



REPRESENTATIVE SHARON E. HAR

# District 40 Update

Royal Kunia - Makakilo - Kapolei - Kalaeloa

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### Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope this finds you and your families well! At the Capitol, we have just completed the legislative session. Throughout the session, our top priority was to find solutions that would balance our budget, as we faced a shortfall of \$1.3 billion over the next two fiscal years. We faced many difficult choices but I believe we found responsible solutions that maintain core governmental services.

In our community, the Army recently opened a medical center in Kalaeloa for active duty soldiers and their families, marking an important step in repurposing former Barbers Point Naval Air Station facilities. Also, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands recently approved a lease for the multi-use Ka Makana Ali'i Center in Kapolei; further details are on page two.

Finally, I hope you can join me for my next community Talk Story meeting, which will take place on Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. at the Royal Kunia Community Center (94-750 Anoiki St., Waipahu). As always, please contact me at 586-8500 or rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov with concerns or questions.

Aloha,

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

### At the Capitol

With the legislative session now behind us having concluded on May 5, I wanted to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview of the budget bill and capital improvement projects slated for District 40. I will be providing further session highlights in upcoming newsletters as well.

As in the past several sessions, our most difficult task was to pass a balanced budget in light of a significant budget shortfall - \$1.3 billion over the next two fiscal years. As a member of the budget (HB200) conference committee, I worked with my colleagues in both chambers to come up with a budget that makes government as efficient and cost-effective as possible, while ensuring we continue to provide core governmental services.

While we were focused on eliminating further inefficiencies and redundancies in government, it is important to note that the last few years of budget-cutting have taken a toll on state services that are of critical importance to areas such as public safety, health, welfare and education, and the reality was that we needed to consider some proposals that will raise revenue. Fortunately, we were able to avoid raising the overall general excise tax, and also avoided options such as taxing pension income. Finally, I am pleased to share that the budget also included more than \$169 million in capital improvement project (CIP) funding for several important projects in our area (see chart to the right). These infrastructure projects are funded through the issuance of general obligation bonds, and will improve the economy by boosting construction.

### District 40 Receives More Than \$169 Million in State Budget for Capital Improvement Projects

<b>H-1 Interchanges</b>	<b>\$24,808,000</b>
<i>Land acquisition, design and construction to improve the Makakilo and Palalailai interchanges, and to construct a new Kapolei interchange.</i>	
<b>Kapolei II Elementary School</b>	<b>\$40,000,000</b>
<i>Land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for a new elementary school in the Kapolei region.</i>	
<b>East Kapolei High School</b>	<b>\$3,300,000</b>
<i>Plans, land acquisition and design for a new high school.</i>	
<b>East Kapolei Middle School</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<i>Design and site improvements for a new middle school.</i>	
<b>Kalei`opu`u Elementary School</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<i>Electrical upgrades throughout the campus.</i>	
<b>Seagull Schools Preschool</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<i>Construction of a new classroom building located at Kapolei Elementary School. (Grant-in-aid funding)</i>	
<b>Special Olympics Hawaii</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<i>Plans, design and construction for a sports and fitness complex in Kapolei. (Grant-in-aid funding)</i>	
<b>University of Hawaii-West Oahu</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<i>Plans, design, construction and equipment for a photovoltaic panel array at the new UH-West Oahu campus.</i>	
<b>Kalaeloa Building 117 Renovation</b>	<b>\$41,876,000</b>
<i>Design, construction and equipment for an Army National Guard consolidated facility, including utilities, access roads, parking areas and other related work.</i>	
<b>29th Brigade Readiness Center</b>	<b>\$33,900,000</b>
<i>Design and construction for the 29th Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center in Kalaeloa, to be built to National Guard Bureau standards and LEED Silver Usage Level energy efficiency requirements.</i>	
<b>Kalaeloa Airport Facility Improvements</b>	<b>\$18,650,000</b>
<i>Design and construction for Kalaeloa Airport facility improvements, including runways, taxiways, control tower, firefighting facilities, hangars, aviation fuel systems and other related improvements.</i>	



*State lawmakers presented a congratulatory certificate to representatives of the Warrior Ohana Medical Home in Kalaeloa. From L to R are Rep. Ty Cullen, Rep. Har, Warrior Ohana Medical Home Group Practice Manager Mary Nilges, Brigadier General Keith Gallagher, Rep. Kymerly Pine, and Sen. Mike Gabbard.*

**Welcoming the Warrior Ohana Medical Home to West Oahu**

I was honored to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Warrior Ohana Medical Home in Kalaeloa on April 20th. This innovative facility is Tripler Army Medical Center's first community-based primary health care clinic, and will allow active-duty Army families living in our area convenient access to comprehensive health care, including family medicine, lab services, pharmacy and behavioral health services. The Warrior Ohana Medical Home is one of 17 clinics that the Army is opening across the United States. With the resources to accommodate 8,100 patients, the Medical Home will serve as an important center for high-quality health care that allows families to avoid the commute to Tripler Army Medical Center. Additionally, the Medical Home represents another important step in the revitalization of Kalaeloa and the continuing efforts to find new uses for the facilities of the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

**West Oahu Project Updates**

**East Kapolei Shopping Center Moves Forward**

The Hawaiian Homes Commission gave final approval in late March to a general lease agreement with Hawaii DeBartolo LLC, to develop the Ka Makana Ali'i Center in East Kapolei. Under the lease, Hawaii DeBartolo will pay more than \$140 million in rent to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) over the course of 65 years, revenue that will play an important role in financing future homestead opportunities for DHHL beneficiaries.

The Ka Makana Ali'i Center will be a 1.5 million-square-foot, mixed-use regional center that is planned to include a major department store, restaurants, a family entertainment center, two hotels, convenience shops, parking, low-rise office buildings and other services. The center will be located between Kapolei Parkway and Roosevelt Avenue, conveniently located near the new UH - West Oahu campus, Kapolei Middle and High schools, residential housing and the city's planned rail transit system.

Construction is slated to take place over the next four years, which will lead to more than \$400 million in spending and an estimated 21,000 construction jobs. When the center is completed, an estimated 7,000 new direct and indirect jobs will be created. This project will be a very important economic boost to our area for years to come, in addition to being a new gathering place for our Second City and an important source of funding for DHHL projects.



*Rep. Har welcomes newly appointed state representative Derek Kawakami of Kauai (center) who was sworn in on April 6th. Also pictured is Rep. James Tokioka.*

**Save the Date!**

**Talk Story with Rep. Har**

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

**Hurricane Readiness Retrofits for Area Schools**

Governor Abercrombie's administration recently released \$4.5 million in general obligation bonds to fund hurricane retrofits for facilities across the state. Two of the facilities include Kapolei Middle School and Barbers Point Elementary School. Work will include upgrading windows, doors, skylights and other building components that are vulnerable to flying debris and high winds. Projects across the state are scheduled to be completed by September 2012.