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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent District 41 in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I am humbled by your continued support and it is my honor to serve our community. I would like to offer you these highlights about the events within the community.

**Village Park Traffic Study**

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has contracted to complete a sub-area traffic study of safety and operations of existing roadway conditions in Village Park, along the entire Kupuna Loop. This includes Kupuohi Street between Anonui Street and lower Kupuna Loop which provides access to both the Kunia and Royal Kunia shopping centers. This major collector, like many other similar streets of this functional class in Honolulu, has direct driveway access to single family homes. Existing condition problems include pedestrian crossing and walking safety, on street parking, sight distance, speeding and crash incidents. The work element will identify and develop location-specific traffic engineering plans for operations and safety improvements. This study may also serve to inform communities facing similar issues.



On September 13 you may have seen Representative Cullen, Department of Transportation Services, Councilmember Nestor Garica's office and community Leaders participating with SSFM to do a comprehensive walking evaluation of Village Park and Kunia roads to identify existing traffic problems and discuss possible solutions in the area.



### Waipahu High School Academy of Engineering

Waipahu High School held a dedication ceremony on August 9th for its new Academy of Engineering. Waipahu High School's Academy of Engineering is the first school in the state of Hawaii to be recognized as an accredited school by the National Academy Foundation.

NAF's Academy of Engineering was launched nationally in September 2007 in partnership with STEM curriculum providers and National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering. Its goal is to increase access to the study of engineering and technologies for minorities and girls and to fully prepare high school graduates for college-level STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields of study.

There are currently 69 Academies of Engineering across the states.



### School Supply Drive

Mahalo to the Village Park Community Association, Waipahu Town Center, Long's Drugs Store and everyone who supported Kaleiopu'u Elementary School by donating supplies. With all of your generous help the event was a great success!!



### UH West Oahu

On Saturday August, 18 UH West Oahu held a grand opening of the brand new campus in Kapolei. The event drew a big crowd with lots of entertainment, food trucks and family fun! We are so proud to have a part of the University of Hawaii system in our community.