



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MĀNOA, MŌ'ILI'ILI, MCCULLY, ALA MOANA, MAKIKI, AND PORTIONS OF KAKA'AKO



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Aloha!

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we transition into the vibrant season of spring. I want to take a moment to address an ongoing matter that directly impacts our district: the City Council's budget process. Your input is invaluable as we work diligently to allocate resources effectively for the betterment of our neighborhoods. To

stay informed and engaged, I encourage you to explore the budget process and upcoming special meetings by visiting our website at <https://www.honolulu.gov/budget>. Your participation ensures that our community's needs are heard and prioritized. In addition to our local affairs, I've been closely monitoring developments at the state level. Recently, as I see many of you have also done, I submitted testimony in opposition to SB3202 which is before the State Legislature. This bill, if enacted, would pose significant challenges for District 5, particularly concerning our public infrastructure. I am also concerned about availability of essential City resources available to a rapidly growing population that would affect our community's health and safety. It's crucial to protect the unique interests and well-being of our community, and I will continue to advocate for policies that uphold these priorities.

MAYOR BLANGIARDI DELIVERS 2024 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

On March 14, I attended Mayor Blangiardi's 2024 State of the City Address with my fellow Councilmembers. The Mayor highlighted his administration's dedication to fostering affordable housing by proposing the establishment of a new Department of Housing and Land Management, while also outlining advancements in improving the Department of Planning and Permitting's performance through the implementation of a modern permitting system.

Additionally, he unveiled plans for roving park crews to

enhance maintenance and services in City parks along the Wai'anae Coast, 'Ewa Beach, and other Central O'ahu communities. We are excited to work with the Mayor in making Honolulu a thriving city.



MY COMMITTEES

- Zoning (CHAIR)
- Public Infrastructure and Technology (VICE CHAIR)
- Executive Management, (VICE CHAIR)
- Budget
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Planning and the Economy

CITY BUDGET BILL HIGHLIGHTS

For a full list of legislation, visit hnl.doc.hawaii.gov

- [Bill 11 \(24\)](#) Relating to the Legislative Budget
- [Bill 12 \(24\)](#) and [Bill 13 \(24\)](#) Relating to the Executive Operating and CIP Budgets
- [Bill 14 \(24\)](#) Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes
- [Bill 15 \(24\)](#) Determining the Real Property Tax Rates
- [Bills 16 \(24\)](#) and [17 \(24\)](#) Relating to the HART Executive Operating and CIP Budgets
- [Reso 24-61](#) Determining the Real Property Tax Rates for the next FY.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.ORG/](https://www.honolulu.gov/)

CITY COUNCIL

- April 17 @ 10:00 am
- May 15 @ 10:00 am

ZONING COMMITTEE

- April 3 @ 9:00 am
- May 22 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

- 1st Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #7 Mānoa
- 1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm | NB #8 McCully/Mō'ili'ili
- 2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #6 Pālolo
- 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #5 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights
- 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | NB #4 Kaimukī
- 3rd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #10 Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus
- 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm | NB #11 Ala Moana/Kaka'ako

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: PRACTICING SAFE BICYCLING!

- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES -

Practice safe bicycling by using hand signals! Most drivers and other bicyclists are unaware where bicyclists plan to go unless they let them know by use of hand signals while riding. Use of hand signals about 100 feet before the turn, like turn signals on cars, help others anticipate a bicyclist's intended movements and reduce the chance of collisions.

For more info & safety tips visit: www.honolulu.gov/bicycle



Left Turn: Left hand and arm extended horizontally beyond the side of the bicycle.



Right Turn: Right hand and arm extended horizontally to the righthand side of the bicycle OR left arm extended upward and hand raised, as shown above.



Stop or Sudden Decrease in Speed: Left hand and arm extended downward beyond the side of the bicycle.

KING KAMEHAMEHA III LEI DRAPING CEREMONY - THOMAS SQUARE PARK -

On Monday, March 18, the Honolulu City Council honored King Kamehameha III at a special lei draping ceremony for his birthday. The Honolulu Fire Department was established in December of 1850 by King Kamehameha III.



MAHALO & A HUI HOU! - KOKUA MARKET CO-OP -

After 50 years at their Mō'ili'ili location, and a move to Pālolo Valley in the Hapa Market and Grill, the Kokua Market Co-op announced they will be sunsetting their operations. Kokua Market was the first natural foods cooperative in Hawaii, and supported Hawaii's agricultural industry by carrying fresh 100% local produce since 1971.

Mahalo & A Hui Hou! We will continue to practice Kokua Market Co-op's mission of sustainability.



TREES FOR PĀLOLO

- PLANTING TREES, GROWING COMMUNITY -

Congratulations to Trees For Honolulu's Future! "Trees for Pālolo...Planting Trees, Growing Community" was recommended for funding under the State of Hawaii DLNR's Kaulunani Urban & Community Forestry Program to enhance our urban tree canopy!



(The Trees in Kaimukī team identifying new places where trees could be planted in Pālolo!)

BUILDING A RESILIENT WATERSHED - THE PĀLOLO SUBWATERSHED -

The DFM's Storm Water Quality Division is continuing to monitor the water quality of the Pukele and Waiomao tributaries as part of efforts to maintain a resilient Pālolo Subwatershed. Additionally, Hawai'i Green Growth and partners will conduct free rainwater assessments throughout the community to

identify and size green stormwater solutions for residential, commercial, and public properties.

For more information visit: <https://www.hawaiigreengrowth.org/FollowTheDrop>

