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A newsletter from State Representative Joey Manahan

29th District - Kalihi Kai, Kapalama, Mokauea, Sand Island

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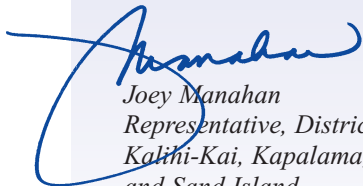
Aloha friends and neighbors!

I hope you and your families are well. These past two years have gone by so quickly, and it is hard to believe my first term is near completion. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our district. With your help, support, and guidance, we have accomplished much in a short period of time for our families in Kalihi Kai, Kapalama, Mokauea, and Sand Island.

This year, the Legislature addressed many of our community's concerns, and I am pleased to share with you some of the highlights and accomplishments of the 2008 Legislative Session. Specifically, as a member of the Finance Committee, I helped secure funding to improve our schools, harbors, and provide services for the health and safety of our community. In addition, I continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee on Tourism and Culture as well as the Committees on Agriculture, Economic Development and business Concerns. In my short tenure, I was able to secure over \$40-million in much needed funding for District 29.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or require any assistance on any issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your State Representative over the past two years. Together, I know we can make District 29 the best place it can possibly be to live, work, play and raise our families. I hope you will join me in our journey.

Mahalo,



Joey Manahan
 Representative, District 29
 Kalihi-Kai, Kapalama, Mokauea,
 and Sand Island

Capital Improvement Projects and Budget Appropriations

The following projects were funded in the 2007-2009 State budget for the 29th District:

- \$775,000**—Electrical upgrades, **Kalihi Kai Elementary**
- \$300,000**—Heat abatement improvements, **Kalihi Waena Elementary**
- \$800,000**—Soil stabilization and structural repairs, **Linapuni Elementary**
- \$260,000**—Maintenance and safety upgrades, **Anuenue Fisheries Research Center**
- \$1,000,000**—Renovation and restoration of Hawaii Hall, **Bishop Museum**
- \$1,500,000**—Phase 1 to replace deteriorated piers, **Keehi Small Boat Harbor**
- \$4,000,000**—Plans, design, and construction of bulkhead, pier, pad, and storm water management system, and utilities installation, **Keehi Small Boat Harbor**
- \$700,000**—Design for improvements to Pier 39-40 Area, **Honolulu Harbor**
- \$1,500,000**—Development of new container terminal facility, **Honolulu Harbor**
- \$3,500,000**—Improvements to Sand Island container yard, **Honolulu Harbor**
- \$1,900,000**—Improvements to Pier 51B container yard, **Honolulu Harbor**
- \$29,900,000**—Development of new container terminal facility at Kapalama Military Reservation, **Honolulu Harbor**

TOTAL \$46,135,000

SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Repair & Maintenance Funds for District 29 Schools total \$9,176,000.

This includes up to \$2,000,000 each for whole school renovations for Fern Elementary School, Linapuni Elementary School, and Puuhale School.

Over the past two years, Representative Manahan secured the following funding for school repair and maintenance for District 29:

Farrington High School	\$ 1,529,000
Fern Elementary School	\$ 226,000
Kalakaua Middle School	\$ 450,000
Kalihi Kai Elementary School	\$ 300,000
Kalihi Waena Elementary School	\$ 149,000
Kapalama Elementary School	\$ 256,000
Linapuni Elementary School	\$ 116,000
Puuhale Elementary School	\$ 150,000

KPT Housing Assessment

On December 19, 2007, Representative Manahan completed the housing assessments for District 29.

Accompanied by Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair of the Senate Committee on Housing and Human Services, Chad Taneguchi, Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), and representatives from Senator Donna Mercado Kim's and Representative Maile Shimabukuro's office, they inspected Kuhio Park Terrace's (KPT's) elevators, fire alarms, trash chutes, and plumbing, which are in dire need of repair.



HPHA Director Chad Taneguchi and Representative Manahan at KPT.

Last year, the Legislature appropriated over \$30 million dollars to do the much needed repairs and maintenance for the State's housing projects of which \$6 million dollars has been earmarked especially for the modernization of KPT's elevators.

Since the KPT housing assessment, HPHA has awarded the contract for the modernization of the elevators to the Kone Company. HPHA has also hired Elevator Consulting Services Inc., to help steer the project correctly and ensure its completion within the projected two years. The scope of work includes the modernization, the complete replacement of the elevator and shafts, of all six of KPT's elevators. The new designs call for vandal resistant equipment, and two elevators will be worked on at a time, one in each tower, until the project is complete.

Representative Manahan along with Senators Donna Mercado Kim and Suzanne Chun Oakland are committed



Representative Manahan and Senator Chun Oakland inspecting A Building.

to resolving the repair and maintenance issues of KPT as well as its upkeep by implementing new programs with HPHA and soliciting help from KPT's management and tenants, so there is pride in ownership in maintaining individual units, buildings, and surroundings.

School Assessments

The future of our State and country depends on our ability to cultivate and improve the capabilities of our youth. Recognizing this, the House of Representatives continues to place education at the top of its agenda. As we worked to craft better policies in the 2008 legislative session, we hold fast to our steadfast promise to enrich the learning experiences of our children.

Recently, Representative Manahan completed assessments of our area schools within the Farrington Complex. The annual inspections involve a site visit to the school where a meeting is held with the school's principal as well as officials from the Department of Education and the Department of Accounting and General Services. Together, they examine the school's facilities and its



Representative Manahan on the campus of Kalihi Elementary with from L-R, Principal Natalie Mun-Takata, David Au and Dwight Ho of DOE, and A. Augustin Jr.



grounds in order to ensure that repair and maintenance projects are prioritized and remain on schedule. The assessments also ensure that capital improvement projects do not fall short due to lapses in funding.

As part of the school assessments, Representative Manahan visited Farrington Highschool, Linapuni Elementary, Kalakaua Intermediate, Kalihi Kai Elementary, Kalihi-Waena, Kapalama Elementary, and Puuhale Elementary, which are located in District 29 as well as Kalihi Uka and Kalihi Elementary located in District 30.



As part of Hawaii's 3R's Project, (Restoring, Repairing, and Renovating) Representative Manahan participates in the painting of Dole Middle School.

Harbor Modernization

As our main connection to the outside world, Hawaii's harbors are important to the sustainability of our State. They are the doorways by which a majority of the goods, over 90%, used by the residents of the State. Mostly everything we consume arrives in these islands through the commercial ports located in Sand Island, yet Hawaii's harbors are in need of improvement, expansion, and modernization to allow continued service to Hawaii's residents over the next several decades.

This year, the Legislature committed \$850 million for the purposes of modernizing our harbors statewide. While Representative Manahan supports harbor modernization, he also believes that this is a major commitment on the part of the taxpayer. The expending agency as provided in SB 3227, the Aloha Tower Development Corporation (ATDC) should undergo a performance audit prior to any work being done given its poor track record and 28-year history of inability to complete projects. This year, Representative Manahan also supported legislation that calls for an audit of ATDC.

Hawaii State Legislature First to Recognize "Filipino-American History Month"

On April 15, 2008, a bill that designates the month of October as "Filipino-American History Month" was enacted into law as Act 015 (08). House Bill 3343 House Draft 1, was introduced by Rep. Joey Manahan.

"This is a historic day for the Filipino community in Hawaii and across the country," said Rep. Manahan. "Filipinos have made a positive and lasting impression

on these islands, and it's a great feeling to know that October is officially in the books as a time to commemorate the contributions of our ancestors."

Although "Filipino-American History Month" has been celebrated every October of each year since its introduction by the Filipino American National Historical Society in 1988, no U.S. Congress or state legislature has ever officially acknowledged the event. The only other entity that officially recognizes the month of October as "Filipino-American History Month" is the California Department of Education.

October as Filipino-American History Month has yet to reach the ranks of similar minority celebrations such as Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March.

Rep. Manahan expects the new law to be a driving force for more recognition and awareness of the Filipino-American influence on our nation. Filipinos have significantly contributed to the development of American culture and history, including in areas of economic, cultural and social change, but many of our history books overlook that fact, he said.

Hawaii has the second largest population of Filipino-Americans in the nation. The first arrival of sakadas or Filipino plantation workers was in December of 1906. Fifteen men, from age 14 to 56, were recruited to work on the Olaa Plantation on the Big Island. From 1906 to 1946, over 126,000 Filipino immigrants were sent to Hawaii to work in the sugar plantations.

Lawmakers Listen

On April 9, 2008, Representative Manahan along with the leadership team of the House of Representatives, listened to the concerns of District 29 residents at a community meeting called Lawmakers Listen. Vice Speaker Pono Chong, Representatives Ryan Yamane, Chair of Tourism and Culture; Marcus Oshiro, Chair of Finance; Kyle Yamashita, Chair of Economic Development & Business Concerns; Speaker Calvin Say; and Majority Leader Kirk Caldwell came to support him and listened to community members to understand the issues they deal with on a day-to-day basis. Residents shared their concerns regarding, among other things, housing, education, and crime.



Discussing the issues at Lawmakets Listen.

Opening Day



Mom, Maan, Maggie Domingo, and Fely Burigsay.



Mr. Calledo and World War II Filipino Veterans.



Local 5



Carina Agpaoa, Maan and Merlita Compton of KKV.

Honorary Proclamations



Congratulations to the Farrington High School Men's Varsity Basketball our State Champions!



Teacher of the Year Cori Lei Chong of Kaewai Elementary.



Brian Ching.



William Richardson.



Colt Brennan and June Jones.



Joey and Konishki.

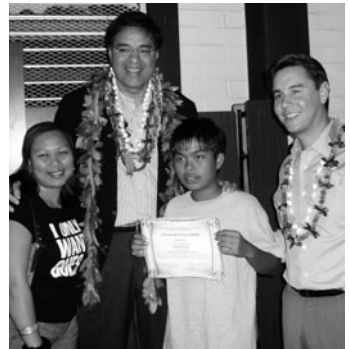
In the Community



Turning 'trash into cash' at this year's Aloha Aina Day by recycling waste and no longer needed household items to benefit Farrington High School Athletics



Mahalo Aloha Aina volunteers!



Mayor Mufi Hannemann at Awards Day at Dole Middle School.



Joey and Senator Donna Mercado Kim celebrating Halloween at the Bishop Museum.



UPS Centennial.



First Annual Global Language Conference at the UH.



St. Anthony's Day at the Capitol.

2nd Annual Taste of Kalihi!
FOOD! FUN! ENTERTAINMENT!
 September 6, 2008 • 10:00 am-8:00pm
 Colburn Street between McNeil Street
 and Waikamilo Road
See You There!