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# District 40 Update

Royal Kunia - Makakilo - Kapolei - Kalaeloa

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### Dear Friends:

I hope you and your families are having a wonderful autumn.

On September 21, I joined with other area legislators to sponsor a community meeting with the University of Hawaii-West Oahu, in response to constituent questions about the new campus under construction in Kapolei. The evening featured an informative presentation from UH-West Oahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni, and I know I join many of you in my excitement for the campus' fall 2012 opening.

The state reapportionment committee has approved revised redistricting maps. Read more about the changes for our area on this page.

There are many exciting family events going on this month, including **Kapolei Middle School's Fall Fest on October 7**, the **new farmers market at Kapolei High School beginning October 20** and a **Halloween celebration at the Kapolei public library on October 25**. See page 2 for further details.

As always, should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact me at 586-8500 or [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Aloha,

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Representative, District 40  
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### University of Hawaii-West Oahu Town Hall Meeting

On September 21, area residents attended a community meeting sponsored by myself and other area legislators with the University of Hawaii-West Oahu. The new Kapolei campus for UH-West Oahu will be a very important part of our area. As the population on Oahu continues shifting westward, it is critical that our area has world-class educational opportunities that will lead to high-income jobs for our young people, and that is exactly what UH-West Oahu represents. As a center of innovation and education, UH-West Oahu also promises to be an economic driver for our region.



Area lawmakers Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Rep. Henry Aquino, Rep. Karen Awana, Rep. Ty Cullen, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Rep. Sharon Har and Rep. Jo Jordan (L to R) joined UH-West Oahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni (third from right) for a meeting with community members on the new UH-West Oahu campus.

The September 21 meeting provided an opportunity for UH-West Oahu administrators to present information directly to the community. UH-West Oahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni gave a presentation, which is posted on my Web site, [capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/members/house/memberpage.aspx?member=har](http://capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/members/house/memberpage.aspx?member=har). The new campus is scheduled to be open to students for the fall 2012 semester, and will begin accepting applications for the fall 2012 class by December.

UH-West Oahu, which currently enrolls about 1,600 students, will be able to accommodate up to 3,800 students in the new campus's first phase, and has plans to expand in the next five to ten years to up to 7,600 students and 600 faculty and staff. UH-West Oahu offers more than 20 degree programs and six certificate programs, including disaster preparedness/emergency management, Hawaiian-Pacific studies, elementary education, culinary management, health care administration and accounting. For more information, visit [uhwo.hawaii.edu](http://uhwo.hawaii.edu) or call 454-4700.

### Revised Redistricting Maps Approved

After weeks of public hearings, the state reapportionment commission has approved a final set of redistricting maps for the Hawaii State House and Senate districts, viewable at [hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/2011\\_legislative\\_plan](http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/2011_legislative_plan). Residents of the Villages of Kapolei, Kapolei Knolls, Kanehili and the west side of Makakilo Drive will stay in the district I currently represent, which will be renumbered as District 42. Those who reside to the east of Makakilo Drive will become part of District 41, currently represented by Rep. Ty Cullen. Royal Kunia will be part of District 36, along with areas currently represented by Rep. Ryan Yamane. Residents of Kalaeloa will become part of District 44, currently represented by Rep. Karen Awana. Keep in mind, however, that the maps may shift somewhat if any legal challenges are successful. It has been a privilege to serve all of my constituents, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for all of West Oahu, should I be elected in 2012 to serve the newly drawn 42nd District.

**Innovative Biorefinery Facility Breaks Ground in Kapolei**

On August 30, I was honored to attend the groundbreaking for UOP Honeywell's integrated biorefinery in Kapolei. As our state continues to move towards a goal of 70 percent renewable energy sources by the year 2030, we are constantly looking for innovative technologies that will help us achieve that goal and reduce our dependence on imported oil, and this new facility has the potential to help us make great strides toward that goal. This demonstration unit will use biomass feedstocks from forestry, agricultural and algae residuals to produce green transportation fuels that reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 60 percent.

The Honeywell UOP facility was funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, and demonstrates the importance of private-public partnerships to help solve some of the most pressing issues facing our state and our nation. Moreover, 85 jobs will be created during peak construction, with 40 jobs sustained for the duration of the pilot project. I look forward to the critical role this facility will play in our domestic biofuels industry and the creation of new green jobs in Kapolei, our state, and our country.



*Becca Smith (Department of Energy), U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Jim Rekoske (Honeywell), Rep. Sharon Har, Dan Carlson (Tesoro) and Kahu Kordell Kekoa participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking of Honeywell UOP's new biorefinery in Kapolei.*

**Upcoming Events**

**Kapolei Middle School Fall Fest:** Kapolei Middle School's 12th annual **Fall Fest** event is scheduled for **Friday, October 7**, and will be open to the public from **2:00 until 7:00 p.m.** Enjoy time with the family, with rides for the kids, craft vendor booths, ono food and dancing at the middle school. You can purchase the pre-sale ride wristbands for \$18 until Oct. 4 in the KMS PCNC office. After that date the wristbands will be sold at \$20 each. Any questions, contact KMS PCNC Terry Bunkley at 693-7025 x236.

**Mākeke Kapolei Farmers Market Begins October 20:** Beginning on **Thursday, October 20**, Kapolei High School will be partnering with Malama Learning Center and the Wai'anae Farmers' Market to host **Mākeke Kapolei, a farmers' and green market, every Thursday from 3 to 6:30 p.m.** The market is currently accepting applications for farmers and other vendors with locally grown and produced healthy products. Please contact [info@malamalearningcenter.org/692-8200 x2267](mailto:info@malamalearningcenter.org) or [waianaefarmersmarket@wcchc.com/672-3599](mailto:waianaefarmersmarket@wcchc.com) for more information or to apply as a vendor.

**Halloween at the Kapolei Public Library:** On **Tuesday, October 25** from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, the **Kapolei Public Library (1020 Manawai St.)** will host a **Halloween activities night** for the whole family, including a costume contest. For more information, call the library at 693-7050. I hope to see you and your families there!

**Kapolei High School Project Grad Golf Tournament:** Kapolei High School Project Grad is hosting a golf tournament at the **Kapolei Golf Course** on **Friday, November 18** to raise funds for the annual drug-, tobacco- and alcohol-free graduation party for the KHS Class of 2012. You can enter individually or as a team, sponsor the event or make a donation. **Entry deadline is October 14, 2011.** To register, make a donation, or for more information, call Project Grad representatives Charisse Freitas at 478-8582 or Denise Farias at 753-4374.



*On September 14, 2011, I had the pleasure of speaking with approximately 200 students in Kapolei High School's Ho'ola Leadership Academy. The Ho'ola Leadership Academy uses Hawaiian cultural practices to develop leadership potential in students, particularly those with unconventional learning styles. I spoke to the students about advocacy and how they can become actively involved in their communities.*