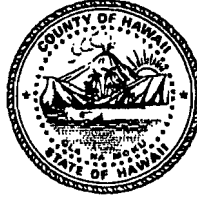


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February 3, 2006

The Honorable David Ige
Chair, Committee on
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Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Lorraine Inouye
Chair, Committee on Transportation
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Dear Senator Ige, Senator Inouye, and Committee Members:

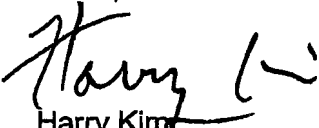
RE: SB 2411 Making an Appropriation for a Puna Recreational Complex in Paho

For those of you who know the Puna district in Hawai'i County, you know that it is a very large area that is woefully underserved by government. Puna is our fastest growing district, primarily because real estate is relatively affordable by Hawai'i standards. The district has numerous subdivisions that are substandard, in that they do not have County standard roads and often survive on catchment water.

Because of the fast growth of the area, the public recreational facilities available to the Puna communities have become more and more inadequate. The County's vision is to create a complex that would include a gym, community center, soccer/football field, baseball fields, a comfort station, pavilions, and parking. We would like to put it near a new Paho Police and Fire Station, creating a new multi-purpose district park. This vision will not become a reality based on County resources alone, and that is why we are asking for your assistance. We expect such a facility to cost \$8 million to plan, design, and construct. Any help you can give us in moving towards the realization of such a project would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,


Harry Kim
MAYOR