

I was born and raised in the Philippines at the age of 18 I had the opportunity to live in Hawaii where I became a naturalized American Citizen. For the past 50 years Kona has been my home and where I reside. My wife Araceli and I have four children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. My father Daniel Urban came to Hawaii in 1946 to work in the sugar cane plantation looking for a better life.

Five years later my father went back to the Philippines to marry my mother, Felicitas Tolentino where they had two children my sister Donna and I. After high school, my father petitioned for me to come to Hawaii. I rode the ship USS President Wilson on a three weeks voyage to Hawaii.

My first job was a busboy at the King Kamehameha Hotel that allowed me to take home \$5 or more in tips and paid me a minimum wage of \$2.75 per hour. I attended Hawaii Community College in Hilo and graduated with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1970. I am applying for the Mayor's position of Hawaii County because I want to give our people a choice - a choice of a new beginning, a choice of new perspective, a choice of new leadership. I am capable of being your leader that will look at things from a different perspective. While in the restaurant business, public service became a passion of mine. I established Tante & Araceli Urban Foundation; I am a member of Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; assisted in the formation of the Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise; organized and became the first President of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Kona; former member of the Ilocano Club of Kona in 1984, the club expanded its membership to include not just Ilocanos but the entire Filipino community. Thus, the Ilocano Club of Kona became the Filipino Organization of Kona.

I love Hawaii, I love our people, and I am ready to work for OUR PEOPLE - Tante Urban