

## Vincent Mina Statement in Support of Candidacy for HFUU President

I am a farmer of 24 years with my wife Irene and our son and daughter, growing micro-greens in a compost medium that is recycled back onto the farm. We produce 500 pounds of greens a week - a half a million pounds of food for the community since we began in 1994.

I am also a collaborator and worked with many of you to develop the Hawaii Chapter of the NFU since 2009, serving as its president since 2012. We are the second fastest growing state chapter with 13 regional chapters and over 1,300 members. As your representative, I initiated and chair the national committee on regenerative agriculture and local food (RALF). With all this progress we now also have a seat on the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

In addition to HFUU, over the last twenty years I have learned from and been part of work done by the Hawaii Organic Farmers Organization, the Maui Farm Bureau. Attended many ACRES USA conferences, bringing to Hawaii their best presenters via 12 "Body & Soil Conferences".

We are just getting started. I ask for your vote to continue as President of the HFUU. Mahalo Nui Loa to all our members for your support.

Vincent Mina.

