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Dear Mr. Zarwell:

This responds to your letter of October 26, 2007, regarding your intent to participate Hawaii's presidential elections. The State of Hawaii does not have a presidential primary or a provision for write-in voting.

There are two ways an individual may gain access to the State of Hawaii general election presidential ballot:

- (1) Presidential Petition Process; or
- (2) As the nominee of a qualified political party.

Since you indicate a partisan preference, please note the information below for a nominee of a qualified political party:

Nominee of a Qualified Political Party

Qualified political parties in Hawaii choose their presidential and vice presidential nominees by party caucus. The caucuses are conducted in accordance with each party's rules and by-laws. For specific information on the party caucuses, please contact the party of your choice at the address listed on the enclosed fact sheet.

After each party holds their caucus and selects their nominees, the party must submit the names and addresses of the nominees to the Chief Election Officer by the 60th day prior to the General Election. In 2008, the deadline to submit the presidential and vice presidential candidate names is Friday, September 5, 2008.

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At the same time, the parties must also submit two additional items:

- a. A sworn application which states that each candidate is legally qualified to serve under the provisions of the U.S. Constitution, and that the candidates are the duly chosen candidates of both the state and national party.
- b. The names and addresses of their four presidential electors and eight alternate presidential electors. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statute §14-21, the electors and alternates shall be registered voters of the State.

Also enclosed for your information are the factsheets:

1. *"The Petition Process to Place the Names of Candidates for President and Vice President on the State of Hawaii General Election Ballot"*
2. *"Qualified Political Parties"*

If you have any further questions, please contact Lori Tomczyk at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or by email at elections@hawaii.gov.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures