



Community Report



November 2010

Senator Donna Mercado Kim

District 14

Aiea Halawa Kalihi Moanalua Red Hill

Mahalo!

With the elections over, I want to thank all of you who voted. I am deeply humbled by the overwhelmingly positive support you have shown, acknowledging the efforts I have made on your behalf.

With the recent re-organization of the State Senate, I will preside as **Vice President**. In addition, I will chair the **Tourism Committee** and a **Committee on Accountability**. Providing accountability of state government has always been a priority and your responses encourage me that we are on the right track. And with next year's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference in Honolulu, the tourism committee will play an extremely significant role. I will continue to strive for leaner government, fiscal accountability and economic growth for our state. Thank you for your faith and support!

Congratulations to Dole Middle School

On October 19, 2010, Dole Middle School was recognized by the **National College For Every Student (CFES) Program** as the first Hawaii school to receive the **School of Distinction award 2010**. CFES has exemplary programs that prepare underserved students for college success.

Dole Middle School has demonstrated rigorous participation in all three best practices: pathways to college, mentoring, and leadership through service in the community.

The guidance program prompts college awareness and success in various ways. All 6th grade students complete a college application, all 7th grade students write a college essay or personal statement and all 8th grade students receive a lesson on understanding the financial aid process.

Congratulations to Dole Middle School for producing an outstanding College For Every Student program and for being heralded as a School of Distinction for 2010!



Residents received valuable information at the annual Senior Fair at Pearlridge Uptown Center Stage



A successful Keiki ID event - 350 IDs processed!

Joint Legislative Investigating Committee

The 2010 Legislative Session passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No.18, establishing a joint legislative investigating committee to oversee the investigation of the Department of Budget and Finance's handling of the state's investment in student loan auction rate securities (SLARS).

The committee members are: Senators Donna Mercado Kim, Shan Tsutsui, Sam Slom and Representatives Marcus Oshiro, James Tokioka, and Gene Ward. The committee met on October 11, 2010.

This committee shall assist the independent attorney in charge of the investigation by holding meetings and hearings as requested. A report of findings will be submitted to the Legislature 20 days prior to Session 2011.

Kalihi-Palama Health Center Joins Fight Against Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in Hawaii. The Kalihi-Palama Health Center (KPHC) announced that it will team up with the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii to help fight this disease that affects more than 27 million Americans each year and one out of every seven people in Hawaii.

Kalihi-Palama Health Center received \$150,000 in federal funding in 2010 and will receive an additional \$250,000 for 2011 to develop and improve health care programs specifically targeting high-risk populations. KPHC is the second largest community health center in Hawaii. Last year, it served 20,000 people in 95,000 visits.

Update on KPT Redevelopment

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority held their board of directors meeting on October 21, 2010. Reno & Cavanaugh was recently selected as legal counsel for the KPT Redevelopment project. What does this mean? Once the contract is signed, HPHA's legal counsel must review several legal documents before the project can proceed.



Senator Kim speaks at Hawaii Procurement Institute

Informational Briefing on 11.3.2010

The Committee on Ways and Means held an informational briefing on November 3rd to gather information on a housing project in Kona from the **Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation**. Serious concerns were raised regarding the contract between the developer and the state and the amount of public uses attached to the project.

DOE Projects

The following are projects that the Legislature has appropriated money for schools within the 14th Senatorial District:

<u>DOE Capital Improvement Projects</u>		
Dole Middle School		
Restroom renovations		\$250,000
Fern Elementary		
Roof, carpet improvements		\$575,000
Aiea Intermediate		
Cafeteria renovations		\$1,740

Schedule of Community Meetings

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea Neighborhood Board No.20

Monday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 13, recess

Aiea Library Conference Room

Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No.16

Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Sakima Recreational Center

Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No.15

Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

Kalihi Union Church

Community Association Meetings

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Moanalua Middle School

Moanalua Valley Community Association

Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Moanalua Golf Course

Mark Your Calendar!

Aloha Aina Earth Day Recycling

Palama Settlement

Saturday, November 13, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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