

Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board – February 1, 2024

Senator Karl Rhoads

Last meeting: December 7, 2023

1. \$7 million in Capital Improvement Project funds was released to McKinley High School for improvements to their athletic complex.
2. In response to Board member Fitzsimmons concern regarding the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) and their role in sentencing, a task force was set up by the Legislature to study HPA's role in setting minimum terms of imprisonment. Please see the following:
 - HCR 23 (2023 session) was adopted which established a task force led by the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC), to study HPA setting of the minimum terms of imprisonment.
 - Task force report is due 10/21/2024
 - Karl introduced the companion Resolution (SCR 205) and heard the Resolution that was adopted in his committee.
 - HCSOC has a public webpage about the task force that includes agendas, meeting minutes, and information on how the public can attend meetings, at <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/hcr23-task-force/>
3. I received numerous complaints regarding the feral chickens in the Downtown and Chinatown area. As in past occurrences, I will use some of my legislative funds to have them removed.
4. Last week, the Dept. of Health reported 883 new Covid cases with a 7-day average of 104 cases and 6 deaths for that weekly period. I encourage you to stay up to date on your covid shots as well as your flu shots. If you are over 60, there is now a vaccine for Respiratory Sincytial (sin-SISH-uhl) Virus (RSV) which is also a good idea to get.
5. Please don't hesitate to call my office, (808) 586-6130, with questions or concerns or email me at senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov