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Dear Family and Friends:

It is a privilege and continued pleasure to be your Representative of the 27th District! Though we have entered into interim, we are never at a loss of ways to serve the community.

Our office is so pleased with the movement of projects like the Liliha Revitalization Project, Green Anthurium Project, Farmers' Market and various other initiatives that continue to progress and benefit members of the community!

Be sure to check out our save-the-date flyer for the annual "I LOVE LILIHA" Festival, now in its 9th year! We are anticipating some big surprises for festival goers this year.

As always, I deeply value your input and appreciate your opinions, ideas and suggestions.

Mahalo!

Corinne W.L. Ching, State Representative

LILIHA REVITALIZATION PROJECT DEBUTS AT CITY HALL

Thanks to the help from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco and the City & County of Honolulu, on **June 26th**, over 30 members from the community gathered for the opening reception of the Liliha Revitalization Project Exhibit at Honolulu Hale.

Since February, the office of Representative Ching has been working with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, University of Hawaii School of Architecture, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in effort to restore and revitalize Liliha, in addition to encourage community engagement and vitality.



The month-long exhibit of the Liliha Revitalization Project, featuring student presentations from the University of Hawaii School of Architecture, will be on display through July 20th. Members of the community are encouraged to visit the exhibit and provide their thoughts on the project to the office of Representative Ching.

Mahalo to the community for all their support on

this very special project. Keep an eye out for a follow-up conversation with local architects and their thoughts on the next steps for the Liliha Revitalization



Project.

KUPUNA BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW!

On July 6, 2012, Rep. Ching was pleased to attend the signing ceremony for Senate Bill 2779, Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. Rep. Ching was joined by Kupuna Care supporters and fellow Health Committee members (who voted on the bill during Conference) to watch Governor Abercrombie sign S.B. 2779 into law. The measure authorizes the estab-

lishment and appropriation for aging and disability resource center sites in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers.



REP. CHING SHOWCASES GREEN ANTHURIUM PROJECT

During the June 7th public screening of “Weight of the Nation”, a documentary addressing the national obesity epidemic, Rep. Ching was pleased to be among various organizations present to provide information on programs, resources and prevention techniques.

The goal of this event was to create open dialogue about the steps toward improving the health of the community, a critical com-

ponent of individual health and wellness.

Attendees were able to enjoy light refreshments prior to the screening which was later followed by a panel discussion, including Dr. R. Michael Hamilton and Dr. May Okihiro.

As the Founder of the ‘Green Anthurium Project’ (GAP), a new initiative to help raise diabetes awareness in our local community, Rep. Ching

was invited to attend and provide information on how people can get involved. Started in Hawai’i during early-2012, GAP was designed to provide an alternative norm to gift-giving and raise awareness of diabetes. The Green Anthurium embodies a reminder to live well and eat well. By giving the Green Anthurium, you’re saying...

“Thank you, I appreciate you – be well, live well.”



REP. CHING HONORS YWCA LEADERSHIP

For over 30 years, the YWCA of Oahu has recognized exceptional women leaders at its annual Leader Luncheon event. The Leader Luncheon honors extraordinary women and organizations that exemplify the mission of the YWCA. During a private pre-luncheon gathering

with friends and family members, Rep. Ching was honored to present all FIVE of the 2012 honorees with a House Certificate recognizing their efforts towards the State and community. The 2012 honorees were: **Belinda Aquino**, Professor Emeritus at the University of

Hawai’i at Manoa; **Lucy M. Gay**, Director for Waianae Educational Opportunity; **Ann H. Kobayashi**, Honolulu City Councilwoman; **Shelley Wilson**, President of Wilson Home-care; and **Betty Lou Larson**, Catholic Charities Hawai’i Legislative Advocate on Housing Issues.



REP. CHING HELPS RECOGNIZE MOTHER & FATHER OF THE YEAR

On Sunday, July 8th, Rep. Ching, alongside of Str. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Rep. Karl Rhoads and House Speaker Calvin Say, helped to recognize the 2012 United Chinese Society Mother and Father of Year.

Presented during the annual banquet at Empress Restaurant, both Kathleen Kwai Lin Kong Wong (Mother of the Year) and Victor Lim (Father of the

Year) were honored for their personal accomplishments, community service, contributions to their families and the successes/achievements of their children.

Rep. Ching is proud to have helped recognize over 74 Mother and Father of Year recipients throughout the years.

In 1884, the United Chinese Society of Hawaii was

formed with the mission of providing a much needed community service for the general health and welfare of the citizens of the State of Hawaii, and to promote friendly relations among the Chinese in Hawaii, the United States of America and abroad.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kathleen Kwai Lin Kong Wong and Mr. Victor Lim on their accomplishments!



CACAO'S GROWING INTERESTS PROMPT NEW CAFÉ TO OPEN

Another "bean to bar" chocolate café opens testimony to the growing industry of local grown cacao!

Rep. Ching was among the many chocolate enthusiasts who welcomed **The Manoa Chocolate Factory** to Kailua on Saturday, June 16th. Guests were able to experience first-

hand that process of creating the ultimate, natural candy bar.

The Manoa Chocolate Factory is jumping aboard the successful wave chocolate has been riding this year. From the cover of Midweek and the annual Chocolate Festival to the Trade Association recognition (HCCA) and

topping the ORAC antioxidants chart. Cacao very well could be a driving force for Hawaii!



"Its [cacao] world-class quality aligns perfectly with our world-class tourism image."

*-Rep. Ching
Midweek, Feb.
2012*

DON'T FORGET TO NOMINATE FOR THE LILIHA CIVIC AWARDS!

Nominations are being accepted for the Spirit of Liliha civic award and are comprised of three categories: 1) Individual; 2) Business/Organization, and;

3) Individual in Remembrance.

The Spirit of Liliha award is bestowed upon those demonstrating dedication to the community of Liliha through

exemplary community service and compassion. To nominate someone or organization, email:

iloveliliha2012@gmail.com.



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9th Annual
I Love Liliha Festival
August 26, 2012
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LILIHA™

*Twilight Summer Concert Series
Foster Botanical Garden
Summer 2012
Thursdays*

*Free Admission – 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Concert – 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

- July 12-Teddy Bear Picnic "Harp Ensemble"*
- July 19-Traditional Irish Music*
- July 26-Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii*
- August 2-African Drummers*

Midsummer Night's Gleam

*Foster Botanical Garden
Saturday, July 14, 2012
A Family Night
Free Admission
4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*

Foster Botanical Garden will be turned into a magical wonderland with 2500 luminaries sparkling along the pathways weaving through the garden.

*Watch the high spirited lion dance,
enjoy the music of the bagpiper as
the Scottish dancers do their jig,
Listen to some Hawaiian music by Mahealani*

Smell the night blooming flowers,

See the Mongolian Tribesmen & their fighting knights.

*Children Activities:
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

*Painting, Bamboo Chimes, Botanical Games,
Bubbles and Arts and Crafts*

For more information call 522-7064
