

A small business owner who knows firsthand the challenges and process of starting projects, solving problems, and finding resources and top talent needed for success, Mr. Ikaika Marzo is united with the people and has been active in the Hawai'i Island community his entire life. Mr. Marzo put his own businesses aside to fulfill the true needs the community where the current government could not by spearheading Pu'u honua O Puna, "The Hub," for 2018 lava evacuees. His commitment to community service and genuine Aloha for all earned him the world's trust and the nickname, "The Unofficial Mayor of Puna." His community resource center offered various supplies such as clothing, bedding, diapers, pet food, tents and other essentials, as well as information and hot meals. Ikaika Marzo was honored by the State of Hawaii House of Representatives for his service and support of the Hawai'i Island community during the worst natural disaster in Hawaii state's recorded history. Marzo earned the Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana Partnership Award from over one hundred Pacific Island protection organizations, and he was awarded by the T. George & Sunday Paris Foundation for most outstanding community service in all of Hawaii State.

Ikaika Marzo has a proven history of listening to community, understanding the need, consulting experts, and taking proper action. Ikaika Marzo continues to advocate for Puna fishermen to reopen Hawaii State's third most profitable boat ramp at Pohoiki, while most recently has been supporting our front-line health care workers and food distributors responding to the pandemic. Ikaika Marzo is focused on uniting the people with the government, creating economic resiliency through sustainability and better spending, and promises to advocate for the communities of Hawai'i County as he has always done effectively throughout his life's work! As the Governor of Hawaii State, David Ige, said, "Ikaika Marzo does a terrific job in stepping forward, taking action, wanting to help the community in a real tangible way. And he organizes everybody" which is what Hawai'i County needs now more than ever in leadership.