



Neighborhood Board 14: Liliha REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE CORINNE W. L. CHING

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Rep. Ching Hosts Heritage Tour at CYD & ILL, Soon APEC



Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

The two tours will take place November 12th

Since August, Representative Ching has hosted tours through District 27 for two separate community events: the 8th annual "I Love Liliha" Town Festival on August 28th, and more recently at the 18th annual "Children and Youth Day" hosted by Senator Chun Oakland this past Sunday, October 1. Both tours traversed some of the richest cultural sites on the island of Oahu, including the historic Pali Lookout, Iolani

Palace, and a drive through Liliha.

In the upcoming month of November, Representative Ching will take on an international constituency of APEC delegates hailing from across the Pacific basin. The APEC tour will showcase culturally and historically significant heritage sites in and beyond the 27th district, spanning centuries of significance ranging from Queen Emma Summer Palace to Liliha Bakery.

Look for updates in the upcoming neighborhood board newsletters!



Government Debt Crisis Info Briefing—Open to the Public!

Republican Representatives Gene Ward and Barbara Marumoto will be hosting the Government Debt Crisis informational meeting open to the public, tomorrow, October 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hawaii State Capitol, room 309. The meeting will feature prominent financial experts from



both private and public, state and national finance backgrounds.

Parking is available at the Capitol building, on surrounding streets with meters, and also at various municipal lots in the downtown area.

Pick up a flyer tonight!

District 27 Neighborhood Boards Agree: Support Likelike Elementary!

During the month of September, District 27 Neighborhood Boards #12, #14, and #15 unanimously voted against the School Board's suggested closure of Likelike Elementary School, which would celebrate its 90th birthday next year.

As a community landmark with continually improving student test scores, particularly in math, closure of Likelike Elementary would be disruptive to its students' academic careers at their most critical stage.

Furthermore, redistributing Likelike Elementary's nearly 400 students would cause overcrowding in the surrounding schools such as Lanakila Elementary and others which are currently operating at ideal capacity.

Representative Ching gives her full support to keeping Likelike Elementary School open and is in the process of contacting School Board members to ensure the peoples' opinions are heard.

First-Ever Hawaii Chocolate Association Meeting Complete

On September 28, Representative Ching and Amy Hammond of Special Events Hawaii co-hosted the first ever Hawaii Chocolate Association meeting at the Hawaii State Capitol.

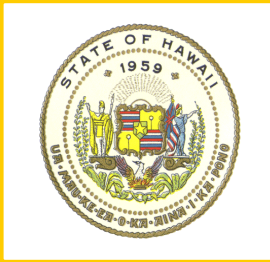
"We were thrilled that industry leaders from all islands were able to attend, and we're happy to announce that we'll be forming the Hawaii Chocolate association in the coming months," says Amy Hammond, local event planner and future Association leader.

Aimed at creating an association of cacao growers, university sci-



Above: L-R Amy Hammond, Rep. Ching, Mike Conway, H.C. "Skip" Bittenbender
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entists, and vendors partment of Agriculture's report on cacao throughout the state to better organize the industry, the meeting began with a legislative briefing from Representative Ching including the designation of February as Cacao Month and a discussion of the De-



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