

Lambda Alpha International 2026 Land Economics Gathering

Honolulu, Hawaii

Program at a Glance (Subject to Revision)
As of September 2025

- 📍 Host Hotel: Alohilani Resort, Waikīkī, Honolulu
- 📅 Dates: October 8–10, 2026
- 🎯 Theme: Navigating Change - Weaving Wisdom and Vision
- 🌸 Sponsored by the Aloha Chapter

Day 1 – Thursday, October 8

Morning

7:30 am – 12:00 pm | LAI Business Meetings (Private – National officers & chapter presidents)

Venue: Alohilani Resort

Optional activities for those not attending business meetings (Self-organized or guided)

Afternoon

Optional activities (self-organized or guided):

- Waikīkī Historic Walking Tour
- Coastal Adaptation in Waikīkī Walking Tour
- Optional Paid Activity (e.g., surfing lesson, boat tour)

Evening

5:30 – 7:30 pm | President's Reception – Queen Emma Summer Palace

- Welina Oahu (Welcome) - Traditional opening chant & dance protocol
- Key cultural grounding remarks by Native Hawaiian leaders & LAI members

Day 2 – Friday, October 9

Morning & Afternoon: Mobile Tours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Themes: Hawaiian voices in shaping land use - past, present and future

- Ahupua'a (traditional land system) overview and influence
- Ali'i (Hawaiian royalty) trusts land management and urban redevelopment
- East Honolulu – cultural resources, water and land stewardship, including wetland restoration, Hawaiian heiau, water resources, land trust preservation initiatives
- Iconic Urban Parks (e.g., Kapi'olani Park, Thomas Square, & Ala Moana Park and Magic Island) – ali'i legacies, cultural importance, enduring impacts on contemporary land economics

Evening

6:00 – 9:00 pm | Dine-Arounds (small hosted group dinners by LAI members and sponsors)

Day 3 – Saturday, October 10

Mobile Tour: Skyline Rail & West O'ahu (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Themes: O'ahu's transit future, equity, military lands, food security, housing

Highlights:

- Downtown/Kaka'ako/Iwilei/Kapālama redevelopment projects – TOD opportunities unlocked by forthcoming rail transit, cultural storytelling in urban Honolulu
- Aloha Stadium & Skyline rail corridor
- Waiawa, Leeward Community College, Pearl Harbor sites
- University of Hawai'i West O'ahu (cultural/entertainment/ educational hub)
- Kapolei "Second City" housing & land use
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Ka Makana Ali'i development

Evening

6:00 – 9:00 pm | Closing Dinner Reception – Ho'okupu Center at the Kewalo Basin Park

- Home to an award-winning and thoughtfully-designed center which features community programs which transforms lives and prepares under-resourced youth for the workforce.
- Cultural performance, reflections on wayfinding and future land economics

Optional Pre/Post Gathering Activities

- Service Projects: Tree planting with Trees for Honolulu's Future; Stewarding traditional irrigated terraces for taro cultivation (lo'i)
- Neighbor Island trip extensions