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ARNOLD MARTINES AND ULALIA WOODSIDE LEE APPOINTED TO THE HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF), one of the state's leading philanthropic institutions, has appointed two new members to its board of governors effective January 1, 2025.

Arnold Martines is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Central Pacific Bank (CPB). He joined CPB in 2004 and has held various executive leadership positions within the company, including president and chief operating officer and chief banking officer. Martines credits growing up in Pa'auilo on Hawai'i Island during the final years of the sugar plantation era for instilling in him the values of Positively 'Ohana and Voyaging Spirit which are Central Pacific Bank's core values today. In addition to serving on HCF's board, he is active in the community and serves on the boards of multiple charitable and educational organizations, including as past chairman of the board for Child and Family Service, Hope Services Hawai'i and Scouting America, Aloha Council. He currently is vice chairman of the board for Saint Louis School and a board member of YMCA of Honolulu.

Ulalia Woodside Lee is the executive director of The Nature Conservancy's Hawai'i and Palmyra program through which, across the Hawaiian archipelago and to Palmyra Atoll, TNC protects and restores native forests, collaborates with communities for healthy coral reefs and fisheries, and develops cutting-edge research and interventions. Prior to joining the Conservancy, Woodside Lee oversaw Kamehameha Schools' portfolio of agricultural and conservation lands, place-based education, and natural and cultural resources management programs. She is also an author and invited speaker on ecosystem services and indigenous peoples' approaches to and relationship with nature. Woodside Lee serves in leadership and advisory positions for Hawai'i Green Growth, Mālama Honua Public Charter School, Kauahea Inc., Lālākea Foundation, Daughters of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Investment Ready 'Āina Aloha Economy Fund.

"We are excited to welcome Arnold and Ulalia to positions of leadership with HCF, and look forward to tapping into their tremendous knowledge and expertise, which is deeply rooted in their experience of Hawai'i," says Peter Ho, HCF Board chairman and Bank of Hawai'i chairman, president, and CEO. "We will rely on their insight and guidance as HCF continues its commitment to a vibrant Hawai'i where all of our Island communities thrive."

The HCF Board of Governors comprises respected community leaders who represent the rich diversity and broad interests of Hawai'i. Their knowledge of and sensitivity to Hawai'i's issues and needs provide invaluable leadership to HCF. The board establishes policies, sets organization-wide priorities and program strategies, and ensures that the financial stewardship and operations of HCF are conducted with integrity and accountability. The work of current board members builds on that of former board of governors members who have served HCF with distinction over the organization's more than 108-year history.

"This organization has had a profound and lasting impact on our state, empowering individuals and communities across Hawai'i," says Martines. "I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its vital work and look forward to building meaningful connections that will help us continue to make a difference for generations to come."

"I am deeply honored to join the Hawai'i Community Foundation Board," says Woodside Lee. "I look forward to working alongside such dedicated leaders to tackle the critical issues facing our islands and to help build a more resilient and thriving Hawai'i for future generations."

Martines and Woodside Lee will both serve on the board's External Engagement Committee, which is responsible for connecting HCF to the world beyond our doors, providing strategic direction and advice to align HCF's external outreach, engagement efforts, and messaging, as well as serving as ambassadors of the foundation.

*****VISUALS*****

For headshots of Martines and Woodside Lee, please visit [this Dropbox folder](#).

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About The Hawai'i Community Foundation

The vision of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai'i in which all our Island communities thrive. With our more-than-108-year history, our trusted expertise, and the generous support of donors, we are working to address the root causes of our state's most difficult challenges, including expanding access to affordable housing, conserving freshwater resources, and ensuring the healthy development of Hawai'i's young children. We focus our efforts through the CHANGE Framework, which identifies six essential sectors affecting the overall well-being of these islands and their people. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. In 2023, HCF stewarded more than 1,160 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations who share our passion for a better Hawai'i. We distributed over \$107 million in grants to the community from funds at HCF, contracts, and private foundations statewide, including scholarships assisting more than 1,000 Hawai'i students. For more information about HCF, please visit [Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](https://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org) and follow our social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).