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Dear Neighbor,

Summer flew by faster than I expected — and just like that, both of my kids are now in the same school, with my youngest starting kindergarten this year! It's been a full and joyful few months. Some highlights: my son performed in his first summer musical (*Junie B. Jones*), we went camping in the beautiful San Juan Islands, and we celebrated my husband's 40th birthday on the beach with friends and family.

I also had the opportunity to attend a special performance of *Peace on Your Wings* before their international tour to Hiroshima and Fukuoka. You can read more about that experience on the back page of this newsletter.

As we turn the corner into fall, I hope you'll take a moment to **fill out my legislative survey** included inside. Your voice matters — and helps shape the policies I push for at the Capitol.

In addition to advancing legislative priorities and following up on implementation — like expanding student transportation options — my office works hard every day to respond to your concerns, solve issues, and support you however we can.

Please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to help.

With warmest aloha,

*Trish* ❤️

Trish La Chica

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Assistant Majority Floor Leader  
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### *Peace on Your Wings* – A Story of Resilience and Remembrance

In July, I had the honor of attending the opening night of ***Peace on Your Wings*** at the Kennedy Theatre at UH Mānoa and even joined the cast in a meaningful pre-show circle. Created by **Jennifer Taira** and **Laurie Rubin** of 'Ohana Arts, the musical tells the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl whose paper cranes became a global symbol of peace after the Hiroshima bombing.

This year, 'Ohana Arts received a Grants-in-Aid award from the Legislature to help support their commemorative tour marking the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings. My office was proud to support their efforts and help spotlight this Hawai'i-based production. The experience of watching it live was unforgettable — and a powerful reminder of the resilience and hope that can emerge from even the darkest moments.



Rep. La Chica with the *Peace on Your Wings* cast and staff

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**Scan to take the  
Online Survey:**



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Name:

Email:

**Neighborhood:**

- ☐ Mililani Town      ☐ Waipio Gentry
- ☐ Mililani Mauka      ☐ Koa Ridge

What is the biggest factor contributing to rising costs in your household?

Have your property or home insurance premiums increased this past year?

- ☐ Yes, by more than 25%
- ☐ Yes, by 10–25%
- ☐ No significant change
- ☐ Not applicable
- Type of residence:
- ☐ Condo
- Association: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Single-family Home
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Which federal program cuts are you most concerned about? (Select up to 2)

- ☐ Medicaid / healthcare access
- ☐ SNAP / food assistance
- ☐ Housing support
- ☐ Public education funding
- ☐ College financial aid
- ☐ Transportation / infrastructure
- ☐ Other:

Do you think the State of Hawai'i should step in to fill gaps caused by federal cuts?

☐ Yes      ☒ Unsure      ☐ No

Are you concerned about increased immigration enforcement or ICE activity in Hawai'i?

Yes                      Unsure                      No

Do you support the State taking steps to protect immigrant families (e.g., legal aid, sanctuary policies, language access)?

Should school bus service be available to all public school students, regardless of distance or income?

○ ————— ○ ————— ○  
Yes                      Unsure                      No

Do you think school meals should be:

- ☐ Free for all students
- ☐ Free only for students under a certain income level
- ☐ Not free / continue as is

☐ School bus

☐ Personal vehicle

☐ Public transportation (TheBus)

☐ N/A. I don't have students in my household.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Should schools ban student cell phone use:

- ☐ Entirely during the school day
- ☐ Only during class time
- ☐ No ban
- ☐ Leave it up to individual schools

Do you support allowing public use of school fields, courts, and parking lots when not in use by the school?

○ ————— ○ ————— ○  
Yes                      Unsure                      No

Have you or anyone in your household used the rail?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, not convenient or accessible
- ☐ No, but I'd like to

Do you support continuing the state's investment in a new Aloha Stadium project?

○ ————— ○ ————— ○  
Yes                      Unsure                      No

How do you feel about the growing use of AI?

- ☐ Excited and supportive
- ☐ Cautious but open
- ☐ Concerned and want more regulation

Do you think government should play a role in regulating AI?

☐ Yes      ☒ Unsure      ☐ No

Should the State explore policies to support more remote and hybrid work?

○ ————— ○ ————— ○  
Yes                      Unsure                      No

A bill to ban the sale of assault rifles and certain high-capacity firearm accessories did not pass this year.

**Do you support legislation to ban the sale of assault rifles in Hawai'i?**

Yes                      Unsure                      No

With recent concerns about measles and rising exemption rates in Hawai'i schools, **do you support stronger state policies to ensure students are vaccinated before attending school?**

Yes                      Unsure                      No

I'll be hosting more in-person talk stories and want to know what matters most to you.

*Examples: public safety, affordable housing, agriculture, emergency preparedness, climate resilience, federal funding cuts, education, traffic safety, mental health.*

Please list your top three topics of interest:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments and Feedback:**

