

KAKA'AKO MAKAI COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Oswald K. Stender

Oswald "Oz" Stender is a Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and chairs the OHA Committee of Asset and Resource Management. He was born and raised on Oahu, is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and served in the US Marine Corps.

He is dedicated to the Hawaiian cultural connection to the land through sustainable agriculture, ocean access and gathering rights, and is an advocate of settling Hawaiian ceded lands issues with the State. He is a licensed real estate broker and a consultant in property management, real estate investments, and sales. His real estate career began in 1958 at the Estate of James Campbell, where he became Chief Executive Officer in 1976 and Senior Advisor to the Trustees of the Campbell Estate from 1988 through 1989.

His top priority is education, and he has been working with the University of Hawai'i to provide financial support for Hawaiians, especially those in business, through financial aid and scholarships. He served as a trustee of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate from 1990 until his resignation in 1999. He presently serves on a number of environmental, business, professional and community service boards.



Ramsay Taum

Ramsay Taum is Director of External Relations and Community Partnerships at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's School of Travel Industry Management (TIM) where he lectures on host cultural values in the work place. Born and raised in Hawaii, he graduated from Kamehameha Schools, attended the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration at the University of Southern California.

He is active in promoting environmental education and sustainability based on the Native Hawaiian Ahupua'a management system. Mentored and trained by respected Hawaiian elders, he is a practitioner and instructor of several Native Hawaiian practices including *ho'oponopono* (stress management and conflict resolution), *lomi haha* (body alignment) and *Kaihewalu lua* (Hawaiian combat/battle art). As a recognized cultural consultant, he works with Hawaii's development, travel, leisure and retail industries integrating Native Hawaiian cultural values and principles into the contemporary business models through lectures, training classes and seminars.

He is the founder, CEO and President of the Hawaii based Life Enhancement Institute (LEI) of the Pacific, co-executive director of Sustain Hawaii, a not-for profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable living and development in Hawai'i, Director of Oahu Operations for the Hawaii Nature Center, and serves on numerous other local and national boards, advisory groups and councils.