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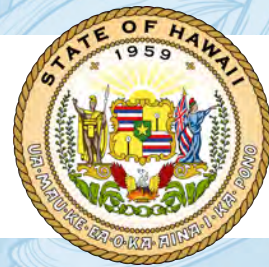


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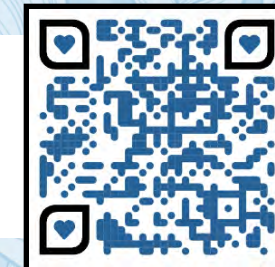


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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(808) 768-2530
Abandoned Vehicles

(808) 832-5115
Adult Abuse Reporting

(808) 832-5300
Child Abuse Reporting

(808) 768-9766
Dead Animal Removal

(808) 531-3771
 (605) 956-5680 (text, 24/7)
Domestic Violence Action Center

(808) 831-6714
Highway Problems

(808) 745-7800
**Homeless Text or Call for Service
 (Kealahou West Oahu)**

(808) 677-8849
Park Maintenance

(808) 768-7777
Potholes, City

(808) 536-7852
Potholes, State

(855) 643-1643
Public Assistance Line

(808) 768-7272
Sewer Issues

(808) 68-8118
Sidewalk Concerns

(808) 768-8396
TheBus and Handi-Van

(808) 971-7151
Trees

ALOHA NEIGHBOR,

On January 17th, we celebrated the Opening Day of the 2024 Legislative Session the best way we knew how - opening up our office to share some amazing Filipino food & desserts! Mahalo to the 160+ visitors, constituents, advocates and friends who came by that day - you made my day!

In the past few months, I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the door and at community events. I'm making my way over to every street in the district and I look forward to meeting you.

As Session progresses, you can count on our office to continue advocating for the needs of our district, and being a strong voice for our community - I truly love what I do, and I'm so so proud to be representing the best community in the State!

With Love,

Trish
 Representative Trish La Chica



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Refuse and Bulky Items: <https://www.honolulu.gov/opala>

Oahu Mediation Center (Landlord/Tenant Disputes): <https://www.mediatehawaii.org>

Updates from the State Capitol



On January 2, House Speaker Saiki appointed Rep. La Chica as the **Vice Chair** of the Committee on Education! The committee has convened three informational briefings which can be viewed on the Capitol website: <https://capitol.hawaii.gov/>



Meet our staff! From L to R: Jared (Policy Analyst), Erin (Office Manager), Rep. La Chica, Erika (Committee Clerk), Hina (Intern - Policy Assistant)



Rep. La Chica signs her first set of bills for the 2024 session. She will be championing several issues for our district and a complete list will be shared in next month’s newsletter.

TLC in the Community

Rep. La Chica and her family got to spread some holiday cheer at the Mililani holiday parade!



Rep. La Chica participated in the evening ride along with HPD officers from 6 to 11pm, responding to calls for service from Mililani to the North Shore!



Civics in action! Mililani HS AP Environmental Science students will be working with Rep. La Chica on a bill to improve school meals.



In December, Rep. La Chica collaborated with Rep. Matsumoto to host a Wildfire Prevention and Disaster Preparedness workshop at Kanoelani Elementary in response to the recent Mililani Mauka fire. State and City officials and the Honolulu Fire Department shared effective tips and plans for residents to take action.

Kipapa Gulch Cleanup a Success!

On December 6th, Representative Trish La Chica, the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG-HI) and the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) joined forces to clear debris from a sizable homeless encampment in Kipapa Gulch, along Kamehameha Highway. A total of **19 tons or 38,000 lbs of rubbish** was hauled away from the site, which involved shutting down the southbound direction of Kam Hwy. This action addressed community concerns about public safety and environmental health posed by the remaining waste, including hazardous and flammable materials. The initiative also involved connecting individuals over several months from the encampment with support services through the nonprofit Achieve Zero.

Rep. La Chica played a key role in facilitating this collaboration, initiating contact with USAG-HI and convening meetings to discuss solutions. "The unique circumstances surrounding the encampment required follow-up and further collaboration between several federal and state entities," remarked Rep. La Chica. "Mahalo to Colonel McGunegle, Colonel Green, and Director Sniffen, along with their respective teams, for prioritizing our community and their efficiency in addressing this complex issue."



2024 Legislative Priorities Survey Results

Mahalo to all who responded to our survey! The following legislative priorities are ranked, based on the feedback from the district:

- 1** **Prioritizing the Safety and Well-Being of our Community**
- 2** **Addressing Homelessness and Affordable Housing**
- 3** **Accessible and Affordable Healthcare**
- 4** **Supporting Early Education, Childcare, and Central Oahu Schools**
- 5** **Supporting Local Businesses**
- 6** **Sustainable Environmental Policies and Affordable Clean Energy**
- 7** **Transportation Solutions for our Community**
- 8** **Advancing Women’s Rights and Equal Pay**

*n=125

Comments received: neighborhood and street improvements, lowering the cost of living, tax exemptions for kupuna, early childhood and after school care, tree and root issues, quality education, workforce housing, homelessness, improving bus service, and more. I read all the comments! Mahalo for taking the time to advocate for your community! Email me: replachica@capitol.hawaii.gov