

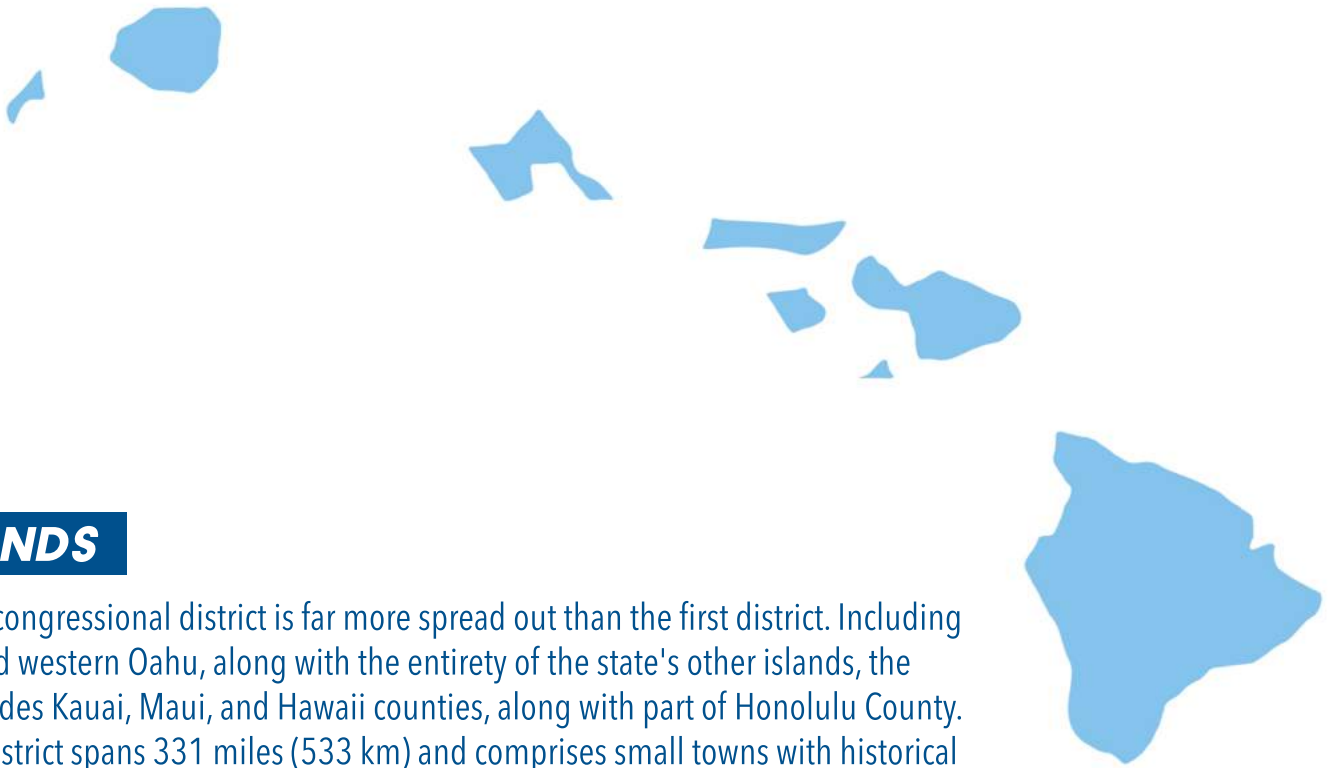
A man in a grey suit and orange lei is walking towards the camera on a paved path next to a pond. The background features lush green trees and a clear blue sky. A tall building is visible in the distance on the right side.

KAI KAHELE ★ CONGRESS ★

**HAWAII'S SECOND DISTRICT
CAMPAIGN PROSPECTUS**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2



8 ISLANDS

The second congressional district is far more spread out than the first district. Including northern and western Oahu, along with the entirety of the state's other islands, the district includes Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii counties, along with part of Honolulu County. The entire district spans 331 miles (533 km) and comprises small towns with historical roots in the pineapple and sugarcane plantations.

GENERAL PROFILE

Population

Total Population: 679,805
Percent Male: 50.3%
Percent Female: 49.7%
Person per Square Mile: 109.4

Housing

Total Housing Units: 266,520
Percent Occupied: 83.2%
Percent Owner-Occupied: 60.5%
Person Renter-Occupied: 39.5
Percent Vacant: 16.8%

Land

Total Land Area (square miles): 6,213.40
Percent Land Area – Urban: 4.1%
Percent Land Area – Rural: 95.9%

Geographic Entity Tallies

Hawaiian Home Lands: 64
Counties: 5



WHY I'M RUNNING

Three years ago my life changed forever. On January 18th, 2016, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I found my dad having a major heart attack. For the next nine days, my dad fought valiantly for his life. On January 26, 2016, he lost the battle and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Queen's Hospital on the island of O'ahu.

Laying in the hospital knowing his time was near, my dad, the late State Senator Gil Kahele, urged me to carry on his work in public service. He knew there was work left undone. My dad dreamed of a truly great Hawai'i, one where justice and prosperity are enjoyed equally by all. This was the humble dream of this gentle Hawaiian man from Miloli'i. He knew that an even better Hawai'i remained ahead for future generations.

Those who knew him called him the "consummate statesman." He passionately believed in bringing people together. He fearlessly worked to elevate his community. He courageously governed knowing that people of every race, religion, gender identity, nationality, or sexual orientation deserved compassion, equality, and freedom.

It was in this setting of love, justice, and service that I was raised. It is one of the greatest privileges and blessings of my life to be the son of Gil Kahele.

As a father of three daughters, I know there is no greater obligation of every generation than this: we must leave this planet to our children in better condition than we received it.

From Afghanistan to Hilo Bay, I have traveled the world many times over and can say with great confidence that there is no greater country than the United States. Washington D.C. may be struggling to demonstrate that greatness now, but the enduring might of freedom cannot be denied for long.



MEET KAI



Kai's family comes from the last remaining fishing village in Hawai'i, Miloli'i. It is where Kai was immersed in the values of aloha by his father and elders who taught him the importance of caring for the land, the ocean and the community. As a lifelong resident of Hawai'i Island, he brings a unique perspective and understanding of the issues facing the residents of the 2nd Congressional District. He and his wife, Maria, are raising their young daughters in his hometown of Hilo.

Kai is a graduate of Hilo High School and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he balanced life as an NCAA Division-I student-athlete as a member of the UH Rainbow Warriors Men's Volleyball Team while earning a B.S. in Education. Kai was a member of the team that went to two Final Fours and the National Championship in 1996. He was voted "Most Inspirational Player" by his teammates and coaches in 1997 and was also recognized as a scholar athlete his senior year.

Kai is an 18-year combat veteran aviator and continues to serve as a commissioned officer with the Hawai'i Air National Guard at Hickam Air Force Base. Kai has been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq to serve in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and has been honored with the Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He currently serves as the Majority Floor Leader and has chaired both the Higher Education and Water & Land Committees in the Hawai'i State Senate.

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OUR STRATEGY TO WIN

Over the past year, Kai Kahele has raised nearly \$900,000 in contributions from more than 11,000 donors, who support his candidacy for Congress. Kai has assembled a professional team of campaign consultants and has a small, core-team of paid staff and close advisors who have helped to position him as the presumptive front-runner for the seat. Like other successful campaigns, Kai will run a data-driven campaign to effectively promote his candidacy through paid, earned and digital media.





ON THE ISSUES

Kai has held multiple jobs most of his life. Even today, as a State Senator, he holds a second job as a pilot for Hawaiian Airlines. He knows economic stability is a primary concern for every family in Hawai'i. He will work to see that no American has to choose between buying medication or feeding their family. Kai will work to ensure every person earns a livable wage. He supports policies that keep both interest rates and unemployment low. He supports the restoration of the Glass-Steagall legislation and other legislation that provides for sensible consumer protection for the purpose of avoiding another financial crisis like we saw in 2008.



Kai wants to ensure that all people have access to quality, affordable healthcare. As a neighbor island resident, he knows the healthcare challenges the neighbor islands and Hawaii's rural areas face. He sees the critical shortage of doctors and healthcare professionals and understands the need to support those providing essential health and social services to our communities. As a combat veteran, he also understands the unique, critical needs of our military families and will work to provide better health services to this community. Kai will be a champion for veterans' healthcare in Hawai'i.

As a father and the former Chair of the Hawai'i State Senate Committee for Higher Education, Kai is deeply invested in ensuring a quality education for all those who seek it. He supports significant expansions of access to preschool for children from low-and moderate-income families. He believes strongly in improving and increasing resources to public schools across the country. Kai supports programs that provide free community college educations to local residents and increasing access to post-secondary institutions for all Americans. He would prioritize decreasing college debt for graduates and increasing student loan debt forgiveness programs as a means of tackling the country's student debt crisis.



Kai has always been an advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and believes Hawaii's 2nd Congressional District deserves a Representative who passionately and sincerely advocates for everyone in our community. Also, as a father of three daughters, Kai knows the importance of securing equity in pay and opportunities for women. He is a strong advocate for reproductive justice and women's rights; he believes that women must have autonomy over their own bodies and that programs and clinics that offer health services and family planning options must be fully funded. He is also a passionate advocate for victims' rights and would work tirelessly to ensure that victims' rights policies remain strong and effective.

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