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Aloha Neighbor,

What a month it has been.

Following Tropical Storm Lala, it was incredible to see our community come together when our neighbors needed help. Thanks to our local businesses, community partners, and volunteers, **we distributed hot meals to more than 800 families in just two days** at Kipapa Neighborhood Park. More than anything, I was reminded that when times get tough, our community shows up for one another.

This summer, I had the honor of representing Hawai'i in national conversations, including helping to pass a resolution to ensure states and AANHPI communities have a strong voice in federal decisions that affect us.

Closer to home, I **spent time with students and educators** focused on sustainability, alternative learning, and the future of education, welcomed **new affordable housing at Koa Ridge**, and continued working with our partners on challenges facing Central O'ahu.

It is an honor to represent a community that cares so deeply for one another. As always, please reach out if my office can be of assistance.

In Service,

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Representative Trish La Chica



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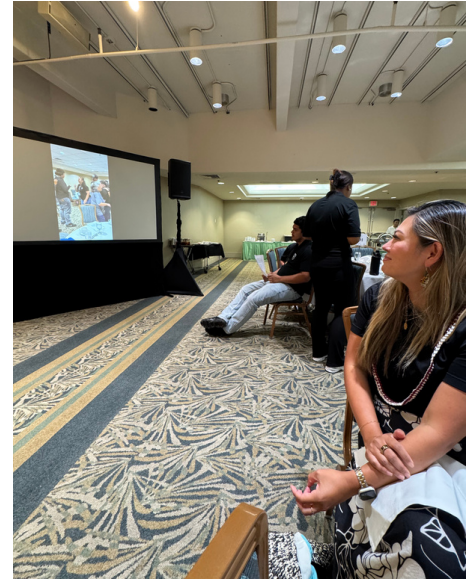
Climate Policy & Our Future

In July, I participated as a panelist as part of the Sustainability Fellowship Program (SFP), a group of public, private, and charter school students from across Hawaii who are dedicated to stewarding the environment through the lens of Aloha 'Āina.



3rd Annual Charter Summit I Mua Kākou: Navigating Forward Together

I was honored to serve as a guest speaker alongside Nainoa Thompson, master navigator of Hōkūle'a, connecting with educators and leaders who are helping shape the future of education in Hawai'i.



Alternative Learning Summer Student Summit Showcase

Celebrating our ALPSS at-promise students as they showcased their creativity, skills, and accomplishments in business and media.

NCEL Annual Meeting

Last month, I joined 200+ lawmakers from around the country to participate in the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators' Annual Meeting, where we discussed topics focused on energy affordability, disaster response, housing, transportation, and biodiversity.

Addressing Federal Impacts at the NAPACSL Annual Meeting

At this year's annual NAPACSL meeting, I was proud to draft and help pass a resolution reaffirming the role of states in our federal system and calling for federal policies and funding decisions that don't leave states carrying the burden. I'm grateful to co-chair NAPACSL's Special Committee on Federal Impacts with Utah Senator Karen Kwan as we work across state lines to ensure AANHPI communities are heard and represented in Washington D.C.



Community Updates



Tropical Storm Lala Meal Distribution

I am extremely grateful to everyone who came together for our two-night hot meal distribution at Kipapa Neighborhood Park following Tropical Storm Lala. Together, we were able to provide meals to more than 800 families in just two days!

Mahalo nui loa to Farm Kine Tings, World Central Kitchen, HPD, City & County DPR–PMRS, Jeremiah’s Island Fusion, HI Risk Management, Mililani Restaurant, Chef Hui, Hideaway Barbershop, Transforming Communities with Aloha, Hideaway Cafe, and all of the neighbors who came out to help one another.



Koa Vista II Grand Opening

I recently was invited to the grand opening and blessing of Koa Vista II in Koa Ridge. The new build features 97 one-bedroom units for families of all ages earning up to 80% of the area median income, with rents starting at \$1,600 per month. The development includes a multi-purpose room, laundry room, shared office space, victory garden, open park space, and 110 parking stalls.

I also enjoyed spending time with residents, hearing their feedback and learning what they would like to see as their new community continues to grow. For more info visit www.hawaiiiaffordable.com

SNAP FOOD REPLACEMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

Current SNAP recipients who lost food due to Hurricane Lala now have until September 3, 2026 to request replacement benefits.

- What you need: A signed statement including:
- Date the food was lost
 - Estimated dollar value of food lost
 - Brief description of what happened
 - Your contact information

Apply online: bit.ly/snap-replacement or email completed forms via email to your area DHS Processing Center.

Need assistance? Call 1-855-643-1643.

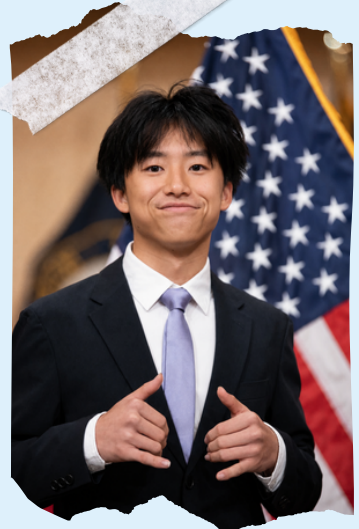


Central O’ahu Homelessness Response Coalition

On August 3, I joined the Honolulu Police Department District 2, Hawai’i DOT, U.S. Army, and homeless and mental health service providers to discuss community-centered solutions on how to address the ongoing challenges with homeless encampments and significant trash concerns in the region.

This meeting resulted in the newly created **Central O’ahu Homelessness Response Coalition** to strengthen coordination, connect residents with resources, and better support both our housed and houseless community members.

Meet The Interns



Sidney Taise
OFFICE INTERN

Aloha! I’m a Senior in Highschool and currently serve as Head Drum Major of my school’s Marching Band, Student Teacher with the local Intermediate School Band, and my School Blood Drive Student Coordinator. I’m also involved in HOSA, Mock Trial and National Honor Society. My passions are organizing community initiatives, mentoring others, and finding ways to make a positive impact. ✨



Jacob Nguyen
OFFICE INTERN

Aloha! I’m a Sophmore in Highschool and I currently serves as YMCA Youth Governor of Hawai’i (2026–27), Student Body President, and Varsity Basketball Captain, and is a member of Youth in Government. Through these leadership roles, I advocate for my peers, organizes school initiatives, and continues to grow my passion for education and workforce development. ✨



WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Our office takes great pride in working on various issues important to our community. If you need assistance, please contact our office:

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