

Councilmember Stanley Chang

Chair, Committee on Public Works and Sustainability
Honolulu City Council, District 4



Hawaii Kai, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Aina Haina, Wailupe, Waialae-Iki, Kalani Valley, Wilhelmina Rise, Kahala, Diamond Head, Waikiki, portions of Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Ala Moana

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Aloha and thank you for your continued support!



Councilmember Chang Announces Kamehameha Schools' Suspension of Plans for Kuapa Parcel Development

Councilmember Stanley Chang has worked hard behind the scenes with members of the community and Kamehameha Schools, the landowner, to ensure that the Hawaii Kai



parcel previously slated for development remained in preservation. On June 10th Kamehameha Schools (KS) decided to suspend the preliminary planning and community outreach process for the Kuapa commercial village in Maunaloa. The community expressed concerns when plans for the 4.5 acre property along Kalanianaʻole Highway were announced earlier this year. The property, formally known as Kuapa Gateway Parcel, would have included a Foodland Super Market, pedestrian and bike path, and playground.

"My office has received several comments from concerned residents regarding the proposed plans so I felt it necessary to inform the community as soon as possible," said Councilmember Chang. "I support this decision and appreciate Kamehameha Schools' willingness to work with the community to address the needs and concerns of our residents."

KS stated that after considering other options and priorities of their organization, a suspension was warranted which would allow them more time to direct resources to other projects in the state in alignment with their existing asset management plan. It also gives them time to consider the Kuapa property in the broader context of other holdings in Maunaloa.

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Abandoned Vehicle	733-2530
Building Inspector	768-8259
Building Permit	768-8220
Bus Information	848-5555
Refuse Collection	832-7840
Complaint (Re: City)	768-4381
Street Light Repair	768-5300
Pothole Hotline	768-7777

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In the Community



May Day is one of the special things that makes Hawaii unique. It was an honor for Councilmember Chang to join Senator Laura Thielen and Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui as guests at Kamiloiki Elementary School's May Day program, which takes place only once every two years.



The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific's Memorial Day service ensures our service members will never be forgotten. Councilmember Chang was honored to meet several veterans, including Aina Haina resident Walter Ozawa of the Reserve Officers Association and former director of Parks & Recreation.



Councilmember Chang was honored to join nearly 250 new Eagle Scouts at the Aloha Council Boy Scouts of America's 60th annual Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet. Sponsors like the Star-Advertiser and HMAA make it possible to properly induct these promising young men after their service to their communities.



The Honolulu Zoo held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Children's Discovery Forest, a new section filled with native plants that will help educate younger generations about Hawaii's unique environment.

Legislative Tracker

- **Resolution 13-88**

Resolution 13-88 rejects the portion of the Salary Commission's report that would increase the salaries of the Council Chair and Councilmembers. Councilmember Chang voted for the measure stating: "At this time I find it difficult to accept a pay raise during this fragile economic period when many of our residents face layoffs, an uncertain job market, and cost increases in our daily lives."

Status: Passed full Council on June 5, 2013

Read the Bill: <http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-136648/7rphzpw.pdf>

- **Resolution 13-144**

Resolution 13-144, introduced by Councilmember Chang, expresses support for congressional legislation that recognizes and grants long-delayed promised benefits to World War II Filipino veterans.

Status: Scheduled to be heard before the Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services Committee on July 18, 2013

Read the Bill: http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-139126/7zf148_5.pdf

HR22: Adding the People's Republic of China to the US Visa Waiver Program

The State House of Representatives passed House Resolution 22 (HR22), part of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) legislative package, during the recently completed 2013 session. HR22, a measure introduced by Councilmember Chang, was part of the package that was approved by HSAC, a body that the Councilmember serves on the executive committee as secretary.

HR22 urges the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Attorney General to ease visa restrictions for the People's Republic of China.

China has transformed itself from an impoverished county to the world's second-largest economy. China has been identified as lucrative pool of visitors due to its 1.3 billion citizens and their projected daily expenditures \$190 higher than average tourists. Despite the reciprocity between the US and China, the visa application and approval process for Chinese travelers is arduous and lengthy.

Should the People's Republic of China be accepted to the State Department's Visa Waiver Program, Chinese nationals would be allowed to enter the US for tourism- or business-related purposes for up to 90 days without obtaining a visa. They could more easily visit the islands providing a significant boost to Hawaii's economy. There are currently 36 countries included in the visa waiver program including Japan and South Korea.



Constituent Concerns Tracker

1 Halekoa Sidewalk

Constituents reported that overgrown weeds were blocking the sidewalk fronting the 2300 block of Halekoa Drive making it impassable for pedestrians. The Department of Planning and Permitting has issued a notice of violation to the property owners to make corrections.

2 Moana Kai Driveway

Constituents reported hazardous traffic conditions near the Moana Kai town houses in Hawaii Kai. The concern arose from speeding on-coming traffic near the in/out driveway along Hawaii Kai Drive. The Department of Transportation Services will be conducting a traffic study and the Honolulu Police Department will perform speed patrols in the area.

3 Diamond Head Homeless

Area residents reported that homeless individuals are illegally camping on the slopes of Diamond Head. Councilmember Chang facilitated the services of the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources enforcement branch to address the homeless encampments. DLNR officers have performed multiple sweeps issuing several citations to trespassers over the last few weeks and will continue to monitor the Diamond Head area and neighboring communities.



4 Diamond Head Road Signage

Constituents reported that signage along Diamond Head Road was damaged or missing due to vandalism. The Department of Facilities Maintenance and the Department of Parks and Recreation have started work to replace the signs and sign poles in the area.

The Neuter Now Program

Veterinarians island-wide are now offering reduced-rate sterilization surgeries in partnership with the City & County of Honolulu. Neuter Now certificates can be purchased at the Humane Society on Waiālae Avenue or at any Satellite City Hall location. Each certificate covers a pre-surgery exam, anesthesia, sterilization surgery, and removal of stitches (if needed) and can be redeemed at several veterinary locations listed at www.neuternow.com/appointment.htm. The Neuter Now prices are:

- \$40 for a male cat
- \$50 for a female cat
- \$125 for a male dog
- \$150 for a female dog
- \$20 for any cat or dog for EBT cardholders



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