

Serving Senate District 25 ~ Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo, Keolu Hills, Lanikai & Kailua

## **APEC USA 2011—Hawaii's Opportunity**

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) will converge upon Honolulu November 6-13, 2011. This is an amazing opportunity for our state. The conference will begin with three days of APEC Ministers Meetings, followed by a two-day CEO Summit of the Pacific's most important industry leaders, concluding with the two-day APEC Economic Leaders' Meetings hosted by President Barack Obama welcoming leaders from the 21 member nations which include US, Mexico, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Korea, Russia, Vietnam, among others.

The US will only have the privilege of hosting APEC every 21 years, as the conference location rotates among member nations. Hawaii is honored to be chosen as the host community for this prestigious conference bringing together the nations that comprise 43% of global trade, 60% of US exports and 55% of the world's gross domestic product.

The benefits to our state are almost enumerable. To begin with, of the nearly 2 million annual international visitors

to Hawaii, 89% come from APEC member nations. This conference will highlight our beauty and strengthen our visitor industry both short and long term. We expect visitor expenditures to top \$123 million, with labor earnings of \$35 million, and state tax revenue of \$7.6 million based upon the 17,000 delegates, workforce support, and media professionals. Additionally, we expect major business expenditures, media exposure and Federal government spending.

Our long term economic benefits will include attracting capital investment, increasing trade and positioning Hawaii as a place for major business meetings, incentive conferences and events. Any way you look at it, this is Hawaii's time to shine.

There will be many exciting volunteer opportunities for our community members, including airport greetings, interpreters, and many more. I urge all interested individuals to access the APEC website: <u>www.APEC2011hawaii.com</u> to find out more about APEC and how to get involved.

# **OPENING DAY**





You are cordially invited to attend the District 25 Office Open House

At twelve noon or immediately following the Opening Day Ceremonies

of the Twenty-sixth Legislature

of the State of Hawaii

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 213 refreshments served



# **COMMUNITY EVENTS!**

HAWAII KAI, WAIMANALO, AND KAILUA COMMUNITY EVENTS REQUESTED FOR ONLINE DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING

**Community groups are now able to post their events on line with my legislative office.** I am committed to building a strong partnership with community members, schools, non-profit organizations, district parks, and other organizations and to help publicize events and community fundraisers to assist groups in having successful drives and events.

Please submit any and all event notices to: <u>District25Mail@gmail.com</u> to be included in the forthcoming "Community Calendar" which will be distributed by e-mail on a regular basis. Additionally, please forward this communication to all other organizations you are aware of that regularly hold events.

## **WAM/FIN Informational Briefings**

As we gear up for the 26th Legislature, the Senate Ways & Means and House Finance Committees are holding a series of informational briefings between January 3 - January 18.

Please go to the Capitol website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov to see detailed schedule. Also go to www.olelo.org for the television broadcast schedule on info briefings.

#### Briefings as follows:

Council on Revenues Economists	Dept. of Budget & Finance	Office of the Governor
State Financial Plan & Biennium Budget	Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations	Office of Lt. Governor
Judiciary	Dept. of Human Services & agencies	Libraries
Dept. of Accounting & General Services	Dept. of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Charter Schools
Dept. of Taxation	Dept. of Transportation	Dept. of Land and Natural Resources
Dept. of Bus., Econ. Dev. & Tourism	Counties	Dept. of Human Resources Development
Dept. of Education	Dept. of Agriculture	Hawaii Health System Corp.
Dept. of Defense	University of Hawaii	Dept. of Health
Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Dept. of Attorney General	
Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands	Dept. of Public Safety	

### **MLK Day of Service**

Looking for something inspiring to do in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year? •

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Monday, January 17th, 2011 from 8:00am-1:00pm

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Kako'o 'Oiwi on the Windward side of Oahu

Kupu Hawaii would like to invite you to it's 3rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. With your help we will be spending an afternoon working outdoors, nourishing our 'aina and supporting Kako'o 'Oiwi by assisting in areas such as planting, stream work, invasive species removal, removing rubbish and working in the loi.

Project begins promptly at 8am (get there on-time to receive your free shirt), parking will be provided at the site, please bring clothes you can get dirty, boots, gloves, water-bottle and sunscreen-we hope to work rain or

shine! All volunteers must sign a waiver and register with Kupu. Please go to website:

www.kupuhawaii.org to learn more about Kupu Hawaii, register and fill out waiver. There will be a commencement ceremony at 8:15 am and lunch will be provided at 12:00 pm.



### **Ethics Commission Post**

#### APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR ETHICS COMMISSION

The Judicial Council is accepting applications to fill one current vacancy and one anticipated vacancy on the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. One applicant will fill Dr. William H. Montgomerv's term, which expires on June 30, 2012. The other anticipated vacancy will occur when Dr. David J. Randell's term expires on June 30, 2011.

Applicants must be U. S. citizens, residents of the State of Hawai i and may not hold any other public office. The Ethics Commission addresses ethical issues involving legislators, registered lobbyists, and state employees (with the exception of judges, who are governed by the Commission on Judicial Conduct). The Ethics Commission is responsible for investigating complaints, providing advisory opinions, and enforcing decisions issued by the Commission. The Hawai i State Constitution prohibits members of the Ethics Commission "from taking an active part in political management or political campaigns."

Interested persons should submit an application, a resume and three letters of recommendation (attesting to the applicant's character and integrity) postmarked by February 4 to: Judicial Council, Hawai i Supreme Court, 417 S. King Street, Second Floor, Honolulu, Hawai i 96813-2902.

Applications are available on the Judiciary website at www.courts.state.hi.us. Applications may also be obtained from the Communications and Community Relations Office, Room 212, Ali iolani Hale, 417 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai i 96813 or by calling the Judicial Council at 539-4702.