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Message from Terez Amato:

Aloha friends and South Maui neighbors,

I believe in transparency: You deserve to know what I am doing!

This issue of #WorkingForThePeople goes over my voting record (Amato On The Record), MORE work on fire and flood prevention, EVEN MORE funding for Kīhei, my continuous work to lower taxes, improve medical care, end homelessness, protect our environment and so much more!

I just can't say it all in 4 pages!

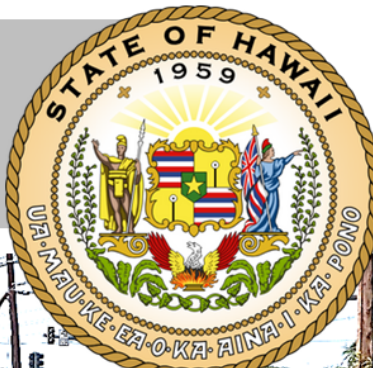
Yes, there is again a link and QR code for my latest survey because I want to hear from you. I work for you! I am listening!

It is truly my honor to serve you as your South Maui Representative and to amplify your voice at the State Capitol.

I work for you! Me ke aloha pumehana,

Your Representative Terez Amato

South Maui: House District 11, (Kīhei, Wailea Makena)



Pu'uohonua o Nēnē Shelter



Kihei Charter Fundraiser



Representative Terez Amato

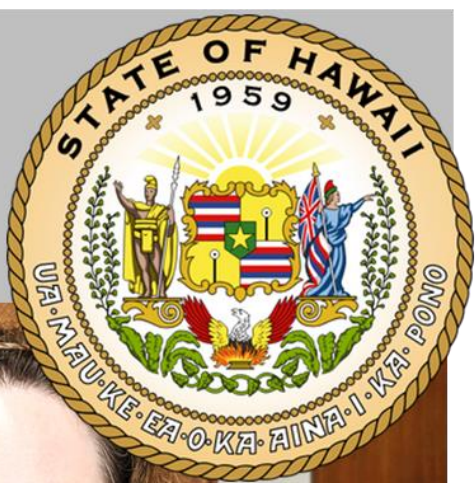
ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING:



\$3,000,000

Release of funds for wastewater system infrastructure at Pūlehunui on Maui.





'Amato: On The Record'

How did I vote? You deserve to know!



I stood up for:

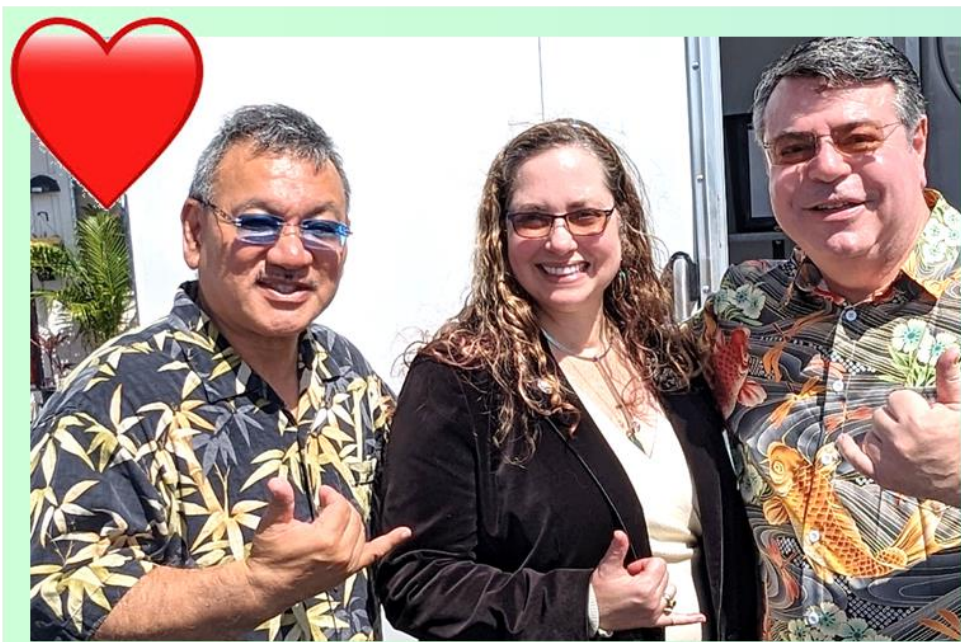
- Flood and fire prevention (even before the 8/8 fire)
- Reproductive rights (and we have much more to do ...)
- Preventing post fire price gouging by insurance companies
- Affordable housing for workers, fire victims and all residents
- Clean election funding & Ethics reforms - Stop legal bribery!
- Clean jobs: Motion picture & Film production tax credit
- Unions: Teacher pay raises, Covid back pay for union workers
- #Legalization and decriminalization of marijuana + Expungement



I also supported:



- Child care centers, student dental & mental health specialists
- Water sampling & banning restricted use pesticides
- Ending gun violence & prohibiting digital hate speech
- Constitutional amendment to protect gay marriage
- Silver alert for seniors & aging wellness mobility task force
- Eliminating the GET (tax) on medical services (we all benefit)
- Nonprofits to educate students, reduce STDs & plant trees
- Local farm to foodbanks: Keep our \$ and jobs on Maui!
- A new exciting program to end homelessness on Maui
- Student apprenticeships to help small businesses



Providing housing *actually* saves money by reducing Medicaid costs. I am thrilled to be working with the Governor's State Coordinator for Homelessness John Mizuno. My Chief of GSD Dr. Joe wrote HR 123, "Resolving to End Homelessness on Maui". Maui can be the example for the rest of the state and the nation. This is real. Many good people are working on this!

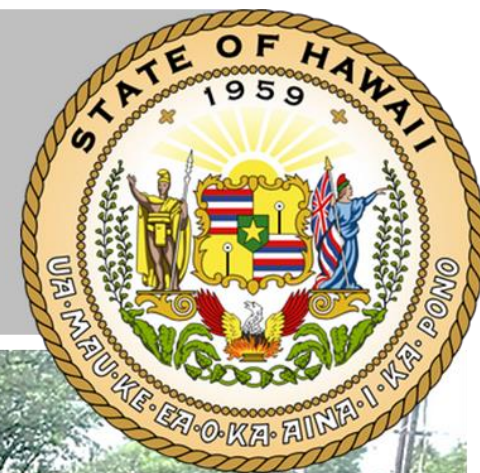
I voted *against*:

- Billionaire backroom deal tax break\$ for the richest 0.2%
- Mining and polluting our oceans
- Unconstitutional AI 'Robocop' vehicle policing
- Seawalls and T-groins that destroy beaches
- Leasing public lands to large corporations for \$1 a year
- Allowing Oahu to control our Maui Veteran's Home
- MECO/HECO customers paying for HECO's mistakes
- Selling 'affordable housing' to wealthy tourists





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Fire and Flood Prevention:

In addition to obtaining \$millions for flood and fire mitigation including Axis deer fencing and R-1 Water reservoirs to green Mauka of South Maui, my office has written HR122 which urges protection of our wetlands to act as water reservoirs during floods and to reduce fire hazard.



This is just a prelude to more legislation next year.



Lili's Gulch in Maui Meadows

Unacceptable and I won't stand for it:

Why did Maui County tell Kūpuna to clean road culverts in 96753 ? It is outrageous and disrespectful.

The County told my sweet older friend that she had to clean culverts herself! **WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING?** She reached out to me. My shovel is busted, so I took other action:

I promoted my Chief of Staff to 'Chief of Getting Sh*t Done' then asked him to investigate. He worked with our UH legal interns to research [the law](#) (HRS §46-11.5) which clearly says [Maui County must do the maintenance on drainageways that are a part of roads!](#) I sent certified letters to the County DOT, DPW, Executive branch and many others, and of course to the nice neighbors. Will the county act? I'll stay on top of it! Property damage and flooding danger can be reduced.

My job is to amplify your voice. I DO!

Protecting your civil rights: I will stand up for YOU!

The US Supreme court overturned Roe v. Wade. It is not over: Arizona just reinstated an 1874 law effectively banning abortion, which is now restricted in 24 states. Next SCOTUS is hearing a case on whether Idaho can enforce a *total abortion ban*. What is next?

[I was a Principal Introducer of Act 12 in Hawai'i protecting reproductive rights and doctors](#), but a possible nationwide abortion ban is looming. We must do more in case the situation gets worse, and it could. I am preparing legislation for 2025 and supporting a new constitutional amendment to ensure Hawai'i can keep reproductive healthcare available.



This is a Presidential Election Year: Make sure your voter registration is up to date at

<https://www.olvr.hawaii.gov>

Scan this:



[Time machine?](#) SCOTUS has since discussed overturning Obergefell v. Hodges, which requires states to allow marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Just in case, in the Hawai'i House of Representatives, we are working for the people on a constitutional amendment to permanently preserve the right to marry who you love. Stay tuned!

News: Rent gouging *continues* on Maui

“I am committed to addressing unfair and illegal rent hikes and ensuring safe and affordable housing” - T.Amato



The Governor's Emergency Proclamation #10 requires keeping rent at the 8/8/2023 price through 5/4. If you believe you were wrongly or illegally issued an eviction notice (as many were), reach out to the Hawaii Attorney General's office at HawaiiAG@hawaii.gov.

♥ This year, the Women's Legislative Caucus at the Capitol collected Easter baskets with needed items for women displaced from their homes by domestic violence.



Congratulations Nurses!

Hurricane Season is almost here: Prepare now!

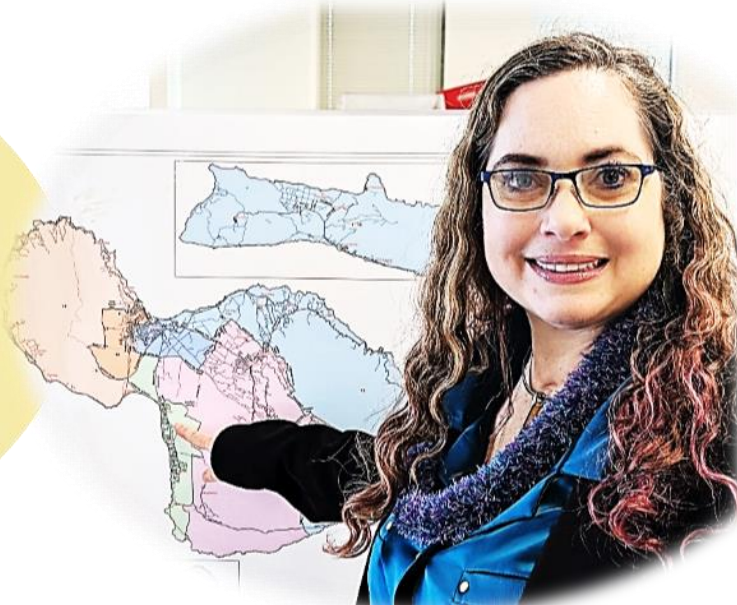
Emergency Preparedness Kit for People with Disabilities

<input type="checkbox"/> Water One gallon, per person, per day for drinking, cooking and sanitation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Medications Prepare medications in organizers and bottles labeled with directions and expiration dates. Rotate medication every six months.	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight, Light Sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> White Cane
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Filter Straw & Bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Medical Records Medical description of disability & copies of prescriptions for medication. Put in plastic bag to keep dry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Cane, Walker
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonperishable Food Canned goods, granola and protein bars, dried fruit, trail mix.	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes Coats, long pants, long sleeve shirts, waterproof sturdy shoes, rain gear.	<input type="checkbox"/> Whistle, Compass	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Care Sunglasses, extra prescribed eye-glasses, contact lenses and contact solutions.
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Bedding Sleeping bags, warm blankets, and pillows.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighter, Waterproof Matches	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Charging Device, Jumper Cable
<input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene Kit Toilet paper, soap, moist hand wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine supplies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual Can Opener	<input type="checkbox"/> Back-Up Hearing Aid, Hearing Aid Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Tire Repair Kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Battery Powered or Crank Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Whiteboard & pen, Notepad with Pencils or Pens	

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! I work for you:

Please take a minute to tell me what matters to you our community.

What's your priority?
More Housing?
Clean Environment?
Civil Rights?
Lower Taxes?



Take my SURVEY
‘I am listening!’
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