



**CHAMBER OF MAUI POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (COMPAC)**  
*2004 POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS*

**SENATORS**

Rosalyn Baker (D)	District 5
No Endorsement	District 6

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Joseph Souki (D)	District 8
Bob Nakasone (D)	District 9
Brian Blundell (R)	District 10
Chris Halford (R)	District 11
Kika Bukoski (R)	District 12
Meiling Akuna (R)	District 13

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Robert Carroll	East Maui
Michael Molina	Makawao
Dain Kane	Wailuku
Dennis Nakamura	West Maui
Joseph Pontanilla	Central Maui
Ron Vaught	South Maui

There are three County Council Districts that have incumbents running for reelection and have no one opposing them. These council members did not participate in our endorsement process due to the lack of opposition. The Chamber of Commerce has worked closely with these three candidates in their past terms sometimes agreeing and sometimes not but always being assured that we have had our opportunities for discussion. We look forward to working with them this upcoming term.

Riki Hokama

Lanai

Danny Mateo

Molokai

Charmaine Tavares

Upcountry, Maui

The Maui Chamber of Commerce political endorsement process involves the Government Action Committee, COMPAC and the Board of Directors. Members of our Chamber, dedicate hours of their time to develop a questionnaire for candidates to respond. Those who chose to participate were interviewed and each of the candidates hopeful of gaining support from the business community:

The Government Action Committee develops the positions they feel have the most effect on economic development, the Board of Directors ratifies these positions, and the Political Action Committee designs the candidate questionnaire and conducts all of the candidate interviews. This entire process takes approximately thirty days with the final week being a marathon of interviews, discussions, and voting by COMPAC.

COMPAC consists of twelve dedicated members representing our business community. These individuals represented Banking, Real Estate, Computer Training, Advanced Technology, Contractors, Visitors Industry, Medical Supplies and Equipment, Public Accounting, and Retail industries.

Being endorsed by our organization does not indicate that all of the candidates agree with how we view each of our issues, it does however indicate that we feel assured that each of these individuals will communicate with us when an issue appears that will have a good or negative impact on business. The candidates will support and educate us on the ways of the system. Those who will support a strong vibrant economy for our three island county, and in some cases, have already shown us that they have the power to assist Maui County with our capital improvement projects.

We will be producing a special election “CONNECTIONS” newsletter in October highlighting each of our endorsed candidates and their effects on the political action committee. Stay tuned.