



# Representative Jackson D. Sayama

## March 2022 Community Report

District 20—St. Louis Heights, Palolo Valley, Maunalani Heights, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki



## Good Policy Comes from Listening to Constituents

No matter big or small, I strongly believe good policy is shaped by voices that reflect the realities of life. Most recently on the issue of minimum wage, I spoke with Kaimuki business owners and found that while Hawaii’s economy has recovered, many local, small businesses are struggling with supply chain delays, high oil prices, and rising medical premiums.



Rep. Sayama spoke with Kaimuki business owners to understand the effect of a rise in minimum wage.

### Next Neighborhood Board

Apr 13th	<b>Palolo Neighborhood Board Meeting,</b> 7:00 pm. Via WebEx
Apr 14th	<b>Diamond Head, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu Neighborhood Board Meeting</b> 6:30 pm, Via WebEx
Apr 20th	<b>Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Meeting,</b> 6:30 pm. In-Person

## PAU HANA WITH SAYAMA

**WHEN:**  
Every Friday 5 PM

**WHERE”**  
Instagram  
📷 (@repsayama)

**TALK STORY:**

- Legislation
- Community Concerns

Through candid and informed conversations, I can better represent you and our community in the Capitol. To facilitate these conversations, I will be organizing town halls throughout the district. Please let me know if you and your neighbors would be interested in this and we’ll organize one for you. Whether its at the Capitol or town halls, I look forward to meeting you and talking story, so we can work together to building a better Hawaii.

# Legislative Activity

## Fighting Against Youth Vaping



Rep. Sayama joined a coalition led by students to advocate for banning flavored vaping products that market addictive nicotine products to children. While being just as addictive as cigarettes, e-cigarettes incorporate sweet and fruity flavors to attract younger users. If you feel passionate about this issue, please submit testimony for SB3118 and HB1570.

## Light at the End of the Tunnel

Rep. Sayama speaking on the importance of his catalytic converter bill as it passes the House. A product of collaboration from the State Attorney General, the City Prosecuting Attorney, HPD, and myself, this bill calls for stricter penalties and greater oversight for the industry. While this bill stalled in the Senate last year, I'm optimistic this issue will be addressed in this legislative session.



## Supporting Retirement Savings



On March 17th, Rep. Sayama's committee on Labor and Tourism heard and passed SB3289, which aims to increase access to employees who lack retirement plans by establishing the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program. By investing in this program and helping people off of social services, the State may save millions of dollars in the long run.



## State COVID-19 Mandates Update

Starting **March 26th, 2022** Hawaii will end two major COVID restrictions, **(1)** COVID-19 travel requirements for domestic travel—meaning travelers coming from other states or U.S. territories, won't have to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. And **(2)** Hawaii's indoor mask mandate: masking indoors will no longer be a government mandate. Private businesses may still require masks for customers and employees.

## Renewal and Vision for Kaimuki's Future

On March 18th, I toured the site of the future “Goodwill Building” in Kaimuki and was impressed with the Omidyar Group leading this project. From going door to door to answering questions at neighborhood board meetings, community was a clear priority in every step of their project. A block down the street, I spoke with Adoree Yu, who was cleaning up the interior of the Queen Theatre to show case the property. While there will always be anxiety around changes in our community, these projects bring new opportunities for businesses and our communities. Together, with engagement from the community we can build a new future that meets the needs of the present and honors past traditions. If you have questions regarding these two projects or have ideas about others, please reach out to me.



Project managers from the 3650 Waiialae Project updating Rep. Sayama on the project's progress.



Rep. Sayama with Congressman Ed Case and Adoree Yu speaking about the future of Queen Theatre.

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## Fraud Prevention & Resource Guide

The Office of Securities Commissioner has provided our office with the *Fraud Prevention & Resource Guide*. This handbook shares information on methods scammers use, common consumer frauds, resources on identity theft and many more helpful information.

To pick up a hardcopy of the handbook, please visit our office or the Kaimuki Public Library. Please call to ask if the handbook is still available.

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