

'Hawaii Five-0'

Now, the casting call

If plans to revive "Hawaii Five-0" as a major motion picture come through, more people will applaud than those in the audience.

It would be a substantial boost for the Island film industry and a fresh start for a show that became one of Hollywood's most successful promoters of Hawaii.

(But as an aside, one has to wonder how much good the movie will do for Hawaii's effort to promote itself as an international meeting place; the plot involves a security threat against heads of state meeting in Honolulu.)

Producers of the revival project say they are committed and will begin filming here as early as next year. Only one major challenge remains: casting.

The producers say they want someone with a big name for the roles pioneered by Jack Lord, James MacArthur, Kam Fong and others. A lot of Advertiser readers would prefer to see home-grown talent in the lead roles.

Here's how to satisfy both needs. Only problem is, they'd have to cancel the mayoral election:

For "take-charge" Steve McGarrett, cast Frank Fasi.

For the "eager-to-please" Dano, Jeremy Harris.

As the "stoic" Kono, Arnold Morgado.

And for the "noncommittal" Chin Ho Kelly, simple: Just about any member of the 1996 Hawaii Legislature.

You like? Let's do lunch.