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Press Release

POLITICAL HISTORY IN HAWAII: TWO FORMER GOVERNORS PUBLICLY ENDORSE IN PRIMARY RACE

Senate Ways and Means Chair David Ige Earns Their Support Against Incumbent Democrat Governor

HONOLULU—Issuing concerns for the future of their state and decisions made by the sitting governor of the State of Hawaii, former Governor George Ariyoshi and former Governor Benjamin Cayetano stood next to their choice for Hawaii's next Governor, Senate Ways and Means Chair David Ige, at his recent headquarters opening. Hundreds of supporters representing all islands were part of an historical moment for Hawaii.

This marks the first time a former governor in Hawaii has come out in support of a gubernatorial candidate during the primary.

"You know, I'm an old man, and the future does not belong to me," the 87-year-old Ariyoshi told the crowd. "The future belongs to most all of you and the young people in our community. And I want that future to be very good for them. And I don't believe they're getting that direction now."

Cayetano said the decision was especially difficult, given that he and Gov. Neil Abercrombie have a long history together.

"You've known him for 40 years. You guys are close," Cayetano recalled his wife telling him. "He wrote the foreword to my book. But friendship should not stand in the way of what's best for the state."

Senator David Ige, who has represented Hawaii since 1985, is currently the chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Both governors chaired the Ways and Means committee in the past that is tasked with fiscal decisions for the state.

Governor Ariyoshi, who served as governor from 1974 to 1986, was the country's first Japanese-American governor. Governor Cayetano, who served as governor from 1994 to 2002, was the country's first governor of Filipino-American descent.

The most recent [poll](#) shows Senator Ige tied with his opponent. All polls have consistently confirmed high unfavorability ratings among voters for the sitting incumbent.



(l to r) Former Hawaii Governor Benjamin Cayetano, democratic gubernatorial candidate State Senator David Ige and former Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi.

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