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Sergio Alcubilla Officially Files Candidacy Papers for District 1 Congressional Race

Alcubilla seeks to represent over 700,000 Hawaii residents in the district

PEARL CITY – It's official! Sergio Alcubilla III filed papers today at the State of Hawaii Office of Elections, formalizing his candidacy for Hawaii's Congressional District 1. Individuals and groups in support of Alcubilla's grassroots campaign were in attendance for the day's announcement.

Alcubilla, a first-time candidate for public office, is seeking to unseat incumbent Congressman Ed Case. Hawaii's Congressional District 1, which covers largely-populated parts of Oahu, houses over 700,000 residents of various economic and ethnic backgrounds – with over half (400K+) that identify as Asian/Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander.

"I believe our communities need a leader who truly understands the daily struggles of what people in Hawaii go through, like putting food on the table, paying for childcare, or worrying about being able to afford having a roof over their heads," stated Alcubilla. "These are just some of the issues that keep me up at night, because I can relate to them from personal experience, and know that many families worry about them as well."

Alcubilla, a Filipino-American, immigrated to the U.S. in the 1980s with his family when he was seven years old after his father, a military police officer, was assassinated by a communist hit-squad during the tumultuous times of the Philippines' EDSA/People Power Revolution brought on by the Marcos dictatorship. His widowed mother, Mater, raised six children – including Alcubilla – on her own. Alcubilla, understanding the struggles of working families first-hand, resolved to dedicate his life to helping others. He earned multiple academic degrees, including a law degree from UH Manoa's William S. Richardson School of Law. Right after law school and while working at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Alcubilla took on a second job in retail to make ends meet and provide for his wife and two children, to keep up with the high living costs in Hawaii. His work and volunteer experiences have led him to serve various communities in high-conflict areas – from the streets of Oakland, California, to peace projects in Palestine and Israel.

Alcubilla's priorities include supporting key pieces of the current administration's Build Back Better agenda, Medicare for all, affordable housing, advocating for workers and their right to organize, supporting raising the federal minimum wage, defending the Jones Act, and calling for a progressive tax code.

In line with his objective of prioritizing the needs of everyday working families over the profits of corporations, Alcubilla's campaign has only accepted donations from individuals, a drastic contrast to the incumbent's campaign that is mostly backed by large companies.

About Sergio Alcubilla

Sergio Alcubilla III is a husband, parent, public-interest attorney, nonprofit leader and community organizer. His professional and community service experiences include working for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, being on various committees of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, and volunteering for the Hawaii Workers Center. Sergio attended the University of Florida with a double major in political science and economics, and received his law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. For more information, visit www.sergio4hawaii.com.

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