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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMES FIRST!

*Show Aloha and Signwave for Safety!*

Join us on **Thursday**, March 28, 2024

7:00 - 8:00am, Meheula Parkway

Park by the old Ruby Tuesday's at Mililani Town Center.

Please arrive by 6:45am.

Let's **STAND TOGETHER** and **HOLD SIGNS**  
to raise awareness about  
**PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY.**



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Brought to you by the Office of Representative Trish La Chica  
in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department.

Make a difference and join us in our ongoing efforts  
to **create safer neighborhoods!**

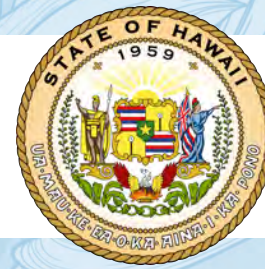


**Better Together Hawaii is hosting the following  
Citizen's Patrol events:**

**Friday**, March 22, 5:00pm  
Excel Church Mililani  
(95-801 Kipapa Drive)

**Thursday**, April 25, 5:00pm  
Mililani Shopping Center  
(in front of First Hawaiian Bank)

Learn how to start a "Citizen's Patrol" in your neighborhood by  
emailing my office: [replachica@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:replachica@capitol.hawaii.gov) or  
calling 808-586-6150.



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SCAN ME



## ALOHA NEIGHBOR,

This month marks the halfway point of our state's legislative session, a time when many bills face their fate. It can be a tense period, much like the final minutes of a close soccer game. As a proud soccer mom, I see many parallels between the teamwork on the field and the teamwork happening right here in our Capitol building.

Both my kids are in Mililani AYSO. On the field, their teams thrive when they work together, with each player supporting one another. Just like in soccer, effective legislation requires collaboration. Legislators from different backgrounds need to come together, negotiate, and find common ground to pass bills that benefit our community.

Similar to those tense moments on the field (sorry - but I'm a loud cheering mom!) there will be wins and losses at the Capitol. This year I feel very grateful to have been able to introduce bills to improve our community and whether they pass or not, what matters is how we were able to work together, hand-in-hand, to move Hawai'i forward.

Love,

*Trish* ❤️

**Representative Trish La Chica**



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Your Voice Matters: Legislative Survey

Please take a minute to share your input! This survey will help me gauge community support on key issues we’re watching at the Legislature. Responses are kept confidential and I know we’re all busy but to best serve our community’s interests, I want to know how you feel about these issues!

You may fill out, cut and mail back this page or take our survey online at: <https://bit.ly/replachica-march-2024-survey>

On the provided boxes, kindly indicate your response: **SUPPORT, OPPOSE, or UNDECIDED.**


1. Expand Hawaii’s assault weapons ban that currently only applies to pistols to include assault rifles (AR-15s) and shotguns. <i>Note: does not apply to members of law enforcement or the military.</i> (SB3196)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. Only ban 50-caliber sniper rifles and magazines with over 20 rounds and exclude assault rifles and shotguns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Prohibit the sale of ammunition to any person under the age of 21 and prohibit any person under the age of 21 to own, possess, or control ammunition. (SB2845)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Legalize, regulate, and tax adult recreational cannabis use. (SB3335)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Remove the in-person requirement for controlled substance prescriptions, such as testosterone to receive gender-affirming health care services. Protect individuals who receive, seek, provide, or aid and abet the provision of gender-affirming health care services that are lawful in Hawaii from civil or criminal actions under the laws of other jurisdictions. (HB2079)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Lapse State funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a new Aloha stadium in Halawa and redirect funds for a new stadium to be built on the UH Manoa campus. (HB2664)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Expand student transportation options for school bus services by allowing the use of smaller vehicles like minibuses, motorcoaches, and vans for DOE schools. (HB1767)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Allow homeowners in residential neighborhoods to subdivide their lots into parcels as small as 2,000 sq ft and allow two or more detached or attached residential units (such as ADUs) to be built on each. (HB1630/SB3202)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Allow pedestrians to cross a street contrary to the statewide traffic code when a pedestrian carefully and reasonably determines that there is no immediate danger of a collision with a moving vehicle. (SB2630)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Include any comments and feedback on other bills/legislative issues for Rep. La Chica to consider:

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☐ Koa Ridge



Scan for online survey.

Updates from the State Capitol

Congratulations to our **Mililani High School State Champions!** The House recognized our athletes for their state championship titles in boys’ soccer, girls’ swimming, and boys wrestling. (L-R: Jerusalem “Moku” Jackson, Belise Swartwood, Maddox Flanders, Skyler Vail, Rep. La Chica, Maumausolo Uiagalelei, Justin Tilton, and Parker Patterson)



Rep. La Chica met with Kamehameha Schools to receive a briefing on their upcoming plans to develop **‘Āina Pauahi in Waiawa**, in our district. It covers approximately 9,000 acres and has the potential to deliver up to 3,500 affordable housing units over the next several decades.



Rep. La Chica speaks on HB1766, her bill to **target the spread of deceptive and fraudulent deepfakes** during elections. Deepfakes are any form of manipulated media that misrepresent individuals, often showing them saying or doing things they never did. Deepfakes contribute to political misinformation and erode the public’s trust. HB1766 passed out of the House and is awaiting its final hearing with the Senate Judiciary committee.



TLC in the Community



Hugs are the best medicine! Rep. La Chica got to read to and interact with 5 kindergarten classes at Mililani Uka and 2 third grade classes at Kanoelani Elementary on Read Across America day.



Rep. La Chica visits her area schools – Kanoelani Elementary, Mililani Uka Elementary, and Mililani Middle School during the 5-day recess to learn about their top priorities and advocate for their needs. The proposed House budget includes over \$11M (FY24) and \$15M (FY25) in capital improvement funding for Mililani-Waipio area schools.

Taking Action



CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Concern on Kids’ E-Bike Use:

Our office has received complaints about underaged kids speeding on e-bikes throughout various areas in the community. We would like to emphasize to our community members that following HRS §291C-143.5, individuals under the age of 15 should not be riding e-bikes, and violations are subject to a traffic infraction. Concerns can be reported to HPD’s non-emergency line: 808-723-8710.

Overgrown Grass/Trees:

On 1/20, we were alerted to the regrowth of a tree our office previously serviced on the Meheula Parkway median by the Mililani Mauka off ramp, accompanied by tall grass nearby. This posed a hazard to drivers, obstructing visibility. Upon contacting the Department of Transportation (DOT), prompt action was taken to remove the tree and trim the grass on 1/29.

Cracked/Uplifted Sidewalk:

On 2/29, a resident reported tripping and falling on a cracked, uplifted sidewalk on Makaimoimo street, resulting in injury. Our office promptly contacted Honolulu 3-1-1 for inspection and repair. The City and County informed us that they repaved the sidewalk on 3/8 and referred the matter to the Department of Planning and Permitting for further review of the root cause.

Road Safety Requests:

Our office continues to work on various constituent requests received to improve street safety and get drivers to slow down via the installation of traffic calming measures throughout the district.



WE ARE HERE  
 TO HELP

Erin Conway, is our Office Manager and handles constituent services.

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