



We need YOUR input!

Please fill out our district survey

"As we start the new year and our new term, I ask that you complete a brief district survey. This will help me to best represent you in the upcoming legislative session which begins on January 16. Find the survey using the link or QR code below. If you prefer a hard copy, please call my office at 586-6740 and we will send one to you. Mahalo and Happy New Year!"



Sharon



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Senator Sharon Moriwaki attends Neighborhood Board meetings, listens to community concerns



Sharon views the job of State Senator not only as a lawmaker, but equally as importantly as a community advocate. Her office is your office and will respond year-round to residents in our district. Whether it is about housing, crime, homelessness, education, public spaces, or caring for and protecting our keiki and kupuna, Senator Moriwaki wants to hear from you. That is why she and/or her staff will attend monthly Neighborhood Board meetings in the Senate district and to continue her neighborhood "chats" (see inside for more information). Please contact our office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for improving our community. We hope to hear from you in the future.



Caring for each other

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SENATOR SHARON MORIWAKI

DISTRICT 12 - ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, MCCULLY, MOILIILI, SHERIDAN, WAIKIKI

“ Aloha! It is an honor to have been elected to serve as your State Senator for the next four years. The issues our community and our state face are challenging. However, it is my firm belief that we can face any challenge by keeping one simple thing in mind—**caring for each other**—the title of this newsletter. I invite you to share this journey with me. **I look forward to attending the district's Neighborhood Board meetings, hearing your ideas and concerns, and, together, finding solutions that work.** Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

Sharon



Senator Moriwaki proposes "Right to Housing" legislation

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, among other things, that "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being...including food, clothing, (and) housing..."

The Hawaii State Constitution reserves the right to "preserve the quality of life that we deserve" and "among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property."

Senator Moriwaki believes that we should view housing not as a privilege, but a right and to preserve this right, the state must take bold action. We have seen the diminishing quality of life of our residents, particularly the 70% of those most in need of housing who have incomes at or below 80% of the area median income, and who are struggling to find a home for their families.

Hawaii has had unmet housing needs for decades, but today we are in crisis mode, with more people facing the challenge by moving out of state, crowded in multi-household housing, or joining the homeless ranks. We need to focus the entire state—government at all

levels, private sector, non-profit agencies, and individuals—on creating the supply to meet the demand for housing for everyone.

The legislature should ensure our compassionate "Aloha" society continues for generations to come by making housing as high a priority as the right to a clean and healthful environment.

That is why as her first act in office, Senator Moriwaki is proposing to add a constitutional amendment, if approved, to guarantee the right to housing for every Hawaii resident. She is also working on other solutions for housing that residents can afford.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
to you and your
loved ones!**

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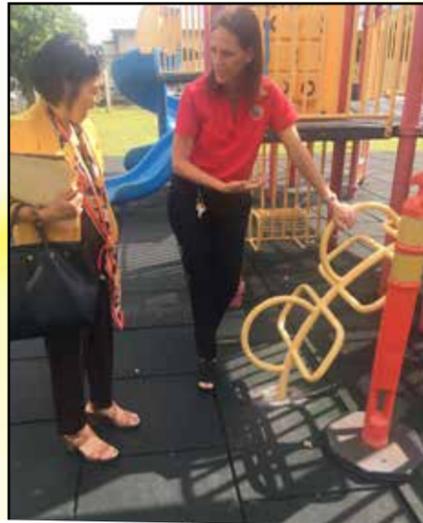
On Housing Panel, Senator Moriwaki expresses resident concerns



Senator Stanley Chang, Chair of the Housing Committee, held a day-long conference on affordable housing entitled, "How to Achieve 65,000 Housing Units by 2025." Participants heard from the Building Industry Association, Land Use Research Foundation, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, and the State Rental Housing Task Force among others. The well-attended conference invited members of the public to ask questions, express concerns, and give suggestions on the struggles of finding affordable housing in Hawaii. Senator Chang presented results of his research on the Singaporean model of public housing and proposed legislation for the upcoming 2019 session. Senator Moriwaki, along with House Housing Chair Tom Brower, sat on a panel to discuss housing issues. Senator Moriwaki has been selected to serve on the Senate Housing Committee this session and vows to bring our community's perspective to the table.

Senator Moriwaki visits public schools to discuss their aspirations

Public school facilities are a top concern for Senator Moriwaki. Keiki in Senate District 12 attend Ala Wai Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Lunalilo Elementary, Washington Middle, McKinley High, and Kaimuki High - Senator Moriwaki's alma mater. McKinley Community School for Adults also serves many who live in our district. That is why she arranged to meet with principals in the district to hear their concerns and discuss what facilities can be improved at their schools. She hopes to take these concerns to the Senate when public school funding is discussed during the upcoming legislative session.



(Left) Sharon served as Kaimuki High School student body secretary. (Below) Meeting with Kaimuki HS Principal Wade Araki.



(Left) Senator Moriwaki discusses classroom heat abatement with Lunalilo Elementary Principal Amy Kantrowitz. (Above left) Kaahumanu Elementary Vice-Principal Maryann Barr brings attention to the poor condition of playground equipment and other facilities at the school. (Above center and right) The Senator met with Principal Michelle DeBusca and Ala Wai Elementary students on their annual Leadership Day where students demonstrated their social and emotional learning program and student portfolios and teaching methods were showcased.



(Above) Sharon and patrol members trying to straighten a bent street sign on the corner of Cooke and Pohukaina—Senator Moriwaki continues to participate in the Kakaako United Citizens Patrol on Monday nights. (Below) Jefferson Elementary Principal Garret Zakahi introduced Senator Moriwaki to the school's extensive aquaponics program while speaking about matters relating to the campus.



(Above) Senator Moriwaki met with the McKinley Community School for Adults leadership team to learn about their vital adult education programs and talk about ways her office may be of assistance. (From left: VP Ken Furukawa, Program Specialist Ryan Sanpei, Principal Helen Sanpei, VP Michele Fukumoto, Senator Sharon Moriwaki)

In the Community...

Senator Moriwaki met with residents of Kauhale Kakaako to discuss their concerns regarding noise pollution and airborne debris related to nearby construction as well as facilities issues and the future of their condominium. (Left) Senator with Kauhale Kakaako residents Gordon and Alana.



I honor the position of senator. I will listen to you. I will find solutions that work for us.

Sharon

CHAT WITH SENATOR SHARON MORIWAKI

The next "Chat" with Senator Moriwaki is scheduled for **Saturday, February 9, 2019** from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at **Chesseburger Waikiki, 945 Kalakaua Ave.** Sharon will continue to be in our community to chat with you and to discuss issues and concerns of the district's communities. Go to capitol.hawaii.gov or call or email our office for updated schedules for Chats at:

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KAKA'AKO KITCHEN