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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope you and your families are well, and are enjoying the last weeks of summer.

As school has gotten underway across the state, I am very pleased to report that District 40 schools have received more than \$2 million in funding to address important repair and maintenance projects.

In Kapolei, the new Judiciary Complex was renamed on August 27th in honor of retiring Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon—more details on the renaming are on page two of this newsletter.

Finally, Kapolei High School is hosting a West-Side Swap Meet on the first Saturday of the month, to raise money for its Project Grad night, along with accepting food donations to support Project Daily Bread.

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

Aloha,

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District 40 Schools Receive More Than \$2 Million in Repair Funding

As part of \$65.5 million released to the Department of Education for repair and maintenance projects to nearly 250 public schools and DOE facilities across the state, Kapolei-area schools will receive more than \$2 million in funds for repair projects.

Funding these projects will improve the safety and comfort of our keiki, teachers and school staff, allowing them to better focus on instruction and learning – which is why I have advocated for these funds for our schools. I am very pleased that schools in the Kapolei area will have the funding needed to address some of their repair and maintenance needs. Moreover, these projects will also create jobs and opportunities for our residents in the construction industry.

Planned projects include sidewalk repairs, reroofing, ventilation and ceiling fan improvements, sprinkler system upgrades, replacing light fixtures, air conditioning improvements, repairs to plumbing and other various structural improvements. Total funding released for Kapolei-area schools is \$2,026,000:

- Barbers Point Elementary (\$646,000)
- Kalei`opu`u Elementary (\$97,000)
- Kapolei Elementary (\$285,000)
- Kapolei Middle School (\$332,000)
- Makakilo Elementary (\$364,000)
- Mauka Lani Elementary (\$302,000)

For more information on specific schools or projects, please visit <http://factrak.k12.hi.us/Search.aspx>, to search by complex, representative district, or school.



Representative Har met with members of the community at her quarterly Talk Story meeting on Saturday, August 7, 2010. Rep. Har discussed changes to the state budget's projections since the end of the legislative session, along with other issues of concern to community members. The meeting, held at the Royal Kunia Community Association offices in Waipahu, was taped by Olelo Community Media student interns, and will air on Olelo in the coming weeks (specific times to be determined).

Kapolei Judiciary Complex Renamed the Ronald T.Y. Moon Judiciary Complex

On August 27, 2010, the new Kapolei Judiciary Complex was formally renamed in honor of retiring Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon.

Chief Justice Moon served as Hawaii’s Supreme Court Chief Justice from March 31, 1993 until August 31, 2010, when he left the court, due to the state’s constitutional mandate that judges retire at age 70.

I was honored to attend the renaming ceremony, along with many members of the judiciary, community leaders and elected officials, including U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye and U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka. As a Korean-American attorney, it has been a wonderful privilege to have Chief Justice Moon, the nation’s first state supreme court chief justice of Korean descent, as a mentor and friend. His work at a national level to bring equality and diversity to our state courts has made him an inspiration to the Korean-American community and many others.



Representative Har congratulates Chief Justice Moon and his wife, Stella, on his retirement and the renaming of the Kapolei Judiciary Complex in recognition of his three decades of service to the state of Hawaii.

During his tenure at the head of the State Supreme Court, Chief Justice Moon has focused on maintaining an independent judiciary, educating the public about our court system and increasing access to the judicial system, among other goals. The construction of the Judiciary Complex in Kapolei is a prime example of his dedication to improving access to the courts. From the beginning of his tenure at the helm of the

state Supreme Court, Chief Justice Moon worked tirelessly to bring about the construction of a judiciary center in the “Second City,” not only to alleviate overcrowding in Honolulu facilities, but to bring better access to the courts for the residents of West Oahu. In particular, he felt strongly that bringing the Family Court to West Oahu would bring improved judicial access to the growing number of families in our area who need it most. The Kapolei Judiciary Complex will be one of Chief Justice Moon’s greatest legacies, and that is why the legislature, believing that renaming the complex was an appropriate honor, passed a resolution this session recommending that change.

The judiciary complex opened earlier this year and was officially dedicated in May. The Ronald T.Y. Moon Judiciary Complex houses the Family Court of the First Circuit, the Waianae District Court and a juvenile detention facility. The courthouse features one courtroom capable of jury trials and 12 non-jury courtrooms.

Monthly West-Side Swap Meet Starts September 4

Kapolei High Project Grad will be hosting a Swap Meet every first Saturday of the month, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., beginning on Saturday, September 4th.

All vendors are welcome. A 10x10 stall for used household goods will cost \$15, while stalls for business vendors cost \$25. Vendors keep all sales proceeds, while stall fees will benefit KHS Project Grad, which provides a drug- and alcohol-free all-night event to mark the graduation of the class of 2011 next spring. It’s a wonderful event that helps keep our teens safe during the graduation season, when car-related accidents and deaths peak for teens.

In addition to raising funds for Project Grad, the swap meet is also a community service project, with a food drive to benefit Project Daily Bread. Additionally, fresh fruits, vegetables and plants will also be available for purchase.

Also on Swap Meet Saturdays, Project Grad will host a "Yu-Gi-Oh" trading card game tournament in the KHS cafeterias for all kids (and kids-at-heart). The \$5 registration fee will be waived for those who donate five canned goods to the Project Daily Bread food drive. Yu-gi-oh tournament registration starts at 8 a.m., and games begin at 9 a.m.

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