



District 27 Report

LILIHA · NU'UANU · PU'UNUI · ALEWA HEIGHTS · PALAMA

Aloha Friends,

Greetings for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Thank you for taking a moment to review your district neighborhood report. We are welcoming in the New Year, the year of the Rabbit, and the start of the 2011 Legislative Session with our annual Opening Day ceremonies on Wednesday January 19, 2011 (*details provided below*). I hope you will join us for this special event as the 2011 session will be the first of the 26th legislative biennium.

My office has been very busy working in preparation of the upcoming 26th Legislative Session. As your State Representative, I will continue to listen, work hard and speak up for Hawaii's 27th District. I am looking forward to working together with the Board to discuss possible bill introductions to benefit the residents and businesses of the district. To the residents, I'd like to hear about your concerns, issues, and ideas. Please feel free to submit any suggestions for legislation to my office. I'm grateful for your support and confidence in my ability to lead our community.

Let's work together to make this the most productive session yet. I look forward to your cooperation and participation.

Mahalo,



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Opening Day

Wed. Jan. 19, 2011
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

5th Annual Liliha-Nu'uanu Candlelight Tour

February 11, 2011
5:00pm-9:00pm
(Tour begins at
Nu'uanu Congrega-
tional Church)

**Reservations required*

We are happy to provide to you once again complimentary transportation to and from the State Capitol for Opening Day of the 26th Legislative Session, Wednesday, January 19, 2011. (A special mahalo to Senator Chun-Oakland for sharing the cost of providing this service to the district.) Our doors will be open from 11:30 am-2:00 pm, and we are located in room 330 of the State Capitol.

This annual tradition is a wonderful opportunity to meet and converse with your elected State leaders, as well as a time to catch up with friends and neighbors over pupus and refreshments from local eateries in our community.

Trolley shuttle service will run approximately every 30 minutes to and from the locations noted in the schedule on the right. See you Opening Day!

**The trolley is ADA compliant. Trolley will run approximately every 30 minutes. First pickup from the 7-11 on Nu'uanu is at 11:00 am and last pickup at the Capitol is at 1:30 pm.*

Trolley Schedule

**Bus Stop at the
7- Eleven
1755 Nu'uanu Ave.
Lanakila Multi-
Purpose Senior
Center
1640 Lanakila Ave.**

**Women in Government’s 17th Annual State Directors’ Conference
2011 Forecast and Leadership Series**

Representative Ching recently received a scholarship to attend the Women in Government’s 17th Annual State Directors’ Conference 2011 Forecast and Leadership Series. Women in Government is a national, non-profit, bi-partisan organization of women state legislators whose mission is to “provide leadership opportunities, networking ex-

pert forums, and educational resources to address and resolve complex public policy issues.”

Several topics were discussed at the conference such as healthcare, energy, leadership, state budgets, and other cutting-edge state policy issues. The speakers at the event are national experts on a variety of top-

ics and veteran women legislators.

Representative Ching also recorded two public service announcements on increasing awareness of adult vaccinations. One announcement will be played all year long and the other will be featured in August for National Immunization Awareness Month.

**NEWS RELEASE
SPEAKER HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH VOTES TO ORGANIZE THE HOUSE**

Honolulu- State House Minority Leader, Representative Gene Ward today on behalf of the House Republican Caucus reiterated his call to Calvin Say and House Democrats to act in the best interest of the people of Hawai’i and organize expeditiously so the House can get back to the business voters elected their representatives to do.

“With our eight Republican votes, Rep. Calvin Say has seven more votes than necessary to keep the legislature from slowly shutting down which it has been for the past 10 weeks of gridlock,” said Minority Leader Ward. While the State Senate has been organized since November, House members still do not have a legislative calendar or committee assignments. With Opening Day only 10 days away, time is running out for legislators, lobbyists, advo-

cates and the general public who are still unable to prepare for the upcoming session.

“With no organization the House of Representatives cannot even vote on first reading bills and refer them to committees. There are no committees, no chairs, no members. The business of the public is not getting done because of this power struggle,” said Rep. Barbara Marumoto. In addition to permanent office and committee assignments, additional phone lines for session staff and use of the print shop for constituent mailings are among the many functions of the Legislature that have been slowed or put on hold until the House organizes.

“While many of these functions seem individually small in nature, they add up to become a major im-

pediment to the Legislature’s ability to conduct business as it moves closer to Opening Day, "said Rep. Cynthia Thielen.

"The people of Hawai'i clearly need bipartisan work accomplished on their behalf this session. We have the votes, let's move forward," said Rep. Kymberly Pine. “It's time to come together to solve the pressing issues facing all our residents, including stimulating our economy, helping small businesses create jobs, ensuring taxes are not raised and reducing the size and scope of government.”

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Liliha Calendar

As much as it is anticipated every year, due to unforeseen circumstances, we unfortunately do not have 2011 Liliha Calendars available this year. However, we value and greatly appreciate your loyalty and promise to make the 2012 Liliha Calendar extra special. If you have

any ideas or insight of special places to highlight in the district that have not been featured before, we welcome all suggestions and input. Thank you for your patience and your inquiries.

For Suggestions and comments on the Liliha Calendar, please contact my office at 586-9415 or you may email me at repching@capitol.hawaii.gov

Representative Ching Hosts the 4th Annual Liliha Gingerbread Festival



Wonderful gingerbread house in the making!

The 4th Annual Liliha Gingerbread Festival was held on Saturday, December 4th, 2010 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am at Lanakila Elementary School. Representative Ching and the community gathered together to get into the spirit of the holidays by building gingerbread houses, playing in three tons of real snow and visiting with Santa Claus.



Houses all completed and awaiting judging for the contest.

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There were also many holiday crafts to enjoy and hot cocoa to sip on while admiring all of the gingerbread houses on display.



Children playing and making snowballs in three tons of snow!

SAVE THE DATE: 5th Annual Candlelight Tour February 11th

The Office of Representative Corinne Ching is excited to once again present the Liliha-Nu`uanu Candlelight Tour, now in its fifth year.

The tour will take place on **February 11, 2011** from **6:30-9:30 p.m.** We will be providing a trolley that will take participants to several historic buildings in Liliha and Nu`uanu where they will be able to enjoy live music, pupus, and refreshments.

The tour will begin at the Community Church of Honolulu (2345 Nu`uanu Avenue. Parking will be available).

This event allows the residents of Liliha to connect with the beautiful buildings that add to the charm and historical value of this special community. Reservations are required, so please call our office at 586-9415 to reserve your space today!