



Legislative Update from...

Senator Mike Gabbard



Aloha Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your ohana! Don't miss the 12th Annual Kapolei City Lights Electric Light Parade and Celebration on December 8th. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. and goes from the Kapolei Fairgrounds to Kapolei Hale. After that, there will be a Tree Lighting Ceremony and block party. Also, I won't be hosting my "Listen Story" meeting in December because of the holidays. My next meeting will be on Saturday, January 12th at the Ewa Zippy's (91-1717 Fort Weaver Road).



Here are some other things I'd like to share with you. Please contact me at 586-6830 or sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov if I can help you or your family in any way.



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District 20

Kapolei, Makakilo, and portions of Ewa, Kalaeloa, and Waipahu



Senator Gabbard gave a pep talk to the cadets of the Hawai'i Youth Challenge Academy at the State Capitol on November 8th.



Senator Gabbard and his daughter, Congresswoman-elect Tulsi Gabbard, got a briefing on the latest developments of the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) at their headquarters in Lihue on November 1st. Pictured (L to R) are KIUC CEO David Bissell, KIUC chairman of the board Teofilo "Phil" Tacbian, Congresswoman-elect Gabbard, and Senator Gabbard.

West O'ahu Student Artwork Brings Attention to Driving Safe

I attended the kick-off event for this year's Drive Safe for Ewa/Kapolei Live & Let Live Traffic Safety Awareness Campaign at the Kapolei Police Station on December 1st. During the program, I recognized the winners of the poster contest that highlights the artwork of West O'ahu high school students. The posters bring awareness to the dangers of driving intoxicated and recklessly during the Christmas holiday season. The winners were Kapolei High School senior Janel Tagalicud, Nanakuli High junior Dina Tuggle, and Waianae High junior Joshua Camalig. This year's poster contest was particularly relevant given the tragic death of Campbell High School sophomore Kawehi Adkins-Kupuka'a, which was a result of another teen who was drinking and driving. My prayers go out to Kawehi's family & friends, and the Campbell High ohana.



Senator Gabbard, Senator Will Espero, Rep. Karen Awana, and Master Sgt. Buddy Rego of Waianae High School ROTC honored the poster contest winners of the 2012 Drive Safe 4 Ewa-Kapolei/Live and Let Live Traffic Safety Awareness Campaign at the Kick-Off event at Kapolei Police Station on December 1st. The winners were Joshua Camalig of Waianae High School, Dina Tuggle of Nanakuli High School, and Janel Tagalicud of Kapolei High School. Pictured (L to R) are Senator Espero, Senator Gabbard, Joshua, Dina, Master Sgt. Rego, Janel, and Rep. Awana.

Construction Project Updates



I gave an overview of many of the construction projects in Senate District 20 at my November 24th "Listen Story" meeting in Kapolei. Here's a summary:

Community

- **HMC West** - Queen's plans to spend \$73.2 million to reopen HMC-West in August 2013; they will hire approximately 400 employees.
- **Pacific Center at Downtown Kapolei – Phase 2** – will be a new regional U.S. Social Security office; they will move from current location from above Kapolei Starbucks; will have 50 workers; the one-story 13,500 sq. ft. building will open by July 2013 (phase 1 was the Cole Academy)
- **Special Olympics** - \$10 million sports and wellness center to serve adults and children with intellectual disabilities; will be located next to the Kroc Center in Kapolei; will offer free physical exams, hearing, vision, dental and podiatry screening, and nutrition education; plans are to start construction in 1st quarter of 2013 and be open by mid 2014

Energy

- **Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park** - joint venture between Scatec Solar North America and Hunt Companies; 5 MW solar PV farm; construction was supposed to start by the end of 2012 and be completed by June 2013; is on hold now until solar tax credit issues can be addressed
- **Kalaeloa Solar Farm** – 5 MW solar farm on 36 acres of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' land in west Kalaeloa; owned by D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments and Bright Plain Renewable Energy; expected to be completed in December 2012
- **Kalaeloa Solar One** – Sopogy's 4 MW concentrating solar project in west Kalaeloa; currently under construction



Government

- **East Kapolei Fire Station** – located across the street from the existing headquarters of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands at the corner of Kinoiki and Kamokuiki streets; fire station will be the Honolulu Fire Department's first regional fire station and will include an engine company and a ladder company with a total of 30 personnel; construction set to be completed by end of 2012
- **FBI Field Office** - 150,000 sq. ft.; opened 11/13/12; has PV panels; LEED Silver, 250 agents and staff
- **Kapolei II Elementary** – DR Horton Schuler gave state 12-acre parcel of land to state; school will be located in the Mehana subdivision along Ft. Barrette Road; Legislature appropriated \$43.5 million, scheduled for completion in 2015
- **Pacific Health Regional Lab** – planned as a 31,000 sq. ft one story Level 3 biolab facility pending government approvals; presently located in the existing National Guard compound off Saratoga in Kalaeloa; level 3 labs work on microbes that may be airborne (West Nile, TB, Avian Flu, SARS); labs are at negative pressure and HEPA filtered; Governor Abercrombie released the \$12.5 million state appropriation on October 19, 2012; funded by National Institutes of Health – Biodefense Program through \$32 million construction grant

Retail

- **Ka Makana Ali'i Mall** - groundbreaking could begin in 2013 with construction starting in 2014; the project will be built in two phases – Phase 1 will be modeled as a neighborhood commercial center filled with businesses including a pharmacy, grocery store, bank, fitness center, pet store and restaurants, featuring Walgreens, 24 Hour Fitness, Butterfly Ice Cream, McDonald's, State Farm Insurance, and Nailtek; Phase 2 will be more comprehensive and will feature two hotels catering to kama'aina, low rise office space, lots of retail and entertainment space including a cinema, outdoor cafes and restaurants

Residential Development

- **East Kapolei (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)** - approximately 1,000 single-family units and 400 multi-family units by DHHL; 600 multi-family by other developer (Hawaii Housing & Finance Development Corporation); no solid dates yet
- **Ho'opili (DR Horton Schuler)** – planned 11,750 homes; build out through 2030; \$4.6 billion investment; covers 1,554 acres; 159-acres (16% of the development) for civic farms, 8 acres for community gardens, and 84 acres for home gardens = 251 acres; need to have Planning Commission hearing and get City Council approval; plan to start infrastructure construction in late 2012 and home construction in 2014
- **Kahiwelo (DR Horton Schuler)** – Phase 2 includes 272 single family homes in Makakilo; offers option of urban food gardens
- **Kanehili (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)**- 403 single family homes; scheduled for completion by January 2013; have solar water heaters; electric vehicle and solar PV ready
- **La Hiki (DR Horton Schuler)** - a 132-lot single family, neighborhood nearest Ft Barrette Rd. in the Mehana community; have solar water heaters; electric vehicle and solar PV ready; expected to be completed by second quarter of 2013
- **Makaiwa Hills (Kapolei Property Development)** - 1,850-acre master-planned community that descends down the foothills of the Waianae Mountains just west of Makakilo; 4,200 residences will include affordable and market homes
- **Pulewa (DR Horton Schuler)** - a 120-unit townhome project; expected to be completed by second quarter of 2013
- **Kapolei West (Kapolei Property Development)** - 2,500 home development is located east of Ko Olina and west of Kapolei; 516-acre residential community will have an 18-hole golf course; targeting construction for 2013/2014

Roads/Transportation

- **Ft. Barrette Widening** – 90% completed with design; construction in 2016
- **Kapolei Interchange Phase II** – construction in 2013; includes a concrete H-1 Freeway overpass at Waieka, a westbound off-ramp from H-1 Freeway to Wakea Street, and a new westbound on-ramp onto Farrington Highway
- **Kapolei Parkway (Open field next to Court House to Kamokila)** – construction will start in Nov. 2012 and be completed by Jan 2014; was delayed because the contractor, Royal Contracting, had problems getting grading permits from the City
- **Kualaka'i Parkway (Kapolei Parkway to Roosevelt)** – will be completed by the end of 2014
- **Leeward Bikeway Phase 1 (West Loch area, 4.2 miles)** – start of construction in October 2013 and completed by October 2014
- **Makakilo Drive Extension** – design was cancelled by the City – Jan 2012; project is on hold
- **Manawai Street (between Kapolei Parkway and Kama'aha Avenue)** – being constructed by Kapolei Property Development; will open on December 1, 2012
- **PM Zipper Lane** (from Radford Drive to H1/H2 split) – DOT started construction for the deck only in May 2012; contract time for the completion of the deck repairs and PM Zipper is 20 months
- **Rail** – feds will be awarding City \$1.55 billion, 3 stops in Kapolei – Kroc Center, UH West O'ahu, and Ho'opili and two stops in Waipahu – West Loch and Mokuola; 20-mile line from Kapolei to Ala Moana is projected to be completed by 2019; on-hold right now because court ordered City to do archeological survey for whole line instead of in segments.

Senator Gabbard joined in on the fun at the Color Run in Kalaeloa on November 3rd. The Color Run is happening in cities all over the country and is a 5K race where participants are drenched with colored powder by the organizer's volunteers, sponsors, and staff. Each kilometer of the event is associated with a designated color: yellow, orange, pink, or blue. Over 10,000 participated in the Color Run in Kalaeloa.



Honoring Health Expert Dr. John McDougall

I honored internationally-renowned physician and health expert, Dr. John McDougall, with a certificate from the State Senate at the Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse on November 13th. Dr. McDougall was in town to make a presentation sponsored by the Vegetarian Society of Hawai'i called *"The Diet Wars: The Time for Unification is Now."* Dr. McDougall has been studying, writing and speaking out about the effects of nutrition on disease for over 30 years. He is a veteran of the natural wellness movement and a best-selling author who has helped thousands improve their quality of life by helping them switch to a low-fat vegetarian diet primarily consisting of whole grains, fruits, vegetables and legumes. When he was 18 years old, Dr. McDougall suffered a massive stroke which he attributed to his standard American diet high in animal protein and fat. In the mid 1970s, while practicing medicine in Hawai'i, he noticed that his elderly Asian patients, who lived mainly on rice and vegetables, were trim and healthy compared to their offspring who adopted the American diet. In response, Dr. McDougall switched to a traditional Asian, heart-healthy diet for himself and became his own positive testimonial after shedding many unwanted pounds of harmful fat. Dr. McDougall is currently the Medical Director of the McDougall Program, a highly successful residential program of over twenty years located in Santa Rosa, California.



Civil Air Patrol Critical in Natural Disaster Situations

On October 27th, everyone in Hawai'i was startled to receive word of a potential tsunami coming this way. While many of us were scrambling to get gas, food, water and other supplies, the Hawai'i Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was in the skies. Within minutes of getting a call from Civil Defense, eight CAP small-engine Cessnas were airborne — three on Kaua'i, three on O'ahu, one on Maui and one on Hawai'i island. The flights were completed by 11:30 p.m., but the aircraft were kept fueled and on standby until 1 a.m. on Sunday in case they were needed for damage assessment. CAP's mission was to warn people who hadn't heard the sirens or news reports to quickly get to higher ground. Although the tsunami didn't damage any homes or cause any deaths, CAP volunteers should be commended. Their tsunami warning mission actually began 55 years ago. In 1957, CAP cadets are credited with alerting 300 to 400 Kauai residents before a 32 foot wave arrived, causing enormous damage along a 15-mile strip of Kauai's North Shore. This is why it's so important to support this important organization. I was able to participate in their Civil Air Patrol West O'ahu Composite Squadron 5th Annual Awards Banquet on November 3rd. I presented certificates from the State Senate to two very special cadets. Cadet First Lieutenant Angelo C. Gascon, who joined CAP in 2008, is a graduate of Kapolei High School and will soon be joining the Air Force. He was selected for the prestigious recognition of Outstanding Cadet Officer of the Year. Cadet Master Sergeant Courtney Mundon, who joined CAP in 2011, is a Kapolei High School senior. She was selected for the prestigious recognition of Cadet Non-Commission Officer of The Year.



Senator Gabbard attended Wayland Baptist University's Fall Graduation Ceremony at the Marine Corps Base Chapel in Kaneohe on November 10th. Pictured are Hawai'i Campus Executive Director & Campus Dean Dr. David Howle, Senator Gabbard, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, and Vice President of External Campuses & Graduate Studies Dr. Elane Seebo.

