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District 40 Update

Royal Kunia - Makakilo - Kapolei - Kalaeloa

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Dear Friends:

With the new school year underway, I hope you and your families are doing well.

The coming month is full of upcoming events. The state reapportionment commission has released its draft maps for redistricting. I invite you to attend public meetings on Oahu to learn more.

I am also pleased to announce another town hall meeting I will be sponsoring, which will focus on the University of Hawaii – West Oahu, including information on the construction of the new campus and the academic programs that will be centered in Kapolei.

Other upcoming events include: an **Aloha 'Aina recycling day** at Kapolei High School on **September 10**; an **open house at the Naval Air Museum Barbers Point** on **September 10 and 11**; and a **public meeting** to comment on the proposed closure of the Kapolei post office, on **September 8** at Kapolei High School. I hope to see you at these important public events.

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

Aloha,

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

Redistricting Process Underway

As you may have seen in the news, the state reapportionment commission has released its proposed redistricting maps for the Hawaii State House and Senate districts, along with the two U.S. Congressional districts. The 51 House districts have been redrawn so that about 27,000 people are residing in each district. As the population of District 40 is currently at nearly 40,000 people, it will be decreased in geographic area as a result of the redistricting process. The current proposed maps (which can be viewed at http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/2011_legislative_plan, with District 40 in the Oahu Region 5 maps) place Royal Kunia, Kalaeloa, and certain subdivisions and streets in Makakilo and Kapolei, including Kahiwelo, Kapolei Knolls, part of Malanai and the area at the end of Makakilo Drive, into Districts 41 and 44, while the rest of Kapolei and Makakilo stays in District 40. The public is invited to comment on these proposals at public meetings taking place from August 30 to September 16, before plans are finalized on September 26. I encourage you to consider attending one or more of these meetings taking place on Oahu:

- Tuesday, August 30, 6 p.m.: Kapolei High School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, September 6, 6 p.m.: Aikahi Elementary School Cafeteria (Kailua)
- Wednesday, September 7, 6 p.m.: State Capitol Auditorium
- Thursday, September 8, 6 p.m.: Mililani High School Cafeteria
- Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m.: Waipahu High School Cafeteria
- Friday, September 16, 6 p.m.: Kalani High School Cafeteria

Since my first election in 2006, it has been a privilege to serve all of the constituents in the 40th District, but however the district lines are redrawn, I will continue to advocate for the interests of all West Oahu residents through better infrastructure and more educational and economic opportunities for our area.

TOWN HALL MEETING

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-WEST OAHU UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 • 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Along with other area elected officials, I will be sponsoring another community-wide meeting, this time focused on the new UH-West Oahu campus in Kapolei and all of the exciting academic opportunities that will help train our young people for careers and shape our area's economy well into future. Please join UH-West Oahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni and UH-West Oahu administrators and faculty for a presentation on the construction progress, academic programs and how to apply at the new Kapolei campus.

Rep. Har Presents School Supplies to Onelau'ena Transitional Shelter

In partnership with the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) and the Office Depot Foundation, I was very pleased to present a donation of 56 sack-packs containing school supplies on August 4, 2011 to students and families residing at the Onelau'ena Transitional Shelter located in Kalaeloa . As the school year begins, many families struggle to afford basic school supplies for their children, and I am proud to be a part of this kind of public-private partnership that reaches out to children in need. In 2011, the sixth year that the non-partisan NFWL has partnered with the Office Depot Foundation, more than 15,000 sack-packs will be distributed by women elected officials in all 50 states. I was particularly happy to be able to support the mission of the Onelau'ena shelter, which is an important haven for families in West Oahu who are going through difficult situations and are working to find permanent, affordable housing.

The Onelau'ena shelter, which opened in 2006, is operated by Waianae Community Outreach. The facility is currently home to 190 residents, including 56 children, and has capacity for up to 300 residents. Residents in an emergency situation can stay at the shelter for six to eight months, and on a transitional basis for up to two years as they look for permanent housing. Onelau'ena offers a range of services to residents, including classes on topics including job readiness and money management, and operating a food pantry and thrift store for residents' use. The shelter gladly accepts donations of food, household goods and clothes from the community. Drop-offs can be arranged by calling Onelau'ena at 682-4673.



Rep. Har presented school supplies and sack-packs to the 56 children currently residing at the Onelau'ena transitional shelter in Kalaeloa, including the four children pictured here, along with residents Jessica Silva and Olive` Kaleuati.

Upcoming Area Events

Post Office Community Meeting: The United States Postal Service will be hosting a community meeting on **Thursday, September 8, 5 - 7 p.m.** at the **Kapolei High School cafeteria** to solicit comments from businesses and residents regarding the proposed closure of the main Kapolei post station (on Kamokila Boulevard.) Area postal customers in the 96707 and 96709 zip codes should also be receiving surveys in the mail, and residents may also address comments via letter to the USPS District Office, 3600 Aolele St., Honolulu, HI 96820. No matter what kind of postal service you think our area needs, I urge you to share your thoughts with USPS during the public comment period, ending September 23.

Naval Air Museum Barbers Point Open House: Join area residents and history enthusiasts at an open house on **September 10 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)** and **September 11 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)** at the Naval Air Museum Barbers Point, located between hangars 110 and 111 at the Kalaeloa Airport, in honor of the centennial of naval aviation. In addition to the museum's displays, helicopters and planes, entertainment, family activities, prize giveaways and delicious food vendors, the weekend will also feature a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 10 a.m. on September 11. To volunteer, become a vendor, or for more information, call 429-5182 or 429-5182.

"Aloha `Aina" Community Recycling Day: Along with other area elected officials, I will be sponsoring this event on **Saturday, September 10, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Kapolei High** to raise funds and donations for various Kapolei High School programs, the Hawaii Food Bank and Goodwill Industries. Items accepted for recycling/donation include: canned goods, usable clothing/household goods, scrap metal, certain appliances, cooking oil, cardboard, telephone books, magazines, computer hardware, printers, cameras, phones, eyeglasses and batteries. Tires, motor oil, mattresses, paints, microwaves, gas tanks and hazardous fluids are not accepted. Call 306-1876 with questions or to arrange free towing of unwanted cars and free roll-off bin service for scrap metal.

Transportation Town Hall Meeting Air Dates

If you were not able to join us at the transportation town hall meeting I sponsored earlier this summer, you can catch broadcasts of the two parts of the meeting at the following times:

- **9/7** (Wed), 6:00 pm – Ch. 54 (Part 1)
- **9/8** (Thu), 10:00 am – Ch. 49 (Part 1)
- **9/9** (Fri), 10:30 am - Ch. 49 (Part 2)
- **9/10** (Sat), 7:00 pm – Ch. 54 (Part 2)
- **9/13** (Tue), 11:30 am – Ch. 49 (Parts 1 & 2)
- **9/19** (Mon), 10:00 pm – Ch. 54 (Part 1)