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ALOHA FROM COUNCIL CHAIR WATERS

Earth Month takes place in April every year. It's a time to raise our environmental consciousness & create awareness around the issues affecting our natural resources. This is especially important during this time of public health crisis & ecological disaster, with problems plaguing our communities like the Red Hill water crisis, Climate Change, & the proposed location for the City's next landfill.

My staff & I have had a busy month, adding the Annual Budget process to our usual day-to-day activities. During March, the Budget Committee held informational briefings where each City's department presented their proposed budgets. After three days of briefings, Councilmembers worked on their amendments, & later in the month, we held a Special Budget Committee meeting to review the proposed Committee Drafts (CD) for budget bills. The budget package will now move to the full Council for second reading & public hearing on Wednesday, April 19th.

Your thoughts & opinions are important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me with questions or concerns on city-related issues or if you have critical community needs to be addressed in the FY 23-24 budget. We remain committed to working for you.

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Mahalo nui,



DISTRICT IV UPDATES

Introducing Park Smarter: A Convenient Way to Pay for Parking



A City Smart Meter with QR code to download Park Smarter Mobile App

Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has recently made strides towards modernizing its parking meters by announcing that approximately 1,700 city parking meters can now accept payment via the smartphone app Park Smarter. The new Park Smarter meters can be found primarily in Honolulu, from Chinatown to Waikīkī.

This initiative by DTS aims to enhance the convenience & accessibility of parking services for the public. With the introduction of this new payment system, drivers can now use their smartphones to pay for parking, providing an efficient & user-friendly experience for all.

Park Smarter is a free mobile application that allows drivers to pay for parking with their smartphones, eliminating the need to carry around coins or rush back to their car to avoid getting a parking ticket. The app also sends reminders when the parking session is about to expire, allowing drivers to extend their parking session remotely. There are no changes to parking fees & those who don't have access to smartphones can still pay for parking with coins.

Park Smarter stickers are placed on meters that accept payment through the mobile app. Making it easy for drivers to identify which meters are compatible. Download Park Smarter on your iOS or Android smart device & start experiencing hassle-free parking today. To learn more about Park Smarter & City parking, please visit:

www.honolulu.gov/transportation/resources/parking.html

Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Volunteer Programs Survey

DPR is seeking the community's input via a short survey to help steer their volunteer programs. The goal is to evaluate DPR Volunteer Programs, detect areas for improvement, boost awareness of DPR volunteer programs, & provide a more user-friendly experience.

You may also opt to enter a drawing for an Annual Family Pass for Foster Botanical Garden by submitting your email address. To learn more & take the survey, please visit this link or scan this QR code:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/parksurvey



Kapi'olani Park Pathway Renovation Underway



Work on the Kapi'olani Park pathway will begin at Monsarrat Avenue & will progress towards Diamond Head

DPR has announced plans to make improvements to the Kapi'olani Park pedestrian pathway stretching from the Makai-side of Pākī Avenue between Monsarrat Avenue & Poni Moi Road. The project aims to enhance the safety & accessibility of the park's pathways, making it easier for park users to enjoy the park.

During the renovation of the pathway, parking stalls in the lot across from Pākī Hale will be utilized for equipment & materials storage. The City has put in place measures to minimize the impact of the road closures on local traffic & ensure the safety of both drivers & pedestrians.

In 2021, the previous phase to improve the pathway along the Honolulu Zoo from Kapahulu Avenue to Monsarrat Avenue was completed. The current phase is expected to be completed in late summer of 2023. Once completed, the pathway will provide a safer & more enjoyable experience for area residents and park users.

Jefferson Elementary School Traffic Safety Awareness Sign Waving



Lance Rae of Walk Wise Hawai'i, Rep. Tam, Sen. Moriwaki, & Chair Waters supporting pedestrian safety & driver awareness on Kapahulu Avenue with staff

Council Chair Waters partnered with Walk Wise Hawai'i, HPD District 6 Community Policing Team, area elected officials, & Jefferson Elementary School students & faculty in March for a traffic safety awareness sign waving campaign. The sign waving awareness campaign encouraged morning commuters to slow down & drive with aloha.

DISTRICT IV UPDATES (CONT.)

District IV Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The Honolulu City Council is in the annual budget process, deliberating all budget bills until their final adoption on June 7. As part of the budget process, Councilmembers review & amend the CIP budget. In response to constituent requests, Council Chair Waters has added the following projects in Council District IV:

- Anapalau Drainage Channel Erosion Control Project, complete ongoing project (\$300,000)
- Koko Head Shooting Complex Master Plan & related improvements (\$2,300,000)
- Sandy Beach Park Parking Lot, plan & design expansion in unpaved area nearest to Halona Blowhole (\$300,000)
- Ala Wai Community Park Canoe Halau, plan & design a waterline connection & shower (\$160,000)
- Maunalua Bay Beach Park Canoe Halau plan & design a potable waterline connection (\$160,000)

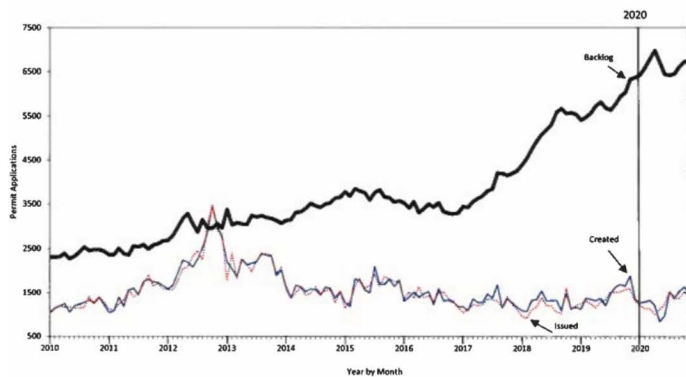
In addition, Council Chair Waters requested funding in the Operating Budget to plant street trees in Kaimukī with area residents (\$500,000).

There are more than \$60 million in projects proposed in our district, plus more than \$20 million still active from last fiscal year's CIP budget.

Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP) Update On Building Permit Process Backlog

DPP updated the Planning & the Economy Committee on its permit process backlog improvements. The average duration of a building permit (Pre-Screen to Approve to Issue) decreased from 298 days on November 15, 2022 to 168 days on April 6, 2023.

Building Permit Backlog by Month
1/1/2010-11/30/2020



DPP is dedicated to streamlining the process of obtaining building permits, & is constantly seeking new ways to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete the permitting process. To achieve this goal, the department has implemented several strategies.

DPP Efforts to Address the Backlog & Accelerate Permitting

1. Add Capacity through Hiring
2. Allow Well Regulated Outside Review
3. Better Manage Processes
4. Re-Engineer Processing
5. Strip Away Unnecessary/Burdensome Regulations
6. Train Staff to Accurately, Consistently, Efficiently Review
7. Modernizing Technology
8. Remove Processes From Within Building Permit Review

To learn more about the building permit process visit:
https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dpp/dpp_docs/dpp_brouchure.pdf

Honoring & Congratulating We ♥ Trees! Keiki Art Contest Winners



Councilmember Cordero & Chair Waters recognized 6 of the 18 We ♥ Trees! Keiki Art Contest winners

In observance of Arbor Day the Healthy Climate Communities & Trees For Honolulu's Future held their 6th annual We ♥Trees! Keiki Art Contest. Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade from 23 different schools submitted more than 350 entries. The 18 contest winners art work were on display at the Honolulu Hale & the Hawai'i State Capitol.

Honoring & Recognizing Carole Kai & The Great Aloha Run In Celebration of 39 Years of Giving



Councilmembers Calvin Say, Augie Tulba, & Chair Waters co-sponsored an Honorary Certificate to recognize Carole Kai

Co-founder & president of the Great Aloha Run, Carole Kai, retires after dedicating almost forty years to philanthropy, raising \$16 million for more than 150 non-profit health & human service organizations, the military, & community groups. Carole Kai Charities, Inc. was founded in 1985 with the purpose of facilitating the organization & production of the Great Aloha Run with the help of community involvement.

DISTRICT IV UPDATES (CONT.)

TRANSFORM WASTE INTO A COMMUNITY RESOURCE



Council Chair Waters & Re-Use Hawai'i Executive Director Quinn Vittum tour the O'ahu Redistribution Center

Established in 2006, Re-use Hawai'i was created to address solid waste on O'ahu. More than one third of the island's waste originates from debris resulting from demolition activities. Re-Use Hawai'i provides deconstruction services as a sustainable option to traditional demolition practices. Their expert teams carefully dismantle structures by hand to salvage the materials for future use. The salvaged materials are then made accessible at its Redistribution Center, where they are offered to the public as cost-effective building resources.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 02

April 6, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 09

April 11, 6:00 pm, Waikiki Community Center

Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 04

April 12, 6:30 pm, Kaimuki Public Library

Diamond Hd./Kapahulu/St.Louis Neighborhood Board No. 05

April 13, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Mayor's Town Hall Kāhala, 'Āina Haina, Niu Valley, Hawai'i Kai

April 13, 6:30 pm, Kalani High School

April's City Council Meeting

April 19, 10:00 am, Honolulu Hale, Council Chamber

Wai'alae-Kāhala Neighborhood Board No. 03

April 20, 6:30 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board No. 01

April 25, 7:00 pm, Hahaione Elementary School

Mayor's Town Hall Waikiki, Diamond Head, Kapahulu, Kaimuki

May 11, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

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HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK OR SUBMIT TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

With work & family obligations, not all of us have the opportunity or time to attend Council meetings in person. However, you have the option & opportunity to submit testimony via mail, fax, email, or online. To obtain more information about the Honolulu City Council & Council Committee meetings as well as how to submit testimony, log on to <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 & I will be more than happy to assist you.

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 & State ID	768-9100
Illegal Dumping	768-3203
Motor Vehicle Title & 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

For concerns about a homeless individual or group the City & County of Honolulu's Crisis Outreach Response & Engagement Program (C.O.R.E.) responds to medical, mental, & social needs of non-violent homeless-related concerns. Email HonoluluCORE@honolulu.gov or call the C.O.R.E. hotline at (808) 768-2673 to ask for assistance.