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my office if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community. You can reach me at (808) 586-9490 or at repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

Before we dive into some of my 2020 Legislative Issue Survey results, I want to announce some exciting news from the Matsumoto Family.

My husband and I are expecting our second child to be born on Christmas Day! We're very excited for our family to be growing and my son is looking forward to having a little sister. We treasure your thoughts and prayers for a healthy birth and a quick recovery!

I have a wonderful office staff that is ready to assist you with anything in the case you need something when I am unavailable. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them just as you normally would with any community concerns, questions about legislation, or other ways we can be of assistance. I'm eager for a quick return to the Legislature!

I want to extend a warm mahalo to my constituents for submitting responses to my 2020 Legislative Issues Survey. Your input and responses are an important part of shaping my bill package and helping me to properly represent your concerns and interests during session.

Here are some highlights from this year's 2020 Legislative Issues Survey:

A third of the survey responses were from Waialua.

For our biggest statewide issue, 32% said homelessness, 28% said cost of living, and 12% said education. Other issues like agriculture, disaster preparedness, or crime were equally ranked.

When asked what infrastructure improvements were most needed, 63% said road repair, followed by 13% who said schools. Other infrastructure like state highways, sidewalks, or bike paths were equally ranked.

Ideas for community improvements or bill ideas were most commonly centered around education, health & safety, and cost of living issues.

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in the survey!

And as we move into the 2020 Legislative Session, take the time to brush up on your legislative knowledge by visiting the Capitol website at capitol.hawaii.gov or the Public Access Room at <http://lrh-hawaii.org/par/>. Both are great resources to understand the legislative process all the way from just an idea to being signed into law. There are also great resources to learn how to write and submit testimony, follow bills throughout the session, and more.

And as always, please don't hesitate to contact