



Councilmember Kelly Takaya King

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

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 Hawai'i 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. Kelly King is also 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.

Among her many recognitions, King received the 2018 Maui Sierra Club Onipaà Award, was named to the Biofuels Digest international list of Top 100 People in the Advanced Bioeconomy 2017 and earned the 2005 BlueSky Award from United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Schenzhen, China.

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