I am pleased to send my warmest aloha to the licensees, management, and guests assembled this morning for the 2018 Honolulu Liquor Commission Symposium.

With the theme of “Facing Challenges,” this fifth annual event promises to be especially beneficial to your businesses, staff, and customers. Presentations from the U.S. Department of Labor, the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the State Department of Health, and the Honolulu Police Department will help you to remain in compliance with multiple regulatory agencies. Another benefit is the opportunity to discuss issues with commission staff.

Mahalo to the presenters Peter Oshiro, Min Kirk, Herbert Lee, Pamela Martin, Zachary Pang, and Anna Hirai. The information you share today will help to explain, promote, and uphold the highest standards and practices in the industry.

Mahalo also to the Honolulu Liquor Commission, Administrator Franklin “Don” Pacarro, Jr., and Assistant Administrator Anna Hirai for presenting this important event and illustrating the commission’s dedication to serving the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

On behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, I extend best wishes for a successful and productive symposium.

Kirk Caldwell