

# Robert Keli 'iho 'omalu

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## EDUCATION

Bachelors Degree in General Media and Minor in Spanish 2010-2015  
*Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR*

M.S. prep courses in General Horticulture  
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 2016-present

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Nursery Technician 3/15-present  
California Republic, San Francisco, CA

- Performs daily facility and equipment maintenance
- Assists in the horticultural production of Cannabis clones

Crop Manager 7/16-3/17  
TK products, San Francisco, CA

- Responsible for crop health and daily Horticultural care at cultivation facility
- Assists in facility management, design, and operation in conjunction with ownership

Patient Consultant and Data Entry  
Urban Pharm, San Francisco, CA 1/16-5/20

- Assist up to 30 patients with medicinal Cannabis product selection daily
- Responsible for record keeping, HIPPA compliance, identification verification of every patient who enters dispensary premises

Founding member and head of Cultivation 11/15- present  
Paka Fine Cannabis, Alameda County, CA

- Learned California Cannabis Industry law including the MMRSA, Prop 215 and SB 420
- Manage start-up projects including but limited to the acquisition of property, cultivation design and legal consul

Freelance Cultivation Technician 9/15-11/15  
Scully Farms, Jackson, CA

- Managed crew of 9 in Cannabis cultivation, harvesting, and processing projects
- Performed Trimming, Harvesting, and Quality Control duties at medicinal cultivation site

Founding member and Lead Project Coordinator 10/14-10/15

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*NutraSol Holdings, Big Island, HI*

- Experienced in Cannabusiness start-up components and strong interest in obtaining operational skills
- 1½ years of Cannabusiness knowledge including understanding of government compliance in multiple states in both the adult-use and medicinal Cannabis sub-categories

## Indoor Grower

*Self-Employed, Oregon, USA*

9/14-5/15

- Learned indoor soil and hydroponic growing concepts and techniques
- Managed 50+ plants from seed to finished product

## Carpenters Apprentice

*Haven Contracting, Novato, CA*

6/14-8/14

- Acquired basic design skills
- Utilized Spanish to coordinate completion of projects with co-workers

## Promoter

*Sala Cosmos, Seville, Spain*

1/14-4/14

- Acquired interpersonal communication skills making use of trilingual abilities
- Promoted up to 3 events to 50+ international guests per week

## Lava Tour Guide

*Kalapana Cultural Tours, Kalapana, HI*

5/13-8/13

- Learned occupational safety
- Responsible for the safety and entertainment of up to 30 individuals per tour over 5+ miles of lava fields

## Founder and General Manager

*The Warehouse, Kamuela, HI*

5/11-8/12

- Established an underground music nightclub 80+ guests per event
- Obtained basic business management skills

## Forestry Field Technician

*Three Mountains Alliance, Volcano National Park, HI*

5/12-7/12

- Learned basic pest management, horticulture, botany, and applicable OSHA standards
- Worked on 300+ acre parcels propagating dozens of native plant species

## Houseman

*Four Seasons Resort, Hualalai, HI*

5/11-8/11

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- Learned basic customer service and hospitality skills
- Serviced up to 30 guest rooms per day

### Outdoor Grower

8/9-6/10

*Self-Employed, Big Island, HI*

- Studied Cannabis horticulture, pharmacology, and botany in order to produce high quality medicinal Cannabis
  - Identified the needs of 40 patients in order to suggest appropriate strains and products
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## **REFERENCES**

Hilary Flynn

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- Relationship: HR manager at Urban Pharm SF

Niall Scully

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- Relationship: Supervisor at Scully Farms

Ricky Heaven

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- Relationship: Supervisor at Heaven Contracting

Andrew Christie

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- Relationship: Supervisor at Volcanos National Park

March 19, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

To Ikaika Keli'ihomalu, Earth is an old and valued friend, to whom the stewardship of which comes naturally and authentically. As a third generation native Hawai'ian cannabis entrepreneur, Ikaika currently owns and operates a small cannabis business in the Bay Area. He knows of what he speaks and the things he speaks about are regenerative soil recycling, water recycling, LED lighting, reducing the carbon footprint, equity, and social justice. To Ikaika, the mission he is on, is sacred.

As an educator with SFUSD, and as founder and director of Brainstorm Tutoring, an agency in contract with the City and County of San Francisco providing 1:1 in home tutoring and mentoring services to students at risk of being placed out of their homes, I have had the privilege of working with countless young people over the years. Ikaika distinguishes himself from most people his age by his thoughtfulness and his ability to listen. While his passion for his work runs deep and calls to mind the volcanoes of his native land, Ikaika is not about explosive displays of lava crashing into the sea. His approach, instead, channels the warmth and energy from the center of the earth, giving his words and actions a consistency, evenness, and wisdom to which others are drawn and pay attention. It may sound trite, but Ikaika is an old soul.

I believe that Ikaika is a perfect candidate for membership on the San Francisco Cannabis Legalization Task Force. His knowledge, passion, clarity, and balance all serve to make him an invaluable team player. He is already attending San Francisco Cannabis Licensing Group meetings and this dedication and commitment make him poised to be an important contributor to the mandate of your task force. Sharing paths with Ikaika leaves one feeling enriched and educated.

Please feel free to call me at 415.793.6041 should you need more information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Steeno  
Peer Resources Teacher, SFUSD  
Founder and Director, Brainstorm Tutoring

March 21, 2017

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in efforts to provide recommendation for Ikaika Keli'iho'omalua, Kai, in his pursuit of acceptance within the San Francisco Cannabis Legalization Task Force.

I met Kai over a year ago through a mutual acquaintance while we, our group, were in search of assistance for a moonlighting project we had undertaken. Due to low bandwidth of parties involved, the project was at somewhat of a standstill. Kai was crucial in getting the project back on track, as he took it head-on with minimal direction and onboarding. He has an innate ability to think critically and solve problems on the fly, but most importantly the ability to engage in thoughtful conversation with peers about problems outside his skill set. Above all else it has been a great pleasure working alongside Kai. He is dedicated and passionate and I am extremely pleased to say that we have become friends. I am certain he will be a valued asset to any group he is a part of.

Thank you for your time. If needed, please contact me for further questions.

Kindest Regards,

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March 20, 2017

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to provide reference for Ikaika Keli'ihomalu (Kai) in his application for a position within your group. I've known Kai for well over a year now in both professional and social settings. Kai is one of the hardest working yet meticulous people I know, I would recommend him to join any group/employer as a strong contributor of collaborative problem solving and not being afraid to put the hours in to get the job done.

I enjoyed working with Kai and am pleased to be able to provide this letter of recommendation. I have great respect for Kai as an individual and a professional and am confident he will continue to exhibit positive performance in his future endeavours.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions. You may reach me at (415) 471-7935 or [komen.dustin@gmail.com](mailto:komen.dustin@gmail.com).

Regards,

Dustin Komen

Daisy Ozim

77 Van Ness Ave ste 101

San Francisco, CA

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

As a community advocate and former vice chair of the Cannabis Legalization Taskforce, I would like to express my support for Ikaika Keli'ihō'omalū to take seat 22, the youth seat on the taskforce.

I believe Ikaika would be a very important voice on the taskforce given his history with cannabis and indigenous land rights. He is a third generation Native Hawaiian Cannabis entrepreneur and has been involved with the Cannabis industry now for nearly 8 years primarily in his native homeland of Hawai'i as well as parts of America including both Oregon and California. He is already working to diversify the industry and bring in equity with the company he co-founded.

He is already working to build equity within the industry by networking with other POC businesses and building an entrenched network of POC businesses that can operate in all levels of the Cannabis supply chain. This is something that is integrally important to his beliefs in doing business here in the Bay Area and elsewhere.

I know Ikaika will be extremely beneficial on the taskforce and I hope he will be considered for the youth seat. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [dozim91@gmail.com](mailto:dozim91@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Daisy Ozim

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20 March, 2017

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to recommend Ikaika Keli'icho'omalua for the youth seat on the San Francisco Cannabis Legalization Task Force. I have known Ikaika since August 2015, when his partner, and my friend and colleague, Allison, began teaching at Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8 Community School, where I have been a teacher for 5 years.

Over the last year and a half, I have come to know Ikaika as a kind and thoughtful person who is deeply committed to social justice. Additionally, he is incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about medical cannabis. As a medical cannabis patient myself, I have found his advice on the matter to be thorough, trustworthy and helpful. Finally, Ikaika takes extensive measures to make his business environmentally sustainable, a subject of which he is well-informed. These very admirable traits would be of considerable benefit to the task force as cannabis transitions from a medical to a recreational product.

Through his professional experience as a cannabis entrepreneur and personal experience as a Native Hawaiian, I cannot imagine anyone better suited for the task force than Ikaika. He will be committed to ensuring justice in the cannabis industry for people of color and the environment. I believe that Ikaika could accomplish a great deal of good for our San Francisco community if given this opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the below listed contact information if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Peterson', with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charlotte Peterson

4th grade classroom teacher, Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8 Community School

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