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Aloha Friends:

I hope you and your families are well and that you had a Merry Christmas.

As 2016 comes to a close, I reflect and count the many blessings in my life. In the spirit of the holidays, please think of those less fortunate and give where you can.

As the 2017 legislative session opens on January 18, 2017, please consider submitting any ideas for legislation to my office as soon as possible. While my goal is to present all ideas to the Legislature, drafting and filing deadlines make this more difficult as the start of the legislative session approaches. So please contact my office as soon as possible with any bill suggestions.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice in the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500, or via email at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Wishing you the best in the New Year.

Malama Pono,
Sharon

STATE ACCEPTING GRANTS-IN-AID APPLICATIONS FOR 2017

The Senate Ways and Means Committee and House Finance Committee announced that State Grants-in-Aid applications are being accepted now through Friday, January 20, 2017, for the 2017 Regular Session. Qualified non-profits and other organizations who meet the requirements under Hawaii Revised Statute Section 42F-103, may apply.

Previously, grants were appropriated for various public purposes that were recognized as complementary to state government functions, including health, education, workforce development, social services, and cultural and historical activities. Last year alone, nearly \$37 million was awarded to organizations across the state.

Please visit the legislative website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov to fill out the application or for more information regarding the application process.

UH-WEST OAHU ALLIED HEALTH/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING GROUNDBREAKING

On November 28, 2016, I had the honor and privilege to join Governor Ige and other dignitaries at the ground breaking for the University of Hawaii – West Oahu campus' Allied Health and Administration building. I worked tirelessly at the legislature to help secure the \$36 million needed to build this two-story structure. Anticipated to be completed in 2018, this addition is another step in expanding our West Oahu campus.

This 43,000 square foot building will include administrative and faculty offices, classroom and lab spaces, and will house programs such as the allied health, community health, health and information management, long term care, and biology programs. The Allied Health programs are continually being developed and updated with the community and industry in mind. By anticipating workforce needs to assist with Hawaii's aging population, these programs will provide career opportunities for West Oahu students.



Above: Representative Har breaks ground at UH-West Oahu with other elected officials, UH dignitaries and Kahu Sherman Thompson.



Left: Representative Har, UH President David Lassner and Governor David Ige take part in the ground breaking ceremonies for UH-West Oahu's Allied Health and Administration building.

24 HOUR FITNESS OPENS IN KAPOLEI



This month, I was honored and privileged to participate in the grand opening celebration for the much anticipated 24 Hour Fitness, Kapolei location. This Super Sport facility boasts 30,000 square feet of work out space and is Hawaii’s 8th 24 Hour Fitness location. Featuring a kids’ club, cardio equipment, free weights, group exercise, pool, steam room and sauna, among other amenities, Kapolei 24 Hour Fitness will have what you are looking for to meet your health and fitness goals for the New Year.

For more information on joining the club, visit www.24hourfitness.com/website/club/00963.

Left: Representative Har presents a congratulatory certificate on behalf of the House of Representatives to 24 Hour Fitness Kapolei Manager Jason Roundtree during its grand opening ceremonies. Also pictured: Senator Mike Gabbard and Uncle Shad Kane.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK LOCATION

On Friday, December 2, 2016, I had the honor and privilege of taking part in the ground breaking ceremonies for the new American Savings Bank (“ASB”) location in Kapolei. Located on Wakea Street across from the Kapolei Village Center, this new branch will feature a drive up teller, safe deposit boxes and will be open seven days a week. ASB invested in a location which is more convenient and central for residents. Slated to open at the end of summer 2017, this new location will replace the Kamokila Blvd. branch which served Kapolei and neighboring communities for more than twenty years.

Congratulations to ASB President and CEO, Rich Wacker, ASB Senior Vice President, Dani Aiu, and the entire ASB Ohana on their new location. I wish you all continued success in the years to come.



Left: Johnathan Choe - ASB Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking, Rich Wacker - ASB President and CEO, Senator Gabbard, Representative Har, and Dani Aiu - ASB Senior Vice President break ground for the new American Savings Bank Kapolei Branch, as Kahu Kordell Kekoa gives his blessings.



Right: Representative Har presents a congratulatory certificate on behalf of the Hawaii State House of Representatives to Rich Wacker and Dani Aiu during the ground breaking ceremonies for the new American Savings bank Wakea St. location. Also pictured: Johnathan Choe, Senator Mike Gabbard and Michelle Bartell - ASB Director of Communications and Community Advancement.

If you haven’t already signed up for my e-newsletter, please do so at <http://eepurl.com/N1vcf>, and fill out the form. We send up-to-date information weekly about events occurring in our community (i.e. road openings/closings, free classes, grand openings of new stores, community and island-wide events).