



Neighborhood Board Newsletter April 2012 Representative Corinne Ching

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Representative Ching's 2012 Committees

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- Health (HLT)
- Human Services (HUS)
- Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC)
- Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place (JLCAIP)

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Dear Family and Friends:

Second Crossover was Tuesday, April 10. Among other concerns, the House focused on addressing economic revitalization, education reform, and environmental protection. As we wind down this Legislative Session, we have accomplished many feats – including recognition of our beautiful District 27 in the Star-Advertiser article "Liliha Revitalization in Works" published on March 25, 2012. I am so honored that - over ten years serving as your State Representative - we have together brought to fruition efforts to highlight the uniqueness of Liliha's historic and cultural gems. Our revitalization initiatives continue to develop each day, even recently inspiring the UH School of Architecture's urban studio to use Liliha as a model. Our office is continuing to address general community concerns, and also expanding our Liliha Vitality Project to include the Green Anthurium Project: a symbolic initiative to raise community awareness of diabetes.

We thank all the residents that have graciously submitted testimonies and requests for hearings to pass these Resolutions that will enhance our unique diverse heritage and educate future generations on our precious history. I appreciate your trust in me; indeed it is a privilege to be your Representative. If you have any suggestions or concerns, always feel free to contact my office.

Mahalo nui loa,

State Representative, 27th District

Rep. Ching & Staff to be Honored for Nuuanu Tour

The Office of Representative Corinne W.L. Ching will be recognized on Friday, May 11, 2012 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with a Preservation Commendation at Historic Hawaii Foundation's 2012 Preservation Honor Awards Ceremony – "the highest recognition of preservation projects that perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or interpret the state's architectural, archaeological and / or cultural heritage," according to the foundation.

Representative Ching along with her staff, Jessica Bursack, Tiffany Au, Lindsey Barrow, Deborah Bossley, and Austin Benoit with a group of volunteers spearheaded the 2012 Nu'uuanu-Liliha Candlelight tour through the architectural and historic sites in the 27th district. Founded in 2006 and conducted annually every Moonlight February, the complimentary tour is open to the public and serves as an educational and advocacy mission focused on raising civic responsibility, stewardship of one's heritage, knowledge of historic preservation, and appreciation for culture and community.

Sites that participated in the candlelight tour that will also be recognized include the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Consulate General of Japan, Daughters of Hawaii, Philippine Consulate General, Community Church of Honolulu and the Academy of the Pacific.



Rep. Ching poses with 2012 Candlelight Tour attendees from University of Hawaii

Mark Your Calendars - Farmers' Market Returns!



Check out all the fresh offerings at the Nuuanu Farmers Market at Honolulu SDA Church April 24th from 4:00-7:00pm!

The much anticipated return of the Nuuanu Farmers Market was unfortunately pushed back due to some bad luck. However, its imminent return is now slated for Tuesday, April 24th at the Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church! Please join us from 4:00 to 7:00 pm to welcome back this jewel of our community!

There will be plenty of vendors offering up a bounty of fresh local produce as well as plate lunches and a myriad of other local products! Also in attendance will be a Chocolate Road show booth that will display the wonderful flavors of Hawaiian-grown chocolate with a melted chocolate fountain available free for

anyone that stops by and purchases fruit or anything else they would like to dip! For more information, you may contact our office or the Market Coordinator, Carol Rose, at 589.6459.



Neighborhood Revitalization—UPDATE!

Our neighborhood revitalization is moving along as planned. On **May 2nd**, Representative Ching and local business leaders will be advised of the visions of the town of Liliha presented by students of the University Of Hawaii School Of Architecture at the offices of the Housing and Urban Development. Posted in the window of the Liliha Town Center is information about local events and happenings. Our staff has worked diligently to prepare the town Center for members of the community to volunteer. Information is on hand

about historic sites in and around Liliha. If you would like to volunteer please call or email our office. The Town Center will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm as well as one Saturday per month while we gather available community members to engage in conversation and assist in planning the annual *I LOVE LILIHA* festival on **August 26th 2012**. Reverend Max Fowler of Good Shepherd Church will be hosting a public exhibition to showcase the completed projects carried out by the students of the University Of Hawaii School Of Architecture.

The event is being sponsored by The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and The offices of Housing and Urban Development. Please plan to attend the event on **Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.** Contact our office to R.S.V.P!



Ching (far right) presents Bev and Jen Ho (middle) with a House Certificate during the Grand Opening of the Liliha Town Center back in 2008. The Center was Ching's initial step in her "Vitality Project"

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Fido Makes You Fit!

Did you know that contemporary research reveals that dog walkers are more active overall than people without dogs? Did you know that dog owners have a higher life expectancy than average? In response to these phenomena which coincides with our wellness and revitalization efforts, we have officially begun the beginning phases of constructing a dog park in our neighborhood! It is our goal to make this initiative something that is accessible to everyone and enjoyed by all. There-

fore we ask your opinion: Would you like to see the addition of a dog park in Nuuanu/Liliha? Are there any foreseeable reservations regarding this matter? Please contact our office and let us know what you think! You may also contact us on Facebook or Twitter!



Palama Settlement Film Premiere

Palama Settlement was founded in 1905 to bring social change when a fire that broke out in Honolulu's Chinatown left 4,000 residents homeless. This year marks its 100th year of outreach to the Kalihi and Palama community for providing services to various immigrant communities, including the Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiians, Filipinos, Samoans, Tongan, Laotians, and Micronesians. Their efforts to provide a wide range

of educational, recreational, athletic, cultural, social, health services and mentoring for at-risk youth, adults, and seniors that positively enhance the wellbeing of individuals and families is captured in an hour long documentary that they have created entitled *Voices of Palama Settlement*, featuring 100 peoples' lives enhanced by settlement, including local celebrities, State leaders, accomplished athletes and artists that have gone through Palama Settlement.

Rep. Ching & Staff Help Foodbank

The Strive to Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors - On April 3rd, our office held a fundraiser benefitting the Hawaii Food Bank. We offered up local agriculture at its best in the form of North Shore Chocolate Fondue and Hot Cocoa. The event was a hit as the allotment of thirty five pre-orders was filled and well over \$100 was made for the Hawaii Food Bank!



Rep. Ching and Tiffany Au, Legislative Aide and Narcissus Queen, pose at the 'Chocolate Cafe'



Liliha Featured in Star-Advertiser!

Liliha was highlighted in the Money Section of the Star-Advertiser on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Entitled 'Liliha Revitalization in Works' the article featured raving reviews on Liliha's current momentum from supporters across the island. Featured were Representative Ching and Liliha resident Jocelyn Ho, a longtime supporter of the Liliha revitalization project, who has seen her neighborhood gradually transform. Ho's once graffiti-covered Henry Ho Building was painted over in 2008, joining numerous building beauties of Liliha, through a myriad of community improvement projects carried out by a strong coalition of community volunteers.

Liliha, as described by reporter Allison Schaefer, is a potential tourist destination, charming for its "quaint pre-statehood architecture and eclectic community," and has brought attention from University of Hawaii architecture students now assisting to create master plans to renovate Liliha.



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2012 Conference Committee Assignments - Representative Corinne W.L. Ching

| <i>Bill/Draft No.</i> | <i>Topic</i> | <i>Senate Committee Members</i> | <i>House Committee Members</i> |
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| HB609 HD2 SD2 | RELATING TO HEALTH. | Green, Nishihara, Chun Oakland | Yamane, Morikawa, Rhoads, Ching |
| HB1953 HD1 SD1 | RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. | Green, Chun Oakland, Espero, Nishihara, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, Cabanilla, Jordan, Ching |
| HB1957 HD2 SD2 | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INFORMATION. | Green, Baker, Hee, Slom | Yamane, Herkes, Keith-Agaran, Ching |
| HB2078 HD2 SD2 | RELATING TO TAXATION. | TBD | Brower, Herkes, Tokioka, Nishimoto, Tsuji, Ching |
| HB2227 HD1 SD2 | RELATING TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES. | Green, Hee, Chun Oakland | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Morikawa, Mizuno, Woolley, Ching |
| HB2232 HD2 SD1 | RELATING TO HEALTH. | Green, Hee, Baker, Slom | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Jordan, M. Lee, Nishimoto, Ching |
| HB2275 HD2 SD2 | RELATING TO HOSPITALS. | TBD | Yamane, Mizuno, Oshiro, Jordan, Morikawa, Ching |
| HB2312 HD2 SD2 | RELATING TO TORTS. | Green, Hee, Slom | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Brower, Morikawa, Ching |
| HB2314 HD1 SD1 | RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. | TBD | Brower, Tokioka, Nishimoto, Ching |
| HB2374 SD1 | RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS. | Green, Hee, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Rhoads, Oshiro, Mizuno, Morikawa, Ching |
| HB2568 HD2 SD1 | RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS. | Green, Nishihara, Slom | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Morikawa, Tsuji, Ching |
| HB2664 HD1 SD1 | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COORDINATION. | Green, Baker, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, Jordan, Ching |
| HB2776 HD2 SD2 | RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE. | Green, Chun Oakland, Ige, Ihara, Slom | Yamane, Mizuno, Keith-Agaran, Morikawa, Jordan, Ching |
| SB1168 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS. | Chun Oakland, Hee, Green, Wakai, Slom | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Brower, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB1500 HD1 | RELATING TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS. | Hee, Shimabukuro, Slom | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Cabanilla, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB2103 SD2 HD2 | RELATING TO HEALTH. | Green, Baker, Espero, Slom | Yamane, Herkes, M. Lee, Ching |
| SB2228 SD2 HD2 | RELATING TO PSEUDOEPHEDRINE. | Green, Baker, Espero | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, Ito, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB2320 SD2 HD2 | RELATING TO AGING. | Chun Oakland, Ige, Ihara, Slom | Yamane, Mizuno, Oshiro, Jordan, M. Lee, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB2344 SD2 HD1 | MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY. | Green, Chun Oakland, Kidani, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, M. Lee, Ching |
| SB2383 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS | Green, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB2398 SD2 HD1 | RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS. | Espero, Green, Baker | Yamane, Herkes, Yamashita, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB2466 SD2 HD2 | RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. | Chun Oakland, Ige, Green | Yamane, Mizuno, Oshiro, Jordan, Morikawa, Ching |
| SB2536 HD2 | RELATING TO CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES AND HALFWAY HOUSES. | Green, Espero, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Mizuno, Morikawa, Jordan, Ching |
| SB2778 SD1 HD1 | MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH. | Green, Chun Oakland, Ryan, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, M. Lee, Mizuno, Ching |
| SB2813 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD SPECIAL FUND. | Chun Oakland, Ige, Slom | Yamane, M. Lee, Morikawa, Tokioka, Ching |
| SB2821 HD3 | RELATING TO MORTALITY REVIEW OF DEATHS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. | Green, Chun Oakland, Nishihara, Slom | Yamane, Rhoads, Morikawa, Mizuno, Ching |
| SB2825 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO THE HAWAII IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY. | Green, Hee, Baker | Yamane, Herkes, Morikawa, M. Lee, Mizuno, Ching |
| SB2827 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND. | Green, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, M. Lee, Ching |
| SB2939 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII. | Green, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, Aquino, Cabanilla, Cullen, Har, Ching |
| SB2958 SD2 HD2 | RELATING TO HEALTH. | Green, Baker, Chun Oakland, Slom | Yamane, Morikawa, M. Lee, Mizuno, Ching |
| SB3039 SD1 HD1 | RELATING TO ANATOMICAL TRANSPLANTS. | Green, Hee, Slom | Yamane, Keith-Agaran, M. Lee, Ching |