



September Program

Thursday, September 18, 2008

11:30 - registration and networking

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Program

(Reservations by Friday, September 12, 2008)

Sam Choy's Breakfast Lunch & Crab

580 North Nimitz Highway

Presentation By:



Lowell Kalapa

Executive Director and President

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BEFORE JUMPING ON BOARD

Now that you have heard all the rhetoric about mass transit, steel on steel, fixed guideway from the politicians, experts, and engineers, let's apply some good old common sense to the issue before we are asked to make that leap of faith in supporting the largest and most expensive public project in the state's history. It is also time to understand some of the rhetoric and how many of the statements being made are less than forthright and honest. Finally, let's look at why the drive to build this project represents a hidden agenda. It is time to have a frank and open discussion about what is truly a benefit for a select few.

Biographical Summary

Lowell Kalapa is the Executive Director and President of the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, a private, nonprofit educational organization established to research issues confronting governments in the area of public finance, taxation, and public administration. Although the Foundation is often mistaken for a state or county agency, it is supported entirely by private contributions. He is a current and past board member of various nonprofit organizations. He is also a past board member and past president of the Aloha Society of Association Executives, member of the Sales Tax Committee of the National Tax Association – Tax Institute of America, and a member of the National Taxpayers Conference. He attended Punahou School and earned his BS and MSJ (Medill School of Journalism) from the Northwestern University and has been in his current position with the Tax Foundation since 1979.

Cost: \$15/member (\$10 subsidy)
\$25/non-member

(A vegetarian meal is available; please indicate when you call in your reservation.)

Your meal will need to be pre-ordered, and the Chapter is obligated to pay for the cost of your meal. Therefore, if you cannot attend, please find a replacement or notify us a week prior to the program.

CPE credit hour: One

Please call in or email your reservations by **Friday, September 12** to:

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