

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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District 38 – Waipahu

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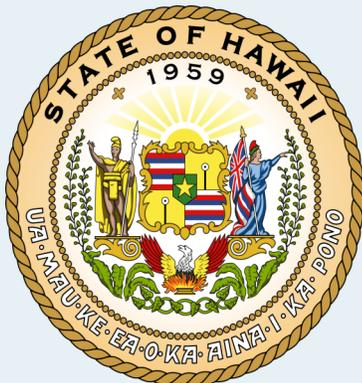
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Aloha Board Members and Neighbors,

We're down the home stretch of the 2021 Legislative Session. A majority of the bills have passed both the House and Senate pending final adoption. Our focus before the April 29 end of session date will be on bills requiring further negotiations between the House and Senate.

Waipahu High School continue to excel with awards and recognition. Congratulations to Principal Keith Hayashi on receiving the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. In addition, students are also receiving accolades and awards including the Academy of Engineering students.

On April 19, Hawai'i reached Phase 2 of its COVID-19 vaccination program. This means all Hawai'i residents age 16 and older are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine.

Mahalo to Nareit Hawaii for their generous donation to the Filipino Community Center's CARES COVID Vaccination Program. This program enables Hawaii residents, especially the Filipino and Pacific Islander community, to have another opportunity to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

I'll continue to work on issues impacting our state as well as support community programs. Please feel free to call my office, (808)586-6520, or send an email to repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Aquino".

Waipahu High School Principal Keith Hayashi Recipient of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction



Keith Hayashi is the first high school principal to receive the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction presented by the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. Principal Hayashi has been recognized for his leadership and strong support of student success with an award historically only given to college presidents. The Shirley B. Gordon Award is named in honor of the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, PTK's longest-serving Board of Directors chairperson and a founder of long-time president of Highline Community College in Washington.

Every year the PTK Honor Society celebrates college presidents who have demonstrated strong support of student advancement on their campus with the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction award. Principal Hayashi is among the nine recipients of this year's award. He was nominated by his students in recognition of his tenacious efforts and commitment to continuously building stronger career pathways and providing invaluable mentorship, despite a global pandemic. He is the first high school principal to receive this distinguished award.



National Merit Scholars Finalists

Congratulations to Academy of Engineering Class of 2021 (AOE) Seniors, **Reyan Lee and Julianne Viernes**, who are National Merit Scholars Finalists.

Science & Engineering Fair

AOE students from grades 9 - 12 participated in the Leeward District Science & Engineering Fair. Many students placed in the Best of Category and Special Awards including **Jeyan Francis Cornelio** who, once again, earned a spot at the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair for his Materials Science project titled "Synthesizing c-Si₃N₄ from Extreme Temperature and Pressure Conditions".

Nareit Hawaii Donates \$50,000 to Support Statewide Expansion of the Filipino Community Center's COVID Vaccination Program

State and congressional officials, along with FilCom's leadership team were on hand as Nareit Hawaii Executive Director Gladys Quinto Marrone presented a check for \$50,000. This donation will support the statewide expansion of the Filipino Community Center's COVID Vaccination Program.



The COVID-19 Vaccination program at the Filipino Community Center is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the FilCom CARES, a project of the Filipino Community Center.

For more information on the program, please visit the website, www.filcomcares.org. To schedule an appointment, please call (808)432-2260. For assistance in Ilokano or Tagalog, please visit the website or call (808)895-4103.



COVID-19 vaccinations open to those 16 and older on Oahu.

On April 19, Hawai'i reached Phase 2 of its COVID-19 vaccination program. This means all Hawai'i residents age 16 and older are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. Hawai'i County, Maui County, and Kaua'i County advanced to Phase 2 in early April. O'ahu moved into Phase 2 on April 19.

People are urged to visit the [registration page at hawaiiicovid19.com](http://registration.page.at.hawaiiicovid19.com) for vaccine opportunities. Teens 16 and 17 years old are reminded to seek appointments for Pfizer vaccines. Pfizer has Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for people age 16 and older. Moderna vaccine is reserved for people 18 and above.

Older adults who may need additional assistance with online sign-up or who qualify for transportation services are invited to call Aloha United Way 2-1-1.