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Honolulu City Council • District 4
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Kalani Valley, Kāhala, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimukī, Kapahulu,
Wai'ālae, Diamond Head, and Waikīkī



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Aloha District IV!

In 2013 the month of February was recognized as Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Hawaiian language month, to celebrate and encourage the use of the Hawaiian language. Like most indigenous languages worldwide, the Hawaiian language faced a significant decline due to colonization.

Over the past 40 years, Hawaiian language immersion schools have revitalized the language, growing a new generation of mānaleo, native speakers with Hawaiian as their first language. The resurgence of the Hawaiian language and culture is primarily due to the Hawaiian Renaissance.



I am honored to continue serving the County of Honolulu as the Councilmember for District IV. I also acknowledge and respect the generous volunteerism, dedication, and advocacy of the six neighborhood boards within District IV that inform and work with my office on issues impacting our island home.

As the Chair of the Honolulu City Council, I still believe we have significant challenges and opportunities ahead of us. I specifically remain committed to the following priorities as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen our economy:

- Balancing our City's budget and ensuring we do not cut essential services;
- Reevaluating our Real Property Tax system;
- Increasing O'ahu's affordable housing supply and addressing the systemic issues that cause homelessness; and
- Continuing to support policies that address the immediate threat of climate change.

Your thoughts and opinions are important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me with questions or concerns on city-related issues. We remain committed to working for you.

Mahalo Nui,

Tommy Waters
Honolulu City Councilmember
District 4, from Waikīkī to Hawai'i Kai

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530
Building Permit	768-8220
Building Code Compliance	768-8259
Bus Route/Schedule Info	848-5555
City Council	768-5010
Complaint (City Government)	768-4381
Dead Animal Pickup—City	832-3200
Dead Animal Pickup—State	485-6200
Dept. of Emergency Management	723-8960
Driver Licensing and State ID	768-9100
Illegal Dumping	768-3203
Motor Vehicle Title and Reg	768-4325
Park Maintenance—East Honolulu	768-8944
Pothole Hotline	768-7777
Refuse Collection—Honolulu	832-5990
Satellite City Hall Services	768-4325
Stream Maintenance	768-7890
Street Light Repair	768-5300
Street Sign Repair	768-6300
Tree Trimming	971-7151

How to Register to Speak or Submit Testimony for Council and Committee Meetings

I encourage you to express your views and concerns with regard to any legislation considered by the Honolulu City Council.

With work and family obligations, not all of us have the opportunity or time to attend Council meetings in person. However, you have the option and opportunity to submit testimony via mail, fax, email, or online. To obtain more information about the Honolulu City Council and Council Committee meetings as well as how to submit testimony, log onto <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/testimony>.

If you have any questions about the legislative process, please feel free to contact my office for assistance. My staff and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Council District 4 Updates

IN STREET PEDESTRIAN SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS

We are pleased to report that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) recently approved our requests, on behalf of the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board, to install in Street Pedestrian Crossing (ISPC) signs to deter speeding and increase pedestrian safety at the following two locations:

Kamilo'iki Elementary School
Hawai'i Kai Drive at Ahukini Street
DFM Paint & Sign Work Order (PSWO) #19980

Haha'ione Elementary School
Haha'ione Street at Pepe'ekeo Street
DFM PSWO #27068

DTS submitted the above referenced work orders to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) for installation of the signs, which may take several more months to complete. For additional questions or follow up regarding installation of the in-roads signs, please contact DFM directly at dfmroads@honolulu.gov or 768-3621 or 768-3622.

**RESOLUTION 22-253, CD1
REQUESTING ENFORCEMENT OF CITY'S SIT-LIE ORDINANCES NEAR SCHOOLS**

At the January full Council Meeting, the Council voted to approve Resolution 22-253, CD1.

This Resolution requests the Administration to enforce the sit-lie and stored property ordinances on City sidewalks and public properties located near preschools as well as elementary, intermediate, middle, secondary, and high schools, in order to ensure the full, free, and unobstructed passage of students and other pedestrians to these schools. The Resolution does not expand the laws, but rather asks for enforcement in these particular areas.

The Resolution also requests that the Administration collaborate with other City agencies to provide a written plan on how this could be accomplished within 90 days.

Reminder: The next full City Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, at 10:00 a.m. at Honolulu Hale.**

**SHOWER IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN
AT KAIMANA BEACH**

We are happy to announce that due to the community's advocacy and funds that we inserted into the budget, a new shower is being constructed at Kaimana Beach.

The new shower will be located further mauka of the existing shower, in the grassed area on the eastside of the park between the Waikīkī War Memorial Natatorium and Kaimana Beach Hotel. This project also includes the demolition of the existing, double-head shower. However, recognizing the popularity of this beach and its existing shower facility, the demolition of the current shower is not scheduled until the new shower is completed.

The new shower will include three shower heads and one foot wash, all timed, with an additional drinking fountain, and concrete walkway installed. The project will also include installation of additional shower infrastructure, such as: a concrete pad, pervious pavers around the shower, piping, fittings, and a sediment catch basin.

The \$478,800 construction contract for this project was awarded to Site Engineering, Inc.

The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.



Location of new shower. Photo courtesy of DPR

Council District 4 Updates

COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY

In consideration of the 117 lives that were lost on our roadways in 2022, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation (HDOT) would like to hear from the public regarding traffic safety-oriented enforcement, infrastructure, and public awareness through a Community Traffic Safety Survey.

Information collected from the survey will help HDOT dedicate resources to communities that are greatly impacted by either traffic safety concerns or need additional resources and materials. This survey will be open for responses until December 31, 2023.

To access the survey, please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/g/56wxLzjHyx>.

For Council District IV, the State-owned roads covered by the survey include Kalaniana'ole Highway, Ala Moana Boulevard, and the H-1.

**RESOLUTION 22-290 RELATING TO
WAIKĪKĪ SURF RACKS**

At the January Full Honolulu City Council Meeting, the Council voted to approve Resolution 22-290.

I introduced this Resolution in December in response to many of your requests to relocate the City-owned surf racks in Waikīkī, also known as the Kūhiō Beach Surfboard Lockers. Not only is Hawai'i the birthplace of surfing, but this facility served many avid surfers, including senior citizens and disabled surfers, who could then store and easily access their boards for a monthly fee.

Tenants and community members expressed dismay after two fires in 2020 and 2021 that completely damaged the Waikiki surf racks. Both fires were set by arsonists, and the City had repaired and refurbished the Kūhiō Beach Surfboard Lockers immediately after the first fire only to see the entire facility damaged by a second fire in 2021.

The Resolution asks the City Administration to work cooperatively with community stakeholders to relocate these surfboard lockers so that this recreational facility could continue to serve the surfing community.

Honolulu City Council Committees are scheduled for February 7-9, 2023.
Find out more at honolulucitycouncil.org.

Honoring Kalani High School's Dr. Michael Ida 2023 Hawai'i State Teacher of The Year



The Honolulu City Council honored Kalani High School Math and Computer Science Teacher Dr. Michael Ida, who received to 2023 Hawai'i State Teacher of The Year. The Teacher of the Year honor is presented annually to one teacher selected from more than 12,500 educators with the State of Hawai'i Department of Education. Dr. Ida helped launch the computer science program at Kalani High School to provide project-based learning with real-world applications for students and he also has expanded the curriculum to include two Advanced Placement offerings. Congratulations to Dr. Ida!

Marching in the Martin Luther Jr. King Day Parade



Council Chair Waters joined Councilmember Radiant Cordero and U.S. Congresswoman Jill Tokuda along with other elected officials to march in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade last month.

The parade promoted the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a day of national and community service, and a time to reflect upon the principles of social justice and dedication to global peace.