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## Serving With Aloha, Guided by Community

In addition to the work I do at the Capitol, **community engagement** is at the heart of how I serve. From our **agrivoltaics site visit** in Mililani — where I toured over two dozen residents to learn how clean energy and agriculture can work together — to hosting my **Transportation and Community Safety Talk Stories**, where neighbors shared concerns with state and city officials to help inform real roadway and public safety improvements, **these conversations matter**. Mahalo to everyone who continues to show up, speak up, and partner with me.  
— Representative Trish La Chica

Mahalo to the two dozen residents who joined us at our Hawai'i Agrivoltaic Research Site Tour!



Rep. La Chica with HPD Interim Chief Rade Vanic, Districts 2 and 3 HPD leadership, and District 37 residents at the Dec. 15 Community Talk Story.



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## Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2026, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and the progress we've made together. Last session I was proud to **pass meaningful legislation** that responds to real community needs—protecting working families, strengthening our schools, and investing in the infrastructure that keeps our district moving forward.

Together, we passed laws to **expand free school meals, restore and strengthen school bus services, increase access to preschool, and fund safer routes to school**. Here at home, we delivered long-awaited safety improvements like **speed tables** and **flashing crosswalk beacons**, secured funding for school facility upgrades, and advanced critical infrastructure investments — including high-speed fiber — to support our growing community.

This work is driven by your voices. From talk stories and classroom visits to advocacy at the Capitol, your feedback continues to shape the priorities I fight for every day. Thank you for your trust, your engagement, and the opportunity to serve District 37.

With warmest aloha,

Trish ❤️

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# 2025 Year in Review

## 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Together, we turned community priorities into law:



**Act 139 (SB1300)**

Expands free school meals to public school students.

**Act 204 (HB329)**

Creates more public preschool classrooms and funds the first teacher housing project in the State.

**Act 140 (HB862)**

Addresses the school bus crisis by expanding student transportation options.

**Act 212 (HB1231)**

Brings in the largest source of funding for safer routes to school.

## EXCITING NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES



State investments led by Rep. La Chica delivered a renovated classroom and new playground at Kanoelani Elementary.



Two new additions for our keiki also include Kanoelani Elementary’s Rainbow Lanai and Mililani Mauka Elementary’s covered play court



## 20 UNDER 40 LEADERSHIP AWARD

Rep. La Chica received the **Council of State Governments' 20 Under 40 Leadership Award**, a national honor recognizing leaders under 40 years old committed to bipartisan collaboration. She is proud to represent Hawai’i and District 37 on the national stage.



Rep. La Chica with CSG National Chair Chicago Senator Elgie Sims Jr. and CSG National President Hawai’i Gov. Josh Green

## Taking Action for Community

From concerns raised → to solutions delivered

**Community spoke up about speeding**  
**We delivered real safety infrastructure**

### 95 Enforcement Actions

Rep. La Chica partnered with with HPD to conduct targeted operations on Meheula Parkway and Kamehameha Highway (March–April) which resulted in **95 citations for speeding** and cellphone use, and 5 arrests for racing, DUI, and excessive speed.



**Safer Crossings**  
Because Lives Come First



Meheula Parkway near H-2 on/off ramps is a high-speed corridor with repeated near-misses reported by families

In November, Rep. La Chica worked with Hawaii Dept. of Transportation to install speed tables and flashing crosswalk beacons on Meheula Parkway after years of community concern to improve pedestrian and driver safety.



## Waipi’o Neighborhood Park Slide Replaced

In May, the vandalized slide at Waipi’o Neighborhood Park was fully replaced by November—thanks to coordination with the City Department of Parks and Recreation and persistent community advocacy!

## New Affordable Housing Projects



Rep. La Chica attends the groundbreaking for the second phase of Koa Vista, a 192-unit affordable rental project in Koa Ridge for seniors and families.

With median home prices at \$1M+, Rep. La Chica has worked to bring affordable housing units to our district, including Meheula Vista IV (75 units) and the future Mililani teacher housing project (100 units).

## By the numbers

232

CONSTITUENT REQUESTS RECIEVED

201

CONSTITUENT REQUESTS RESOLVED

4

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS SERVED

338

CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS PROVIDED

38

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

4

BILLS PASSED INTO LAW

13

HOMELESS OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CLEANUPS COMPLETED

15

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

43

SCHOOL EVENTS ATTENDED

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