



Senator Kurt Fevella

September 2023
NEWSLETTER



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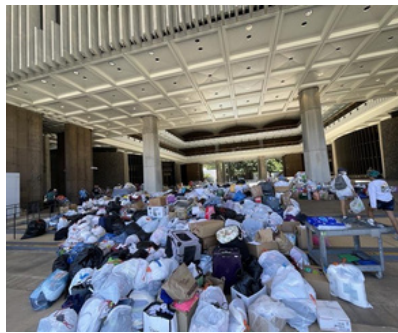
'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe,
'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

After all that our communities have gone through, I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you in good health. As you may be aware of the current events in our islands, I would like to take this time to thank God for all that He has done for each and every one of us and all that He continues to do. The Maui Fire Relief Donation Drive could not be possible with the hundreds of volunteers helping with collecting, sorting, and delivering. Containers have been shipped- completely full of donated items from our people to our people. MAHALO NUI LOA to all involved in helping in these efforts! Mahalo and God bless.

Sincerely,

Kurt Fevella



Campbell High School Sabers Homecoming on Brand-New Field

September 8, 2023

Our Campbell High School football team played their homecoming game on their brand-new athletic field. Led by Head Coach Darren Johnson, the Sabers' varsity team played against the Nanakuli Golden Eagles and won with the final score at 42 to 0. The following upcoming football games will be at Campbell:

- Friday, September 15, 2023- Sabers play against Punahou's Buff 'n Blue; and
- Friday, October 13, 2023 - Sabers play against Moanalua's Na Menehune.

You may find more information relating to James Campbell High School Athletics by visiting:

<https://www.campbellhighschoolathletics.org/>



The Sabers football team playing against the Golden Eagles on home field.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Amvets West Oahu Veterans Center

Topics

- Water quality/safety near Kapilina/Iroquois Point
- Future development for DHHL homes
- City bus access to Kapilina/Iroquois Point
- Ewa Estate potential cesspool development

*Please join us to discuss
important issues relating to our
community!*



In the Community

City Council Resolution 23-165 Has Been Postponed Until Further Notice

On August 8, 2023, Reso 23-165 came before the Council. The Council’s decision resulted in the measure being recommitted to the Committee of Public Safety. As a recap, this measure connects properties on Ewa Estates to county sewage lines and decommissions the cesspools. This project may cost property owners an average of ten thousand dollars. As of September 14, the resolution was “cancelled and not considered.” Please visit the website for updates and more information at: <https://hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnl/doc/measure/2625>.

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2022/ED-27 (LM)

Ms. Mary Alice Evans
State of Hawai'i
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Environmental Review Program

Dear Ms. Evans:

SUBJECT: Determination of Environmental Impact Statement Publication Notice (EISPN)
Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu
Project: Cluster Development at Pōhakupuna
Applicant: Jinshi Development
Agent: R.M. Towill Corporation
Location: 91-603 Pōhakupuna Road - 'Ewa Beach
Tax Map Key: 9-1-028: 040

With this letter, the Department of Planning and Permitting determines that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required, in accordance with Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Section 11-200.1-22(c). The DPP has reviewed the submitted Final Environmental Assessment and determined, through its judgement and experience, that the proposed action may have a significant effect on the Special Management Area (SMA), and may be susceptible to substantial impacts because multiple dwelling units and fill will be located in the Sea Level Rise Exposure Area and areas with known coastal hazards, in accordance with HAR Section 11-200.1-13 and 11-200.1-14.

We hereby transmit this EIS determination of EISPN for the Cluster Development at Pōhakupuna at the above site in the 'Ewa District on the Island of Oahu for publication in the **September 8, 2023** edition of The Environmental Notice. Enclosed, please find a completed publication form.

The Cluster Development at Pōhakupuna will need an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Jinshi Development Hawai'i, Ltd proposed to construct a 21-unit residential cluster development- comprised of six duplexes, two triplexes, and three single-family units.

According to Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), an EIS is needed as the proposal “may have a significant effect on the Special Management Area (SMA), and may be susceptible to substantial impacts because multiple dwelling units and fill will be located in the Sea Level Rise Exposure Area and area with known coastal hazards...”.

To view the completed publication form, please visit the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development’s Environmental Review Program website:

<https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/other-ten-publications/>.

OHA Opens a Maui Relief Storage Facility

On August 19, 2023, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and with the support from the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, opened the Maui Relief Storage Facility. The facility is a donation management center on O’ahu with its purpose to receive, sort, and inventory donations collected for Maui residents affected by the wildfires. The Maui Relief Storage Facility is available to receive donations from coordinated relief efforts. Businesses, churches, community organizations, etc. who are collecting and receiving large donations are recommended to call 808-341-0622 to coordinate delivery. Unfortunately, the facility is not able to accept drop-off donations at this time. Individuals wanting to donate goods and supplies are encouraged to find a donation drive for Maui fire relief in their area.



State government officials with members from OHA and CHNA pictured above in the Maui Relief Storage Facility.

and supplies are encouraged to find a



Capitol Update

Letter to Governor Green Relating to Lāhainā Moratorium on Property Sales, Attorney Fees, and Disbanding the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group

On August 11, 2023, I sent a letter to Governor Josh Green, Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, and Attorney General Anne Lopez, urging for a swifter moratorium process that would serve as a proactive measure to shield our community from opportunists looking to exploit our people's vulnerabilities, and preserve Lāhainā's way of life.

Other important issues also mentioned in the letter were attorney fees. Ideally, the situations involving litigation for all matters related to the Lāhainā fires should be completed pro bono. Recommending the implementation of a cap, limiting attorney contingency fees to ten percent would ensure that residents are able to access the necessary funding for rebuilding without facing undue financial burden and prevent predatory behavior from law firms.

Finally, I urged that the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG) be disbanded and regroup to reprioritize the development of housing on Maui for the next four years, specifically in Lāhainā. The new working group should include community leaders and residents from Lāhainā and ensure that the voice of community members are involved in the redevelopment. This way we can allow for an effective and just path to rebuilding Lāhainā, with the full support of the community.

But before we help rebuilding, the people of Lāhainā need the time and space to grieve, to mourn for their loved ones, for their homes, for their ohana. Our continued thoughts and prayers for our Maui ohana during this time.



The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor
State of Hawaii Executive Chambers
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Sylvia Luke Lieutenant Governor
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General
Department of the Attorney General
425 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Governor Green, Lieutenant Governor Luke, and Attorney General Lopez,

Subject: Lāhainā Moratorium on Property Sales, Attorney Fees, and the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group

I am writing to you to echo the voices of my Ohana in Lāhainā and the Lāhui regarding the fires in Lāhainā. This is in regards to safeguarding the well-being of our community in Lāhainā and protecting the property, personal interests, and cherished way of life from unethical practices and external influences.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to consider pushing for a swifter moratorium process. This would serve as a proactive measure to shield our community from opportunists looking to exploit their vulnerabilities, and preserve Lāhainā's way of life.

I also wish to address the matter of attorney fees during this challenging time. I strongly recommend the implementation of a cap, limiting attorney contingency fees to 10%. However, the ideal situation would be that litigation for all matters related to the Lāhainā fires to be done pro bono. This would ensure that residents are able to access the necessary funding for rebuilding without facing undue financial burden, and prevent predatory behavior from law firms.

Governor Green has also similarly expressed concern of future legal settlements being sent off island to other law firms in the country. Learning from the experiences of other communities, such as the 2018 wildfires in Paradise, CA, where residents faced substantial attorney fees, we must take measures to protect our residents from similar situations. In the case of California, victims received a settlement totaling \$13.5 billion. If a law firms' contingency is 33%, \$4.5 billion would be allocated to them. Our Ohana in Lāhainā need all the funding they need and should not be paying large contingency fees to law firms.

Lastly, I would also like to humbly request that the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG) be disbanded and regroup to reprioritize the development of housing on Maui for the next 4 years.

September 2, 2023

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specifically in Lāhainā. The new working group should include community leaders and residents from Lāhainā, and ensure that the voice of community members are involved in the redevelopment. This way we can allow for an effective and just path to rebuilding in Lāhainā, with the full support of the community.

I respectfully request your support in addressing these critical issues, as your advocacy for the community will not only alleviate the concerns of our Ohana but also reinforce their faith in the system. It is important that we work together to prevent the exploitation of our community members and ensure that their property and personal interests remain secure. Thank you for your consideration and commitment to our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Kurt Fevella

Lāhainā Press Conference



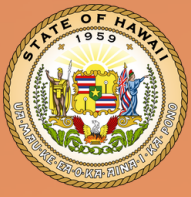
Senator Fevella holds a press conference at the Hawai'i State Capitol.

Following the letter to Governor Green, Lieutenant Governor Luke, and Attorney General Lopez, I held a press conference on September 5, speaking on what was mentioned in the letter- urging for a quicker moratorium on property sales in Lāhainā, placing a cap on attorney fees, and disbanding the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group to reshift it's focus on developing housing in Lāhainā.

KITV news wrote a piece on the press conference. You may click [here](#) to view the article.



Sen. Fevella was interviewed by KITV news following the press conference.



Important Dates & Contacts

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

'Ewa Beach Public and School Library

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html> to access agendas, minutes, and more information on the Neighborhood Board.



Senator Kurt Fevella's Town Hall

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Amvets West Oahu Veteran Center

5001 Iroquois Avenue

Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Central Pacific Hurricane Season

June 1-November 30, 2023



Connecting our Community

Emergency Services

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

Utilities

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

Community Concerns

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)

808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531

Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources

808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission

808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation

808-768-3003

Public Safety

808-587-1288

Transportation Services

808-768-3053

Transportation

808-587-2150