



# Councilmember Kelly Takaya King

## Councilmember of Maui County, Hawai'i and ICLEI USA Board Member

Kelly King is the Vice President of Pacific Biodiesel, a renewable energy company she co-founded with her husband Robert King in 1995. Well known as an industry pioneer, Pacific Biodiesel was created to alleviate the disposal of waste cooking oil at Maui's landfill and became the first commercial biodiesel company in the U.S. Pacific Biodiesel has built 13 biodiesel plants in the U.S. and Japan and its community-based biodiesel model has become a standard for the sustainable renewable fuel industry. The company remains the only commercial producer of liquid biofuel in Hawaii.

King has worked with Hawaii's Congressional delegation to obtain a federal appropriation for Pacific Biodiesel to collaborate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to test biodiesel fuel crops in Hawaii, a project that continues to receive federal support this year. She also worked to secure a Small Business Innovative Research grant to develop a value-added by-product that holds great promise as a soil amendment for taro farmers. King served as an elected member of the Hawaii State Board of Education, representing Maui County from 1994-1998.

## Climate Credentials

Currently in her third term on the Maui County Council, Kelly Takaya King chairs the Council's Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee and is Vice President of the Hawaii State Association of Counties. In 2020, King was recruited to join the board of ICLEI-USA - Local Governments for Sustainability, and she was subsequently appointed to the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Environmental Protection Agency. This past year, King was one of just two U.S. ICLEI board members invited to participate as an official ICLEI delegate to the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland.

## Climate & Resilience Affiliations

- **ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA**
- **Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance, which she co-founded**
- **Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance**
- **Hawaii Energy Policy Forum**
- **Hui Malama Learning Center**
- **AKAKU Maui Community Media**
- **Maui Farmers Union**
- **UH Maui College Sustainable Sciences Management Advisory Council**
- **High Technology Development Corporation**
- **Maui Nui Food Alliance Steering Committee**

## Quote

*"It was a great honor to be invited to participate in COP26 last year. I left inspired by the immense wealth of global minds in attendance, all committed to tackling the evolving climate challenges of our times. I expect that COP27 will be just as fruitful, with many innovative ideas to bring back home to our own communities."*

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