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Pacific Islander Health Partnership Mourns the Passing of Victor Kaiwi Pang

(Garden Grove, CA) - Victor “Uncle” Kaiwi Pang, Native Hawaiian community leader and co-founder of Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP), passed away at the age of 80 in Honolulu, HI on April 5, 2018. Uncle Kaiwi and his wife, Jane “Aunty” Ka‘ala Pang, founded PIHP in 2003, with the goal of serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs), addressing health disparities and diseases that disproportionately impact NHPIs, such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, and heart disease, and building the community’s capacity to advocate for itself. Uncle Kaiwi served as Board Chair and President of PIHP, program trainer, researcher, and advisor.



“Uncle Kaiwi treated everyone he worked with like family. We were blessed to have a strong advocate for ensuring the representation and respect of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander cultures in health work, and his vision for bringing Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities together, “ said Calvin Chang, Board Co-Chair of PIHP. “We will miss his wisdom, humor, and kind smile dearly.”

Uncle Kaiwi hailed from Wailuku, Maui, Hawai‘i. He has been married to his wife Jane Ka‘ala Pang, for over 50 years. They have two sons; Benton Keali‘i of Honolulu, HI, Edmond Kamekona (Wendy) of Huntington Beach, CA and four grandchildren; Kiana, Makena, Kalia and Kalani. Uncle Kaiwi retired as an engineer from Rockwell/Boeing. He founded ‘Āinahau o Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Club, Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Pacific Islander Community Council, and the Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Alliance. Uncle Kaiwi also served as a Board Vice President of the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum and as an appointee to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Racial Ethnic Advisory Committee and National Advisory Committee for four terms. He received numerous awards from local and national organizations, such as Susan G. Komen, California American Cancer Society, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance.

Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Since 2003, PIHP has engaged in community driven, island tailored health promotion education, and training projects. PIHP’s projects have included a Pacific Island cancer survivors network, heart health education, youth tobacco education, and diabetes management workshops. PIHP has partnered with the University of Hawai‘i, University of California Riverside, California State University Fullerton, Susan G. Komen, Claremont Graduate University, the American Heart Association, and the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum.