



Senator Donna Mercado Kim

September 2011

Serving District 14

Moanalua
'Aiea
Fort Shafter
Kalihi Valley
Halawa Valley

Community Boards

Kalihi Palama No. 15
Kalihi Valley No. 16
Aiea No. 20
Moanalua Gardens Association
Moanalua Valley Association

Leadership and Committees

Vice President of the Senate

Chair:

Committee on Tourism
Committee on Accountability

Member:

Committee on Ways and Means

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As you may remember, last year the federal government conducted a census across the nation and in Hawaii. The census is performed once every ten years with the purpose of gathering current and accurate information on the changing demographics that make up Hawaii and the shifting populations across the state. Now that the data has been collected, the State's legislators and the districts that they represent must also be updated. This is to ensure that all legislators represent the same amount of people and their constituents have an equal voice in state matters.

Hawaii State law requires the establishment of bipartisan Reapportionment Commission to redraw the boundaries on the political districts. This nine-member commission is comprised of four selections each from both the minority and majority parties—with the commission chair elected by the commission members.

Early last month, the Commission published their proposed draft reapportionment plans for public comment and review. You can review these proposals and other redistricting information online at <http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment>.

The final draft of the reapportionment plan is due by September 26, 2011. Until the deadline, the Reapportionment Commission is seeking public input and will be holding public hearings to gain feedback from the communities. You can find the upcoming schedule of hearings below.

If you have any questions about the reapportionment process or have any other concerns, please feel free to contact me at 587-7200 or by email at senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Reapportionment Public Hearing Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
Sept. 6, 2011	6:00 PM	Aikahi Elementary School Cafeteria 281 Iliha Street, Kailua
Sept. 7, 2011	6:00 PM	State Capitol Auditorium 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu
Sept. 8, 2011	6:00 PM	Mililani High School Cafeteria 95-1200 Meheula Parkway, Mililani
Sept. 15, 2011	6:00 PM	Waipahu High School Cafeteria 94-1211 Farrington Highway, Waipahu
Sept. 16, 2011	6:00 PM	Kalani High School Cafeteria 4680 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Honolulu

Schedule of Community Meetings

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
Kalihi Union Church

Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.
Akira Sakima Recreational Center

Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20

Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.
Aiea Library Conference Room

Community Association Meetings

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.
Moanalua Middle School

Moanalua Valley Community Association

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.
Moanalua Golf Course

Aiea / Pearl City Senior Fair

Join the Aiea & Pearl City Legislators to learn more about issues that impact our senior community.

Saturday, September 17, 2011

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Pearlridge Uptown Center Stage

For more information call 586-6170



Walk Wise Hawaii

This past August was the 2nd annual Pedestrian Safety Month. Pedestrian-safety community events and campaigns are taking place throughout the month to encourage safe pedestrian behaviors, as well as heighten awareness in drivers toward pedestrians.



As part of the month-long series of community awareness campaigns, Walk Wise Hawaii and community partners Kama'aina Kids and McDonald's Hawaii were excited to have the top 20 poster winners of the statewide pedestrian safety poster campaign that on display at the State Capitol.

Two students from our district had their posters chosen as top 20 in the statewide contest. **Zane Biscocho** and **Kaitlyn Kalani** of Webling Elementary School were presented certificates for their accomplishment and their desire to help keep Hawaii's streets safe for pedestrians. Additionally, Zane Biscocho's poster was selected as the second place poster in the contest. His poster was also displayed on all McDonald's trays throughout the month of August.



Poster by Kaitlyn Kalani



Poster by Zane Biscocho

Walk Wise Hawaii Steps to Safety

- Cross the street only at the corner or at a crosswalk. While crossing, keep to the right of the crosswalk.
- When crossing at a lighted intersection be sure to use the pedestrian signal button and wait for the walk light indicator.
- Be sure to look left-right-left before crossing and continue to look while crossing. Always walk across the street, never run.
- Walk on the sidewalk if there is one; if there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.
- Wear bright or light colored clothing when out walking or jogging. Wear retro-reflective materials at night.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways; drivers don't always see you.
- Stand on the side of the road while waiting for the bus. Always stand at least 10 feet away from where the bus will stop.