

FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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Kalaniana'ole Highway – Resurfacing to Begin

We are pleased to announce, after many years of concerns raised about the degradation of the highway, that the last segment—Aina Haina to H-1—will be repaved. The paving is expected to begin in May or June with the goal of completing resurfacing in time for the back to school rush. Mahalo to the Department of Transportation and the many concerned citizens who brought attention to this issue.



No More Waiting at the DMV

The AlohaQ push-notification queuing system is designed to reduce wait times for DMV customers by allowing them to get in line online. Oahu residents can now book advance appointments from their mobile device or home computer at alohaq.org. All they will need is their name, mobile number, and transaction type. Each customer will receive an appointment ticket number and text reminder 15 minutes prior to the scheduled service time.

AlohaQ is currently at three of our nine Satellite City Halls: Kapalama, Pearlridge, and Wahiawa. The Department of Customer Services is hoping to offer AlohaQ at several more Satellites, including Hawaii Kai.

Go to alohaq.honolulu.gov to make your appointment today.



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▶ HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Pothole Hotline
808-768-7777

Abandoned Vehicles
808-733-2530

Building Permit
808-768-5555

Trash Collection
808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

IN THE COMMUNITY



Hahaione Elementary School

► On March 16, 2017 Senator Chang visited Hahaione Elementary School for the 5th grade IB PYP (International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme) Exhibits.



Mental Health and Wellness Week

► April 10–14, 2017: Mental Health and Wellness Week at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. Senator Chang was invited to be the keynote speaker at a luncheon for students, where he discussed the mental health issues facing our state and the various programs the state offers.



Ka Iwi Coast Conservation

► On April 2, 2017, Senator Chang and a group of community members participated in conservation efforts of the endangered native Hawaiian yellow-faced bee.



Senator Chang Meets with AARP - Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition

► On March 28, 2017 Senator Chang joined members of AARP to learn about services provided to our kupuna and discuss the Kupuna Caregivers Program (HB 607) which would allow caregivers to remain in the workforce.

YOUR CONCERNS

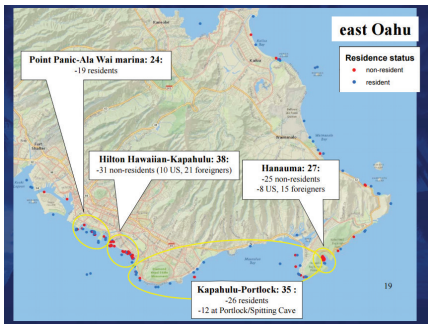


Project Co-Chairs Eric Kvick and Dr. Bill Modglin with Senator Stanley Chang at Maunaloa Bay.

Rescue Tubes for All

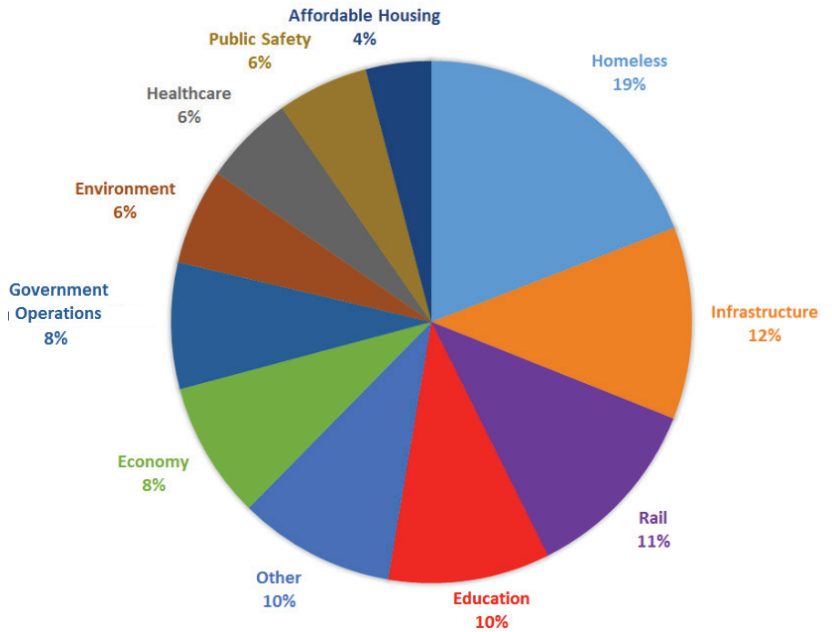
On April 29, 2017, the Lions Club of Hawaii Kai partnering with the Rescue Tube Foundation, distributed over 100 tubes to paddlers, boaters, firefighters, lifeguards, and community members. According to the Rescue Tube Foundation, "Rescue tubes are personal flotation devices designed to assist distressed swimmers until lifeguards arrive. They should only be used by strong swimmers following the instructions printed on the tube."

The Rescue Tube Foundation was founded by the Kaua'i Lions Club to address drowning deaths at the many remote beaches without lifeguards.



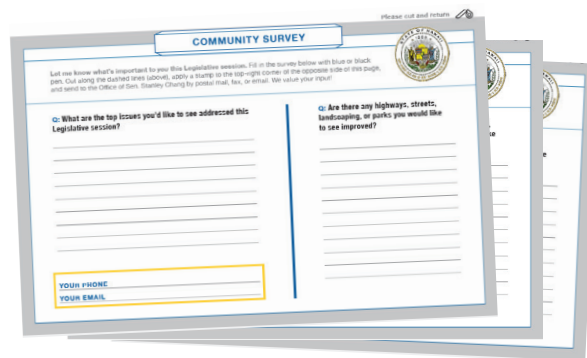
Map of East Honolulu drowning deaths from 2005-2014 (Hawaii Health Department <http://health.hawaii.gov/injuryprevention/files/2015/08/wsocon15a.pdf>)

Homelessness: Your Top Priority



Early this year, our office sent out a survey asking the community for their input regarding what they believe are the top issues of 2017. Our office compiled the over 300 returned surveys from the district and broke them down issue by issue.

Overall, homelessness took the top spot, while infrastructure and rail came in second and third. The Office of Senator Chang appreciates and values the input of our community members for their responses, which enable us to better serve the people of Senate District 9.



Please keep in mind that this is not a scientific survey. The surveys compiled were those voluntarily returned.



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Ka Iwi Coast Preserved Forever

On March 31, the Trust for Public Land conveyed the remaining two parcels totaling 182 acres of Ka Iwi coast to the community through the non-profit organization **Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui**. The organization now owns and will steward the land. Over the years, developers have proposed building resorts, luxury residential subdivisions, and vacation cabins. The latest deal was due to a combined effort from the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, and grassroots organization. The City contributed \$2.5 million, the State gave over \$1 million, and grassroots offered up \$600,000.

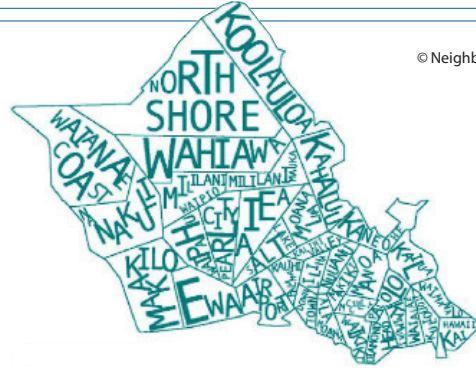
Ka Iwi Coast is special to many. Former President Barack Obama's mother's ashes are scattered beneath the sea cliffs, and he grew up body surfing at Sandy Beach. The coast is also popular among canoe paddlers, fishermen, and boaters, who use the scenic coastline as a key navigational landmark indicating the Ka Iwi channel between Oahu and Molokai.

This accomplishment is a clear example of how effective community organization is capable of making change. Due to the efforts, beautiful coast with a distinguished history is now preserved for future generations to come.

If you have questions or would like to send feedback directly to our office, please call: **808-586-8420**

Source: Livable Hawaii Kai Hui
<http://cloud2.snappages.com/51590760cb38f49d98fbb929c70cbda1afd0943c/TPL-HawaiiNewsRelease-KalwiClosing-040417%20FINAL.docx.pdf>

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ELECTIONS



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The Neighborhood Commission Office will be mailing passcodes to approximately 226,000 eligible voters who may cast ballots online for contested seats in the 2017 Neighborhood Board elections. Voters may use their passcodes to view candidate profiles and cast ballots at honolulu.gov/nbe via computer or mobile device from Friday April 28 to Friday May 19, 2017.

During the voting period, the city has also made computers available to the public to use to vote at these locations:

- ▶ **Kapolei Hale:** Conference Room A, 1000 Ulu'ohi'a Street *Monday thru Friday*
- ▶ **Kapalama Hale:** Suites 160, 925 Dillingham Boulevard *Monday thru Friday*
- ▶ **The KEY project in Kahalu'u:** 47200 Waihe'e Road, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Monday thru Friday*

▶ **Any public library** on Oahu within the Hawaii State Public Library System

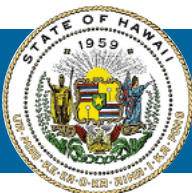
The NCO strongly encourages voting online as it saves paper and keeps costs down; however, you can request a paper ballot if you are unable to vote online. To request a ballot by mail, voters may call the ballot request hotline at 808-768-3763 no later than Monday May 15, 2017, 4:30 p.m. with your full name, address, and last four digits of your Social Security Number. Returned ballots must be postmarked by Friday, May 19, 2017 and received by the NCO no later than Friday May 26, 2017.

Online Voting closes at 11:59 p.m. on May 19, 2017. Election results will be announced shortly after voting concludes. Newly elected board members will assume office July 1, 2017.



April was **Prevent Child Abuse Month**. Members from Prevent Child Abuse America and members of the legislature placed pinwheels around the lawn of the Capitol to support kids across the country.

To learn more and to get involved with Prevent Child Abuse America visit: preventchildabuse.org



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