

To the residents of the North Shore:

Over the past few months, I have shared my thoughts on some of the current issues we face in our district and in our state. Along the way, other issues have surfaced and it is clear that there will always be another event, crisis and concern that people want to talk about.

In writing essays on Cost of Living, Education, Traffic, and Agriculture, I tried to distill complicated issues into a few hundred words to describe the critical elements and to present reasonable courses of action on these issues.

Solutions are not always easy to come by and implementing those solutions can be extremely difficult, but what is needed in every case is a committed advocate. With a clear vision and a commitment to succeed, the extremely difficult becomes possible. Here are some examples of what can be accomplished.

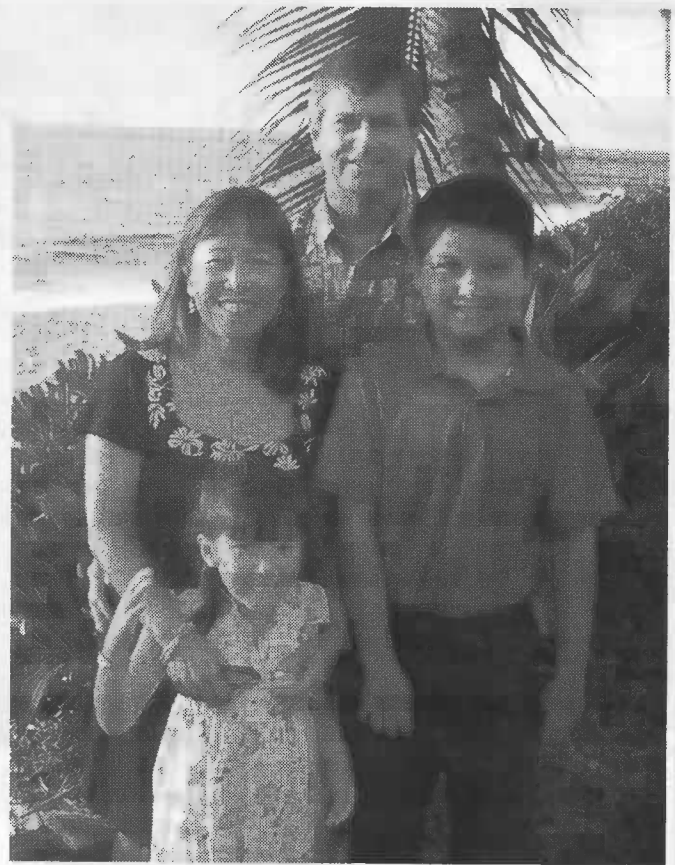
When the owners of the Turtle Bay Resort dusted off a decades-old plan to expand from 500 to 4000 resort units, everyone knew their 1985 environmental impact statement (EIS) was out of date, but few people believed they could be forced to produce a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) before proceeding. The impacts of such a massive expansion would almost certainly have a negative effect on the quality of life for North Shore residents, yet the City refused to order the updated study.

In 2006, we formed Keep the North Shore Country and challenged the City and County of Honolulu and the resort developer in court. After four years, hundreds of thousands of dollars and two lower court rulings against us, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that a SEIS is needed. What many people thought was extremely difficult came to pass because we never gave up, we worked tirelessly, and we were right. We won.

Several years ago, under increasing pressure for more surf contests, the city began to ignore its rules governing surf contests and began to issue more event permits than were allowed. In doing so, the public was unfairly restricted from surfing at certain spots, so we formed Let's Surf Coalition to protect public surf access. We have successfully worked with contest promoters and the city to balance demand between exclusive contest use and public recreational use.

When traffic became a major issue for the North Shore, I became Traffic Committee Chairman for the North Shore Neighborhood Board and the North Shore's first representative to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, the inter-agency group that manages highway planning. It is coming more slowly than we had hoped, but a Laniakea traffic alternatives study should soon begin.

One of my great passions is youth baseball and I am now beginning my third year as President of Waialua Little League. The Little League



District Administrator had these kind words about my involvement: "Gil has shown remarkable leadership skills in resurrecting the Waialua Little League program. His conscientious effort, innovative ideas and cooperation in working with the District staff is appreciated by all. He has proven to be a great motivator and role model to the players of Waialua Little League."

In all of these examples, I accepted leadership as President or Chairman because I had the desire, commitment and ability to help the organizations succeed. I look forward to earning the confidence and support of voters throughout this diverse district so that I can become an even greater advocate for our communities.

I do not pretend to know the answer to everything, but I do listen to all sides with an open mind, I try to learn the history and causes for issues and I consider various options before making decisions. It is my desire to faithfully represent this district and I encourage everyone to share his or her opinion with me, whether we agree or disagree.

As my record demonstrates, all of my community efforts have been for the benefit of our North Shore community, rather than for my own personal gain. My work has been dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of life for others and I will continue to do so as your next Representative.

Thank you for your support and for your vote on November 2nd.

Sincerely,
Gil Riviere