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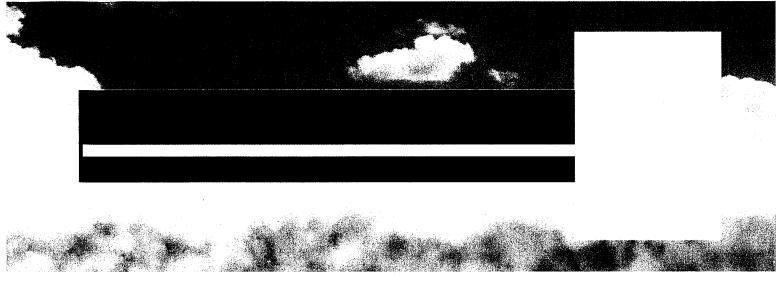
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Jane first got involved in Hawaii County's Sister City Program in 2011 when she helped facilitate the establishment of the sister city agreement between Hawaii County and Ormoc City, Philippines. She was the president of the Kona Visayan Club who served as the local host/sponsor organization for the relationship between the two municipalities.

A year later in March 2012, she led a delegation of business leaders and County officials that included the late Mayor Billy Kenoi on a goodwill visit to Ormoc City.

Now serving as Executive Assistant to Hawaii County Mayor Mitch Roth, Jane is tasked, among other things, to manage the County's sister city program. As the County's Sister City Protocol Officer, Jane has introduced and implemented several initiatives and projects for the program including the production of the County's first-ever sister city virtual concert titled "A Whole New World" – a creative event designed to reach out to and reconnect with the sister cities who, like the rest of the world, were dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eight sister cities in Japan, the Philippines, and Chile participated in this project.

Jane continues to actively engage with the sister cities through virtual events and activities. Recently, she successfully produced a 30-minute commemorative documentary film to celebrate the 60th anniversary sister city relationship with Oshima, Japan.



Jane also introduced the V-PAL (Virtual Partners in Acquisition of Language) program – a school-to-school online language exchange program designed to provide participants with opportunities to learn a new language, make new friends from abroad, and engage in cultural exchange.

Prior to working for the mayor, Jane worked as a Legislative Assistant to then-Councilman Dru Kanuha who is now a member of the Hawaii State Senate serving as the Majority Senate Leader.

Serving her community has been an integral part of Jane's life. She serves on several boards and community organizations including the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce, the HHSC West Hawaii Regional Board, Family Support Services, Keahole Center for Sustainability, and Community Forums.

Jane still serves as the Hawaii County commissioner to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Her term expires on June 30, 2022.