

PEACEFUL PROTEST PROTOCOLS

North Hawai'i Action Network

(An Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network Chapter)

He 'a'ali'i au 'a'ohe makani e hina ai.

"I am an 'a'ali'i shrub; no wind can topple me."

◇ YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTEST ◇

- **Stay on sidewalks** unless crossing at a signal or marked crosswalk.
- **Leave space for pedestrians** or move with them.
- If **stopped**: stay calm. Ask, "Am I free to go?" If not, say, "I'm remaining silent." Don't consent to searches. You may record police if not interfering.
- If **arrested**: ask for a lawyer. Don't speak or sign anything without one. You have the right to a local phone call.

◇ RESPECTFUL ENGAGEMENT ◇

- **Stay peaceful** - Our power is in solidarity, calm, and long-term commitment to organizing, educating, and resisting – with aloha.
- **Avoid confrontations** - Don't yell or debate counter-protesters. Stay grounded, focus on your message, walk away if needed.
- **Communicate with care** - Avoid personal attacks or divisive language (e.g., "Deport Elon"). Speak to unite, not divide.
- **Respect differences** - Honor others' backgrounds. Assume good intentions. Make space for learning and imperfection.
- **Avoid misinformation** - Don't share false or misleading information.

◇ COMMUNITY & SOLIDARITY ◇

- **Have each other's backs** - Support, check in, and de-escalate.
- **Center marginalized voices** - Step back, listen, uplift. No one knows everything; together we know a lot.
- **Celebrate joy** - Chant, dance, sing, play a drum or other musical instrument including pots and pans. Joy is resistance.
- **Stand Up For America** – Appropriately display American flags.
- **Malama 'aina** - care for the land. Leave no trace.