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I just received the pdf of Representative Har's February 2021, which you can include with our written response. Thanks, Mike

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Mr. Golojuch,

Speaker Saiki's office forwarded your request to me for Rep. Har's February 2021 newsletter. Please find attached a pdf copy.

If you have any questions or have difficulty with the attachment, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Aloha Friends:

I want to address the incident that occurred on Monday, February 22, 2021. You may have heard that I was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant that day. I want to apologize that you had to learn of this incident through the media, and to express my sincerest regrets to you for what happened. I also feel it is important for you all to know that I have been battling an upper respiratory illness for several weeks now. I was taking prescription medicine which contained codeine to control the symptoms associated with my illness. After working late that night, I did have a beer with dinner. While I did not realize it at the time, it is obvious that this decision, coupled with my medication and long work hours, is something I will regret for the rest of my life.

Many of you may or may not know that I have three full-time jobs: 1) as your dedicated District 42 representative; 2) as a full-time affordable housing developer; and 3) as a wife to my husband and mother to my 3-year old twin daughters. My commitment to our community has always been to put the Second City first. I deeply apologize to all of you, my family and friends, for this failure and for any embarrassment I have caused. I humbly ask you to see this as a learning experience for me. I am so thankful to the Honolulu Police Department for the professional manner in which they conducted their duties and, most importantly, that I did not injure anyone that evening.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you what happened on Feb. 22nd. I am far from perfect but remain fully committed to regaining your trust and confidence. It remains the greatest honor to serve as your voice in the House of Representatives. Thank you for giving me this privilege. Please feel free to reach me at (808)586-8500 or [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov) should you have any questions or concerns.

With sincerest gratitude,

Sharon

## COVID-19 Vaccination

On February 19, 2021, the Department of Health announced that COVID-19 vaccinations appointments will soon be open to people ages 70+, who are part of the vaccination roll-out plan for Phase 1c. Registration has not opened to all people in Phase 1c because there are still many kūpuna ages 75+, healthcare workers, and frontline essential workers in Phases 1a and 1b that are still awaiting the vaccine. Recent weather-related delays have impacted vaccination shipments and postponed previously scheduled appointments. The State anticipates receiving more than 50,000 backlogged vaccine doses for the week of February 22nd.

For those in Phases 1a and 1b, here is a listing of organizations that are accepting vaccination appointments:

- **CVS/Longs Drugs:** Hawai'i seniors age 75+ may make appointments for both required doses via the CVS/ Pharmacy app or <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>, or by calling 1-800-746-7287.
- **Hawai'i Pacific Health:** <https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/hph-covid-19-updates/vaccine-update/>
- **Kaiser Permanente:** <https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/hawaii/health-wellness/coronavirus-information/covid-vaccine>
- **Queen's Health Systems:** <https://covid.queens.org/vaccination/>
- **Veterans Affairs:** <https://www.va.gov/health-care/schedule-view-va-appointments/>

For the latest information about Hawai'i's vaccination roll-out plan, visit: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine/>.

## O'AHU MOVES INTO TIER 3 OF THE COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

On Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Gov. David Ige approved for the City and County of Honolulu to move to Tier 3 of its Covid-19 Recovery Plan. The change takes effect on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Here is a list of some of the changes:

- Restaurant groupings of 10 people are allowed regardless of household; restaurants move from 50% to 100% capacity
- Retail and Service businesses groupings up to 10 allowed; 50% capacity limit eliminated
- Social gatherings of up to 10 people allowed, up from five
- Gyms and fitness facilities can operate at 50% capacity, up from 25%
- Indoor group physical activity classes allowed with no more than 10 people, up from five
- Certain Real Estate operations allowed to operate with groups up to 10 people, up from five
- Funerals will be allowed to operate with up to 25 people, up from 10
- Commercial Recreational Boating allowed with 50% capacity, up from 25%
- Helicopter tours allowed with groups up to 10; capacity limit of 50% of legal occupancy eliminated

Other commercial attractions, groups of 10 allowed indoors; capacity limit of 50% of legal occupancy eliminated  
For full details on the City's reopening strategy, visit: <https://www.oneoahu.org/reopening-strategy>.

### WEST O'AHU MEDICAL OFFICE AT KAPOLEI

Kaiser Permanente will open the West O'ahu Medical Offices at Kapolei in April 2021. Located at the corner of Kapolei Parkway and Kamokila Boulevard, this 40,000 square foot facility will introduce a wide range of medical services to our community, including: Family, Adult, and Keiki Care; Prevention & Wellness Program; Mental Health Services; Laboratory; Pharmacy; General Radiology, Mammography, and Ultra-sound Imaging; Women's Health Services; and Urgent Care with Extended Hours.

On July 5, 2019, I was privileged to be a guest speaker at the groundbreaking for this NextGen medical facility. Bringing quality healthcare to our Second City has always been one of my top priorities. For more information about the new facility, visit: <https://thrive.kaiserpermanente.org/>.



Above: Dave Underriner, former president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Hawai'i Region; Rep. Sharon Har, District 42; and Geoff Sewell, MD, former president and executive medical director of Hawaii Permanente Medical Group.

### ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA



Above: UHWO's Creative Media Facility (Image: Gensler/Ryan Gobuty)

UH West O'ahu (UHWO) has completed the construction of its 33,000 square foot, \$37 million creative media facility. The Academy for Creative Media (ACM) anchors the campus as a destination for creative media education across the State. I have always been an ardent supporter of creative media because our students from the West side excel in this arena and because of the potential economic development it can bring to West O'ahu. I helped secure funding for the ACM and advocated for it to be located at the UHWO campus. For more information, visit: <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/author/uh-news/>.

### HAWAII FOODBANK NEEDS DONATIONS

The Hawaii Foodbank has purchased approximately \$12 million worth of food for Hawai'i's residents since the COVID-19 pandemic reached our shores last year. Their typical annual food purchase budget is \$400,000. Those in need include out-of-work parents, isolated kūpuna and 1 in 4 keiki. This means hunger has increased by more than 50 percent compared to last year and represents the fourth highest percentage change in the United States. To meet growing demands, the Hawaii Foodbank needs our help today. Three ways to help are by donating, volunteering and advocating. Monetary donations help meet today's need and plan sustainably for the future. The Hawaii Foodbank also welcomes physical food donations. Volunteers are needed for sorting donations, pre-packing emergency food boxes, helping at a distribution event and more. People can help advocate by following on social media and keeping hunger a part of the conversation. For more information on how you can get involved, visit: [www.hawaiifoodbank.org](http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org).