

# Kalakaua Gardens Groundbreaking

## October 14, 2014

### Island Paradise Investments

Photos can be found at:

<https://kalakauagardensgroundbreaking.shutterfly.com>



# Invitation

We invited 140 partners, stakeholders, and community members.

About 65 people attended, including the following guests:

- Senator Mazie Hirono, U.S. Senate
- Director Gary Nakata, representing Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell
- Hawaii State Representative Scott Saiki (area Representative)
- Raytan Vares, representing Hawaii State Senator Brickwood Galuteria (area Senator)

Island Paradise Investments  
and Avalon Health Care Group

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## KALAKAUA GARDENS GROUNDBREAKING

**October 14, 2014 at 1:00 pm**  
**1723 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii**  
the future site of the Kalakaua Gardens

Join us as we formally break ground on the future location of a 17-story project, which will serve 216 kupuna in their long-term healthcare needs.

Light Refreshments will be served  
Special Guest Senator Mazie Hirono



*RSVP by October 7<sup>th</sup> to Rebecca Soon at 506-5064 or [Rebecca@SolutionPacificLLC.com](mailto:Rebecca@SolutionPacificLLC.com)*  
Parking off of Kalauokalani Way • Please wear shoes comfortable for a groundbreaking

# Groundbreaking Event

The event was held under a large white tent on the site of the future Kalakaua Gardens.

Guests were welcomed by a live Hawaiian music band and light refreshments by a world-class Chef.



The Honorable Senator Mazie Hirono shared beautiful remarks, as well as Avalon CEO Randy Kirton, and IPI'S very own Paul Hu. The event was emceed by Olena Heu.



Kahu Kelekona Bishaw led the blessing of the grounds and the groundbreaking ceremony.

Representatives of each of the major project partners participated in the ceremony using traditional 'o'o, Hawaiian digging sticks.



# Press Release



For Immediate Release:

## **Hundreds of Jobs created by Hawaii's Newest Senior Living Community**

*Groundbreaking ceremony to launch 17-story project Tuesday, October 14, 1pm.*

*Honolulu, HI- October 9, 2014-*

Construction is now underway at the future site of Kalakaua Gardens, a \$75 million development located at 1723 Kalakaua Avenue. The 17-story long-term, kupuna living community will house more than 200 residents and create about 300 jobs in the construction phase of the project and just under 200 jobs in the health-care/facility management phase.

Currently, Avalon Health Care Group is seeking applicants to provide for the healthcare needs of future residents. Interested nurses, nurses aids, physical therapists and more are being sought for the project which is slated to be complete in late 2015.

Developed by Island Paradise Investments and managed by Avalon Health Care Group, the project will create 136 assisted living units, 49 skilled-nursing beds, 23 memory-care units and the community features a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center.

*The special groundbreaking ceremony will feature a traditional Hawaiian blessing and special guest U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono.*

### **Available for media interviews:**

**Louis Leong, Vice President, Island Paradise Investments (developer)**

**Wesley Rogers, Regional Vice President, Avalon Health Care Group (management)**

**Ryan Arfman, Senior Project Manager, Swinerton Builders**

**Groundbreaking, Tuesday 10/14 1pm. enter and park off of Kalauokalani Way, wear comfortable shoes.**

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# Media Coverage

**Periodical:** Honolulu Magazine

**Date:** October 14, 2014

**Link:** [New Senior Facility Coming Soon to Waikiki](#)

## Quote

“Hawai‘i’s quality of life means many people live longer here, but that also spurs a growing need for more senior living facilities. The latest kūpuna living community broke ground today on the edge of Waikīkī, and is slated to be complete in 2015. Developed by Island Paradise Investments together with Avalon Health Care Group, the project will feature a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center.”

**Periodical:** Pacific Business News

**Date:** October 9, 2014

**Link:** [\\$75M Senior-living high-rise near Hawaii Convention Center Creating 460 jobs](#)

## Quote

Louis Leong, vice president for San Francisco, California-based Island Paradise Investments, the developer of “Kalakaua Gardens,” told PBN this week that it is planning a “very aggressive” construction schedule. “We are aiming towards an aging-in-place mission,” he said. “Our residents, because of our four levels of care, can stay at our location for a very long period of time.”

**Periodical:** Honolulu Star Advertiser

**Date:** October 10, 2014

**Link:** [Senior-living tower to rise on Kalakaua Avenue](#)

## Quote

“California-based Island Paradise Investments LP is developing the project at 1723 Kalakaua Ave. The tower is designed to have about 200 units, including 136 for assisted living and 23 for memory care. There also will be 49 skilled-nursing beds.”

**Station:** KITV, Morning News Show

**Date:** October 12, 2014

**Link:** [Hundreds of new jobs created by new senior housing](#)

**Interview:** Wesley Rogers, Avalon Health Care



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