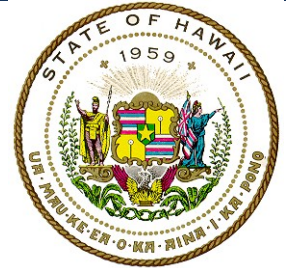


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## URBAN CAUCUS ACTIVITIES

*Serving Hawaii's  
Senate District 12*

*Encompassing the  
following  
communities:*

**Waikiki**  
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**Ala Moana**  
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**Kaka'ako**  
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**Downtown**  
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**Chinatown**  
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**Palama**



As city dwellers, we are all aware of the unique aspects of being "townies". While we enjoy many benefits from our close proximity to the State's Capitol district, historical and cultural riches, financial headquarters, and concentration of professional opportunities and retail establishments, we also recognize that we face unique and often difficult challenges.

Some of the challenges include an increase in homelessness, cost of living (housing), noise disturbances, among others.

In an effort to address some of these outlined issues, my colleagues and I who serve the urban core have formed the "Legislative

Urban Caucus". Members include: myself, Senators Carol Fukunaga, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Brian Taniguchi and Les Ihara; Representatives Karl Rhoads, Tom Brower, Scott Nishimoto, Scott Saiki and Della Au Belatti; City Councilmembers: Ann Kobayashi, Lee Donohue and Rod Tam. Together we have met several times. The latest meeting took place on July 22nd and focused specifically on housing related issues.

We have broken up the needs in a multi-pronged approach by category that run the gamut:

- Emergency shelters
- Transitional housing,
- Affordable rentals for families and seniors

- Affordable for-sales

Our next scheduled caucus meeting will take place on August 5th, and we will attempt to meet on a bi-weekly basis in order to plan a way forward with solutions to our most difficult problems.

While at this time, some of the highest concentration of homeless individuals can be found in Downtown, Kaka'ako and Waikiki, one thing to keep in mind is that the urban core issues have now started to spread to the surrounding areas of Honolulu. We welcome comments and suggestions from the public. Please feel free to submit your ideas to my office.

Mahalo

## WAIKIKI



## KAKA 'AKO/ALA MOANA



## DOWNTOWN



## CHINATOWN



## PALAMA



## WHAT A DIVERSE COMMUNITY!

### JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Governor Linda Lingle has made nominations for the Hawaii State Supreme Court Chief Justice position as well as for three appointments to the Circuit Court.

#### Governor's nominees:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court: KATHERINE LEONARD

Circuit Court of the First Circuit: JEANNETTE CASTAGNETTI

FA'AUUGA TO'OTO'O

COLETTE GARIBALDI

Additionally Chief Justice Ronald Moon has made four nominations to fill seats on the District Court of the First Circuit

#### Chief Justice's nominees:

SHERRI-ANN IHA

STEVEN NAKASHIMA

MATTHEW VIOLA

MICHAEL TANIGAWA

The Senate will meet in Special

Session on August 5th and 6th in order to consider these nominations under the advise and consent procedure.

Chief Ronald Moon will retire next month due to the age restriction under our state's constitution. We thank him sincerely for his many years of dedicated service and commitment to administering justice in Hawaii. Aloha and Mahalo CJ Moon.

### GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

#### Aloha Aina Earth Day

**What:** Aloha Aina Earth Day #83

**When:** Saturday, August 7, 8am—2pm

**Where:** McKinley High School

Please bring your recyclable waste, help our environment, and turn trash into cash for our school. **Go Tigers!!!**

For curbside pick-up call: Neal Takamori @ 864-5207

*The following is a partial list of items that will be accepted:* scrap metal, bicycles, appliances, beverage containers, cooking oil, cell phones, printer cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, green waste, plastic bags, batteries, usable clothing, household items, computers (NO LIMIT), plastic bags, hangers, eye glasses, hearing aids, unwanted cars (FREE TOWING)

### MY PHOTO ALBUM

During my recent trip to Washington DC I was privileged to meet with both of Hawaii's distinguished US Senators. We discussed issues of importance to Hawaii and the 12th District.



Senator Daniel Inouye



Senator Daniel Akaka

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