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Grassroot Institute of Hawaii  
c/o Justin Martin  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for your invitation to participate in your Gubernatorial Forum on Friday, August 22 at the Pacific Club.

I regret to inform you that I am withdrawing from the event because the information I received from Dr. Akina, through Mr. Martin on August 12, states that Grassroot Institute intends to record the event and to post the recording on the Institute's website and "distribute it as we see fit." Dr. Akina stated, in Mr. Martin's email, that "Agreement to participate in the forum entails permission for recording and broadcast." I did not agree to that.

Dr. Akina also indicated that the forum is not open to the public, but only to "members of the Grassroot Institute and their personal guests." All of the debates and fora in which I have participated have been open to the public or broadcast live in their entirety.

I apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

David Y. Ige  
Democratic Candidate  
for the Office of Governor