“Buy Local” has long been supported here on the islands, which is why the Chamber is proud to be participating in a national initiative to encourage shopping at local small businesses on “Small Business Saturday,” November 26, the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. Across the islands the heart of commerce beats proudly from shopping centers to communities and neighborhoods. Small businesses comprise more than 90 percent of companies in Hawaii. Locally-owned retail shops featuring local designers and restaurants that source locally-grown ingredients have been fostered with developers such as The Howard Hughes Corporation, Kamehameha Schools, A&B and Stanford Carr creating neighborhoods that integrate residences, retail stores, restaurants and entertainment venues, providing these small businesses an opportunity to reach a broader audience.

The Chamber is partnering with member businesses on Small Business Saturday to encourage patronage to these businesses. While this campaign takes place on one day nationwide, we encourage everyone to support a small business every day as these businesses keep our economy moving. Also, if you have not yet taken the Federal Reserve Bank Small Business Survey, we encourage you to participate.

So that we are more aware of the types of resources that are needed to support your business, visit the “News” section of the Chamber’s website at cochawaii.org to complete the survey, which closes November 23, 2016.

Welcome New Members

- ARBOR INC Products, Inc.
- Ahmed Service VMC
- BHRE - The Parc Team
- Benefish & Associates
- Blue Pacific LLC
- Brian Cramer
- Conceptual Digital Innovative
- Crossman Construction
- Clean Living Livingstone
- Elite Pacific Properties
- EnviroServices & Training Centers LLC
- High Tech Kila
- Jack in the Box Hawaii
- Jamba Juice Hawaii
- Kauai Business Promotions
- Lori Properties – Jody Stahl
- Lori Property – Waino Ha
- Utah Personalized Imaging
- Uip
- DpConnect

Welcome New Young Professionals

- Thuka Pukihana
- Jocelyn Reyes
- Michael Gravet
- Mike Candelaria & Partners, Inc.
- Kurt Takeda
- Llana & Associates
- Christopher Tavita
- Mark Wong
- Touka Wong
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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAMBER EVENTS

November 21 » YP Professional Development Class
November 29 - Business After Hours
at Hilton Alana Waikiki
December 2 - 2nd Annual Holiday Party at Halekulani
December 9 - YP End-of-Year Party Rock the Red

For more information on all events, to register or to join the Chamber, visit cochawaii.org or call 808-545-4300.

MEMBER EVENTS

November 23 »
Royal Hawaiian Center Holiday Kick Off!
November 24 »
IHS Homeward Bound SK Run/Walk
November 24 »
Thanksgiving Lunch at The Plaza Club
December 1 »
Mai Tais and Meditation Yoga & Shopping Spree at Trump International Waikiki

NEW REGULATORY REVIEW CARD ASSISTS SMALL BUSINESSES

Included in the Chamber’s legislative priorities is support of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB). The SBRRB recently introduced a Regulatory Review Card as a communication tool to help small business owners when they need assistance with a Hawaii Administrative Rule that may negatively impact their business.

Business owners may visit the “Business Resources” section of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism’s website at dbedt.hawaii.gov, fill in the Regulatory Review Card and submit. The submission will be reviewed to determine how the SBRRB may be able to assist.

The SBRRB was established on July 1, 1998, with responsibilities to include review of small business petitions and complaints on business impact. Statutorily, the SBRRB is comprised of nine members – eight current or former owners or officers of businesses from across the state and the Director of DBEDT or the Director’s designated representative. Aside from DBEDT’s Director, board members, with the advice and consent of the Senate, are appointed by the Governor.