

RESUME  
**Betty Lou Larson**

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work (MSW): University of Hawaii (Manoa),  
Master of Arts (MA): University of Hawaii (Manoa), Asian Studies East  
West Center Grantee  
Bachelor of Arts (BA): University of Hawaii, Asian Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawaii; 2011-2019 (during Hawaii legislative session):  
educate the State Legislature and work with coalitions on issues of housing,  
homelessness, and social services that impact the people of Hawaii.

Community Housing Advocate: provide education and advocacy to promote affordable housing  
and to end homelessness. Actively participate in community Boards, Commissions,  
Coalitions and initiatives. See list below. June 2010 to present.

Housing Programs Director: Administer 2 transitional housing projects (for homeless families)  
for Catholic Charities Hawaii: Ma'ili Land in Waianae and Kawaihae on the Big Island  
(2004 – 2010). Also coordinate/direct housing assistance services to elders on Oahu,  
including housing counseling, implementation of shared housing/group homes, special  
need projects and housing database. Provide community leadership and advocacy to  
promote awareness of elders'/homeless housing needs and to expand resources for  
affordable housing and supportive services. Catholic Charities Hawaii, 1981 to  
retirement in June 2010.

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ AWARDS:

Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii: Board President; 2015 to present  
State Transit Oriented Development Council: 2016 to present; represent housing advocates  
Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC): 2006 to June 30, 2014; Board  
Member/Secretary  
Housing & Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH; forerunner to HHFCD):  
Board Member; 2003-2005  
Rental Housing Trust Fund Advisory Commission: Commissioner, 1998-2005.  
Hawaii Housing Development Corporation (non-profit housing corporation): Board  
Member/Design and House Rules Committee; 1994 to present.  
Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation: Board member/Secretary, 2010- present  
Partners in Care (Oahu homeless coalition): Member; Advocacy Committee; past PIC Exec  
Team; 2004 to present.  
Hawaii Catholic Conference: member; 2007 to present.  
Catholic Charities Public Policy Committee: 2010 to present.  
Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance: Board Member/President; 1986 to 2008.  
City & County of Honolulu: Selection Committee for CDBG (federal) grants, 2011.  
Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society: Past President; Conference Committees.  
2010 NASW Social Worker of the Year Award, for Social Justice and Advocacy  
2012 YWCA Hawaii Women Leaders Award