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**Hawai'i Island community members selected for  
EnVision Maunakea Hui Ho'olohe volunteer committee**

*Members of the Hui Ho'olohe will have autonomous oversight of information collection and compilation that reflects a community-based vision for the future of Maunakea*

KAMUELA, HAWAI'I – EnVision Maunakea has announced the 10 members who will serve on its Hui Ho'olohe volunteer committee. The Hui Ho'olohe is responsible for EnVision Maunakea's efforts to gather a wide range of perspectives on the future of the mountain to inform policy and regulatory actions that will deeply impact Maunakea.

EnVision Maunakea is a community-based process that seeks to nurture conversations across the Hawai'i Island community regarding the future of the mountain. With an emphasis on listening sessions, or 'Aha Kūkā, the process will facilitate open, constructive conversation and purposeful collaboration. The EnVision Maunakea working group, organized by Hawai'i Island based nonprofit, Friends of the Future, will support the Hui Ho'olohe as they discover common narratives surrounding Maunakea.

The confirmed community volunteer Hui Ho'olohe members include:

- Rob Pacheco
- Noe Kalipi
- Michael Chun
- Kanoa Withington
- Ku'ulei Bezilla
- Don Mitchell
- Kihei Seto
- Grant Hill
- Reggie Lee
- Bobby Hickcox

"We are honored to have these community members step forward to implement the EnVision Maunakea 'Aha Kūkā sessions in the coming months as we strive to collect a broad range of hopes and visions for the future of Maunakea," said Susan Maddox of Friends of the Future. "We know the dedication of, and collaboration with, our Hui Ho'olohe will be critical in ensuring many community voices are heard, understood and included in the final written document that will be shared with policy and decision makers."

The role of the Hui Ho'olohe is to oversee the collection of broad community perspectives through 'Aha Kūkā, community sessions that will provide a safe, respectful and inviting forum for community members to share their perspectives. The Hui Ho'olohe will identify major themes emerging from the

‘Aha Kūkā and create a written summary that reflects and articulates community supported uses of Maunakea, as well as the conditions under which those uses can coexist.

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**About EnVision Maunakea:**

EnVision Maunakea was established in 2015 in recognition of the need for civil, productive dialogue about the issues surrounding Maunakea, what the mountain means to the island community and how the various perspectives can move forward together. The Office of Maunakea Management (OMKM) is responsible for implementation of the Maunakea Comprehensive Management Plan under the direction of University of Hawaii-Hilo (UHH). The EnVision Maunakea process is endorsed by Chancellor Straney of UHH and overall project funding comes from multiple sources including grants and charitable contributions from the University of Hawai‘i Institute for Astronomy, OMKM, ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center and Canada-France-Hawai‘i Telescope (CFHT). EnVision Maunakea will be coordinated through Friends of the Future (FOF), a Waimea-based 501(c) 3 community organization with a history of facilitating community dialogue around controversial issues. For more information, visit <http://www.envisionmaunakea.org/>.

**About Friends of the Future:**

Since its formation in 1991, Friends of the Future has provided an organizational home to more than 60 programs and community initiatives. Friends of the Future’s purpose is to embrace the future in ways that unify, empower and strengthen the individuals’ and organizations’ ability to flourish. To learn more about the work Friends of the Future does, please visit <http://www.fofhawaii.org/>.