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KAPOLEI TOWN HALL MEETING TO FOCUS ON EDUCATION

HONOLULU – NOVEMBER 24, 2003 – COUNCILMEMBER MIKE GABBARD AND BOARD OF Education member Carol Gabbard will host a "town hall" meeting tomorrow to focus on improving education in the Kapolei, Makakilo, Honokai Hale, and Ko Olina communities.

The pair has teamed up with Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Senator Brian Kanno, Representatives Mark Moses and Mike Kahikina, and Board of Education member Breene Harimoto to ensure that the meeting is a success.

"Carol and I were asked by members of the Kapolei/Makakilo/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board to put this meeting together for the community," Gabbard said. "It's no secret that the City of Kapolei is experiencing growing pains from fast-paced residential and commercial development. This is a chance for our community to come together with their elected officials, Department of Education representatives, school principals, and Parent Community Network Centers to find ways to address the area's education needs and create better schools for our children."

The meeting will build upon a previous forum held by the Kapolei/Makakilo/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board and will address such issues as the effects of residential development, drug use, gangs, teen pregnancy, conditions of school facilities, and the State Budget for education. The meeting is set for Tuesday, November 25th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kapolei High School Cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Councilmember Gabbard's office at 547-7001.

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