



# Representative Jackson D. Sayama

April 2026 Community Report

District 21—St. Louis Heights, Pālolo Valley, Maunalani Heights, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimukī

## Rebuilding with Community

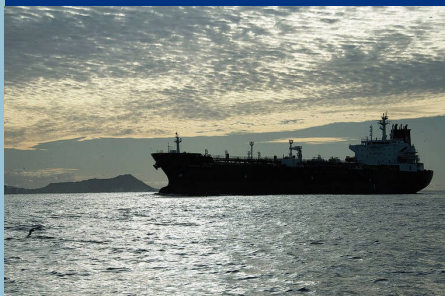
*Aloha Neighbors,*

*While the wind and rain from the Kona Low devastated communities across our state, we saw neighbors and strangers roll up their sleeves to help. Thousands mobilized to evacuate neighbors, shovel mud out of homes, and donate to help families rebuild. Here in our district, we helped to divert runoff from flooding homes in Pālolo and carry out mud and debris from the neighborhood behind Hōkūlani Elementary School.*

### UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

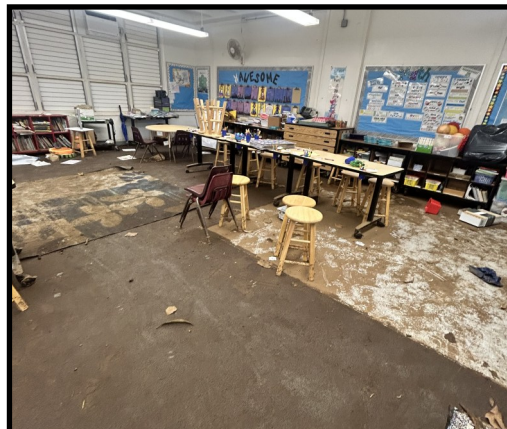
April 8th	<b>Pālolo Neighborhood Board Meeting</b> 7:00 pm, Pālolo Elementary School and online via Webex
April 9th	<b>Diamond Head, Kapahulu, St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board Meeting</b> 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse Ballroom and online via Webex
April 15th	<b>Kaimukī Neighborhood Board Meeting</b> 6:30 pm, Kaimukī Public Library Meeting Room and online via Webex

### Notice from HECO



Due to the ongoing conflict with Iran, Hawaiian Electric anticipates residential electricity bills may rise between 20% and 30% over the next several months.

Starting April 6, HECO is offering interest-free payment plans for up to six months to help ease the impact. Visit the HECO website for more information.



A classroom at Hōkūlani Elementary School damaged by flooding.



Rep. Sayama and Councilmember Nishimoto diverting flood water.

*This newsletter includes information on resources to help families impacted by the storm. To better prepare for future disasters, I'm working with community and government stakeholders to develop an emergency response plan for our district. If you have any questions or need further assistance to access resources, please reach out to my office.*

*Mahalo,*

*Jackson Sayama*

# Storm Recovery Resources

## City & County of Honolulu – Kona Low Storm Recovery

<https://www.oneoahu.org>



The City & County of Honolulu launched the OneOahu.org website as a hub for timely and reliable storm recovery information following the recent Kona low event. Information available on OneOahu.org includes debris removal updates, recovery timelines, assistance programs, community resources, and important contacts.

The website will be continuously updated as recovery efforts progress and additional services become available. Residents are encouraged to check the site regularly for the latest information.

## DCCA Insurance Division – Floodsmart

<https://www.floodsmart.gov>

**DCCA's Hawai'i Insurance Division at 1-844-808-3222**



Flood insurance is separate from homeowners' insurance and generally not required unless the property is in a designated high-risk flood zone. As we saw with the last storm, however, flooding can occur outside of these areas, which is why all homeowners and renters are strongly encouraged to consider flood coverage.

Visit [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) to learn more about flood insurance and how to claim damages, whether or not you carry flood insurance.

## Mālama Map – Hawai'i Helping Hawai'i

<https://www.malamamap.org>



Mālama Map is a community-powered resource hub built during Hawai'i's flood relief effort. It aims to connect users—those needing help and those with skills and resources to provide support—in real time.

After creating a profile, users can search and create posts about resources available throughout the community including donation drop off sites, food distribution hubs, supply stations, and skilled labor such as physical labor, child care, and tree/green waste removal.

# Community Engagement

March highlights at the Capitol and in District 21

## Maunalani Nursing Blessing



On March 11th, Rep. Sayama joined the staff and Board of Directors of Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to participate in a blessing ceremony ahead of the installation of a new elevator on the property. This project is part of several ongoing improvements taking place at the skilled nursing center, which has been operating at the top of Maunalani Heights for 76 years.

During this event, Rep. Sayama also had the honor of meeting Mr. Dan Banda, Household and Materials Manager (far left in photo), who celebrated his 50th work anniversary at Maunalani on March 12th.

A delegation of youth advocates from Hawai'i high schools met with Rep. Sayama during an office visit on March 18 to discuss the health and environmental hazards associated with youth vaping. In the current session, the group has been urging lawmakers to support HB 2121 and SB 2175, which would prohibit the sale of disposable e-cigarettes in Hawai'i.

Their visit was part of the Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action, and concluded with a rally and sign waving event attended by Governor Josh Green.

## Take Down Tobacco



## Capitol Student Showcase



Principal Julia West and students from Pālolo Elementary School's English Learner (EL) program spoke with Rep. Sayama during the Capitol's Public Education Student Showcase on March 19th. With nearly half of Pālolo's student population speaking English as a second language, the program is important for many students' academic journey.

Principal West credited the EL program's success with focus on professional development for EL teachers, and partnership with parents in workshops and engagement activities. Last year 18 students graduated out of the program after meeting national proficiency standards in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

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## SUPPORTING HÖKŪLANI ELEMENTARY'S RECOVERY



**HÖKŪLANI**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**FLOOD RELIEF**  
*Fundraiser*

**100% of funds collected  
will directly benefit the  
school and all classrooms  
damaged by the flood**

**DONATE**



*Mahalo*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

AIKĀNE 'Ō HÖKŪLANI  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION - 501(c)(3)

**Hökūlani Elementary School sustained extensive damage in the Kona storms**, forcing it to close for the remainder of the school year. Students and teachers have relocated to Pālolo and Ali'iolani Elementary Schools to complete the school year.

**If you are able, please consider donating to Hökūlani's PTO-led fundraiser** (link through QR code). Donations will go towards replacing essential classroom supplies, materials, and resources that were lost in the flood. With help from you and the DOE, we hope to reopen the school for summer school programs.

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