

HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

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We urge Hawaii voters not to grow weary in 'well-doing' in regard to this issue.

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Remember, a blank vote counts as a no. **VOTE YES on 4.**

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