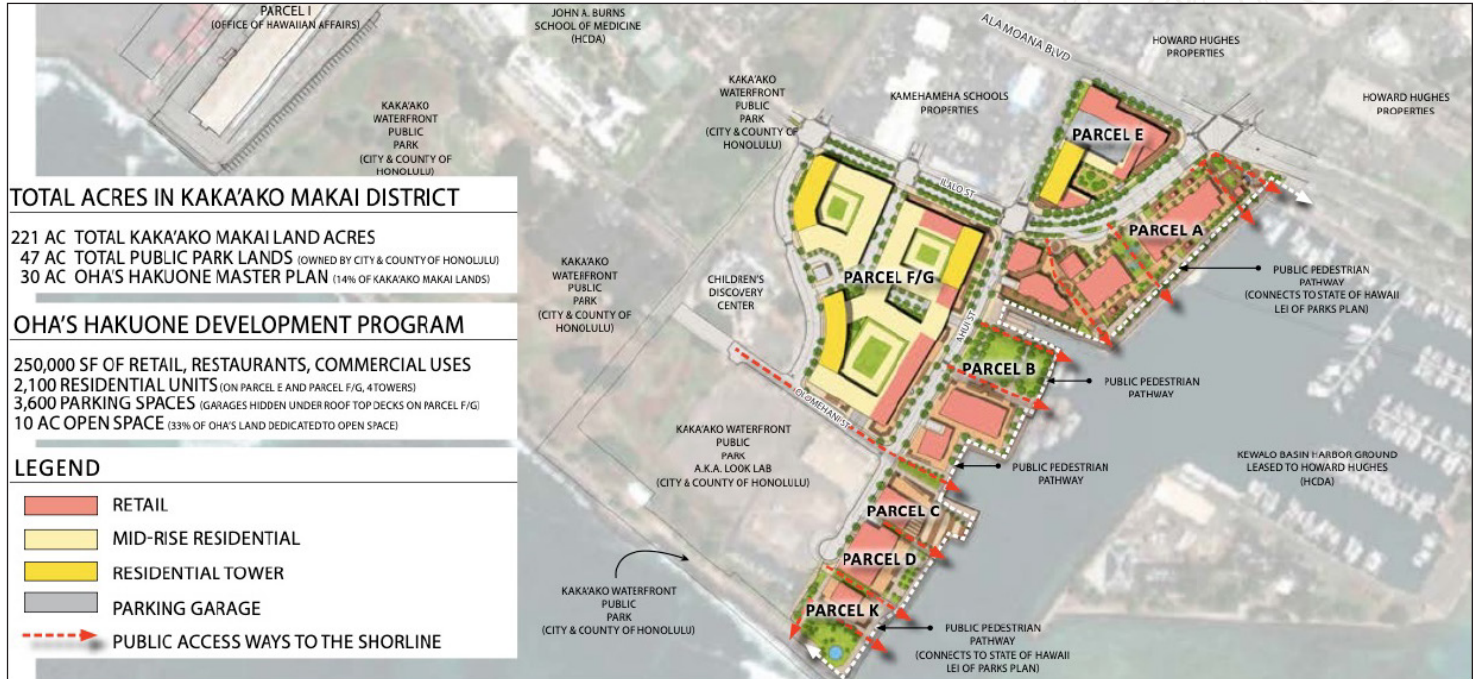


# Senator Sharon Moriwaki Caring for Each Other

DISTRICT 12  
Ala Moana, Kakaako,  
McCully, Sheridan,  
Waikiki

## Renewed drive to build 400' residential condos in Kakaako Makai



Legislation to repeal the statutory ban on residential development in Kakaako Makai and raise the allowable height limit from 200 feet to 400 feet South of Ala Moana Blvd. has been introduced in the House ([HB270](#)) and Senate ([SB736](#)). The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is backing the legislation that will allow them to build 2,100 residential units in mid-rise buildings and four 400 foot tall towers on parcels E, F, & G. This is the fourth time similar legislation has been introduced since the land was conveyed to OHA in 2012. The development of housing in Kakaako Makai was prohibited by the State Legislature in 2006 after Alexander & Baldwin Inc. proposed two luxury condominium towers which created a flurry of opposition. Since then, the Hawaii Community Development Authority adopted the [Kakaako Makai Conceptual Master Plan](#) which was vetted and supported by a broad swath of members of the community including the Kakaako Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) composed of many significant community stakeholders such as park advocates, the surfing community, academicians, along with advocates for the arts and cultural communities. The Master Plan created a vision and guiding principles for Kakaako Makai that did not include residential development. The legislation will soon be scheduled for hearings so make sure you submit testimony and let your voice be heard on this important matter.

## My staff and I are here to *serve YOU!*

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

## Senator Moriwaki introduces legislation in response to community concerns

Throughout the interim, our office has gathered concerns from the community through constituents that have reached out to our office and through our annual online survey. Our office has introduced several bills that address concerns and priorities of residents in our district. Among those being drafted are the following:

- Allow police to pull over noisy vehicles, including motorcycles with suspected modified mufflers and increase fines for illegally installed mufflers ([SB586](#), [SB587](#))
- Increase the maximum jail sentence for misdemeanor convictions from one year to two years and petty misdemeanor convictions from thirty days to one year (no bill no. yet)
- Adjust noise laws to allow law enforcement to enforce noise violations of amplified and other noise above a certain decibel level ([SB589](#), [SB590](#)) and create a noise activated camera pilot program ([SB588](#))
- Disallow carrying of a firearm in sensitive locations such as at hospitals, schools, churches, parks and within Waikiki ([SB882](#)) and increase background check requirements and training for firearm license applicants ([SB883](#))
- Allow clinicians rather than judges to make a determination to be able to treat mentally ill individuals whom are often homeless ([SB592](#)) and broaden definitions to allow hospitalization due to mental illness or drug abuse ([SB880](#))
- Require the Hawaii Community Development Authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate resilience development in the design and siting of buildings in Kakaako (no bill no. yet)
- Allow the approval of capital improvement projects at state small boat harbors and State parks to be expedited (no bill no. yet)
- Allow counties to transfer and sell eyesore properties and recoup fees ([SB598](#))

Senator Moriwaki will also support capital improvement program budgets for projects at schools across the district, in the Ala Wai Boat Harbor, and in Waikiki. Committee hearings could begin as early as the last week of January so follow the bills that interest you and please weigh in with written or in person testimony. They are important to passing bills!

## Legislative Kupuna Caucus adopts bill package

Did you know 47% of voters in Senate District 12 are age 65+? As co-convener of the Legislative Kupuna Caucus, Senator Moriwaki joined her House counterpart, Rep. Troy Hashimoto, to convene the caucus and announce the five proposals that the caucus voted on as priorities for the upcoming legislative session:

- Create a rent supplement program for low-income seniors at risk of becoming homeless ([SB898](#))
- Enhance Hawaii's Our Care, Our Choice Act which established procedures for medical aid-in-dying ([SB899](#))
- Enhance the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) which helps people navigate the complexities of health insurance ([SB900](#))
- Increase the expediency and amount of information posted regarding care home inspections by the Office of Health Care Assurance ([SB901](#))
- Create a long-term care workforce education and training program ([SB902](#))

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## CITIZEN PATROLS SCHEDULE

Mondays:

- 5:00pm - Mother Waldron Park
- 6:45pm - Sheridan, meet at King & Pensacola

Tuesdays:

- 4:30pm - Waikiki Baptist Church
- 6:00pm - Eaton Square

Wednesdays:

- 6:45pm - Sheridan, meet at King & Pensacola

Thursdays:

- 4:30pm - Banyan Tree by Duke's statue
- 6:00pm - Ala Wai Boat Harbor at grassy area oceanside of the Harbor Office

