Lions of District 50 Hawaii,

First, thank you to the members of the Manoa Lions Club for your support and especially to Lion Miki Matsuno for sponsoring me to become a Lion.

I believe, I am the only District Governor, in the history of Lionism, to start my climb to this position as 2nd VDG Elect with a disaster (volcano and earthquake) and to enter as a District Governor Elect with the COVID - 19. What a coincidence, that I chose the theme of "Protect the Pride".

Mahalo to the late PID K. Fat Hiramatsu, who was also my baseball coach, who told me that I will be someone one day, but not definitely a baseball player, the late PID Melvin Nakamura for his encouragement, support, and believing in me.

Thank you to my cabinet and committee members that will be working with me. It is truly an honor to have you on board.

Thank you to ALL the Past District Governors for your words of wisdom and guidance and especially to PDG's Nadine Nishioka and Chris Tamura, for not only making me famous, but your speeches and endorsements for the District Governor.

Thank you to ALL the members of the District 50 Hawaii Lions for your support. I will need ALL of your support and ideas. It is not about me, but it is about all of us! Like a jigsaw puzzle we need to fit and bond together, hold on to each other to "Protect the Pride"!

Thank you and love to my sons, Jordan and Tyler and lastly, my wife, Danielle. I was taken by surprise when I asked her for her thoughts and she said, "I think you would make a great District Governor!"

Once again, Mahalo from the bottom of my heart and together, let's "Protect the Pride"!

District Governor Elect

Garrett Y. Ogawa