



REPRESENTATIVE SHARON E. HAR

# District 40 Update

Royal Kunia - Makakilo - Kapolei - Kalaeloa

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### Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope you and your families are enjoying the beginning of spring.

I was pleased to be joined by so many volunteers for a Graffiti Paint-Out event on March 19th, and am very grateful for the support of so many local businesses and organizations as we tackled graffiti in our area.

At the Capitol, we continue to work through the legislative session to pass a balanced budget and other laws before the session adjourns on May 5th. The House version of the budget includes more than \$127 million in capital improvement projects for our district, which are detailed on page 2.

Finally, though our state's economy will certainly be negatively impacted by the toll of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, I know we all are grateful that the damage here was relatively minimal, and continue to send our prayers, donations and aloha to the people of Japan as they continue to meet the challenges of these catastrophic events.

As always, please contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or 586-8500 with concerns or questions.

Aloha,

Sharon Har  
Representative, District 40  
Kapolei, Makakilo,  
Royal Kunia, Kalaeloa

### Graffiti Paint-Out

On Saturday, March 19th, I joined approximately 70 volunteers from our community for my "Graffiti Paint-Out" event. With help from the National Honor Society and Leo Club at Kapolei High School, students from Kapolei Middle School, members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Cub Scouts, the Kapolei Korean United Methodist Church and other concerned residents, we were able to paint over graffiti in a number of areas through Kapolei, Kalaeloa and Makakilo, including the Kapolei Transit Center, the bridge on Palahia St., the H-1 eastbound on-ramp from North-South Road and the Kapolei Archery Range.



Rep. Har paints out graffiti on the H-1 eastbound on-ramp from North-South Road.



Bruce and Stanley James, Rep. Har and Angelo, Attilio and Isabella Leonard, represented the Cub Scouts at the paint-out.

In addition to the many volunteers who gave of their time and effort on a Saturday morning, the event was made possible through the generous donations and support of a number of businesses and organizations, including Walmart, City Mill, Rainbow State Paint and Decorating, Inc., Sherwin-Williams, Home Depot, McDonald's of Kapolei West, 7-11 Hawaii, Safeway, Starbucks, Costco, Malama Market, D.R. Horton, Carmel Partners and Hunt Development. While I am optimistic that the levels of graffiti will continue to decrease in our community, I encourage you to adopt any "hot spots" to paint over, or you can report them to either the City and County's graffiti hotline at 296-9473, or the Honolulu Police Department's graffiti hotline at 529-3222.

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Students from Kapolei High School's National Honor Society and advisor Estan Reynon (far left) joined Rep. Har and other community members for the paint-out event.

### Construction Update

Governor Abercrombie recently released of \$450,000 in capital improvement project (CIP) funding for an additional evacuation route for **Mauka Lani Elementary** that will improve student safety in case of emergency. Additionally, the Department of Education has advised my office that \$104,400 in repair work on one of the playgrounds at **Kapolei Elementary** will begin soon.



The Mauka Lani Elementary Ohana Council visited the State Capitol on March 8th and met with Rep. Har outside of the gallery of the House of Representatives. The Ohana Council, made up of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, was accompanied by advisors Mrs. Domingo, Mrs. Teson and Ms. Sakato.

**At the Capitol**

At the legislature, we are now past the halfway mark of our 60-day legislative session. Currently, the House has passed all of its bill over to the Senate and is now hearing Senate proposals (and vice versa). At this writing, the Senate is considering several of the bills I introduced, including [HB1308](#) (to encourage growth of the digital media industry); [HB1307](#) (to provide a temporary tax credit for owner-occupied home renovation expenses); [HB1505](#) (to allow the state to sell unused buildings to raise revenue and facilitate repairs for certain state buildings) and [HB1435](#) (regarding updates to the Ignition Interlock program to combat drunk driving). April 14th marks the “second crossover” deadline, at which point the House and Senate will start the conference committee process for resolving any differ-

ences between the House and Senate versions of bills passed by both chambers before session adjourns on May 5th. The conference committee process will include negotiations on the state budget, which is also being impacted by the effect that the tsunami and ongoing crisis in Japan will inevitably have on our state’s economy.

The House version of the budget bill includes more than \$127 million in capital improvement project (CIP) funds that will benefit our district. It is important to remember that CIP funds are funded through the issuance of bonds, separate from the state’s operating budget. CIP projects not only provide much-needed infrastructure for our growing area, but they also boost the economy by creating construction jobs. Projects in the House’s budget version include:

- **H-1 Makakilo, Palailai and Kapolei Interchanges: \$24,808,000** (including federal financing/reimbursement) for land acquisition, design and construction to improve the Makakilo and Palailai interchanges, and to construct a new Kapolei interchange.
- **Kalei`opu`u Elementary School: \$550,000** for electrical upgrades.
- **Kapolei High School Athletic Complex: \$4,433,000** for an athletic complex, including a locker room and two classrooms.
- **Kualaka’i Rd. Extension Energy Corridor: \$3,000,000** for design and construction of an electrical distribution system along planned Kualaka’i Rd. extension between Roosevelt Rd. and Tripoli Rd.
- **Kalaeloa Airport Facility Improvements: \$18,650,000** (including federal financing/reimbursement) for design and construction for a range of improvements to the Kalaeloa Airport.
- **29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center, Kalaeloa: \$33,900,000** (including federal financing/ reimbursement) for design and construction for the new 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center.
- **Kalaeloa Building 117 Renovation: \$41,876,000** (including federal financing/reimbursement) for design, construction and equipment for an Army National Guard consolidated facility, including utilities, access roads, parking areas and other related work.



As part of the Hawaii State Legislature’s Annual Native Hawaiian Caucus Day on March 14th, Rep. Har presented Uncle Shad Kane of Makakilo with a certificate in recognition of his numerous contributions to the Kapolei area and to the Hawaiian community. Pictured here with his wife, Valerie, Rep. Har and grandson Brennan Aiona, Uncle Shad, a former chair of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board and a member of many area organizations, has worked to establish a strong Hawaiian cultural presence in West Oahu and the Kapolei area.

**Save the Date: Talk Story with Rep. Har**

Join us to talk story with Representative Har at **9:00 am on Saturday, May 14, 2011** at the **Royal Kunia Community Center (94-750 Anoiki St., Waipahu, HI)**