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Kapolei Chamber of Commerce: 2016 Overview

How business and government are contributing to Kapolei's growth

n December 2, 2016, the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce held a sold out annual Holiday Luncheon featuring two speakers who gave a comprehensive overview of

Kapolei's 2016 accomplishments and initiatives. They ran the gamut from economic and infrastructure development, to social and quality of life issues and protection of community amenities.



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, December 17th
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday, December 26th
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 29th
3:00 pm – 7:00 p.m.
Bloodmobile

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Featured speakers Councilmember Kymberly Pine and Steve Kelly, vice president of Kapolei Properties Division.

Investments booming in Kapolei

If there was ever any doubt that Kapolei is the largest, most stable area for investment in Hawai'i, one only needs to look at the volume of investments during 2016 and 2017. Steve Kelly, vice president of the James Campbell Company's Kapolei Properties Division, presented a sweeping overview of public and private investments over that period, totaling more than \$5.5 billion in active projects, plus another \$600 million in infrastructure projects both in progress and planned.

Active or Recently Completed Projects

These Kapolei region projects include:

- Kapolei Lofts, the city's first rental apartment complex
- Kapolei West, a mixed-use resort project
- Kapolei Commons' theatre complex
- Four Seasons Resort at Ko Olina
- Ka Makana Ali'i, the just opened regional mall in East Kapolei

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- University of Hawai'i West O'ahu's Allied Health/ Administration building, the Creative Media Center, and Tokai International College
- D.R. Horton's Hoʻopili, Mehana and Kahiwelo residential development, which accounts for more than \$5 billion in investments
- Other projects include C.S. Wo Kapolei, Embassy Suites Kapolei, Ilima at Leihano, Kalapawai Kapolei, and Kapolei Business Park Phase 2

Kelly said that private and public investment activity will continue unabated with new investments on the horizon. These are major projects, including China Oceanwide's resort developments in Ko Olina and Kapolei, Hunt's massive ongoing Kalaeloa revitalization projects, the continued expansion of Kapolei Business Park, and the James Campbell Company's Western Kapolei projects.

Infrastructure Projects

Long-term work on roadways, sewer and harbor improvements continue, representing both public and private investments. They are:

- City of Kapolei urban core roads
- Kalaeloa Boulevard roadway and sewer improvements
- The Kapolei Interchange, which is slated for completion in 2018
- Kalaeloa Harbor improvements

"Public and private infrastructure investment drives the continued growth of Kapolei," Kelly said. "We sincerely value our key public sector partners such as DOT in making sure the infrastructure is in place to make Kapolei's public policy of directed growth successful."

GROWTH IN KAPOLEI Billions of Investments in Active Projects Ho'opili Queens West **Queens System** U.H. West O'ahu Kahiwelo Mass Transit D.R. Horton Tokai University Ko Olina Resort The Resort Group Disney Four Seasons DHHL Communities Villages of DHHL City of Kapolei West Kapolei Ka Makana Ali'i DHHL DeBartolo Group Mehana Kapolei Business Park Walton St./Avalor Industrial Park Campbell Industrial Park Island Energy Services

The government perspective: looking back

Councilmember Kymberly
Marcos Pine delivered a broad
ranging keynote address, which
gave an overview of the year's
initiatives. As District 1's
representative, Pine's initiatives
were informed by the goal of
improving quality of life through
economic empowerment, traffic
relief, cultural awareness and
protecting open spaces and parks.

Economic Development

■ Job creation was at the top of the agenda. The major push was Pine's Hire Leeward initiative, which connects Leeward residents with prospective employers. Since it started four years ago, Hire Leeward has seen thousands of jobs offered at its job fairs. This year's two fairs were especially successful. For example, 700 jobs were offered by Four Seasons Resort alone. Ka Makana Ali'i's grand opening also offered new local jobs, which are expected to grow as the shopping center is built out. The Kapolei Chamber

of Commerce is the fiscal sponsor and partner for the Hire Leeward Fair.

- Rail transit was also a top priority, with City Council oversight requiring greater financial and operational accountability from HART.
- The City's infrastructure improvements included connector roads to Kamokila Boulevard, the Makakilo Drive extension, and Nānākuli contraflow lanes.

Parks

Programs to improve the quality of life of West O'ahu residents included:

- Adopt a Park Initiative to have more parks adopted along the Leeward Coast.
- Cultural Markers Initiative to start a citywide program to have cultural markers in all parks.
- City Assets Bill sponsorship to help with parks capital improvements.

Homelessness

Responding to the escalating homeless situation in Kapolei, Pine's recent Homeless Forum brought together businesses, organizations and government representatives to coordinate efforts to find the best, most manageable solutions to the problem. County government is providing \$2 million per council district for homeless infrastructure. This will help cooperating businesses and non-profits provide job placement/training, social services and housing.

Future Developments Some 2017 initiatives:

- Expanding the scope of Hire Leeward to include more job training and promotion of Leeward businesses through a new initiative – Buy Leeward.
- Completing road maintenance and future designs for Kapolei Parkway, Kamokila Boulevard, Kalaeloa Boulevard, and Campbell Industrial Park, as well as rehabbing streets in Campbell Industrial Park.
- Blue Zones application to initiate a community-wide Blue Zones Project aimed at making it easier for the community to make healthy choices, and transform Kapolei into an even better place to life, work and play.

"As a community, we have so much to be proud of," said Pine. "Together we will enter the new year with fresh ideas to help Kapolei thrive for years to come."





