



Kapolei Court Complex Taking Shape

Completion scheduled for April 2010

With completion of construction less than a year away, the Kapolei Court Complex is already an impressive sight, with stands of palms marking the entryway to the court building. Located on Kapolei Parkway next to Costco, the long-awaited Court Complex is sited on nearly 11 acres donated at no cost to the state by James Campbell Company. It includes the court building with 13 courtrooms and offices to serve the Family Court and the Wai'anae District Court, and a juvenile detention facility that can house up to 66 juveniles. The Court Complex will bring more than 300 jobs to the Kapolei region.

To accommodate attorneys, the Judiciary will provide video-conferencing services between Kapolei and Honolulu, and will also courier attorney filings when necessary between the two locations.

Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, who was instrumental in securing state funding for the complex as chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, said, "The vision of a true second city must include establishments such as the Kapolei Court Complex. The



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initial concept was to move all family court related activities to the Kapolei area. This made common sense because Kapolei was becoming the new community for young couples starting families and buying their homes; and with this come issues related to the family, which the family court system addresses. Part of the complex is the much needed Juvenile Detention Center. Those of us who supported the Kapolei

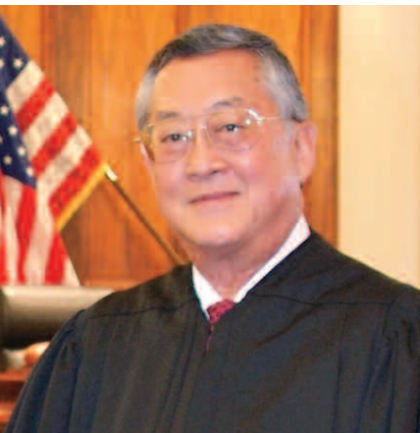
Complex believe that it would be the most efficient use of government resources to have all of the support agencies to the family court system located in Kapolei."

Maeda Timson, chair of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board, agreed, adding that "The Kapolei Court Complex brings significant family court services to Kapolei and West side families. It will be much more convenient than driving into town and further recognizes Kapolei as a major O'ahu urban center. This is another example of what makes Kapolei special—a city built on partnerships between government, businesses and community."

The Court Complex will also serve as an important community symbol, according to Chief Justice Ronald Moon, who is its

leading proponent. "The presence of the Judiciary is another step to fulfilling the promise of a second city in Kapolei, as no public building symbolizes the freedom and optimism of this country more than a courthouse, where equal justice for all is at the core of our democracy. The Kapolei Court Complex will be a lasting resource for the community and its surrounding areas."

It is anticipated that the Kapolei Court Complex will stimulate the creation of additional jobs at new projects like the Haumea Center, which is scheduled to open for business in late 2010. This office building will attract a number of businesses, many of whom would be well situated to provide support services related to the Family Court and Wai'anae District Court.



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