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State's Largest Public-Sector Labor Union Endorses Sylvia Luke for Lieutenant Governor

Honolulu, Hawaii - The Hawai'i Government Employees Association (HGEA) announced its support for Sylvia Luke for lieutenant governor in a press conference today. As the state's largest public-sector labor union, HGEA represents 37,000 members statewide working in or retired from public state and county positions.

"The pandemic has proven that our state needs more than just one individual to take on a leadership role – not only in a crisis, but on a day-to-day basis as well. The position of Lieutenant Governor can and must evolve from the simple tasks it is currently assigned by law into playing a crucial and active role in shaping and implementing state policy, with an eye to moving Hawaii toward a more sustainable and economically sound future," said Randy Perreira, HGEA Executive Director. "Sylvia Luke has the necessary skillset and leadership qualities to step up and be part of that transformation of the LG's role in our state."

"From education to first responders to health care and everywhere in between, Sylvia Luke has always understood the critical role that we government employees serve. When the pandemic hit, she was there – not only fighting to fund essential services and keep our state afloat, but ensuring our schools were functional and even volunteering side by side with our members to take calls in the unemployment center. Sylvia Luke is the epitome of servant leadership and what our state desperately needs," said HGEA State Political Action Committee Chair Justin Lam. "We need leaders who listen and understand, then take action themselves, without worrying about taking credit."

"To have HGEA's support is inspiring because it signifies that its members are aligned with the vision of my campaign," says Sylvia Luke, candidate for Lieutenant Governor. "The work that HGEA members do for our state is impactful and important," Luke continued. "I appreciate their endorsement and look forward to the opportunity to work with them."

HGEA's island division Political Action Committees (PACs) finalizes its candidate endorsements after conducting a screening process, which includes official interviews of candidates for public office. The recommendations then move to the State PAC and then the Board of Directors for approval.

To learn more about Sylvia's campaign, visit www.sylvialukeforlg.com.

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