



# Community Report



August 2010

## Senator Donna Mercado Kim

District 14

Aiea Halawa Kalihi Moanalua Red Hill

### Senate Holds Informational Briefings

Senator Kim’s Committee on Ways and Means is conducting a series of informational briefings at the State Capitol this summer with the state’s Department of Taxation, Department of Transportation, Department of Human Resources Development, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Department of Budget and Finance in regards to various issues.

The hearings on June 29, July 7, and July 19 with the Department of Transportation are examining employee and contractor complaints about contracts and personnel issues at the DOT, an agency that oversees 15 state airports.

Other issues under investigation:

- An unauthorized airports administrator position
- Hiring of consultants through Securitas Security Services – possible procurement violation
- An automated vehicle identification system at state airports that took 10 years to complete
- Parking contracts at Neighbor Island airports
- Costs of acquisition of land from Grove Farm on Kauai to expand Lihue Airport’s heliport
- Ualena St.- state pays to lease back its own property

At one of the hearings, it was revealed that the state is losing more than half a million dollars a year because it is leasing space in a building it already owns near Honolulu International Airport. Senator Kim chastised Airports Division officials at a Ways and Means investigative hearing, for spending more than \$4 million to sublease space in a building it owns.

“Why did we have to spend \$4.2 million for our own land?” asked Senator Kim. “I don’t think

the airports look at what the cost is to taxpayers.”

“These are issues of cost and money again,” said Senator Kim. “It sounds like there were a lot of decisions that were made that cost the state a lot of money at a time when we least can afford it.”

The investigations are continuing and additional hearings are in the works. Most of these hearings may be viewed live on Olelo.



*Senator Kim chairs the Ways and Means Informational Briefing with the Department of Transportation*

### Support for Kokua Kalihi Valley

On July 29, 2010, the Department of Planning and Permitting held a public hearing for zoning variance requests. Senator Kim provided written testimony in support of Kokua Kalihi Valley’s (KKV) application for a zoning variance to allow for the Warehouse on Kamehameha IV Road, as this facility is used as a community meeting place, as well as for parking and storage.

The Kam IV Warehouse is essential to KKV’s ability to provide accessible medical, dental and behavioral health services to its patients. Not only does the Warehouse maintain storage for medical records, but the lot provides necessary parking for staff and transportation vans. In addition, the KVIBE program presents Kalihi Valley youth with a positive alternative, home-away-from-home and an avenue for health activity.

**Update on Kuhio Park Terrace**

Trash chute repair work was delayed at Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) when additional problems were discovered after construction commenced. This necessitated more work outside the original contract. Arrangements have been made and residents notified that trash will be collected and removed from a specified location on each floor for several months while work is being done. The repairs for elevators and security cameras at KPT are on schedule.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority has issued a request for proposal for legal services related to agreements, financing, and other issues involved with the KPT redevelopment project. They hope to select a firm by mid-August.



*Senator Kim with Philippine Consul General Leoncio Cardenas and Korean Consul General Bong Joo Kim recognize the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War*



*With neighbors and friends, Senator Kim volunteered in the Moanalua Lions Club booth at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Prince Lot Hula Festival Moanalua Gardens*

**Schedule of Community Meetings**

*Neighborhood Board Meetings*

**Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20**

August – Recess

Monday, September 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Aiea Library

**Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Sakima Recreational Center

**Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15**

Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Kalihi Union Church - \*new location

*Community Association Meetings*

**Moanalua Gardens Community Association**

Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Moanalua Middle School

**Moanalua Valley Community Association**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Moanalua Golf Course

**Department of Education**

**Planned Repair & Maintenance Projects**

**For Schools in Senate District 14 FY 2011**

Aiea Intermediate	Re-roof	\$239,000
Dole Middle	Replace ceiling	\$80,000
Webling Elementary	Re-roof	\$172,000

**Town Meeting on Education - August 12, 2010**

The next town meeting hosted by the Aiea-Pearl City legislators will be held on **August 12, 2010** at **Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** Join us for an informative discussion on topics relating to Education such as “Appointed vs. Elected Board of Education”, updates on the “Race to the Top” application, and a presentation on “Adopt-a-School” by the Hawaii Jaycees.

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