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New Vice Chair of Education



Aloha Neighbor, thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. The House Legislature committees have reorganized, and I am pleased to announce that I am now the Vice Chair of the Education committee. I remain a voting member of the Water and Land, Energy and Environmental Protection, and Higher Education committees.

This year, my focuses are to strengthen our education system by giving power back to our schools, improve our State's infrastructure, and develop more transitional housing for our homeless community and encourage them on a path to reintegration.

I encourage you to get involved and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve our State and the lives of our people. Feel free to contact me anytime at (808) 699-0222.

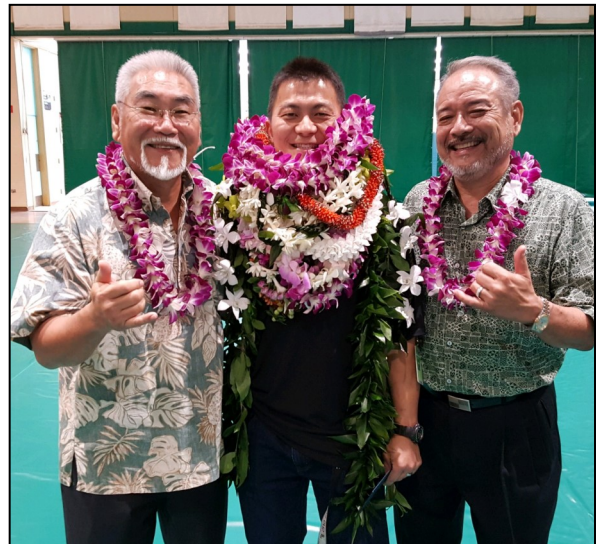
Mahalo Nui Loa,

Calendar of Events/Activities

1. **Sat., March 3, 7:45am:**
Kapiolani Community College Cactus Garden Clean Up
2. **Mon., March 12, 7pm:**
Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting
3. **Tues., March 20, 7pm:**
Newtown Neighborhood Security Watch Meeting
4. **Fri., April 27:** Aiea High School Family Fun Fair

Aiea High School's Ken Kang wins the Milken Educator Award!

Congratulations to Sam's long-time friend, Ken Kang for winning the prestigious Milken Educator Award for his efforts to improve the technology resources at Aiea High School. Ken started the first STEM course and since then has held workshops for all seven schools in the Aiea district to help improve their technology systems. Ken Kang will be recognized by the House of Representatives on March 22, 2018 for Education Week.



Sam Kong, Ken Kang, and Wayne Suzuki at the Award Ceremony that was held on February 5, 2018 at Aiea High School.



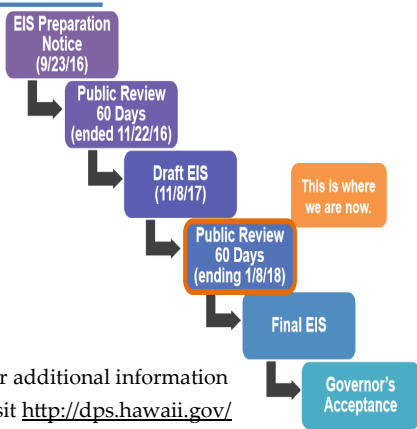
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Update on Plans to Replace Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC)

On 11/29/17, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed replacement of OCCC to Halawa was opened for public comments. Approximately 250 individuals, 12 organizations, and 15 government agencies submitted written comments at the townhall meeting. The Final EIS is in preparation as the public outreach and engagement program continues.

EIS Timeline



For additional information visit <http://dps.hawaii.gov/occ-future-plans>

Sam presents solution for homeless at Pearl City Health, Education, Welfare (HEW) Meeting

On Jan. 9th at the Pearl City HEW Community Meeting, Sam presented his proposal for a housing project for our hardworking homeless families. The HEW Committee passed a resolution in support of the project, and the resolution will be voted on by the full Neighborhood Board on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.



Left: Sam listens as residents voice their thoughts about the project.
Above: Engineer and Architect Russel Wozniak presents the architectural possibilities for the project.