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Aloha Neighbors!

I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent District 6 on the Honolulu City Council in 2024. Let's collaborate to improve our community. Your input is valuable and helps shape how my office and I serve our area. For regular updates, follow me on social media. If you have any issues that need attention, feel free to reach out to my office. We're here to assist you!

-Tyler

Honolulu Becomes National Leader in Helping to Prevent Opioid Overdose

Our office successfully pushed for the passage of [Bill 28](#). With the opioid crisis affecting the nation including Hawai'i, CM Dos Santos-Tam introduced the bill that requires bars and nightclubs to have doses of the anti-opioid spray naloxone, also called "Narcan" on-premises. Because alcohol can interact with opioids in someone's system, these venues are places where there is a higher risk of a deadly overdose. "Narcan" was recently approved last year by the FDA for over-the-counter sales. CM Dos Santos-Tam worked with the State Dept. of Health, the City's [Liquor Commission](#), and private groups like Hawai'i Health Harm and Reduction Center to make the required prevention doses available for free to bar and nightclub owners.



Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam pictured passing out Naloxone kits to local businesses.



The mandate for naloxone to be on the premises of bars and high-risk venues started this month, making Honolulu the first U.S. city to implement such a rule. To offset costs, the Honolulu Liquor Commission offered free starter doses from opioid settlement funds. Additionally, the measure also aims to protect Hawaii's image as a safe tourist destination. In an interview CM Dos Santos-Tam said, "This is an example of Honolulu being a leader nationwide. We're the first major city in the U.S. to mandate that bars and nightclubs carry naloxone. This is to protect the public health and save lives."

Left: CM Dos Santos-Tam speaking at the Bill 28 signing ceremony with Mayor Blangiardi and other City and agency officials.

To view the Narcan info sheet click here



Newly Implemented 5-Way Stop at Prospect Intersection

After waiting for decades, new stop signs have been installed at the intersection of Prospect, Alapai, and Lolani streets near Punchbowl, creating a five-way stop. This decision followed ongoing concerns raised by residents, notably after a tragic death earlier in 2023. CM Dos Santos-Tam, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Deputy Director Jon Nouchi, and Makiki Neighborhood Board Chair Ian Ross participated in a press conference that helped to announce and inform the community about the change. This intersection often serves as an alternate route to H-1, leading to speeding issues and accidents. Residents view the new stop signs positively but are still urging further safety measures like speed bumps and a roundabout in the future. CM Dos Santos-Tam's funding for a speed monitoring sign further reflects efforts to address these ongoing safety concerns.



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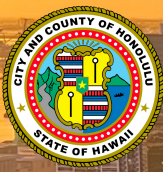
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Bill 25 (2021) Anti-Bias and Anti-Discrimination Legislation

[Bill 25 \(21\)](#) first introduced in 2021 by former City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, went into effect on January 1 of this year. The legislation establishes an anti-bias and anti-discrimination policy for City employees. As Chair of the Council's Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs, CM Dos Santos-Tam added an amendment to specifically protect LGBTQ+ city employees and to make the biennial anti-bias training easier to implement.

State of Hawai'i Increases Minimum Wage

Hawaii has raised its minimum wage to \$14 an hour, the highest among 22 states implementing wage increases. The rise, slated to peak at \$18 by 2028, aims to benefit about 21.8% of the state's workforce. Advocates highlight the struggle faced by low-wage earners amid Hawaii's high living costs. The minimum wage isn't meant to be a living wage but rather a starting point for those entering the workforce. As the wage increment rolls out, Hawaii's minimum wage is due to gradually increase: \$10.10 per hour began Jan. 1, 2018, \$12 per hour began Oct. 1, 2022, \$14 per hour beginning Monday, \$16 per hour to begin Jan. 1, 2026, \$18 per hour to begin Jan. 1, 2028.

2023 Council District 6 Legislation

2023 Legislation Passed Into Ordinance

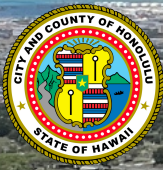
CM Dos Santos-Tam introduced six bills in 2023 that were passed into law. **This is the most bills passed into law by a first-year councilmember in decades, highlighting CM Dos Santos-Tam's commitment to getting things done for the community.**

1. [Bill 1 \(23\)](#): Relating to Reporting Requirements, specifically this directs the office of Council Services to prepare a consolidated table of reporting requirements on City fees to enhance transparency and accountability.
2. [Bill 3 \(23\)](#): Relating to Public Sidewalks, specifically to expand the sit-lie zone in Pālama.
3. [Bill 5 \(23\)](#): Relating to Reporting Requirements, specifically adds provisions for departments to review the reporting requirements periodically, so that the departments are providing the best information for the public.
4. [Bill 20 \(23\)](#): Relating to Parking, specifically to make the Restricted Parking Zones in Kalihi permanent and to create a pathway for other neighborhoods to apply for a Restricted Parking Zone.
5. [Bill 28 \(23\)](#): Relating to Naloxone.
6. [Bill 32 \(23\)](#): Relating to Public Transit, specifically to adopt rules for passenger conduct on Skyline.

2024 Continuing Legislation

Here are other bills introduced by CM Dos Santos-Tam, which are expected to be heard in 2024:

1. [Bill 21 \(23\)](#): Relating to the Housing Code, specifically to facilitate office-to-residential conversions Downtown.
2. [Bill 40 \(23\)](#): Relating to the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund, specifically to help Dillingham-area small businesses.
3. [Bill 44 \(23\)](#): Relating to False Statements, specifically by Monster Home developers. This helps to ensure accountability.
4. [Bill 57 \(23\)](#): Relating to Game Rooms, specifically to allow HPD, DPP, and other agencies to work together to stop illegal game rooms.
5. [Bill 58 \(23\)](#): Relating to Authorized Personnel, specifically to help Game Room Enforcement.
6. [Reso 23-228](#): Interdepartmental Cooperation on Game Room Enforcement.



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Honolulu Police Expand Recruitment Efforts for Women



On January 13, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) will be hosting a Women In Policing Session at Ke Kula Maka'i HPD Training Academy from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. HPD is making strides to boost female representation across its ranks in all eight police districts. Currently, 240 women serve as police officers, making up about 13% of the department's 1,800+ officers, slightly surpassing the national average. Efforts align with the national 30x30 Initiative, aiming to increase women in law enforcement. Statistics show progress in HPD's leadership roles, yet there's a push for further inclusion. HPD is modeling recruitment strategies after the efforts of Kim Jacobs, the first female police chief in Columbus, Ohio.

Highlighting the department's career center, informational sessions, and tailored outreach, HPD aims to showcase the profession's opportunities for women and its alignment with their strengths. Despite challenges in recruitment and retention, HPD's proactive efforts in diversifying its force are commendable. Female recruits at HPD's academy will earn a base salary of \$72,384, potentially reaching \$80,288 upon meeting performance benchmarks, illustrating the department's commitment to attracting and retaining talent.

For more information click here



Governor's Panel Approves Bishop Street Apartment Project

The Build Beyond Barriers Working Group recently approved a school impact fee waiver for a downtown Honolulu office conversion into 52 affordable rental apartments. This action, taken during a December 20 meeting, marks the panel's first decision on a housing project application. The project, led by Robert Kurisu, aims to offer affordable housing options to households earning 80% or less of the area's median income. This working group was formed after the introduction of Governor Josh Green's [Emergency Housing Proclamation](#) released in July 2023. The emergency proclamation by Gov. Josh Green seeks to accelerate the development of 50,000 homes statewide by stimulating faster housing production. This is a start to addressing Hawaii's significant shortage in affordable housing.

2024 Parking Meter Installations Update

Last year, all parking meters experienced a system outage, prompting the City to initiate a comprehensive upgrade of the meters. Occasionally, due to vandalism or regular wear and tear, parking meters and their support poles may malfunction or break. In response, the Department of Transportation Services has been actively addressing these issues. For instance, the upcoming installation of new poles and meters along Ki'na'u Street, where six support poles went missing in front of the Honolulu Museum of Art, is scheduled for January 2024.



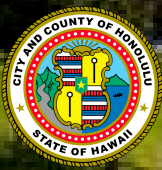
(Image courtesy of the Honolulu Star Advertiser)

Recognizing the Lung Doo Benevolent Society on its 133rd Installation



The Lung Doo Benevolent Society, active in Hawai'i for 133 years, upholds community assistance and cultural heritage. The 2023 Board of Directors, led by President Wei Hong Huang and Vice President Chung Yi Fong, were recognized for their dedication. Re-elected for 2024, both ensure continued effective leadership. The society's commitment to supporting Chinese high school students with scholarships, aiding non-profits, hosting cultural events, and providing member benefits is greatly appreciated by its members. The Lung Doo Benevolent Society, its members and leaders, deserve recognition for their sustained service and contributions to the community.

Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam and CM Say with members of the Lung Doo Benevolent Society.



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808 'Ukulele Orchestra Recognized For Volunteer Service



From a humble beginning as an idea for an 'ukulele picking class, the 808 'Ukulele Orchestra's journey has spanned over 14 years. Founded by Dennis Ching, this orchestra has nurtured talented players and brought musical joy to care homes and various audiences across the community. Comprising dedicated members, aged 70 to 83, their commitment to sharing their artistry has fostered unity and appreciation. The Honolulu City Council recognizes their musical excellence and contributions, extending warm wishes for their continued success.

Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam and other Councilmembers with member of the 808 'Ukulele Orchestra.

Celebrating 25 Years of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center



CM Dos Santos-Tam was able to participate in a significant celebration as the community commemorated the 25th Birthday of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, situated near Honolulu's Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. Originating in 1989 the Hawai'i Children's Museum of Art, Culture, Science, and Technology has been widely successful. In 1998, it relocated to the renovated site of the old Kewalo incinerator, transformed into a state-of-the-art 38,000 sqft facility through an investment of \$2 million by the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA). The Center hosts themed programs, educational experiences, and camps, and the museum has become a hub for enriching activities. The late Loretta Luke Yajima, a visionary leader for two decades, left a legacy continued by her daughter, Lianne



Usher, who now directs the museum. The Center operates on member contributions, sponsorships, grants, and generous donations, for support. The important work of the Center and Director Lianne Usher, will continue to impact and foster understanding and expand children's knowledge.

New Chinatown Pedestrian Safety Features

Michaels Development has worked to enhance pedestrian safety within Chinatown. The recent installation of quick-build bulbouts at the intersection of River and Kukui Streets marks a significant stride toward creating a safer environment for both the community and the residents of the Halewai'olu Senior Residences. The impact of these new safety measures has improved visibility, reduced crossing distances, increased compliance from

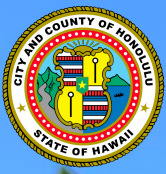
drivers, and slower vehicle turns have all contributed to a safer pedestrian experience. Additionally, this installation serves as a pilot project for testing new plastic bollards that not only aim to improve safety but also offer an appealing aesthetic. Other transportation-related updates include the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) introducing an innovative approach to enhance pedestrian safety at uncontrolled crosswalks across the island. They installed signs at strategic locations around the island, to inform drivers about



(Image courtesy of the Department of Transportation)



the percentage of vehicles stopping for pedestrians waiting to cross. This initiative is part of O'ahu Vision Zero's broader efforts aimed at preventing severe and fatal injury crashes. The sign locations include California Ave at Makani Ave, Kailua Rd at Ho'olai St, Kapolei Pkwy at Kunehi St, Moanalua Rd at Ualo St, King St at Harvey Ln, Punchbowl St at Miller St, Renton Rd at Pahikā St, University Ave at Kuilei St, and Lunalilo Hm Rd at Kaumakani St. This data collection and display align with the ongoing commitment to fostering a safer environment for pedestrians and drivers alike.



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Visit to Discuss the Hawaiian Humane Society Free-Roaming Cat Program

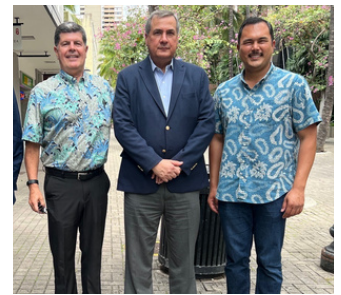


Last month CM Dos Santos-Tam was able to visit the Hawaiian Humane Society to discuss with staff the programs available to assist feral cats. First is the Free-Roaming Cat Program, which encompasses domesticated cats that aren't confined indoors, spanning outdoor pets, strays, abandoned, colony, and feral cats. They're a noticeable presence on O'ahu, often found near residential homes. Effectively managing these cat populations is crucial to gradually and humanely decrease their numbers. Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM), is a collaborative method endorsed by the Hawaiian Humane Society that directs caregivers trap these cats, take them to clinics for spaying/neutering (including the Feline Fix Program), do ear-notching, vaccinations, and microchipping, and then release them back to their colonies. This humane approach aims to enhance cat welfare and tackle overpopulation.

Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam with kittens that are available to be adopted at the Hawaiian Humane Society. For more information, visit www.hawaiianhumane.org/

Consul General of Peru In San Francisco Visits Downtown Honolulu

CM Dos Santos-Tam had the chance to meet with the Consul General of Peru in San Francisco, who was visiting Honolulu to do outreach to Peruvians living in Hawai'i, including on both Maui and O'ahu. While the Peruvian community in Hawai'i is relatively small in number, the visit demonstrates the importance of Honolulu's multicultural heritage. International Affairs and Sister Cities-related issues fall within CM Dos Santos-Tam's purview as the Chair of the Council's Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee.



From left: Eric Crispin, the Honorary Consul of Brazil in Hawai'i, Consul General Juan Miguel Miranda of Peru, and CM Dos Santos-Tam

Fireworks Press Conference with Mayor Blangiardi and Councilmembers

Before the start of the New Year Mayor Blangiardi, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Chief Arthur Logan, Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) Chief Sheldon Hao, and Honolulu Emergency Medical Services Division (HESD) Director Dr. Jim Ireland conducted a press conference to remind and warn the community on the dangers fireworks pose if improperly handled. The men highlighted past incidents that caused injuries and fatalities, they cautioned against the risks of illegal fireworks and related fires, noting the tragic fatalities and injuries that could be avoided. The officials urged adherence to the law, urging responsible celebration, and vigilance to prevent illegal fireworks use. Additionally, they encouraged the public to report violations to the police. Reports show over the holiday multiple injuries involving cases of burns, disfigurement, and extensive trauma. EMS treated several victims with advanced life support, transporting them to emergency rooms for further care. Captain Jaimie Song from the Honolulu Fire Department reported 23 fireworks-related fires, with no major structural damage, praising the Department of Transportation's brush-clearing efforts for preventing potential rapid fire spread. This marked an increase compared to the previous year's fire-related incidents during the New Year period.



CM Dos Santos-Tam other Councilmembers and HPD, HFD, and HESD Chiefs, and Director.

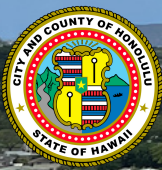
Intern Spotlight: Hawai'i Pacific University Student Summer Lands



Above and right: CM Dos Santos-Tam and staff with Summer on her last day at the office.

Our office had the great pleasure of working with Summer Lands a student who studies at Hawai'i Pacific University. During her time as an intern her daily tasks would vary on numerous occasions, she joined the office at community events, made a written record of what was said, filed contact information of stakeholders, and assisted with interviews. Her passion is criminal justice, and through her work during the internship, she saw how important community engagement is to local government and how policies affect the everyday lives of citizens. Summer said, "Working with the Honolulu City Council member Tyler Dos-Santos Tam and his colleagues was a very fulfilling and educational experience. I gained professional and workplace skills while also expanding my knowledge in the field I am studying, criminal justice. The team I worked with was kind, helpful, and a pleasure to work with and learn from."





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DOT Proposes Removing Falls of Clyde Ship from Pier 7

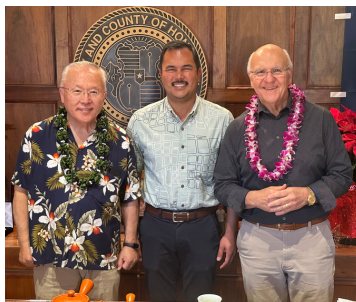
The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) has put forth a proposal to remove the *Falls of Clyde* from Honolulu Harbor. This four-masted iron-hulled ship, under ownership by the non-profit Friends of Falls of Clyde, has been docked at Pier 7 since 2016 under HDOT's impoundment. However, severe corrosion, leaks, and a loss of structural integrity pose safety risks to harbor operations. In response, HDOT plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the ship's removal, leaving the method to the chosen contractor. Deterioration has significantly compromised its its historical significance. It was recently delisted from the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places in November 2023. To submit comments, you may email falls-of-clyde@hfhf.com. The public review and comment period ends January 23, 2024. Additionally, a hard copy of the project proposal is available for the public at the State Library.



Scan here for more info



Empowering Youths Globally: Carrissa Moore's Initiative



Olympic Gold Medalist Carissa Moore, through her Moore Aloha Foundation, hosted the Japan-U.S. Global Exchange on Oahu that took place on December 26-29. The event aims to unite Japanese students with cultural experiences, surf sessions, and discussions, fostering resilience and connections among youth. Inspired by her Olympic journey, Moore envisions this program as a platform to nurture the belief in possibilities and meaningful connections among young people. Her foundation's values — "Live Authentically. Be Fearless. Lead With Love." — guide this initiative to bridge cultural divides and promote empathy worldwide. This exchange represents Moore's commitment to empowering future generations and creating a more interconnected and understanding world.



Above and Right: CM Dos Santos-Tam with Mayor Blangiaradi and Mayor Kikuo Sugimoto of Makinohara, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan and World Champion and Olympian Carissa Moore.

Federal Planning Grants for Safer Streets

The City recently received \$1,670,400 in federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. This funding will focus on studying and improving pedestrian safety along key urban streets, including Beretania Street, South King Street, and Kapi'olani Boulevard in our district. These corridors were highlighted as high-risk pedestrian areas in the O'ahu Pedestrian Plan. The City aims to implement safety strategies outlined in the plan, fostering a safer and more pedestrian-friendly Honolulu, and will soon announce opportunities for public involvement in this initiative.

See the map of award recipients here!



Additionally, Students from Sanford B. Dole Middle School in Kalihi Valley recently shared their proposals on enhancing pedestrian safety near their school. They presented ideas such as new signals, shortened crossings, and employing crossing guards, supported by visual aids like renderings and videos. Their dedication to civic engagement and the quality of their work is commendable. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is investigating ways to support and potentially implement their suggestions. Special thanks to Kōkua Kalihi Valley for leading this impactful program.

Frequently Called Numbers

- [Council Office 768-5006](tel:768-5006)
- Abandoned Vehicles 768-2530
- City Complaints Hotline 768-4381
- Graffiti Hotline 723-3475
- HART Hotline 566-2299
- HPD - Non-Emergency 529-3111
- HPD - Downtown Station 723-3310
- HPD - Kalihi Station 723-8207
- [HPD- Narcotics/Vice 723-3933](tel:723-3933)

- Illegal Dumping 768-5220
- Potholes 768-7777
- Refuse Pickup 768-3200
- Senior Citizen Info 768-7700
- Street Light Repair 768-5300
- Street Sign Repair 768-3644
- Tree Trimming 971-7151
- Zoning Info 768-8058
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