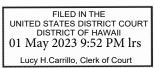
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## **INTRODUCTION**

I, Gary Arthur Cordery, pro se, in propria persona, acting as a private attorney
general, and on behalf of the People of Hawaii (Petitioners) hereby bring this First

19 Amended Complaint to request this honorable Court provide a Declaratory

20 Judgement without monetary relief to terminate an emergency controversy arising

21 within this Court's jurisdiction, and for the preservation of government as founded

22 on by the authority of the People.

Petitioner avers that the Respondents are engaged in activities that give rise to
violations of the Constitution of the United States of America, Preamble, Article IV
Section 3, the 1st Amendment, the 9th Amendment, the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 42 U.S.
Code 1983, 42 U.S. Code 1985, and 42 U.S. Code 1986, and that this deliberate
pattern of misconduct may constitute violations of Title 6 and Title 18 of the U.S.
Code, and among others.

29 Petitioner avers that this is a case arising under the Constitution of the United30 States of America and the laws of the United States.

Petitioner avers that this controversy exists between the citizens of the de jure state of Hawaii and the de facto state officials who have **occupied** the executive branch and presented themselves as lawfully elected officials, and with those public officials who participated in the scheme, amid extreme violations of the Constitution of the United States of America, and contrary to state and federal laws.

Occupy. To take or enter upon possession of, to hold possession of, to hold or
 keep for use; to do business in; to take or hold possession. (See Blacks Law 6<sup>th</sup>
 Edition).

40 This is not a civil action about the timing of the gubernatorial inauguration.

This is a civil action regarding the obligations of public officials in upholding
their promissory oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of
America and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and as codified in federal law.

Respondents fraudulently misrepresented the gubernatorial candidates as being
lawfully elected public officials at a time wherein the election was being lawfully
challenged in state and federal courts – making it a "contested election" and

47 preventing it from being lawfully certified in accordance with State statutory laws.

- 48 Contested Election. An election is contested whenever an objection is formally
- 49 urged against it which, if found to be true in fact, would invalidate it. This is true

50 both as to objections founded upon some constitutional provision and to such as are

51 based on statutes. (See Blacks Law 6th Edition).

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52 Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Respondents had a legal 53 duty to uphold their public oath and the laws of the State of Hawaii during a 54 transfer of political power to fill the vacancy in the Governor's office while election 55 results were being contested.

Petitioner acknowledges that although it may have seemed proper for the
Respondent (Green) to fill the vacancy of the Governor during a succession of
executive leadership, and while the federal and state courts adjudicated the claims
for a contested election, this was not what was presented to the People during the
public inauguration.

Instead, on Monday, 5 December 2022, Respondent (Ige) oversaw this proceeding
wherein Respondents (Green, and Luke) were presented to the People during a
public inauguration ceremony as lawfully elected public officials, affirming their
positions through public oath, and before the election was lawfully certified.

Respondent (Recktenwald) knowingly administered a promissory oath tocandidates who were not lawfully elected pursuant to state law.

This inauguration effected a transfer of political power to de facto executive
leaders that has effectively denied the People their right to redress their grievance
regarding a contested election, and has circumvented due process of law.

Installation of de facto executive leadership as lawfully elected public officials
has denied the People a Republican Form of Government as guaranteed by the
Constitution of the United States Article IV Section 4.

Petitioners aver that the Respondents intentionally violated the laws of the State
of Hawaii during this transfer of power, in advising, overseeing, and administering
this transfer, and in accepting appointments in the executive branch of government
- in violation of their public oaths, and in conflict with the Constitution of the
United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and State of
Hawaii and Federal laws.

This fraudulent display was capstone to a historical pattern of misconduct that includes an unconstitutional ballot, suppressed election observer reports, and the reliance on the use of electronic voting systems without following state statutory audit procedures, in violation of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and Hawaii State law.

Petitioner avers that the People of the State of Hawaii have suffered irreparable harm through violation of provisions contained in the Constitution of
the United States of America and in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. The
People will continue to suffer irreparable harm while de facto executive leader's
reign through de facto leadership decisions that are not representative of the People
and in violation of the United States guarantee to a Republican Form of
Government.
Petitioner avers that Hawaii's 2022 Primary and General Elections remains a
contested election, by and through continued legal challenges which, if found to be
true, would invalidate the alleged results of the election.
STANDING
Petitioner is one of the People, and the People's rights are inalienable.
Petitioner's rights and responsibilities are preserved in the Constitution of the
State of Hawaii Article I Section I, Article I Section II, and as the source for all
political power of the State and is the foundation for all government authority.
Petitioner's rights and responsibilities are preserved and protected by the
Constitution of the United States of America, the Preamble, the $1^{st}$ Amendment, $9^{th}$
Amendment, 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment, and among others.
Petitioner, is guaranteed protections by the Constitution of the United States of
America Article I Section IV.
Petitioner is acting as private attorney general and is bringing this request for
Declaratory Judgement on behalf of the People and in the public interest.
Petitioner has witnessed the pattern of misconduct culminating in an unlawful
inauguration.
As per the "irreducible constitutional minimum" of standings three elements: (1)
the plaintiff has suffered a concrete injury; (2) that injury is fairly traceable to
actions of the defendant; and (3) it must be likely—not merely speculative— that
the injury will be redressed by a favorable decision. (See Lujan v. Defenders of
Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 560, 112 S.Ct. 2130, 119 L.Ed.2d 351 (1992)).
Petitioner presents the following uncontested facts:
Petitioner was a candidate for Governor in the 2022 Hawaii Primary Election.

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115 Petitioner entered his candidacy agreement under a contract with the state that

116 presumed an election that would be conducted in accordance with the Constitution

of the State of Hawaii and statutory laws. (See Exhibit (1): Gary A. Cordery

118 Candidate Nomination Papers of 1 March, 2022).

Petitioner identified maladministration of the Hawaii 2022 Primary Election wherein an unconstitutional ballot was used in the administration of the primary election. (See Exhibit (2): SCEC-22-0000734 Cordery v. Ige et al of 15 December, 2022).

Petitioners' election complaint regarding the unconstitutional ballot was still actively being adjudicated in the Hawaii Supreme Court on the day that the primary election was presented as certified, and in violation of Hawaii statutory law. Six other election complaints were also within time for appeal when the primary election was presented as certified, and in violation of statutory law.

Petitioners right to redress grievances and right to due process as protected by the Constitution was violated through unlawful certification of the primary election while seven election contests brought forward by the People were still actively being adjudicated.

Petitioner as a candidate was denied the conduct of an accurate primary election
conducted pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and state statutory
laws.

Petitioner as a candidate suffered concrete injury through loss of time, loss ofbusiness, and loss of finances in the administration of his candidacy.

Petitioners' injuries were inflicted through breach of contract, violation of laws and violation of public oath by public officials in upholding the provisions of the state's Constitutional charter, state statutory laws, and in protecting the right of suffrage.

Petitioner as a citizen of the United States, a resident of Hawaii, and a
registered voter in the State of Hawaii was denied the right of suffrage through the
maladministration of both a primary and general election that were not conducted
pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and state statutory laws.

Petitioner is one of many of the People of the citizen, resident, voter class whowere also denied the fundamental right of suffrage to elect their public officials in a

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147 republican form of government through an accurate election process as prescribed

by law, and as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

149 Petitioner right to redress grievances as one of many of the People of this class

150 was violated through unlawful certification of the general election while four

election contests brought forward by the People were still actively being

152 adjudicated.

Petitioner is one of many People of this class who were injured by unlawfully elected public officials during a public inauguration ceremony wherein a de facto Governor and Lieutenant Governor were presented as lawfully elected, and before the election was certified in accordance with state law.

Petitioner is one of many People of this class who were injured by public officials
who oversaw the administration of a public promissory oath while knowingly
violating the Constitution and state law.

Petitioners' injuries as one of many People of this class continue to be inflicted through the unlawful leadership and policy decisions of de facto executive public officials operating under color-of-law that are not representative of the public trust and a republican form of government.

Petitioners' injuries as one of many People of this class are being advanced by an
Attorney General who is acting in violation of public promissory oath and is acting
to protect de facto public officials instead of prosecuting offenders of state laws.

Petitioners' injuries as one of many People of this class are being advanced by a
de facto Governor and Lieutenant Governor who are acting in violation of their
public promissory oath and are employing political power that is not representative
of the People and a republican form of government.

Petitioner avers that these harms are not "generalized grievances" and that the denial of life, liberty, and property through the maladministration of an election that ignores the Constitution, violates laws, and destroys our republican form of government are of the utmost concern to state and national security.

Petitioners pleading for prospective relief through declaratory judgement willsolve this controversy.

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## JURISDICTION

Petitioner pleads federal jurisdiction, pursuant to Article III Section 2 which
extends jurisdiction to cases arising under the Constitution of the United States of
America.

In addition, the Petitioner is pleading that the Court has original jurisdiction for civil actions arising under the Constitution pursuant to 28 U.S. Code § 1331, and to redress the deprivation of any right, privilege or immunity secured by the Constitution pursuant to 28 U.S. Code § 1343.

Petitioner has brought this petition to the attention of this Court pursuant to the
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 57 and more specifically 28 U.S. Code 2201,
for prospective relief in creation of a remedy.

189 Petitioner requests the Court take judicial notice of 28 U.S. Code 2201(a) which

190 provides "In a case of actual controversy within its jurisdiction...any court of the

191 United States, upon the filing of an appropriate pleading, may declare the rights

and other legal relations of any interested party seeking such declaration, whether

193 or not further relief is or could be sought."

Petitioner avers that the Petitioner is an "interested party seeking suchdeclaration" and there is a justiciable controversy.

Petitioner respectfully requests the Court take judicial notice and include by reference all appropriate constitutional clauses, state and federal statutes, relevant case law, and uncontested facts, whether referenced or cited in this pleading or from the outside, and which form the basis of the term "deprivation of rights" and "civil rights" as related to lawful procedure, or as necessary to establish any element which may be in question.

Petitioner respectfully requests the Court take judicial notice of all properly
judicially noticeable facts having probative value necessary for adjust adjudication,
especially within the pleadings referenced and included herein.

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# STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTALS

The Constitution of the State of Hawaii is the organic and fundamental law for the establishment of government for the People in this State. There is no higher authority than the Constitution, other than man - who created it, and God the

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creator – who created man. All authority comes from the People, and all laws are
subservent to the Constitution.

# Principium est potissima pars cujusque rei. The beginning is the most powerful part of each thing.

"All political power of this State is inherent in the People and the responsibility
for the exercise thereof rests with the People. All government is founded on this
authority." (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I Section I).

State. A People permanently occupying a fixed territory bound together by common-law habits and custom into one body politic exercising, through the medium of an organized government, independent sovereignty and control over all persons and things within its boundaries, capable of making war and peace and of entering into international relations with other communities of the globe. (See Blacks Law 4th Edition).

"All persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable
rights. Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of
happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property. These rights cannot
endure unless the People recognize their corresponding obligations and
responsibilities." (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I Section II).

These sections are forefront in the written Constitution of the State of Hawaii as they acknowledge the foundation and fundamental law for the establishment of the government, wherein the "political power" of government is inherent in the People and founded on the authority of the People.

Fundamental Law. The law which determines the constitution of government in a state, and prescribes and regulates the manner of its exercise; the organic law of a state; the constitution. (See Blacks Law 4th Edition).

Since the States inception, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii has been
chartered to guarantee a republican form of government that is not repugnant to
the principles of the Constitution of the United States nor the Declaration of
Independence. (See Public Law 86-3 Section 3).

Republican Government. A government in the republican form; a government of
the People; a government by representatives chosen by the People. (See Blacks Law
4th Edition).

The republican form of government is further acknowledged in Constitutional affirmation wherein "We reaffirm our belief in a government of the People, by the People and for the People, and with an understanding and compassionate heart toward all the Peoples of the earth, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the State of Hawaii." (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Preamble).

Through the authority of the People, political power is created, and entrusted to the government, through mutual understanding, for the creation of laws to regulate and employ the force of the community for the public good, and to protect the life, liberty, and property of the People.

250 Potentia non est nisi ad bonum. Power is not conferred but for the (public) good.

The Constitution is the charter which forms the trust agreement wherein the grantors and beneficiaries of government - who are the People, the citizens of the State, bestow the responsibility on public officials - who are elected by the People to act as trustees in upholding this fundamental trust agreement.

Charter. An instrument emanating from the sovereign power, in the nature of a
grant...and assuring...certain rights, liberties, or powers. (See Blacks Law 4th
Edition).

A fair and accurate election pursuant to the Constitution is fundamental in
creating and empowering this representative government through the democratic
process.

Election. The act of choosing or selecting one or more from a greater number of
 persons, things, courses, or rights. (See Blacks Law 9th Edition).

From this State Constitution, the legislative power is vested in the two houses of the legislature, the judiciary power is vested in the snpreme court, appellate, circuit and district courts, and others as established by the legislature, and the executive power is vested in the governor of the State. (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article III, V, and VI).

In the execution of this executive power, the Governor, following election, is bound by a public **promissory oath** to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii...and faithfully discharge these duties to the best of their ability. The lieutenant governor and chief justice are also bound by this same oath. (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article XVI, Section 4).

274 Promissory Oath. Oaths which bind the party to observe a certain course of

275 conduct, or to fulfill certain duties, in the future, or to demean himself thereafter in

a stated manner with reference to specified objects or obligations; such, for example,

277 as the oath taken by a high executive officer, a legislator, a judge..." (See Blacks

278 Law 4th Edition).

The Constitution of the United States of America also requires these State executive and judicial officers be bound by oath or affirmation to support the

281 Constitution of the United States of America. (See Constitution of the United

282 States of America Article VI Section 3, and 4 U.S. Code 101).

This promissory oath is the cornerstone in the transfer of responsibility, from the People, and through the election process, to onr public officials, and in bestowing the responsibility for protection of the Constitutional trust on behalf of the grantors and beneficiaries of government - the People.

The ceremonial "swearing in" of our public officers is the capstone formality for
this transfer and the public attestation for these public officers to be conscientiously
bound in faithful protection of this trust.

Once this transfer of responsibility occurs, the Governor bears the added
responsibility for the faithful execution of the laws of the State. (See Constitution of
the State of Hawaii Article V, Section V).

And if there were ever a devolution of executive power from governor to the
lieutenant governor, the lieutenant governor also bears this same responsibility.
(See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article V, Section IV).

255 (See Constitution of the State of Hawan Anticle V, Section IV).

In addition to the provisions of the Constitution, using these powers, actions of the government through the legislature create statutory laws that expand the Constitutional agreement, define responsibilities for public officers, and are used to codify the will of the People through the legislative process.

# Statutory Law. Law deriving its force from express legislative enactment. (See Stephen's Commentaries on English Law 40).

"The[se] laws are obligatory upon all persons and property within the
jurisdiction of the State." (See HRS § 1-4).

The Constitution, and as further defined in statutes, specifies the detailed
process for the conduct of fair and honest elections that are accurate – "against any

and all questions." (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article II, and HawaiiRevised Statutes Chapters 11 and 16).

Since the transition from the Territory of Hawaii into becoming the State of 308 Hawaii, there has been a prescribed process for the transfer of government power 309 that has been dependent on an election process of the People. During the birth of 310 the State, the People were posed with questions regarding statehood, admission into 311 the Union, and the election of public officers for the State executive and federal 312 legislative positions. At the conclusion of this first State governmental election, the 313 return of legal votes cast was certified by the Secretary of Hawaii, to the Governor, 314 who further certified and submitted to the President of the United States. (See 315 Public Law 86-3 Section 7(b) and 7(c)). 316

Certify. To testify in writing; to make known or establish as a fact. (See Blacks Law 4th Edition).

Upon certification by the President, the State of Hawaii was deemed admitted
into the Union and the first elected public officers were empowered in the State of
Hawaii. (See Proclamation 3309—Admission of the State of Hawaii into the Union).

Certification of elections has been fundamental in ensuring the orderly transfer of the political power of the People, and in the democratic process of elections since the inception of the State of Hawaii.

The current election certification process is defined and specified in Hawaii Revised Statutes HRS § 11-155 Certification of results of election, and HRS § 11-156 Certificate of election and certificate of results, form. (See HRS § 11-155 and 11-156).

And further in the statutes on Gubernatorial transition wherein an orderly transfer of executive power is to occur at the expiration of the term of office of the governor and the **inauguration** of the new governor, and to assure continuity in the conduct of the affairs of the State. (See HRS § 30-1)

Inauguration. The act of installing or inducting into office with formal ceremonies, as the coronation of a sovereign, the inauguration of a president or governor, or the consecration of a prelate. (See Blacks Law 9th Edition).

Foremost, Hawaii Revised Statute HRS § 30-2 requires that the "Governor-elect"
be ascertained by the chief election officer following the general election. (See HRS
§ 30-2).

Ascertain. To fix; to render certain or definite; to estimate and determine; to clear of doubt or obscurity. (See Blacks Law 9th Edition)

Pursuant to HRS § 11-156 a "Certificate of Election" shall be delivered after the
time for bringing an election contest, and if there is an election contest, only after a
final determination in the contest has been made and the time for appeal has
expired. (See HRS § 11-156)

The statutes for certification acknowledge that during the election process there may be election complaints presented by the People in their right to redress the government for grievances and in establishing the elements for a **contested election**.

Contested Election. An election is contested whenever an objection is formally urged against it which, if found to be true in fact, would invalidate it. This is true both as to objections founded upon some constitutional provision and to such as are based on statutes. (See Blacks Law 6th Edition).

Subsequently, "Contested elections shall be determined by a court of competent
jurisdiction in such manner as shall be provided by law." (See Constitution of the
State of Hawaii Article I Section 10).

The People shall be afforded due process of law in presenting a redress for grievances, and shall not be "disfranchised, or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to other citizens, unless by the law of the land." This redress of grievances in elections, or otherwise, is a necessary safeguard in ensuring the balance of political power in our republican form of government. (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I Section 4, Section 5, and Section 8).

Thus, in the event of a contested election, a "governor-elect" cannot be ascertained and a "Certificate of Election" shall not be delivered until the grievance is resolved by a court of competent jurisdiction. (See Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I Section 10, HRS § 11-156 and HRS § 30-2).

Petitioner avers that pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and
statutory law, the inauguration of unelected public officials cannot lawfully occur
prior to certification of the election.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Monday, 5 December 2022, an inauguration ceremony was held for the
transition of the State of Hawaii government executive leadership at the Blaisdell
Arena in Honolulu, Hawaii.

- Reportedly, more than 700 witnesses were in attendance.
- Respondent (Ige) was in attendance and oversaw the proceeding.
- Respondent (Recktenwald) publicly administered the public oaths of office.

Respondent (Green) was sworn in as attested to in public oath as Governor forthe State of Hawaii.

378 Respondent (Luke) was sworn in as attested to in public oath as Lieutenant379 Governor for the State of Hawaii.

Respondents (Green and Luke) verbally attested to this public oath with theirright hand raised and their left hand on a bible.

Respondent (Green) was congratulated by Respondent (Recktenwald) as
"Governor Green" and presented to the public as the "9th Governor of the State of
Hawaii - Josh Green."

Respondent (Luke) was congratulated by Respondent (Recktenwald) as
"Lieutenant Governor" and presented to the public as "Lieutenant Governor for the
State of Hawaii – Sylvia Luke."

(See Video "Josh Green becomes Hawaii's 9th Governor" KHON2 News
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53gr5AzGPw8)

On the date of the gubernatorial inauguration, the People had four active
grievances contesting the election which were pending adjudication in the Hawaii
Supreme Court and the United States District Court District of Hawaii.

In the conduct of the election, Hawaii statutory laws prescribe the certification process for an election wherein a "Certificate of Election" shall be delivered only after the time for bringing an election contest, and if there is an election contest, only after a final determination in the contest has been made and the time for an appeal has expired. (See HRS § 11-156).

Petitioner maintains that on the date of the gubernatorial inauguration, the
election had not been certified by the Office of Elections Chief Elections Officer
pursuant to HRS § 11-155 and HRS § 11-156.

401 Petitioner maintains that as of the date of this filing, the 2022 Hawaii Election
402 has not been certified in accordance with state statutes.

403 Petitioner maintains that as of the date of this filing, the 2022 Election remains404 a contested election.

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#### HISTORY OF REDRESS OF GRIEVENCES

Petitioner avers that through the series of transactions which culminated in the
instant complaint, the same unbroken pattern of acts, errors and omissions was
manifested by the Respondents against the Petitioner in the primary and general
elections, with broad failures to follow Constitutional and statutory procedure and
which culminated in the unlawful inauguration.

In Cordery v. Office of Elections, the Petitioner averred that the 2022 Primary 411 Ballot design violated The Constitution of the State of Hawaii, Article II Section 4 412 wherein "... no person shall be required to declare a party preference or 413 nonpartisanship as a condition of voting in any primary or special primary election." 414 The first instruction on the ballot was "YOU must select ONE political preference 415 below." The state statute further specifies this restriction and that if the ballot is 416 marked contrary to this statute, the ballot "shall not be counted," and that no 417 unconstitutional ballot should have been counted in the primary election - which 418 would have overturned the election results. (See Exhibit (3): SCEC-22-000504 419 Cordery v. Office of Elections, Docket 1) 420

This grievance was brought to the attention of the Hawaii Supreme Court (HSC) 421 through an election complaint that was adjudicated in a decision wherein this 422 dispositive fact regarding the constitutional restriction was presented as prima 423 facia evidence by the Petitioner, but was kept extrinsic from the judiciary's 424 judgement. Petitioner was denied redress and due process by HSC through denial 425 of joinder, denial of motion for proof of official record, and denials of multiple 426 requests for oral hearing and for this grievance to be heard from the People. (See 427 Exhibit (3): SCEC-22-000504 Cordery v. Office of Elections, Docket 18, 20, 22, 24 428 and 26) 429

430 Meaningful hearings were not held, and multiple efforts by the Petitioner to
431 meet and confer were also denied. Petitioners' motions for judicial notice of facts

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were never acknowledged. Petitioner was denied due diligence in satisfying theburden of proof.

The state claimed that "at no time did Respondent violate the statutory ballot
and voting requirements" although the Court withheld the dispositive fact, failed to
acknowledge the fact as a fact-in-evidence, and kept the fact extrinsic from their
findings of fact and conclusions of law. (See Exhibit (3): SCEC-22-000504 Cordery *v. Office of Elections*, Docket 10, page 2)

439 Petitioner averred that the prima-facia evidence of this dispositive fact
440 (unconstitutional ballot) was avoided with intention. Statements were repeatedly
441 made, and avoided with intention, and therefore should be subject to a conclusive
442 presumption.

In Petitioners request for declaratory judgement regarding this dispositive fact
in U.S. District Court, Hawaii (USDCH), the state presented that "At most,
Petitioner's arguments are speculative in nature because there is no supporting
evidence that Petitioner was entitled to have an alleged "dispositive fact" admitted
into evidence or that the Supreme Court of Hawai'i's denial of his request for oral
argument impacted his due process." (See Exhibit (4): CV22-00439-HG-KJM *Cordery v Hawaii Supreme Court et al.* Document 10-1, page 160)

450 Petitioner's request to identify the conditions of an "entitlement" to have an
451 uncontested fact admitted as evidence went unanswered by the Respondents and
452 HSC.

The Respondent (Shikada, and Nakamura) alleged that "Refusal to admit...a
"dispositive fact"...[was] judicial in nature." (See Exhibit (4): CV22-00439-HG-KJM *Cordery v Hawaii Supreme Court et al.* Document 10-1 page 169). Petitioner
objected noting that "When a judge acts intentionally and knowingly to deprive a
person of his constitutional rights he exercises no discretion or individual judgment;
he acts no longer as a judge, but as a 'minister' of his own prejudices." (Ref. *Pierson v. Ray*, 386 U.S. 547 at 568 (1967)).

Petitioners petition to USDCH for declaratory judgement without relief
regarding HSC withholding of this dispositive fact as a fact in evidence was
dismissed with prejudice. Petitioners motion for recusal, motion to reconsider, and
motion to leave to amend were further denied in a minute order by USDCH. (See
Exhibit (4): CV22-00439-HG-KJM *Cordery v Hawaii Supreme Court et al.*Document 15 page 228)

466 Petitioner has filed an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. (See
467 Exhibit (5): USCA: 22-16970 Cordery v Hawaii Supreme Court et al)

In the conduct of the election, Hawaii statutory laws prescribe the certification process for an election wherein a ""Certificate of Election" shall be delivered after the time for bringing an election contest, and if there is an election contest, only after a final determination in the contest has been made and the time for appeal has expired." (See CV22-00528-JMS-KJM *Cordery v Ige*, Docket 1, page 10)

473 At the time of the gubernatorial inauguration there were four cases pending 474 regarding the contested general election, and the election had not been certified.

475 1) *HRP v. Nago*, in 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court Hawaii: 1CCV-22-0001499 filed 28
476 November, 2022.

2) Cushnie v. Nago, in the Hawaii Supreme Court: SCEC-22-0000703 filed 22
November, 2022.

- 3) *Dicks v. Nago*, in the Hawaii Supreme Court: SCEC-22-0000711 filed 28
  November, 2022.
- 4) Martin v. Nago, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii: 1:22-CV482 000460-WRP-DKW filed 26 October, 2022.

483 In Dicks v. Nago the Petitioner Dicks averred that the Respondent had certified the primary election prior to the adjudication of all election complaints and prior to 484 the time for appeal had expired. State statute requires that the Certificate of 485 Election "shall be delivered only after a final determination in the contest has been 486 made and the time for an appeal has expired." Regardless of the requirements of 487 the statutory law, Respondent did provide a statement as to the tabulation of the 488 votes received prior to the adjudication of all election complaints, but never 489 490 "certified" the primary election in accordance with the statutory law.

In Cushnie v. Nago, the Petitioner Cushnie averred that the Respondent was not 491 conducting post-election pre-certification audits in either the primary or general 492 elections as required by state statute. The statutory requirement specifies that as a 493 condition of using electronic voting systems, an audit is required that compares a 494 random sample of not less than ten percent of precincts, to ensure that the hand 495 tallies of the votes on the paper ballots is equal to the electronic tallies generated by 496 the voting system – in order to ensure the accuracy of the voting system. The 497 violation of this statutory requirement was verified by multiple election observers. 498 Petitioners request for relief was a declaratory judgement of the statute as an 499

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affirmative statute and to direct compliance with the statutory audit requirements.
Petitioners "sole purpose of the relief requested was that the elections be verified as
accurate through all audits as intended by the legislature." (See Exhibit (6): SCEC22-0000703 *Cushnie v. Nago*, Docket 1)

504 In the opposition rebuttal the Respondents admitted to conducting audits using 505 scanned digital images in lieu of the paper ballots in violation of the affirmative 506 statute, and had used administrative rules to redefine system names to negate 507 audit requirements in their entirety – then claiming that the audits were then "not 508 required by law." (See Exhibit (6): SCEC-22-0000703 *Cushnie v. Nago*, Docket 10, 509 page 11)

Further, in an agency newsletter to the public following the election the
Respondent published that "audits are mandated by Hawaii election law and allows
officials to confirm that electronic tallies are equal to the manual tallies of votes."
This misrepresentation to the public implied compliance with statutory audit
requirements despite the Respondents admission that they do not follow this
statutory law. (See Exhibit (6): SCEC-22-0000703 *Cushnie v. Nago*, Docket 16,
Exhibit A)

517 Petitioner (Cushnie) maintained that "failure to perform an accurate post518 election pre-certification audit is an error that could cause a difference in the
519 election results, and that the accuracy of the general election is questionable and
520 indeterminate."

Petitioner (Cushnie) has petitioned the Honse of Representatives for further
declaration and enforcement of this affirmative statute, and which has to date gone
unanswered. Subsequently, Respondents attempted to advance a piece of
legislation through House Bill 132 and Senate Bill 180 to rewrite the statute and
remove this basic safeguard of audit protection in state elections when using
electronic voting systems. (See Exhibit (7): Cushnie Petition for Redress to Hawaii
Honse of Representatives).

528 Despite Respondents admission of violation of the statutory audit requirements, 529 the Hawaii Supreme Court dismissed the complaint without a hearing. Petitioner 530 (Cushnie's) three motions for oral argument, motion for reconsideration, and motion 531 to leave to amend were all denied. (See Exhibit (6): SCEC-22-0000703 *Cushnie v.* 532 *Nago*, Docket 26 and 33)

533 In *Martin v. Nago*, the Petitioner brought an action for prospective declaratory 534 relief for an "ongoing campaign of suppression" of observer reports of irregularities, 535 vulnerahilities, state and vendor misconduct, and details of a failed attempt hy the 536 Respondents to have Petitioner (Martin) falsely arrested in order to discredit his 537 activities as a whistleblower. (See Exhibit (8): 1:22-CV-00460, *Martin v Nago*, 538 Document 1)

539 Petitioner (Martin's) complaint lays out an unbroken pattern of suppression which is supported by eyewitness affidavits which support not only Petitioners' 540 claims, but corroborate other allegations and actions which are referenced in this 541 complaint. For this reason, the Petitioner requests the Court to include by 542 reference the affidavits and reports submitted by witnesses associated with Martin 543 v Nago, and to take judicial notice of the substance and nature of the allegations 544 having probative value to the instant matter, the fact that gross improprieties 545 occurred in that series of transactions, and that the petition was never adjudicated 546 on merits. 547

Importantly, prior to the questionable outcome of Martin v Nago, for which an 548 appeal is now pending, Petitioner (Martin) sought to add the Attorneys General as a 549 party to the suit after the responses of the Attorney General's revealed them to be 550 engaged in a substantial conflict of interest, and exposed their own involvement as 551 indispensable parties to the ongoing campaign of suppression and obfuscation of 552 observer reports. Also, at issue was whether or not the Attorneys General activities 553 were actually defending a legitimate state interest; it seems implausible given their 554 direct involvement in the cover up of the material allegations of Petitioner 555 (Martin's) petition, and given their role in repeatedly attempting to prevent the 556 court's in several cases from reaching merits on undisputed facts. Here, the very 557 same sort of conflict of interest has emerged, and highlights the relevance of 558 provisions in 42 USC 1988, and whether the state institutions are currently 559 "adapted to the purpose" for the vindication of civil and constitutional rights of the 560 People. 561

562 When these supporting facts and related cases are considered together, it raises 563 the inescapable conclusion that the Respondents have not approached the assertion 564 of state privileges with clean hands, but rather are abusing their lawful authority to 565 cover up criminal activity and to protect other responsible parties.

566 Petitioner avers that this pattern of misconduct is self-evident and unbroken.

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568	STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT
569	CAUSE OF ACTION ONE
570 571	Respondents violated their promissory oath of office and failed to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
572 573 574 575 576 577 578	Pursuant to the Constitution of the United States of America "[A]ll executive and Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation and wherein, "Everyexecutive and judicial officer of a State, shall, before he proceeds to execute the duties of his office, take an oath in the following form, to wit: "I, A B, do solemnly swear that I will <b>support</b> the Constitution of the United States."" See Constitution of the United States of America Article VI Section 3, and 4 U.S. Code 101.
579 580	"Support means to vindicate; to maintain; to defend; to uphold by aid or countenance." United States v. Schulze, 253 F. 377, 379 (S.D. Cal. 1918)
581 582 583	The Constitution of the United States of America guarantees each State a "Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against invasion." (See Constitution of the United States of America Article VI Section 3).
584 585 586 587 588 589	In Ableman v. Booth Chief Justice Taney stated that "Every state legislator and executive and judicial officer is solemnly committed by oath taken pursuant to Art. VI, cl. 3, "to support this Constitution."" And that this "requirement reflected the framers' "anxiety to preserve it [the Constitution] in full force, in all its powers, and to guard against resistance to or evasion of its authority, on the part of a State" Ableman v. Booth, 21 How. 506, 524.
590 591 592 593 594	Respondents denied the People a government in the republican form and a government of the People when they side-stepped the lawful process for certification of the election and as required by State law, and fraudulently presented those public officials as lawfully elected, and in effect represented them as chosen by the People.
595	"No state legislator or executive or judicial officer can war against the

- 596 Constitution without violating his solemn oath to support it. P. 18." Cooper v.
- 597 Aaron, 358 U.S. 1, 3 (1958)

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Respondent (Ige, Recktenwald, Green, Luke, Lopez, and Nakamura) did violate
their public oath of office in failing to support and defend the Constitution of the
United States of America and guarantee for a Republican Form of Government.

Respondent (Green) did violate his public oath of office by willfully attesting to
uphold the Constitution of the United States of America while knowingly violating
the law.

Respondent (Luke) did violate her public oath of office by willfully attesting to
uphold the Constitution of the United States of America while knowingly violating
the law.

<sup>607</sup> "No man in this country is so high that he is above the law. No officer of the law <sup>608</sup> may set that law at defiance, with impunity. All the officers of the government, from <sup>609</sup> the highest to the lowest, are creatures of the law are bound to obey it." "It is the <sup>610</sup> only supreme power in our system of government, and every man who, by accepting <sup>611</sup> office participates in its functions, is only the more strongly bound to submit to that <sup>612</sup> supremacy, and to observe the limitations which it imposes on the exercise of the <sup>613</sup> authority which it gives." U.S. v. Lee, 106 U.S. 196 (1882)

614 Petitioner avers that this flagrant mockery of the oath of office has undermined 615 the public trust and confidence in the state government at a fundamental level that 616 cannot go unchallenged.

617 Petitioners' injuries are manifest through de facto executive leaders' denial of 618 life, liberty, and property through maladministration of the Constitutional public 619 trust, and through actions that are not representative of the People and a 620 republican form of government.

Petitioner has suffered concrete injury through loss of time, loss of business, and
loss of finances during the administration of his candidacy through an election
process that culminated with an unlawful inauguration and contempt for the public
promissory oath of office.

As a candidate, the Petitioner was defrauded of the right to participate in a statutory compliant election process and through the breach of contract for the conduct of an election that was compliant with the Constitution for the State of Hawaii and statutory laws. (See Exhibit (1): Gary A. Cordery Candidate Nomination Papers of 1 March, 2022).

630 Petitioner avers that the violation perpetrated through the unlawful

631 inauguration and during the mockery of the promissory oath is the perfection of the

breach which resulted in incalculable injuries to the Plaintiff and the People of

633 Hawaii.

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## CAUSE OF ACTION TWO

635 Pursuant to 42 U.S. Code § 1983 - Civil action for deprivation of rights "Every

636 person who, <u>under color of any statute</u>, <u>ordinance</u>, <u>regulation</u>, <u>custom</u>, <u>or usage</u>, <u>of</u>

637 <u>any State</u> or Territory or the District of Columbia, <u>subjects</u>, or <u>causes to be</u>

638 <u>subjected</u>, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction

639 thereof <u>to the deprivation of any rights</u>, privileges, or immunities secured by the

640 <u>Constitution and laws</u>, <u>shall be liable to the party injured</u> in an action at law, suit in

641 equity, or <u>other proper proceeding for redress</u>, except that in any action brought

against a judicial officer for an act or omission taken in such officer's judicial

643 capacity, injunctive relief shall not be granted unless a declaratory decree was

violated or declaratory relief was unavailable." [underline for emphasis]

Respondents violated their promissory oath of office to support the Constitution
of the United States of America, and in doing so violated the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, 9<sup>th</sup>
Amendment, and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Pursuant to the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment "Congress shall make no law respecting an
establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or <u>abridging</u> the
freedom of speech, or of the press; or <u>the right of the People peaceably to assemble</u>,
and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." [underline for

652 emphasis]

653 Pursuant to the 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain

rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the People."

655 [underline for emphasis]

Pursuant to the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment "No State shall make or enforce any law which
shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; <u>nor shall</u>
<u>any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;</u>
<u>nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.</u>"
[underline for emphasis]

On 5 December, 2022, the Hawaii General Election was a contested election and
had two active cases pending in the Hawaii Supreme Court, one case pending in
Hawaii 1st District Court, and one case pending in the United States District Court

for the District of Hawaii. Due to these active election contests, and pursuant toHawaii statutory law, the election could not and had not yet been certified.

On 5 December, 2022, the then current Governor for the State of Hawaii and the
Supreme Court Justice for the Hawaii Supreme Court presided over an
inauguration ceremony wherein a de facto Governor and Lieutenant Governor were
presented as lawfully elected public officials, and sworn in as the de facto executive
leadership, circumventing the People's right to redress and sidestepping due process
of law.

Petitioner avers that a lawful election by the People is fundamental to the
functioning of our republican form of government, and in ensuring the transfer of
responsibilities to public officers beholden to protect the public trust, the
Constitution, and in upholding the law.

Petitioner avers that there is a redress of grievances by the People regarding the
accuracy of elections currently pending in the Hawaii House of Representatives and
which remains unanswered.

Petitioner avers that certification of the election is a critical step in this transfer
of power, as is specified in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and Hawaii
Revised Statutes.

Petitioner avers that there is precedent for certification of elections prior to
transfer of executive power since the inception of the State of Hawaii, and as
presented in the Statement of Fundamentals.

Petitioner avers that the election certification process is codified in law,
specifically in Hawaii Revised Statutes HRS § 11-155, HRS § 11-156, and HRS § 302.

Petitioner avers that the certification of election is a safeguard created by the
People through the legislative process to ensure the fairness and accuracy of
elections, against any and all questions.

Petitioner avers that the certification of election is a safeguard to protect the
People's right to redress grievances, and to protect due process of law in the event of
a contested election.

694 Petitioner avers that certification of the election pursuant to statute is required695 prior to the inauguration and the transfer of any political power, an that the

696 certification as codified in state law was created through legislation pursuant to the697 will of the People.

Respondents (Ige, Recktenwald, Shikada, and Nakamura) further denied the
People due process for redress of grievances when they conveniently sidestepped the
safeguards of the State statutory law that is required for the certification of the
election, and hypassed the lawful process necessary to bestow the confidence
through an elective process of public representatives that had been chosen by the
People.

Respondents (Ige, Recktenwald) used their positions in executive and judicial
leadership during a public guhernatorial inauguration ceremony, wherein sworn
promissory oaths were administered, to fraudulently present these candidates as
lawfully elected public officials and install de facto executive leaders under the color
of law.

Respondent (Ige, Lopez, Shikada, Nakamura) did violate their public oath of
office hy knowingly allowing an improper transition of executive leadership to occur
without ensuring the certification of the election, sidestepping due process and
equal protection of the law, and as required hy law.

Petitioners' injuries are manifest by the actions of executive and judicial
leadership who thwart the right to due process and deprive of liberty and freedom
as protected and guaranteed hy Constitution of the United States of America and
the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

Constitutional Liberty or Freedom. Such freedom as is enjoyed by the citizens of
a country or state under the protection of its constitution; the aggregate of those
personal, civil, and political rights of the individual which are guaranteed by the
constitution and secured against invasion by the government or any of its agencies.
(See Blacks Law 4<sup>th</sup> Edition).

Petitioner has suffered concrete injury through loss of time, loss of business, and
loss of finances during the administration of his candidacy, based on contract, and
that depended on due process and the protection of suffrage delivered through a
certified election process and as codified in state law.

726 CAUSE OF ACTION THREE

Pursuant to 42 U.S. Code 1985 - Conspiracy to Interfere with Civil Rights
 Section (3) Depriving persons of rights or privileges "If two or more persons in any

729 State or Territory <u>conspire</u> or go in disguise on the highway or on the premises of

- 730 another, for the purpose of depriving, either directly or indirectly, any person or
- 731 class of persons of the <u>equal protection of the laws</u>, or of <u>equal privileges and</u>
- 732 <u>immunities under the laws</u>; or <u>for the purpose of preventing or hindering the</u>
- 733 constituted authorities of any State or Territory from giving or securing to all
- 734 persons within such State or Territory the equal protection of the laws;" [underline
- 735 for emphasis]

"The word ('conspire') is in common use and necessarily carries with it the idea 736 of agreement, concurrence, and combination, and hence is not applicable to a single 737 person or thing; and when one person is charged with conspiring with another, 738 there are no words in the English language by which the idea of the action and co-739 operation of two minds could be more effectively conveyed, since one can not agree 740 or conspire with another who does not agree and conspire with him. A conspiracy to 741 do an act, as is so well stated in the language just quoted, is never the work of one 742 person. And when an act is done as the result of a conspiracy, such act is in law 743 never the act of one person." Horton v. Johnson, 192 Ga. 338, 351 (Ga. 1941) 744

Respondents violated 42 U.S. Code 1985(3) in "conspiring...for the purpose of
depriving, either directly or indirectly, any person or class of persons the <u>equal</u>
<u>protection of the laws</u>," and in "...preventing or hindering the constituted
authorities of any State... from giving or securing to all persons within such State...
the equal protection of the laws[.]" [underline for emphasis]

"The equal protection of the laws of a state is extended to persons within its 750 jurisdiction, within the meaning of the constitutional requirement, when its courts 751 are open to them on the same conditions as to others, with like rules of evidence and 752 modes of procedure, for the security of their persons and property, the prevention 753 and redress of wrongs, and the enforcement of contracts; when they are subjected to 754 no restrictions in the acquisition of property, the -enjoyment of personal liherty, and 755 the pursuit of happiness, which do not generally to affect others; when they are 756 liable no other or greater burdens and charges than such as are laid upon others; 757 and when no different or greater punishment is enforced against them for a 758 violation of the laws." State v. Montgomery, 94 Me. 192, 47 A. 165. 759

On 5 December, 2022, the Respondents knowingly bypassed the lawful
requirement for certification of the election and installed, through public
inauguration ceremony and promissory oaths, de facto executive leaders as being
lawfully elected by the People.

Respondents (Ige and Recktenwald) failed to prevent this unlawful transfer of
executive power by prioritizing and falsely installing de facto government leaders as
lawfully elected while simultaneously sidestepping the People's rights for a lawful
election through certification as required by state statute.

On 15 December, 2022 the Petitioner filed a request for Declaratory Judgement
without relief in the Hawaii Supreme Court wherein the Petitioner averred that the
Respondents had intentionally violated the laws of the State of Hawaii during this
transfer of power, in overseeing and administering this transfer, and in accepting
appointments in the executive branch of government – in violation of their public
oaths, and in conflict with the Constitution and State laws. (See Exhibit (2): SCEC22-0000734 Cordery v. Ige et al)

On 6 January, 2023 the Petitioner put forward a Motion for Interrogatories to
determine whether the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii advised the
Respondents (Ige, Green, Luke, and/or Recktenwald) to proceed with the Governor
and Lieutenant Governor inaugurations on 5 December, 2022.

On 12 January, 2023 the Attorney General provided a Memorandum in
Opposition of the Motion for Interrogatories, wherein the Respondents (Lopez, and
Nakamura) endorsed a response stating that the Respondents were "clients" and
refused to respond to interrogatories as this would "reveal privileged attorney-client
communications." (See Exhibit (2): SCEC-22-0000734 Cordery v. Ige Docket 21)

Petitioner avers that the nature, timing, parties, and subject of the attorneyclient communications makes the assertion of privilege dubious for the lawful transfer of executive power - unless the content of any work product would have implicated those Defendants who participated in a conspiracy for a transfer of executive power that was not lawful.

Respondents' assertion of privilege and refusal to openly disclose the governing
permission on this issue offers further appearance of wrongdoing, the secrecy of
which is repugnant to the very phrase "election", in a free society.

On 22 February, 2023, following an exchange of several motions and denial by the Court of two motions for interrogatories as moot, the Hawaii Supreme Court dismissed the Petitioners request for Declaratory Judgement citing the nullity rule, time barring the complaint, citing lack of original jurisdiction, and preserving the "integrity of the court" over any interest in hearing the merits of the controversy.

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Petitioner was denied equal protection of the laws when the Respondent (Lopez and Nakamura) furthered an attempt to shield and protect information that should
be ethically and legally supportive of a lawful transfer of executive powers as
determined through the conduct of a lawful election, and culminating with a lawful inauguration.

Respondent (Lopez and Nakamura) denied the Petitioner equal protection of the
law in defending candidates as "chents," influencing state authorities, and ignoring
the will of the People in their petition for redress of grievances, and that rnns
counter to their responsibilities wherein "The attorney general shall be vigilant and
active in detecting offenders against the laws of the State, and shall persecute the
same with diligence." (See HRS § 28-2).

Petitioner was denied equal protection of the laws when the Hawaii Supreme
Court in their jurisprudence prioritized preserving the "integrity of the court" over
any interest in hearing the merits of the controversy.

811 Petitioner avers that the conspiracy to effect the illegal inauguration negatively 812 impacted the pending litigation, attempting to intimidate or influence the courts to 813 preemptively adjudicate all pending litigation in favor of the apparent status quo, 814 and prevented, hindered, or otherwise suppressed the rights of the litigants and 815 affected parties, including the Petitioner, who were all attempting to uphold the law 816 in an environment where the State was not properly adapted or interested in that 817 purpose.

818 Petitioner avers that throughout the unbroken pattern of acts, errors, and 819 omissions, it is manifestly apparent that the Respondents (Ige, Recktenwald, 820 Shikada, Lopez, and Nakamura) have been working in concert, and have acted 821 knowingly, intelligently, and with awareness of the impropriety and illegality of 822 their actions, to subvert and supplant the rule of law.

\*Due process of law and the equal protection of the laws are secured if the laws
operate on all alike, and do not subject the individual to an arbitrary exercise of the
powers of government." *Duncan v. Missouri, 152 U.S. 377, 382 (1894)*

Petitioner has snffered concrete injury through loss of time, loss of business, and
loss of finances during the administration of his candidacy that depended on equal
protection of the law and through the conduct of an honest election process which
culminated through a certified election as codified in state law.

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#### CAUSE OF ACTION FOUR

832 Pursuant to 42 U.S. Code 1986 – Action for neglect to prevent, "Every person who, having knowledge that any of the wrongs conspired to be done, and mentioned 833 in section 1985 of this title, are about to be committed, and having power to prevent 834 or aid in preventing the commission of the same, neglects or refuses so to do, if such 835 wrongful act be committed, shall be liable to the party injured, or his legal 836 representatives, for all damages caused by such wrongful act, which such person by 837 reasonable diligence could have prevented; and such damages may be recovered in 838 an action on the case; and any number of persons guilty of such wrongful neglect or 839 refusal may be joined as defendants in the action;..." 840

Respondents violated 42 U.S. Code 1986 wherein "having knowledge of any of
the wrongs conspired to be done...and having the power to prevent or aid in
preventing the commission of the same, neglects or refuses to do so..."

Neglect. May mean to omit, fail, or forbear to do a thing that can be done, or that
is required to be done, but it may also import an absence of care or attention in the
doing or omission of a given act. And it may mean a designed refusal or
unwillingness to perform one's duty. (See Blacks Law 4<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Respondents (Lopez and Nakamura) neglected to prevent the unlawful
inauguration of gubernatorial candidates as lawfully elected public officials through
an election that had not yet been certified in accordance with state statute.

Respondents (Ige and Recktenwald) neglected to prevent the nnlawfnl
inauguration of gubernatorial candidates as lawfully elected public officials through
an election that had not yet been certified in accordance with state statute.

Respondent (Recktenwald) did violate his public oath of office to uphold the
Constitution of the United States of America as he knowingly administered a public
oath without ensuring the certification of the election.

857 Petitioners' injuries are manifest through de facto executive leaders' denial of
858 life, liberty, and property, and through their neglect and failnre to protect the
859 Constitutional public trust.

Petitioner has snffered concrete injury through loss of time, loss of business, and
loss of finances during the administration of his candidacy through the neglect of
executive and judicial leaders who failed to protect this Constitutional public trust
and the laws of the state of Hawaii.

## 864 <u>REMEDY - REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT WITHOUT RELIEF</u>

Petitioner pleads this Court for declaratory judgment without relief in determining that based on the totality of the evidence presented in the court filed documents, and those included by reference, that:

1) Respondent (Ige) did preside over the inauguration of Respondents (Green) as
the lawfully elected Governor and Respondent (Luke) as the lawfully elected
Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawaii;

2) Respondent (Green) did attest in public oath to accepting the position of the
lawfully elected Governor for the State of Hawaii;

3) Respondent (Green) was presented to the public as the lawfully electedGovernor prior to certification of the election;

4) Respondent (Luke) did attest in public oath to accepting the position of the
lawfully elected Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawaii;

877 5) Respondent (Luke) was presented to the public as the lawfully elected
878 Lieutenant Governor prior to certification of the election;

6) Respondent (Recktenwald) did administer the public oath to Respondent
(Green) and Respondent (Luke) as lawfully elected public officials prior to
certification of the election;

7) Respondent (Recktenwald) did administer the public oath during aninauguration in connection with the administration of the election;

884 8) Respondent (Ige, Recktenwald, Green, Luke, Lopez, and Nakamura) did
885 violate their public oath of office in failing to support and defend the Constitution of
886 the United States of America and the guarantee for a Republican Form of
887 Government.

888 9) Respondent (Green) did violate his public oath of office by willfully attesting
889 to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America while knowingly
890 violating the law.

891 10) Respondent (Luke) did violate her public oath of office by willfully attesting
892 to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America while knowingly
893 violating the law.

894 11) Respondent (Ige, Recktenwald, Shikada, and Nakamura) did violate their
895 public oath of office by knowingly allowing an improper transition of executive
896 leadership to occur without ensuring the certification of the election, sidestepping
897 due process and equal protection of the law, as required by law, and in violation of
898 42 U.S. Code 1983.

899 12) Respondents (Ige, Recktenwald, Shikada, and Nakamura) failed to prevent
900 this unlawful transfer of executive power by prioritizing and falsely installing de
901 facto government leaders as lawfully elected while simultaneously sidestepping the
902 People's rights for a lawful election through certification as required by state
903 statute, and in violation of 42 U.S. Code 1985(3).

13) Respondent (Shikada, Lopez, and Nakamura) denied the Petitioner equal
protection of the law in defending candidates as "clients," influencing state
authorities, and ignoring the will of the People in their petition for redress of
grievances, and in violation of 42 U.S. Code 1985(3).

14) Respondents (Ige, Recktenwald, Shikada, and Nakamura) neglected to
prevent the unlawful inauguration of gubernatorial candidates as lawfully elected
public officials through an election that had not yet been certified in accordance
with state statute, and in violation of 42 U.S. Code 1986.

15) Respondent (Recktenwald) did violate his public oath of office to uphold the
Constitution of the United States of America as he knowingly administered a public
oath without ensuring the certification of the election, and in violation of 42 U.S.
Code 1986.

16) Respondents (Ige, Recktenwald, Shikada, and Nakamura), working in
concert, installed Respondent (Green) and Respondent (Luke) as the election
winners, conveniently sidestepping and negating any safeguard in the transfer of
political power by fiat and defective process, and thereby denying the People their
right to redress grievances regarding a contested election, and offering the
appearance that a lawful election winner had been declared and inaugurated;

17) And that these facts give rise to standing for the Petitioner to bring a cause
of action for violations of the Constitution for the United States of America, and
pursuant to 42 U.S. Code 1983, 42 U.S. Code 1985(3), and 42 U.S. Code 1986.

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## **CONCLUSION**

The People of Hawaii have just witnessed a most egregious violation of the public trust, wherein our most senior and trusted government public officials fraudulently oversaw and administered an inauguration of unlawfully elected de facto leaders in public display, mocking the People of Hawaii and the Constitutional trust they are sworn as trustees to support and defend.

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When these supporting facts and related cases are considered together, it raises the inescapable conclusion that the Respondents are not safeguarding the political power as bestowed on them by the People, nor with clean hands, but rather are abusing their authority under color of law to defend and install executive leaders that are not representative of the People. This pattern of misconduct is self-evident and unbroken.

The Petitioner is seeking declaratory prospective relief in determining the facts upon which legal relations depend. This claim is not retrospective, and no coercive relief is being sought. The declaration sought would completely terminate the controversy which gave rise to this amended complaint, and would make clear the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the parties involved.

The declaration sought is in Petitioners practical interest, but it also wholly serves the public good and the People of Hawaii, and the State of Hawaii, in the interests of Justice to preserve the rule of law, and thus should be of compelling interest to the United States Judiciary.

Respondents (indisputably) acted knowingly in violation of State and Federal
law. The Respondents knowingly inflicted injury on the State of Hawaii and her
People, including Petitioner. The Respondents knowingly and intelligently worked
in concert to cover up the misconduct, and attempted to unlawfully grant
themselves effective impunity for what clearly appears to be a criminal conspiracy
against the rights of Petitioner and the People, in order to defeat the rule of law for
personal or financial gain.

The Petitioner respectfully pleads with this Court for the most basic and crucial of rights, in all sincerity and good faith.

The Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court allows this matter to be
heard and resolved as expeditiously as possible, and makes all necessary inferences
to arrive at a just conclusion.

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"It will be an evil day for American Liberty if the theory of a government outside
supreme law finds lodgment in our constitutional jurisprudence. No higher duty
rests upon this Court than to exert its full authority to prevent all violations of the
principles of the Constitution." *Downs v. Bidwell, 182 U.S. 244 (1901)*

963 Petitioner prays for the Courts sound jurisprudence.

964 Petitioner reserves all rights, without prejudice.

965 Date: 1 May, 2023

City: Aiea, Hawaii

966 By: Gary Arthur Cordery

Signature:

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