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David needs you to vote today. And send this email to your friends.

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You may have read in yesterday's paper that Democratic Party convention planners have change the agenda from previous years. Before all candidates running for statewide office could address the convention from the podium. If the plan doesn't change, David will not be able to speak.

Below is the letter the campaign sent to the committee today.

Mahalo,

Keith Hiraoka  
Campaign Manager

April 17, 2014

Ms. Reena Rabago  
Democratic Party of Hawaii Pre-Convention Committee

Chair Dear Ms. Rabago, On behalf of our campaign, thank you for meeting with our representatives today.

The David Ige for Governor campaign recognizes that in past years candidates running for statewide office were allowed the opportunity to address the convention from the podium.

Senator Ige would like this opportunity and requests that in addition to gubernatorial candidates, all democratic candidates for major statewide offices continue to be given the opportunity to share the podium to address convention super delegates. Hearing from candidates in contested races has always honored the diversity and openness of our party and state especially in primary races.

We acknowledge your concern for shortening the convention to manage costs for Democratic party members. The proposed modification to the agenda stays within the 2-day

plan and perhaps you would consider moving the meet and greet to the convention floor as a candidate forum.

Per our discussion on Thursday, April 17, 2014, we look forward to a favorable decision by the State Central Executive Committee on the following recommendations:

A candidate forum to be held on Saturday, May 24 or Sunday, May 25 for a two-hour period on the main floor of the convention, with candidates in the major statewide races be given the opportunity to share the podium to address the full convention, specifically:

- Gubernatorial, congressional, and whoever else the SCC deems appropriate;
- Candidates be given equal time.

Thank you for clarifying that the eight elected officials who are scheduled to speak over the two-day convention will be speaking at various times (not together), will be speaking no longer than 5 minutes each, and speak only on how they have addressed the party's platform during their current term in office. The convention chair will remind all speakers that they are to limit their remarks to the party's business; and not electioneer.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely,

Keith Hiraoka  
Campaign Manager

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