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to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Enclosed is some helpful information about **services that provide food and groceries**, especially for kupuna who may need assistance. The situation continues to evolve on a daily basis, so please note that this information is subject to change.

We should be inspired by the message posted outside **Pearl City Highlands Elementary School** (in the photograph below) — by bonding together we are truly stronger as a community!

Also in this newsletter are the results of a **community survey** on several issues

pending before the Legislature when we were forced to recess in March. These measures will likely be considered by the 2021 Legislature.

My office continues to operate remotely and we will do our very best to respond to your emails, phone calls and questions. As always, if I may be of assistance, feel free to call me at **586-6340** or via email at reptakayama@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo and please stay safe,

Gregg Takayama
 State Representative

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Aloha Neighbors:

During these stressful times, I sincerely hope you and your families are healthy and safe. Thank you for sheltering in place and practicing social distancing

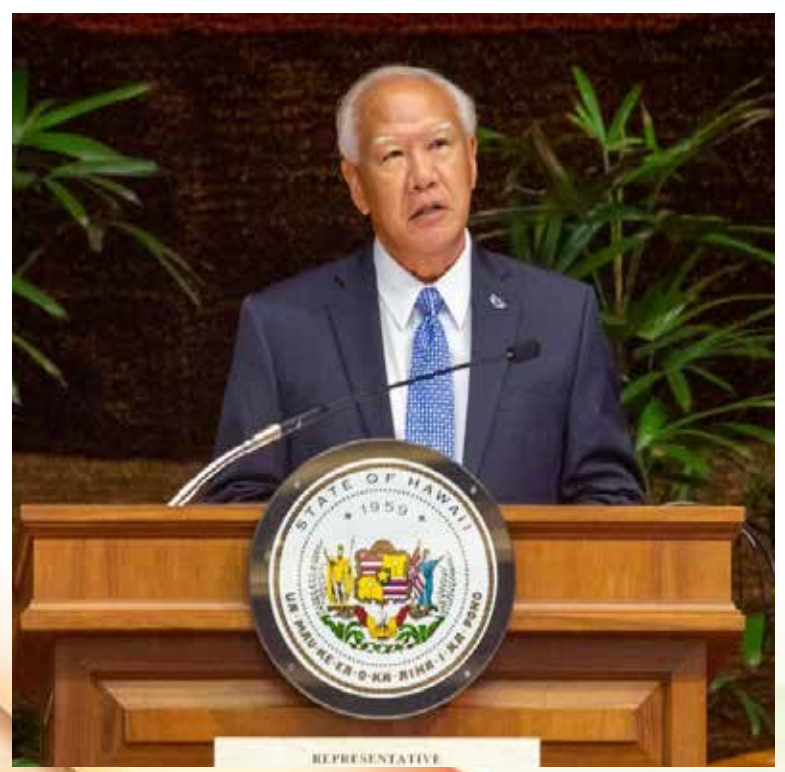


ABOVE: In response to a call for assistance, Gregg's office staff member Nia Stanfield-Hobbs amassed several boxes of donations to the Lunalilo Home, a retirement home in Hawaii Kai.



UPPER RIGHT: A member of Gregg's office staff, Dakota Anderson, volunteered for several weeks to help process unemployment insurance claims at the Convention Center.

BOTTOM: A Pearl City family who wishes to remain anonymous donated 40 N95 safety masks to Gregg, who turned them over to State Homeless Coordinator Scott Morishige, for use by health care personnel serving the homeless.



Gregg was invited to present the first invocation to the re-opening of the State House when it convened on May 12.

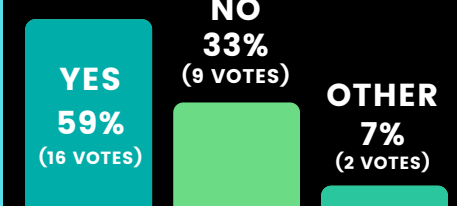


Gregg and Council-member Brandon Elefante joined fellow Pearl City Lions and other volunteers on May 2 at Pearl City Shopping Center to distribute 8,000 free safety masks donated by Robert Kurisu from Every1ne Hawaii and pastries donated by Zippy's.

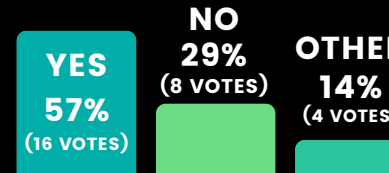
COMMUNITY SURVEY 2020 RESULTS

DO YOU SUPPORT:

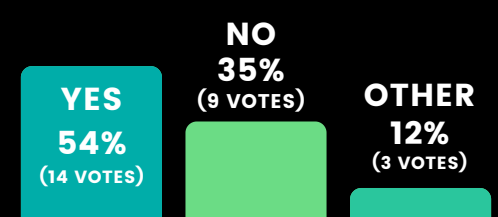
RESTRICTING RIFLE MAGAZINE TO 10 ROUNDS OR LESS



INCREASE MIN WAGE FROM \$10.10 TO \$13 OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS



INCREASE PENALTIES ON OFFENDERS VICTIMIZING THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 60



WHAT TOPICS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? (25 SUBMISSIONS)

TAX INCREASE - COVID19 RELATED FINANCES - SAFETY AND VAPING IN SCHOOLS - UTILITY RATES - ACCESS TO PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CARE - HOMELESSNESS - HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY - ACCESSIBILITY TO LEGISLATORS AND UNDERSTANDING OF BILLS - FIREWORKS - SPEEDING - SENIOR SUPPORT - SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY AND CURRICULUM

More school improvements funded

The Legislature will be approving “shovel ready” school improvement projects that can begin work quickly to provide much-needed jobs to help revive our struggling economy. Among those project slated for approval are the following new

Pearl City projects for the 2021 fiscal year:

PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL
\$4 million for design and construction of campus-wide electrical upgrades; and

WAI'AU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
\$1.1 million for design and construction of campus-wide electrical upgrades and site improvements.

These are in addition to the following school projects previously approved for the current 2020 fiscal year:

HIGHLANDS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
\$5.5 million for design and construction of campus-wide electrical upgrades; and site improvements.

PALISADES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
\$5.5 million for design and construction of covered play court with storage and restrooms; and

PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL
\$2.5 million for construction of a baseball and softball complex; grounds and site improvements; and equipment. Also, \$400,000 for parking lot resurfacing and road improvements.



Gregg helps direct traffic at the Pearl City Shopping Center during the May 2nd free safety mask giveaway.

FOOD RESOURCES

KUPUNA MEALS

NA KUPUNA MAKAMAE CENTER
(808) 773-7047

Food is available on a first-come, first-served basis at pick up location: 653 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96813 on select dates.

TOUCH A HEART
(808) 779-7083

Weekly Kupuna & Family Meal Program (3-meal dinner pack) is available each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kalihi Union Church. All meals can be refrigerated and/or frozen.

HAWAII MEALS ON WHEELS
(808) 988-6747

Delivering packaged/frozen meals to most vulnerable clients.

HAWAII FOODBANK — SENIOR FOOD BOX
(808) 954-7868

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program, provides low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age with one box of food per month.

HELPING HANDS

OUR KUPUNA
(808) 400-4506

A volunteer is matched to a kupuna (over 65-years-old). They will check in once a week and shop for the kupuna. The kupuna is responsible for reimbursing the sponsor for the cost of the items via cash/check.

HELP IS ON THE WAY — Grocery Pickup
(406) 426-1013

Free delivery services for kupuna and others in need. Clients make the arrangements for the pickup of groceries or supplies and provide us with the delivery instructions.

KEIKI MEALS PRODUCE

Hawaii Farm Bureau — Farm to Car
(808) 848-2074

A pilot program to help meet the demand for fresh, locally grown produce and support our farmers. Orders must be prepaid through online marketplace. Pickup from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Wednesdays at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center next to the Box Office.

HIDOE — GRAB AND GO KEIKI MEALS
(808) 784-6200

Select schools provide breakfast (7:30-8AM) and lunch (11:30- 12PM) free of charge to children 18 years or younger, regardless of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Caregivers picking up a meal must be accompanied by a child. Lehua Elementary School is one of the sites.

NO KID HUNGRY
Text “Food” to 877-877

A Text Hotline that lets parents know about emergency food distribution sites in their neighborhoods.