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Neighborhood Board Report

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Community Updates

1st Community-Wide Graffiti Paint Out Day

On Saturday, March 10, I worked alongside members of the T.A.G. (Totally Against Graffiti) team as we painted out graffiti in the McCully and Moiliili neighborhoods. Over one hundred volunteers participated in this effort to fight against vandalism in our community.

Paki Hale Dedication

On Tuesday, February 27, I joined Mayor Mufi Hannemann in a dedication ceremony for the newly renovated Paki Hale at Kapiolani Regional Park. The property was originally purchased by the City back in 1976 and renovations were funded through City appropriations. The two story recreational facility was first dedicated on February 27, 1992 and was a popular site for community meetings. Repairs to the aging building began back in June 2004 and work was prolonged by water and mold damage. The new building will continue to be a great asset to our community and I was honored to be a part of the dedication ceremony.

Town Hall Meeting

Through a collaborative effort among Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representatives Scott Saiki, Kirk Caldwell and myself, a Town Meeting was held on Thursday, February 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the McCully Public Library. Residents were given the opportunity to share their opinions and ideas, as well as ask questions regarding issues that may be of concern to them. The meeting proved to be very successful, allowing residents and legislators to exchange ideas and engage in constructive dialogue for the improvement of our community. My colleagues and I always appreciate input from our community's residents as it helps us to better serve their interests here at the State Legislature.

Legislative Update

We are just about half way through the Legislative session and I would like to update you as to where we are in the process. Friday, March 2, 2007 marked the "Decking" deadline. This is the time in which a bill must be in its final form and made available to members of the Legislature 48 hours prior to being voted on for passage. Thursday, March 8, 2007 marked the "Crossover" deadline in which bills that have passed Third Reading moved or crossed over to the Senate for their consideration.