

FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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How to Achieve **65,000** Housing Units by **2025**

Housing is the top issue facing Hawai'i, according to a new poll by **Civil Beat** on September 26th. In 2015, a report conducted by the **Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism** (DBEDT) quantified how dire the affordable housing situation is here in Hawai'i. The study found that Hawai'i needs 65,000 additional housing units by the year 2025.

We are just seven years away from 2025, and the state is nowhere near 65,000 new units. According to estimates, Hawai'i produces only half the housing needed every year. Indeed, single family homes on Oahu last month hit a **record median price of \$810,000**—far out of reach for the middle class.

Over the interim, our office has been meeting with various stakeholders on various approaches to address our affordable housing crisis, particularly: how to create 65,000 housing units. I am encouraged by the feedback from these meetings, and I am excited for the future of our state.

To carry on this discussion and to bring new perspectives on affordable housing, We are hosting an affordable housing conference specifically on ideas and plans to solve our problem:



“How to Achieve 65,000 Housing Units by 2025” Conference

When: Friday, November 16, 2018

Time: 8:00am–2:00pm

Where: Hawai'i State Capitol Auditorium
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Metered parking is available after entering Miller Street into the Capitol garage.

Presentations will include the **Building Industry Association**, **Land Use Research Foundation**, **Hawai'i's Thousand Friends**, and the **State Rental Housing Task Force**, among others. I will also be presenting the results of my research on the **Singaporean model of public housing**.

Admission is free, but space is limited, so please RSVP by emailing **Adrian Tam** at a.tam@capitol.hawaii.gov if you are interested in attending.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stanley Chang".



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808-768-5300

IN THE COMMUNITY



UN WORLD HABITAT DAY

October 1, 2018 ▲ The UN World Habitat Day conference on affordable housing brought together leaders in the community to tackle problems facing Hawai'i.



PACIFIC AND ASIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

April 21, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Annual Scholarship Reception. Recipients of PAAC's generous travel scholarships attended the event and received awards for their hard work.



KAHALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 28, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended Kahala Elementary School's open house. The open house enabled the school's leadership to share its vision for the school with families and students.



Senator Chang would like to remind *everyone* to get their flu shots for the current flu season to avoid the ordeal of catching the flu.

YOUR CONCERNS



Courtesy of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser

Major water main breaks along Kalanianaʻole Highway have plagued the residents and commuters of East Honolulu for the last two years. These main breaks have caused many residents to be without running water and resulted in significant traffic congestion along the highway—in some cases, hours-long delays. Like many of you, I am deeply frustrated.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) has absolutely no plan to address these water main breaks in a proactive manner, and it has resisted suggestions I have made on contraflowing and other traffic mitigation measures. The current level of water main breaks is unacceptable to the East Honolulu community. Unlike many other communities in our state, there is only one

high-capacity highway to our community. A water main break can halt all access into and out of our community, preventing ambulances and police cars from entering and exiting. This is a public health and safety issue.

This past legislative session, I introduced **SCR 3/SR 2**, which requests the Office of the City Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the BWS's maintenance program on traffic mitigation measures. Unfortunately, the resolutions were not passed, but we will be re-introducing the resolutions in the upcoming session. I will continue to hold BWS accountable for its utter failure to maintain this critical infrastructure.



Our office has received many concerns regarding the pavement issues at the entrance of **Wailupe Circle**, and have contacted the Department of Transportation.

On **September 14, 2018**, the DOT inspected Wailupe Circle and confirmed that sections of the entrance pavement are damaged and require resurfacing. They have made arrangements with a paving contractor to pave both the entrance and exit lanes to Wailupe Circle. The work will be tentatively completed by October 31, 2018. We want to thank the community for expressing their concern over the entrance and their patience for its repaving.

IT'S FLU VACCINATION TIME!

The Hawai'i State Department of Health's (DOH) annual Stop Flu at School program has begun and will continue in 177 public schools statewide through **December 7, 2018**. The voluntary program administers free flu shots to students in kindergarten through eighth grade who are enrolled at participating schools. Approximately 30,000 students are expected to be vaccinated during the eight-week program.

“Vaccination is our **best defense** against the flu. It can help prevent illness, but more importantly, it decreases the risk of severe illness, which can result in hospitalizations and death,” said Dr. Sarah Park, state epidemiologist. “Vaccinating our school-age children will help reduce the spread of flu in our communities and protect those at risk of serious illness, including infants too young to be vaccinated, adults over 65, pregnant women, and those with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, and heart disease.”

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an annual flu vaccination for everyone ages six months and older. Last flu season, CDC reported **180 pediatric flu-related deaths** in the United States. Approximately **80 percent** of these deaths occurred in children who had not received a flu vaccination.

Dr. Park added, “While there were no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported in Hawai'i during

the 2017-2018 season, flu circulates year-round in Hawai'i and is unpredictable, which is why it is crucial to get vaccinated each year.”

The traditional **flu season begins in early October and runs through late May**. The flu vaccines this season have been updated to provide protection against circulating flu viruses expected to be most common, based on data from the past season.

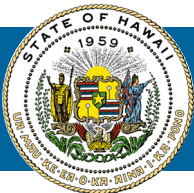
Since flu can cause severe illness in people of all ages, DOH encourages everyone to talk to their healthcare provider about the vaccine and consider getting vaccinated. For those unable to be vaccinated through the Stop Flu at School program, flu vaccine is available through healthcare provider offices and clinics as well as pharmacies, for those older than age 11 years. For a list of vaccinating pharmacies statewide, visit the DOH Vaccine Locator online at health.hawaii.gov/docd/vaccines-immunizations/vaccine-locators.

DOH also recommends other flu prevention strategies, including staying home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands frequently. For more information about the flu, visit health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/influenza-flu.

To learn more about the Stop Flu at School program, go to health.hawaii.gov/docd/about-us/programs/stop-flu-at-school or call the Aloha United Way's information and referral line at **2-1-1**.

ABOUT STOP FLU AT SCHOOL

Stop Flu at School, Hawai'i's school-located vaccination program, is an innovative partnership between the State of Hawai'i Departments of Health and Education. This program is endorsed by the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Hawai'i Association of Family Practitioners and is paid for by federal funds and contributions from health insurers.



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