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### Weekly E-Newsletter Sig- nup

Each week, I send out an email with legislative updates, planned roadwork and other events happening in our community. During the pandemic, this has become more useful when vaccination and testing drives are scheduled conveniently in the Second City.

To sign-up, please send me an email at the address listed above. Your privacy is important and your email address will not be shared.

Aloha Friends,

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and that your 2022 is off to a great start. While the coronavirus pandemic continues to test our patience after two years, the current Omicron variant requires us to remain vigilant to protect our families, ourselves as well as our neighbors.

The 2022 Legislative Session commenced on January 19, 2022. Many contentious issues this legislative session are expected to be addressed in a compressed time frame. Please consider submitting (paper or online) your responses to the survey included in this newsletter. While my guiding principle is always to vote with the interests of all District 42 residents in mind, it is always helpful to seek your direct input on specific proposals that are likely to be presented this legislative session.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov), or by phone at 808-586-8500. Mahalo nui loa for continuing to allow me the privilege of serving as your voice in the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

Aloha,

### MEET MY 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION STAFF



**Malie Miner**, Office Manager, is a resident of Kapolei and graduated from Kapolei High School in 2016. She previously worked in our office as a Legislative Aide during the 2020 legislative session and is ecstatic to be back. During her spare time, Malie likes to go to the beach, and spend time with her family. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Malie at 808-586-8500 or via email at [m.miner@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:m.miner@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**Bailey Danford**, Committee Clerk, attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in Communications. Bailey is eager to work at the legislature as she is interested in pursuing a career in law. In her spare time, Bailey enjoys cooking and relaxing at the beach. Should you have any questions regarding legislation, including measure status and how to submit testimony, you may contact Bailey at 808-586-8501, or via email at [har2@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:har2@capitol.hawaii.gov).



**Jeannie Hirabara**, Legislative Aide, previously served as Committee Clerk for our office for the 2021 Legislative Session. As such, she is intimately familiar with District 42 issues, and looks forward to assisting the Kapolei/Makakilo community with legislative issues. During her spare time, Jeannie enjoys exercising around Ala Moana Park and practicing tai chi. Should you have any constituent concerns, you may contact Jeannie at 586-8503, or via email at [har1@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:har1@capitol.hawaii.gov).



## LEGISLATING DURING THE PANDEMIC



Due to the surge of cases and the Omicron variant, the 2022 Legislature will remain closed to the public until further notice. The following procedures are still in effect:

**Open office, closed doors** – The State Capitol is closed to all visitors and only authorized personnel are admitted into the building. If you require the assistance of my office (or other offices like the Public Access Room), please call or email for help. Our lights are on and we are here, but we are also practicing proper social distancing and adapting as conditions change.

**Measure tracking, testimony submission** - Tracking important or controversial bills, as well as hearing notices, can all be done on the Legislature's website: [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov). Complete bill information and hearing notices are posted on this website. Advanced users can create an account to receive email notifications about bills they are tracking or to receive hearing notifications from specific committees. Written/electronic submissions of testimony can be submitted through the Capitol website. In-person testimony can be done by Zoom for the 2022 session and will allow broader participation by those who were previously unable to get to the State Capitol in person.

**Committee hearing, floor sessions** – All Senate and House committee hearings and floor sessions will be streamed live on YouTube. Visit the Legislature's Live & On-Demand Video webpage to access the House and Senate YouTube Channels. Many hearings will be made available by 'Olelo Community Media or you may stream it online.

## DANIEL K. AKAKA STATE VETERANS' HOME IN KAPOLEI

Recognizing that a growing number of veterans choose to make West Oahu their home after their service, it seemed intuitive for Kapolei to be the future home of the State's second Veterans' home. Ground has been broken on this facility located near Farrington Hwy across from Walmart.

The 120-bed, two-story facility will feature single occupancy rooms co-located with the services that cater to our veterans. Planned services include skilled nursing care, therapy, hospice care, long-term care, geriatric mental health services, Alzheimer's and dementia care, and adult day health and respite care. The Daniel K. Akaka Veterans' Home will also have ample parking for visitors and employees, rehabilitation rooms, therapy rooms, kitchen, dining, laundry, and administrative offices.

The facility is scheduled for completion in early 2023. Funding for this facility was secured by West Oahu legislators and we look forward to its positive impact on not just the Second City but the State.



*Rep. Har and her colleagues from the legislature celebrate at the groundbreaking for the Daniel K. Akaka Veterans. From left to right: Rep. Ty Cullen, Rep. Har, Sen. Michelle Kidani, Rep. Adrian Tam, and Rep. Amy Peruso.*

## LONGS DRUGS UNVEILS NEW STORE EXPERIENCE IN KAPOLEI



At the close of 2021, I was honored to attend the unveiling of the new and expanded, "Minute Clinic," and Wellness Rooms, at our Kapolei Longs Drug Store, located on Farrington Highway. Longs Drugs also presented a check to the March of Dimes in the amount of \$93,500.00. These new additions to our Longs Drugs will provide expanded health and wellness services, and be convenient for the entire family. In the shadow of the pandemic, both our drug stores and clinics have been on the front lines as an alternative venue for goods and services. As a hub of our community, Longs Drugs continues to address the health needs of our community.

*From left to right: Artists Kai Kaulukuku and Angela, Assistant General Manager Fran Nakoa, March of Dimes Director of Development Candice Fajardo, Store Manager Aaron Joy, Rep. Har, and Dr. Holly Itota.*



# DISTRICT 42 — KAPOLEI AND MAKAKILO

At the beginning of each legislative session, it is useful to get a direct response from residents of Kapolei and Makakilo about their priorities. Please take a few moments to respond to this year’s survey. There are three ways you can participate:

- (1) complete a hard copy of this survey and mail it to my office at the address listed on page 1;
- (2) complete this survey, scan, and send the file (PDF preferably) to [m.miner@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:m.miner@capitol.hawaii.gov); or,
- (3) complete the Google survey online at <https://forms.gle/bdQApM7irDF86bBy6>.

We welcome responses from all residents of the 42nd District—adults and keiki alike. We only ask that one response is submitted per person. The results of this constituent survey will be published in our End-of-Session newsletter. For your responses to be tabulated, we ask for both your full name and street address. This will allow us to verify if you are a valid resident. Your information and responses will be confidential. Your email address will allow us to confirm receipt of your survey results.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 1: Spending Priorities (1 being most important, 10 being least)

Each year, the Legislature must determine the best uses of a limited amount of tax revenue. Please prioritize the following areas of spending according to your values and preferences. “1” should be your highest spending priority and “10” your lowest spending priority. Please do not repeat any rankings.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Issue</u>
_____	Affordable Housing/Rentals	_____	Infant/Toddler Child Care
_____	Public Teacher Salary Increases	_____	Public Education
_____	Climate Change Mitigation	_____	Sex Trafficking and Violence Against Women
_____	Homelessness	_____	Road Improvements, Traffic Mitigation
_____	Economic stabilization & revitalization	_____	Transitioning to a zero-carbon energy economy (Hawaii 2045)

## Part 2: Issue Priorities

In addition to fiscal issues, the Legislature will study and create laws that may not have any upfront cost. These issues become much more complicated and nuanced since the issues are rarely black or white. For this section, please respond to the following statements indicating how strongly you agree or disagree.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	
					I believe that we should continue to enforce COVID regulations, especially with the arrival of the Omicron variant.
					I support a ban on all sales of flavored e-cigarette products.
					I believe that the minimum wage should be increased to \$18 per hour.
					I believe that there is enough affordable housing so that living in Hawaii is a choice for the next generation.
					I believe that tourism remains a vital part of the economy.
					I support Governor Ige’s \$100 proposal to refund every Hawaii taxpayer to help with economic recovery.
					In addition to affordable housing units, the redevelopment of the old Aloha Stadium should include a venue to host sports and entertainment.
					Protecting Oahu’s drinking water supply necessitates the complete shut-down of the Navy’s Red Hill fuel facility.

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### TRAFFIC UPDATE FOR KAPOLEI/MAKAKILO

While securing funds for traffic improvements in and around the Second City are a vital part of getting the project done, time needs to be spent with different stakeholders and government agencies to facilitate these projects. The dedication of the Villages of Kapolei to the City & County of Honolulu required coordination between the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation, the Villages of Kapolei and various agencies to ensure the necessary work was done efficiently. Improvements along the Fort Barrette corridor would not have been possible without the assistance of the engineers and administrators at the Hawaii Department of Transportation.

#### VILLAGES OF KAPOLEI

As you know in my previous Newsletters, I have been working with the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC) to complete the dedication of the Villages of Kapolei (VOK) to the City and County of Honolulu. The first step was remediating the sewer system. With this being completed, HHFDC is now focusing on remediating curbs, sidewalks, gutters, and signs. But most notably, the road repairs in the VOK are finally underway!

Road repaving commenced in October 2021 at Kama'aha Loop and Kama'aha Avenue. Grace Pacific is performing road paving on Kapolei Parkway between Ft. Barrette and Kualakai Parkway and is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of February if the weather continues to be favorable. Repaving will be completed with work on Kealanani Avenue.

Upon completion of repaving work, road signs (e.g. speed limit, no parking and crosswalk signs) will be installed or replaced. Should you see any missing street signs, please report them to VOKA at 808-674-4444.

#### FORT BARRETTE IMPORVEMENTS

Earlier in 2021, the Fort Barrette Road widening project commenced. This project included five major improvements:

- (1) Widening of Ft. Barrette from two lanes into four;
- (2) Installation of sidewalks;
- (3) Installation of a traffic light at the corner of Fort Barrette and Roosevelt;
- (4) The addition of a dedicated right-hand turn lane at Kapolei Parkway; and
- (5) The addition of through lanes on Kapolei Parkway.

The dedicated right-hand turn lane onto Kapolei Parkway as well as the additional through lanes are completed. The remaining improvements are expected to be completed by March 2022.

*Before (Top, courtesy Google Maps) and after (bottom) pictures of the south-bound of the completed right turn lane on Fort Barrette Road at Kapolei Parkway.*

