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Dear Friends:

I hope you and your families are enjoying summer.

It is hard to believe that the 2013 legislative session just ended and here it is almost the end of June. There is so much to be done before the new session begins in January 2014. I will continue to work on ways to improve all measures that come before me next year and fully address the diverse issues that are important to the people of our state.

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

Aloha,

Sharon Har
Representative, District 42
Kapolei, Makakilo

KAPOLEI SCHOOLS RECEIVE MONEY SECURED BY REP. HAR

Over the past six years, I have served as a member of the House Finance Committee, fighting for critical infrastructure funds to improve our quality of life. Most recently, in the 2012 legislative session, I helped to secure:

- (1) **\$40 MILLION** for the construction of a new elementary school in Kapolei (to be located across Kapolei High School off of Ft. Barrette Road);
 - (2) **\$4.7 MILLION** for a new locker room and showers at Kapolei High School (KHS); and
 - (3) **\$375,000** for a new portable special education building at Makakilo Elementary.
- GREAT NEWS! Governor Abercrombie RELEASED THESE FUNDS on June 20, 2013 which means these infrastructure improvements at our area schools are on their way to becoming a reality! These projects represent an investment in our children and in our community. I always say that government does not accomplish things overnight but together, we can accomplish great things with a little patience.

Many thanks to Principal Esmeralda, former principal of Makakilo Elementary Sean Tajima, and all of our principals from the Kapolei Complex who worked with me in securing these essential funds.

Makakilo Drive Extension Meeting Update

As most of you may know by now, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization ("OMPO") policy committee meeting that was scheduled for June 12, 2013 to discuss the Makakilo Drive extension project is rescheduled to **July 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.** For those of you who might not be familiar with the project, a 2008 Pacific Business News (PBN) diagram of the proposed extension is illustrated below.

While I am working hard to represent the interests of West Oahu residents at OMPO, your testimony is needed to ensure that this project is both approved and funded to improve the safety of Makakilo residents. Testimony must be submitted **at least 24 hours prior to the time of the hearing** to the attention of the Executive Director (fax: (808) 587-2018 or email: OahuMPO@OahuMPO.org). Testimony is limited to 4 single-sided pages. I recently sent out an attachment via an email blast to many residents with a boilerplate testimony that can be used by individuals who are pressed for time but would still like to testify on the matter. If you are not on my email list and would like a copy of the boilerplate please email or call my office using the information in the top left corner of this page and we will be more than happy to send it to you.

In-person testimony is even better. The OMPO policy committee meeting is now scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the City Council Committee Meeting Room 205, Honolulu Hale**. We need as many residents as possible to support the Makakilo Drive extension so that my colleagues know that this is not just a matter of convenience, but public safety. There is metered public parking available in the State Capitol basement and in the municipal building located next to Honolulu Hale. There are two entrances to this metered parking lot—Alapai Street across the bus terminal and Beretania Street across from the Board of Water Supply.

I hope you can attend this very important meeting, or at least submit testimony. Please contact me by email or telephone if you have any questions.



RUBEN DULDUAO PBN

Hawaiian Homes Commission offers Ka Makana Ali'i Developers a Stern Warning

You may recall that last month, I voiced my concerns about the lack of transparency and details provided to the community from the developer regarding the Ka Makana Ali'i project. Based on my conversations with community members involved, it appears that details regarding the project are more fiction than fact. The lack of communication from the developer is unacceptable, considering that the development will be located on DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands) land and because this project could impact the Hawaii Railway Society which has its tracks protected under the federal historic preservation register.

DeBartolo, the developer, appeared before the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) on June 18, 2013 and requested to defer their request for an extension on their option period. Commissioners expressed grave concern that few details regarding this project have materialized after seven years and sternly warned DeBartolo that at the August Commission meeting, DeBartolo must provide a detailed presentation warranting an extension of the option period. The request will be heard again at the August HHC meeting on Maui.

I take solace that commissioners at the HHC shared my strong concerns regarding the Ka Makana Ali'i project. The West Oahu community has graciously accepted Bartolo into its ohana but their has been menial reciprocation. I remain hopeful that they will be much more forthcoming in the next two months before their request is addressed by the HHC.

(From left to right below) (1) On June 14, 2013, the Woodmen of the World (represented by Richelyn Chow and Christopher Nguyen) presented Rep. Har with a replica American flag to commemorate Flag Day. The Woodmen are a fraternity society that engages the community through service projects; (2) Rep. Har's Session wrap-up Talk Story on May 25, 2013 at Kapolei High School; and (3) Jason Higa, a Makakilo resident, was honored by his family after graduating with a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from the John A. Burns School of Medicine at UH-Manoa. Representative Har recognized Jason in 2011 for being recognized as scholar-of-the-year from Moanalua High School.



Kapolei Middle School 2013 Po'okela Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following Kapolei Middle School students who were recipients of the 2013 Po'okela Award for various achievements including Principal's List, Technology and Engineering, Art, and Choir, at the recent award banquets held on May 30th and June 13th at the Kapolei Middle Cultural Center. Representative Har proudly presented each recipient with a Certificate from the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature at each of the award ceremonies.

Gazerelle Nean Acain • Chloe Ann Ada • Angelica Adina • Kamalani Aetonu • Hannah Katrina Aganon • Lurynn Akasaki • Ciara Alagao • Kiara Alcaide • Kiani Alvarez-Ranan • Cole Amparo • Makena Anderson • Makeilah Arellano • Isaac Badua • Shannelle Baligat Lamoya • Vanessa Bentley • Charlene Biacan • Charles Brinsfield • Brittany Brooks • Jeizel Dominique Bucasas • Haley Burford • William Byrd • Micah Cailing • Shannen Calio • Justice-Mya Cambra • John Campos • Johnson Campos • Josiah Carnet Nouchi • Nadine Alexandria Casabar • Keith Castilio, Jr. • Jordan Chamizo • Sophia Cleek • Christine Connell • Loeghan Cook • Hunter Copp • Tharranne Covington • Jade Cui • Brooke Cummings • Ashley Damo • Jacob Thomas Danao • McKenzie Dittmer • Ariel Dixon • Dior Dunbar • Adrian Philip Duque • David Edmonds • Annika Edwards • Kevin Edwards • Lerishane Enriquez • Allan Epstein • Johnathan Epstein • Jocelyn Espanola • Alyssa Eva • Shalei Fa'afia • Chloe Fieber • Alessandra Fuentes-Ikehara • Randin Fukuoka • Danica Mae Gadiano • Milton Gainey • Thomas Galios • Danielle Gantz • Roxanne Gates • Taylor Lee Goeas • Jordan Hall • Isilynn Hao-Avilla • Jordan Hilacion • David Holloway • Taryne Hu • Allyson Huh • Christian Jacob • Samantha Rose Julius • Tyanna Ka'aiali'i • Prestyne Kaimi-Montira • Erika Karsk • Carlee Kawai • Kyana Kawasaki • Tiffany Keamo • Jaimin Keli'ih'o'omalua • Benjamin Kelleher • Destiny Keola • William Kling • Mackenzie Kohrer • Kori Koverman • Courtney Kurashima • Carter Kurashima • Sara LaCalamito • Kamuela Lane • Rachelle Lariba • Teah Laupapa • Tiony Laupapa • Kortney Long • Brandon Loo • Chantelle Lopez • Christian Lopez • Noah Lorenzo • Alema Max Lowe • Johnny Macas • Steven Macas • Mikee Madamba • Alisha Maeda • Austin Magana • Shailynn Manabe • Kote Manley • Azrin Manuma • Nicholas Martin • Breann Medeiros • Alexander Medina-Brown • Beau Meyer • Maya Micheli • Zachary Miller • Collin Miyata • Matthew Miyataki • Kristian Monis-Cummings • Devyn Munar • Evan Nakamura • Sienna Namohala • Rusy Neitzel • Destini Ngum • Pauline Niang • Kelsey Niitani • Madeleine Ray Olaes • Isabella Ray Olaes • Nicholas Ono • Jessica Ornellas • Emily Oshiro • Noah Oya • Deseree Pablo • David Paco • Cloe Paet • SeHyn Park • Mariya Parkhomchuk • Gerard Joseph Pascual • Joseph Payongayong • Leah Peralta • Samantha Pires • Allan Mark Polendy • Nayrhanoel Quijano • Justis Rafael • Daniella Ragmat • Nicole Rajkowski • Jacob Ramirez • Madeleine Reeves • Lilinoo Ruiz-Cummings • Alexia Saad • Chloe Nicole Salacup • Jeremiah Sanchez • Arissa Sanchez • Michelle Saragena • Yousef Saramah • Krishere Shimamoto • Sarah Simmons • Ysabella Skaltsas Lopez • Corey Slade • Vincent Solis • Andrew Soon • Akello Stallings • Andrei Stoyanow • Neia Joelle Tacadena • Kobe Tamayo-Gabaylo • Leilani Tandy • Isaiah Taylor • Kayla Thorp • Cooper Tirado • Taylor Tolentino • Leanza Simona Toves • Min-Hua Tsou • McKenzie Tynanes • Joe Uesato • Fely Vacek • Brianna Vazquez • Nairi Vazquez • Carlos Neil Villanueva • Ariel Villanueva, Jr. • Benjamin Vining • Kaikoa Viveiros • Mailani Wendt • Lourdes Whiting • Sarah Yamaguchi • Sam You • Desmond Zadio • Michelle Zheng