

FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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Aloha,

As about 700 people gathered at dawn yesterday at Makapu'u for Hawai'i's First Day Hike, a program that has spread to all fifty states, it is clearer than ever to me that the housing shortage remains Hawai'i's number one policy challenge. While last session significantly expanded the housing policy conversation, we hope 2020 will be the year for game-changing legislative action.

We have spent the past eight months researching ways to end Hawai'i's housing shortage. We led a delegation to Singapore and Hong Kong, which led to a number of refinements to our ALOHA Homes proposal. Our November conference "Kick the Tires" aired great discussions about the feasibility of adopting Singaporean public housing models here. We are excited to introduce bills this year to stimulate community-led growth and development, to maximize the use of state lands for housing purposes, and to focus growth on the rail corridor.

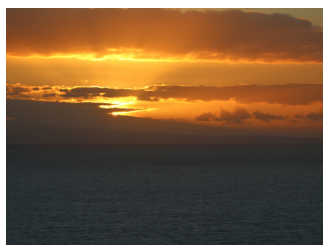
I believe that it is everyone's civic duty to participate in the legislative process and to make your voices heard. I encourage everyone to write to their legislators, submit testimony on legislation, and to come to the Capitol to testify in person. Your testimony impacts how we vote and the types of legislation we move forward. Indeed, major bills on housing or any other topic will be impossible without an overwhelming tide of community input.

I look forward to seeing you this legislation session, and I wish you and your family good health and happiness in the new year.

Mahalo nui loa,



Stanley Chang



Photos courtesy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources



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Building Permits
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Trash Collection
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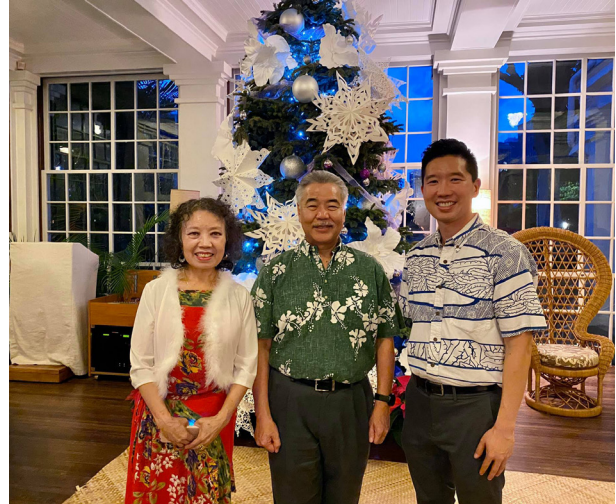
Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

IN THE COMMUNITY



CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

November 17, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang spoke about housing issues and his upcoming proposals for the legislative session in front of an audience at Central Union Church.



WASHINGTON PLACE

December 21, 2019 ▲ Senator Chang visited Washington Place for their 2019 Christmas Tour.



ASIA PACIFIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

November 20, 2019 ◀ A group of individuals from around the world completed the East West Center's Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Senator Chang was a mentor for a fellow from Myanmar.



HAWAI'I KAI SCHOOLS

December 17, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang and other lawmakers met with community leaders and stakeholders to discuss air conditioning our schools for our Hawai'i Kai keiki.

Christmas Tree Disposal

During the holiday season, even our garbage becomes more colorful, fragrant, and bountiful with wrapping paper, boxes and Christmas trees. Here are a few tips for taking care of your garbage through the holidays and purchasing gift items that will help reduce waste:

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES

Remove all ornaments and tinsel (and no flocked trees). Place them at the curb (in your green cart) for pickup on your regular green waste collection day; or drop them off at any of the City's Refuse and Recycling Convenience Centers seven days a week or at a composting facility.

- For households in the cart pickup system, please note that the tree has to fit inside the cart. Cut the tree into lengths up to three feet and trim branches to ensure that it will fall freely from the cart during collection. If cutting the tree is a bother, you can drop it off whole at the nearest City Convenience Center.
- For households on a manual collection route, cut the tree into lengths up to three feet and place at curb on your refuse day. If cutting the tree is a bother, you can

drop it off whole at the nearest City Convenience Center.

- **Condos and commercial buildings can deliver large loads of trees directly to composting facility—there will be no tip fee charge over the holidays for Christmas trees, courtesy of the City. Contact the City's Recycling Office at 808-768-3200 to arrange a delivery.**

Please be aware that the State has discontinued the special treecycling sites at parks and other locations around the island. Do not bring your trees to these sites. Use curbside collection or look for the list of City drop-off sites.

KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GLITTERING WITH HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, NOT TRASH

Put your refuse, mixed recyclables, green waste and bulky items out at the curb only on collection days (or the evening before). It's not nice to leave your refuse containers out at the curb all the time, and it's a violation of City ordinance.

For more information visit:

opala.org/solid_waste/holiday_trash_tips.htm

Laukahi Street Repaving

The project to repave Laukahi Street is complete. The project started in early November and took several weeks. The construction crews operated from the morning to late afternoon. Although there were some technical issues with a tree stump that prolonged the repaving process, the crews were able to continue with their job efficiently after these issues were resolved.

All major repaving work has been completed and the crews have finalized minor touches to fully finish the road work, including returning manhole covers to their original spots and restriping the lane markers. Crews

have moved their material from Laukahi and have been sent to other sites of work outside the district. Work was completed on December 18, 2019.

Senator Chang thanks all the residents of the Laukahi area for being patient with the repairs and cooperating with all instructions and detours during the repaving process. Our office also extends our sincerest gratitude to the City and County of Honolulu for undertaking this long overdue project and the construction crews who performed the repaving work. As for the lower sections of Laukahi Street that still need to be repaved, the Board of Water Supply has stated that they will be repaved in 2020.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DPP Online Complaint Form



Courtesy of Star-Advertiser

The City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has created an online complaint form for the public to report illegal vacation rentals or suspected illegal vacation rentals.

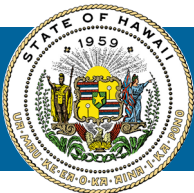
The online form can be found here: app.hnl.info/str

For more information on what constitutes as an illegal vacation rental visit: honolulu.gov/dppstr. The site also details the main points of Ordinance

19-18, a new law that regulates illegal vacation rentals.

The public is urged to report any suspected illegal vacation rental. These complaint forms are kept confidential, and investigations will be conducted by the DPP. Additionally, DPP has also created a complaint hotline, which can be reached at 808-768-8127.

We want to thank DPP for their efforts to push back against illegal vacation rentals. For more information, please email DPP at info@honoluludpp.org.



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