

Prevailing Winds

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As November approaches in an election year, I always feel this could be my last edition of *Prevailing Winds*. I have conscientiously written this newsletter every month since I was first elected. This election had some drama. It started by me falling down my stairs at home and breaking two toes. The doctors warned me that if I did not let it heal properly, it would affect other parts of my body due to the change in my walking stride. It did not bother me at first, but now it's beginning to hurt. I guess the doctors were right. But, it has not affected my thinking or work!

During July 2012, I attended the Council of State Governments-West Conference in Edmonton, Canada. I was able to include a site visit to the oil sands field in Fort McMurray. Officials there indicated that there is enough oil in the sand to supply current consumption rates for at least a hundred years. I also learned that Wyoming has the fifth largest coal reserves in the world and Montana has more than its share of coal too. The technology of drilling and mining these natural resources are so advanced that the probability of causing environmental damage is minimal.

After extracting the oil from the sands, the industry has established a "reclamation program" where everything is done to bring the land to its original condition. They even told me they re-introduce the insects that were there before the mining started! Is this the reason why we have to pay high gas prices?

Not really, I learned gas is a commodity and pricing is based on supply and demand. OPEC will adjust supply to meet prices as it sees fit. With that in mind, I believe we have no choice but to support the development of the most efficient natural and renewable energy alternatives. Of all the choices that I have

seen, geothermal is my choice for Hawaii.

I also attended the "Wireless University." This is a learning forum where the wireless industry educates people on its technology and how fast it is advancing. Soon, the industry will be placing wireless internet on airplanes. Ever wonder how they are thinking of doing this? The planes will have a mini cellular site built into them and they will roam from cell-site to cell-site as the plane flies across the country. I don't think it will be available over the Pacific Ocean. Shucks!

As wireless grows, the internet is going to be used more and more. Two vendors showed their products. One was telemedicine and the other was education. The Mayo Clinic boasts that it has twenty million patients. They have internet sites across the country and the patients are hooked up to medical monitors. Doctors can remotely provide services to the patient and even do surgery. In the area of education, online educational programs are teaching our children. These programs are so sophisticated that they adapt to the learning needs of the child.

Why am I talking about this? I am convinced this is the way we are going to make government less expensive. Education and health takes up about seventy-five percent of our state budget. Can you imagine saving even a quarter of the cost on a sustainable basis? So what is it going to take to get there? It is going to take talent and management. I do not know if our current infrastructure can develop to accommodate these changes, but I feel excited to participate and watch this evolution occur.

It seems that "impossible" means it just takes a little more time. Hopefully we can attack coqui frogs in the same manner. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Aloha,

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House District 23

Join
**REPRESENTATIVE ISAAC CHOY
& COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI**

as they Host a

Community Meeting



Council District 5

Share Your City & State Concerns

Chili & Rice Bowl
Will Be Served

Date:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

Time:
6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Location:
**MANOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
(3155 Manoa Road)**

- AGENDA ITEMS**
- Manoa Road Task Force
 - Coqui Frogs
 - Neighborhood Security Watch Program
 - Manoa Innovation Center Lease
 - UH Parking Concerns
 - Manoa Stream
 - Other Suggestions
 - PROPOSED 2013 LEGISLATION**

The **Manoa Neighborhood Security Watch Recruitment Team** will have a information table to answer questions and help guide you on how you can join or form a Neighborhood Security Watch Group on your street.

Questions? Contact Carole Hagihara from the Office of Representative Isaac Choy at 586-8475.

Sharing from NSW Coordinator, Barbara Nosaka

“We had a great turnout at our recent **Ho’onanea Street Annual NSW Potluck Dinner.**



- Almost 30 adults and 6-8 kids in attendance.
- An HPD officer from our beat made a short presentation on property crime, identity theft, and the importance of **calling 911** whenever we feel something is amiss.
- Delicious food, fun get-to-know you games and time to meet & talk with neighbors.



In the week that followed, we all noticed how much more friendly we were to each other, now that we know who everyone is!”

Bringing the "Neighbor" Back in Neighborhood



MANOA CHRISTMAS PARADE

DATE: SAT., DEC. 8, 2012

TIME: 5:00 PM



Rep. Isaac Choy is honored to be this year’s Parade **GRAND MARSHALL.**

PARADE STARTS AT NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ENDS AT MANOA GYM ROAD

Sponsored by the
Manoa Waioli & East Manoa Lions Clubs
& Manoa Jaycees



Manoa Road Task Force (HCR153) RECONVENES

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room

Task Force Members **reconvene** to continue discussions on ownership, maintenance & repair responsibility of the portion of Manoa Road leading up to the Lyon Arboretum.

