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SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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Featured Speaker



Our Homes

Ending the Housing Crisis

A live webseries exploring the intricacies of and solutions to our local housing crisis from a global perspective

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"Monster Houses or Missing Middle?: Upzoning Residential Neighborhoods"

WEDNESDAY, October 6th, 2021

11:00am HST

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Riley Regan for a Successful Bone Marrow Registry Event!

by Chloe Devere

While COVID-19 is the headline on the news everyday, there are over 14,000 people with other challenges such as life-threatening blood cancers and who are desperately seeking a bone marrow or blood stem-cell transplant. In an effort to save more lives, Riley Regan partnered with Be the Match – Hawai'i for his Eagle Scout project and has been organizing marrow donor registry drives throughout Hawaii to add more people to the registry. By the end of September, 2021, Regan had coordinated and held 8 drives—two on O'ahu, and one on Kaua'i, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Hilo, Kailua-Kona, and Maui. On August 20, 2021, Riley held a successful drive at Kahala Mall that Senator Stanley Chang attended.



“Thanks to the support of Senator Chang, Governor David Ige, and the O'ahu community, the drive was my most successful event to date,” Regan wrote, “Besides getting more people to register at my drive, I was able to increase awareness of the importance of saving a life even during a pandemic through the TV, radio, social media ads, and newspaper. Imagine if we can save even one person's life. That would be incredible.”

Getting the lifesaving bone marrow to people who need it is simple. If the donor registers on O'ahu, the donation is typically scheduled at a Honolulu hospital that partners with the National Marrow Donor Program.

If you are 18-44 years of age and would like to join the registry online, visit bethematch.org/imuascouts or use the QR code here.



BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIONS

While Congress works toward passing the Build Back Better Agenda, which includes an historic investment in building new homes and making existing housing safer, healthier, and more energy efficient, President Biden knows that we can't wait to take action.

The president is committed to using every tool available in government to produce more affordable housing supply as quickly as possible, and to make supply available to families in need of affordable, quality housing—rather than to large investors. That's why today the Administration is announcing a number of steps that will create, preserve, and sell to homeowners and non-profits nearly 100,000 additional affordable homes for homeowners and renters over the next three years, with an emphasis on the lower and middle segments of the market.

The White House's actions today focus on four major areas:

- Boosting the supply of quality, affordable rental units;
- Boosting the supply of manufactured housing and 2-4 unit properties;
- Making more single-family homes available to individuals, families, and non-profit organizations—rather than large investors; and
- Working with state and local governments to boost housing supply.

For more information about President Biden's announcements on September 1, 2021, view this fact sheet:

tinyurl.com/BidenFactSheet

MOVING FORWARD

Hawai'i's Second Vaccine Passport Program Launches

SAFE-ACCESS O'AHU PROGRAM

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF VACCINATION

- A hard copy of a state-approved vaccination card
- A photocopy/digital copy of a state approved vaccination card
- A Hawai'i State-approved digital/smart device application confirming full vaccination status (i.e. QR code from Safe Travels, Smart Health Card, Clear, etc.)



 #HAWAIIANSTATE For more information: www.oneohu.org/safe-access-ohu

C&C of Honolulu Launches New Refuse Division Website

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services launched its revamped Refuse Division website today at honolulu.gov/opala. Visit the pages, including the New Landfill Siting page, which includes a limited-time public survey. The City is forming a Landfill Advisory Committee (LAC) to evaluate and rank potential landfill sites, based in part on information from the survey. The LAC meetings are planned to begin in October and open to the public. For the latest updates, visit the website and follow us on Facebook (@HNL_Opala) and Twitter (@hnl_env).



Hawaiian Electric Launches Charge Up Hawai'i

Hawaiian Electric is seeking community input on the locations of future public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to make sure electrified transportation can be a service to all.

Over 15,000 passenger EVs are registered in the state with 78% of EVs registered on Oahu. The numbers of EVs on Hawai'i roads will continue to increase as the Federal government focuses on zero emission vehicle initiatives and more EV models become available. To ensure future EV users have dependable charging solutions, we estimate that by 2030 there will be a need for 3,600 public EV charging stations at workplaces, shopping centers, parks, and multi unit dwellings.



Hawaiian Electric yesterday launched Charge Up Hawai'i which will be collecting input from the community through the end of September via our Charge Up Hawai'i interactive map (tinyurl.com/ChargeUpHawaii). We are asking the community to tell us about their transportation needs and encourage you and your constituents to drop pins on our interactive map to let us know where you want to see EV charging stations in the future.

Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center Update

Due to the highly contagious Delta variant and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center is currently pausing workday and on-site community programs. They are aiming to resume on-site school and community programs once the spike goes back down and it's safe to gather in groups again. They are in the process of transitioning to make more virtual programming available and have applied for a grant to make live streaming possible.



CIP Funding Release for Waikīkī Elementary and Wilson Elementary

In July, 2021, CIP (Capital Improvement Project) funding was released for Waikīkī Elementary to help with meeting current ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards, and for Wilson Elementary to construct a covered play area.

"The funding should be sufficient in terms of getting a design team to come in to do the assessment of the school campus and identify what the key areas are that our campus is going to need to improve to comply with ADA standards," said Waikīkī Elementary's principal, Ryan Kusada, "I have already been in contact with people from the ASA (Administrative Support Teams for schools) to get the ball rolling."



Kusada thanks Senator Chang's office for supporting the school's plans and looks forward to making sure that Waikīkī Elementary is a school to be proud of. our interactive map to let us know where you want to see EV charging stations in the future.

UPDATED ORDER

REGISTER NOW

Children and Youth Summit 2021 October 14 & 15 — 10 am to 12 pm

WHAT WOULD MAKE HAWAI'I A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, AND WORK?

What should Hawaii's legislature do to :

- Protect our environment?
- Promote equality, diversity, and safety?
- Support healthy minds and healthy bodies?
- Solve homelessness and meet housing needs?
- Improve education for all students?

Share your ideas with other youth and make recommendations for legislative action.

(Participants **MUST** be 24 or younger.)

REGISTER FOR THE 100% VIRTUAL 28TH ANNUAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMIT: <https://hawaii.annual.children.and.youth.summit.2021.eventbrite.com>



"Never cease to act because you fear you may fail." - Queen Liliuokalani



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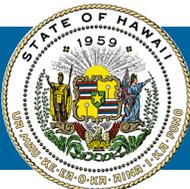
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