

From the Community and for the Community

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STATE SENATE®



Humble Beginnings

Sharon grew up in Sheridan (Ala Moana) and graduated from Kaimuki High School. She spent summers with her family at her favorite place -- Ala Moana Beach Park. She went away to earn a doctorate and law degree before coming back to Hawaii.



A life of Public Service

Her lifelong career has been in public service -- as Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Older and Non-English Speaking Service and then on to its Deputy Director; Director of the Department of Human Resources Development; Administrative Director of the Courts; and UH Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Associate Director of the UH Public Policy Center.



A Voice for the Community

Sharon founded Kaka'ako United to fight luxury condos for outsiders and promote homes affordable for residents. When it became apparent that lawmakers were not listening to the community, Sharon decided to run for office and was elected in 2018.



Mahalo for the opportunity to serve **YOU!**



Four years ago, I ran for the State Senate on a promise to be “a voice for you” and was honored to

have been elected to represent our community in the legislature.

We have been working for you ever since -- promoting safe neighborhoods, building affordable housing, caring for our keiki and kupuna, and preserving our environment and our island way of life. I hope to continue serving you as we care for each other.

Aloha,



Promoting Safe Neighborhoods

In her first session in office, Sharon introduced measures to attack crime and noise pollution from illegal vehicle mufflers and liquor establishments. She spearheaded a homelessness task force which resulted in multiple bills in the current session to reduce homelessness on all fronts. She also joins neighbors on a number of citizen patrols in the district –from Waikiki to Kaka`ako.

◀ Sharon co-hosting a Waikiki crime townhall



Helping our Kupuna

After taking office, Sharon was appointed co-convener of the Kupuna Caucus composed of legislators and stakeholders working to help seniors. Since then, Kupuna Care and Caregivers funding was expanded to assist more elders to age-in-place, increased penalties for crimes against seniors, and added staff and resources to advocate for seniors in care homes.

Sharon with members of the Kupuna Caucus at a bill signing ▶



Fighting for Responsible Housing Growth

As a member of the Housing and Ways & Means Committees, Sharon backed legislation and funding for more affordable housing; and public, open spaces. She fought against building towers nearly as tall as Diamond Head and helped block 400-foot residential towers on the Kaka`ako Makai waterfront (SB1334 2021).

◀ Sharon addressing dozens of residents who came to the Capitol to oppose SB1334



and Protecting our Shorelines

Sharon spearheaded planning for sea level rise adaptation and Waikiki shoreline and harbor improvement.

Blessing and protecting our Waikiki shoreline ▶

