

1. A statement explaining your connection to the geographic region indicated above which may include family ties, residence knowledge of the region's history, experience with the region's cultural and historic sites, understanding of the region's customs, or other basis.

I am born and raised on the island of Maui, and I grew up in Lahaina. My family has been in Lahaina for over two hundred years. My mother _____ was born in Lahaina, back when there was still the hospital on Front Street. My Grandmother _____ was born in Lahaina. My Grandfather _____ was born in the Philippines, his parents moved to Maui to work for the plantations when he was 9 years old. Grandpa _____ eventually worked for the plantations as a crane operator. My Two Great Grandfathers _____ and _____ brothers also worked for the Plantations. Grandpa _____ who lived in Lahaina worked at Keka'a landing and Grandpa _____ worked on the Tugboat, he lived on Lana'i during those times. My great, great grandfather _____ was born and raised in Lahaina. My great, great, great Grandfather _____ was born on Moloka'i and was brought over to Lahaina with his older brother _____ by chief Nalehu. They lived with Chief Nalehu on his lands at Waiokama-Waine'e Ahupua'a. My daughter _____ who is thirteen and son _____ who is 9 months are also born and raised in Lahaina, Maui. My son _____ was born at home in Waihikuli. My children and I continue our family's unbroken legacy from the time of Pi'ilani and Laieolohelohe

2. A statement explaining your knowledge and understanding of Hawaiian burial beliefs and practices relating to the care and protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites, ancestral remains, and burial goods.

As a child growing up in Lahaina, my siblings and I were fortunate to have spent many years with my grandmother in Aki Ahupua'a aka Kuhua/Mill Camp on our family's ancestral land. The last of our family's "Kuleana" Lands and family Burials (Registered).

Through my family's elders and our 500+ history here in Lahaina, I have come to understand the Kuleana of caring and protecting iwi kupuna in today's everchanging and challenging world.

3. A statement explaining the reasons you wish to serve on the Island Burial Council as a regional representative.

To assist others in our community to understand and apply the administrative process to care for their ancestral family burials.