

Jackson Sayama wins Democratic Primary for Hawaii House District 20

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Bringing a new generation of leadership to District 20's House seat for the first time in 44 years, Jackson Sayama has won the August 8, 2020 Democratic Primary to represent District 20 (Wilhemina Rise, St Louis Heights, Maunalani Heights, Pālolo, and Kaimuki) in the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

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Honolulu, Hawai'i—In a night of soaring voter turnout and historical upsets, St Louis Heights Neighborhood Board Member Jackson Sayama won the August 8 Democratic Primary to represent Hawaii's 20th District in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives. The district includes Wilhemina Rise, St Louis Heights, Maunalani Heights, Pālolo, and Kaimuki. It includes approximately 7,000 registered voter households. He will face Republican Julia Allen in the general election in November.

As of the Office of Elections' final readout at 9:33PM, Jackson had garnered 30% of the vote in a crowded 4-person field that included local attorneys Derek Turbin and Becky Gardner, and longtime civil servant Jay Ishibashi. This is the first time in 44 years that the District 20 House seat has not been contested by an incumbent.

"Our faith in a vision for a better Hawai'i and love for our community has brought this campaign further than I could have ever imagined," Jackson shared in a message to supporters.

"Our victory in the Democratic Primary is a testament to our dedication and the people of this district's hope for a brighter future."

Sayama ran an all-volunteer campaign emphasizing thoughtful, common sense approaches to the district's challenges and a platform of reviving Aloha and local values. His campaign describes his political vision as "practical, equitable, global, and built on shared responsibility for Hawai'i and one another."

Among Sayama's endorsements were former Hawai'i Governor John Waihe'e, Hawai'i State House Representative Takashi Ono, Island Insurance Chairman Colbert Matsumoto, and Wai'anae houseless and community leader Twinkle Borge. Reflecting his grassroots campaign, Sayama also received endorsements from a range of District 20 community leaders.

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