

# OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: KAIMUKI, PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MANOA, MOILIILI, MCCULLY, AND PORTIONS OF ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, AND MAKIKI



**Aloha!**

This month I want to share how grateful I am at the initiative and selflessness you've shown out in the neighborhood - especially in your public parks and roads. Over the Labor Day weekend, the Kaimuki Youth Development group led by David Tautofi, and the United Korean American Association of Hawaii board members, led by Mr. Bong Yong Park, spent their Saturday trimming back curb grass, roadside bushes, and improving the overall appearance and safety to the St. Louis, Kapahulu, and Makiki District Park areas.

The selfless volunteers, city staff, and community organizations are the fabric of our neighborhoods; they voluntarily clean parks and roads, serve food to the needy, and even coach in our local youth sports programs!

**MY COMMITTEES**

- Budget (CHAIR)
- Housing and the Economy
- Zoning and Planning
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Public Safety
- Kapiolani Park Trust

This month we also share Rob Iopa's Makiki Cartwright Park group, Malama Kipuka, who cleaned bathrooms, beautified the baseball field, and continue to bring local spaces back to life. The Hawaiian Humane Society is also featured with some of their new initiatives helping our local critters.

These warm stories make our lives enjoyable and bring pride to our communities. When viewed through the lens of others, these actions show how to best enjoy and contribute towards the common good of our city.

Mahalo all of you and continue doing great things!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: [WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM](http://WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM)

**CITY COUNCIL**

- Oct 6 @ 10:00 am
- Nov 10 @ 10:00 am

**BUD CMTE**

- Oct 20 @ 9:00 am
- Nov 17 @ 9:00 am

## NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

1ST WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM  
NB #7 MANOA

2ND WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM  
NB #6 PALOLO

1ST THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM  
NB #8 MCCULLY/MOILIILI

2ND THURSDAY @ 6 PM  
NB #5 DIAMOND HEAD/  
KAPAHULU/ ST. LOUIS HGTS.

3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM  
NB #4 KAIMUKI

4TH TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM  
NB #11 ALA MOANA/  
KAKAAKO

3RD THURSDAY @ 6 PM  
NB #10 MAKIKI/ LOWER  
PUNCHBOWL/ TANTULUS

### Reapportionment Committee

HONOLULU HALE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

TUESDAY, OCT 26 @ 5:00 PM

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

THURSDAY, OCT 7 & 11 @ 6:00 PM

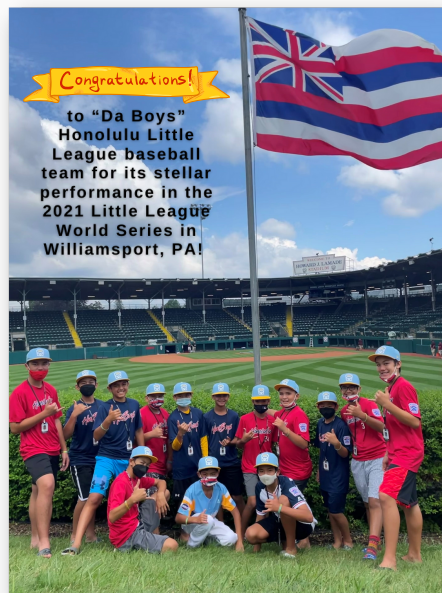
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### Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission

FRIDAY, OCT 22 @ 2:00 PM

Meetings ongoing through 2021. Check

<https://www.honolulu.gov/council/bc/oahu-real-property-tax-advisory-commission.html> for upcoming dates, minutes, and agendas.



## GOOD NEWS CORNER!

### Malama Kipuka Hawaii



Malama Kipuka Hawaii is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that is committed to establishing vibrant community areas. Their mission is to foster connection within communities by forming partnerships with government, businesses, residents, and other community stakeholders to activate existing underutilized public space and find creative ways to dedicate and convert existing private space for public use.

Councilmember Say and Councilmember Fukunaga presented Malama Kipuka Hawaii with a certificate recognizing and commending their tremendous work at the Makiki Cartwright Neighborhood Park.

Rob Iopa, Director of Malama Kipuka Hawaii, first observed the demand for improvements at Cartwright Field, the world's oldest permanent baseball field, while coaching his son's Little League baseball team at the field.

In conjunction with players and family members of the Manoa Crowns baseball team and Central Union 777 Eagle Scout Troup, Malama Kipuka Hawaii completed the first phase of its agreement with the City. They cleaned off the graffiti on the overpass wall; painted a mural that would celebrate baseball and the park's namesake; cleaned and painted the boundary of the baseball field and the park's restroom; and repaired the score booth stairs and repainted the wood. Future plans for continued improvements to the field, basketball court, and restrooms are being planned by Malama Kipuka Hawaii.

MAHALO MALAMA KIPUKA HAWAII!!!





## Reapportionment Commission

**WHO:** 2021 Council Reapportionment Commission. Visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/elections/reapportionment.html> for detailed maps and information.

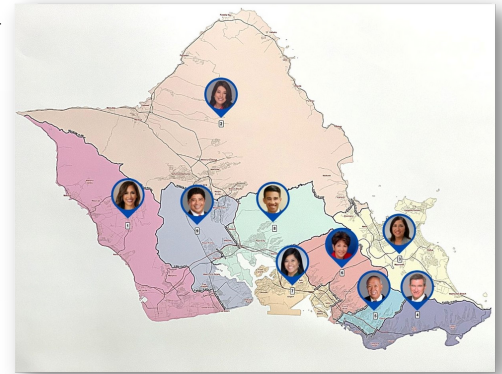
**WHAT:** Reapportionment ensures each political district has been created equally using census data. Reapportionment is conducted every ten (10) years following the census. Redistricting occurs after each decennial Census to equalize and adjust the City Council district boundaries due to population changes and shifts within the City and County of Honolulu.

**WHEN:** On or before January 2 of the year following appointment, the commission shall file with the city clerk a reapportionment plan, which shall be applicable to the next succeeding election at which councilmembers are elected to regular terms. Upcoming dates are listed on the first page.

**WHERE:** Members of the public will not be allowed into the meeting room but may view the meeting on a live broadcast. The meeting will be viewable: (1) by televised live broadcast on Olelo TV Channel 54 and (2) by internet live streaming through Olelo and Youtube.

**WHY:** Redistricting occurs after each decennial Census to equalize and adjust the City Council district boundaries due to population changes and shifts within the City and County of Honolulu. It is important because the new maps will be effective for the next ten years and affects who is eligible to represent you (beginning from the next election cycle).

## Current Council District Map



## KOALI CLEAN-UP

Mahalo nui loa to the volunteers of the Kaimuki Youth Development Organization, for doing the road side clean-up project on Koali Road, on Saturday, September 4, 2021.

Volunteers worked through the Division of Road Maintenance's Mālama O Ka 'Āina (MOKA) Community Volunteer Program, to help make commuting and living along Koali Road a nicer and safer experience. Though the weather was brutally hot and humid that morning, everyone worked hard throughout and a lot was accomplished.

### PLAYERS

Kurt Kawamoto  
Avin Tanioka  
Kenneth Eaton  
Marquis Danh  
Austyn Halemano  
Ofa Vehikite  
Niutupuivaha Uluave  
Ethan Chen  
Jeremiah White  
Josiah Kuratsu  
Zechariah Kuratsu

The crew received great coverage by KHON on their website, and many of the residents driving by made it a point to stop and thank the volunteers for the work they were doing.

### COACHES and HELPERS

Moses Ringwood  
Chris Whilhelm  
Kawehi Moefu  
Kevin Kawamoto  
Tusi Taufa  
Tiore Taufa  
Brandon Keenan



## MAKIKI CLEAN-UP

Over the Labor Day weekend, Makiki Volunteers cleaned the Wilder & Keeaumoku Intersection.

A group of ten volunteers weeded and stuffed nine bags full of weeds and trash at the busy Makiki intersection. In addition to a cleaner community, volunteers were awarded with the appreciative honks from motorists, and smiling pedestrians. Mahalo for your time and effort and we look forward to maintaining our neighborhood curbs.

## HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY

President & CEO Anna Neubauer, who started her role in 2019 at **The Hawaiian Humane Society** shared a behind the scenes tour of the HHS facilities. The HHS is guided by the ideals of socially conscious sheltering and is focused on being a community-driven animal welfare organization. It was hard to pass by all the animals and not take every single one home, but it was good to know that the various critters are well taken care of by the HHS staff and volunteers, including vets and animal behavioral specialists.

What you see when you visit are the animals that are ready for adoption, but behind the scenes are a lot more hopeful pets waiting for their turn to find their fur-ever home. We walked the path from intake to adoption and got to see the process these animals go through. In their 2019-2020 FY, the Hawaiian Humane Society welcomed 17,841 animals onto their campus, 6,871 were adopted, and 2,355 lost pets were returned to their humans.

One of their initiatives is the **Pet Food Bank**. This program provides temporary assistance to pet owners struggling to feed their animals and relies on donations from the community. Especially in these times of uncertainty, making sure that there isn't food insecurity for our favorite furry and feathered friends is one less worry for struggling pet owners. You can find more information at [hawaiianhumane.org/pet-food-bank](http://hawaiianhumane.org/pet-food-bank).

