really quick, a quick thing. Okay?

10 Here's the summarize, here's the summarize, I've  
11 been battling with Kekoa and Dawn Chang for two years. You  
12 know what we were talking about? We were talking about our  
13 EIS from Kirkland, New Mexico, Albuquerque. This is where the  
14 atom bomb was created. This is what we've been going through  
15 for two years. We are looking at nuclear and it took me for  
16 two years and I was working with -- Dawn was the moderator  
17 here.

18 So I have a pet peeve with Dawn. Okay? I have an  
19 ongoing pet peeve with Dawn. She's lining her pockets, coming  
20 into my community and lining her pockets. She's taking the  
21 solar energy and putting solar energy onto the land, onto  
22 agriculture lands, and then denying our community to hook up  
23 to solar energy.

24 (Audience response.)

25 MS. LEONARDI: Yes.

1 MS. CHANG: Can you summarize, Luwella?

2 MS. LEONARDI: So to summarize, people, the ku`e  
3 petition is the start. To summarize, people in Hana, you are  
4 part of the ku`e petition. To summarize, people, we need to  
5 take a look at the bigger picture. I deal with depleted  
6 uranium every day in Waianae in live firing. I battle with  
7 the military every day, the AEC, and the NRC.

8 So I thank you for letting me be here. And I'm  
9 going to go back the other way, I don't know how, but I wanna  
10 see Kaupo. I want to smell my ancestors.

11 One more thing, Pono Kealoha is sleeping -- we do  
12 this every year -- tonight he'll be sleeping at 'Iolani  
13 Palace. Every 4th of July, that's where we're at to  
14 acknowledge our queen. So Pono Kealoha will go through some  
15 healing and he'll be sleeping tonight and thinking about all  
16 of you at 'Iolani Palace. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: Thank you, Luwella.

19 The last speaker is C. Rose Reilly.

20 MS. REILLY: Aloha 'aina kakou.

21 AUDIENCE: Aloha.

22 MS. REILLY: I just wanted to know by a show of  
23 hands, how many of you guys have read *A People's History of*  
24 *the United States* in the board? Have any of you guys read *A*  
25 *People's History of the United States*?

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. CHANG: They can't answer comments.

3 MS. REILLY: I'm sorry.

4 MS. CHANG: No, no, no.

5 MS. REILLY: I just -- I noticed there's a couple  
6 missing too, huh?

7 Okay. So I just want to know that -- I would let  
8 you know that from an age of seven I have recognized the  
9 hypocrisy of your government that you represent here and I've  
10 recognized from the minute that I've been here the  
11 righteousness of the Hawaiian people. And I would like to say  
12 to you that I have seen the way you have abused, disrespected,  
13 and brought genocide to the Native Americans, which my  
14 hanai -- or my step -- my family is part of, my hanai family.  
15 And to continue is awful, but, you know, at least you're there  
16 and you could make a difference. And it is very nice that,  
17 you know, you're here and everybody gets to speak and you're  
18 here to listen and mostly we get to listen to each other.

19 But, yes, like it's not helpful, going in and  
20 saying, Oh, we know how to take care of it better, the United  
21 States. Oh, we're going to, you know, bring you this and give  
22 you that. And what I see is that I'm crying on my way to work  
23 because of the way that you guys are making things done, like  
24 the way the United States -- the way that the State is taking  
25 care of the land makes me cry on my way to work. Like the

1       Hawaiians know how to take care of it in a way that you  
2       couldn't even -- I mean, you'd have to say here for a hundred  
3       years and recognize how to take care of the land in the ways  
4       that they're able to. So thank you.

5                (Applause.)

6                MS. CHANG: Thank you very much.

7                Okay. Auntie Lorraine, Lorraine, is the last  
8       person. So I'm going to let Auntie Lorraine, who has been  
9       moved to speak while she's been sitting here.

10               Go ahead.

11               MS. ALESNA: My name is Lorraine Alesna. I'm half  
12       Hawaiian and half American Indian. I come from the Dushane  
13       Ute, my family comes from the Dushane Ute Reservation, and I  
14       come from Lorna Heeku [phonetic], that's where I grew up.

15               I have seen so much disrespect from the United  
16       States government and everybody that is in tune to them. It  
17       is so hurtful for all of us in this room to have to go through  
18       this. It's totally ridiculous. All of you sitting on the  
19       board, please go home and listen again to what all of us have  
20       been saying to you folks. I don't know how you guys can sleep  
21       at night, I don't know how anybody can sleep at night knowing  
22       what they're doing to so many people.

23               I love being Hawaiian and I love being American  
24       Indian, but my father's family was taken away from their land  
25       and placed on a land in hopes that the people would all die.

1 This is what the American government did. And it's about time  
2 that you folks realize what you're doing. Please come to your  
3 senses.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. CHANG: All right. Again, the people of Hana,  
6 mahalo for your hospitality and all your comments.

7 (Meeting concluded at 3:37 p.m.)

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