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**AUGUST 2023 DISTRICT 4  
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August 21, 1959, is a significant day in Hawai'i's history. On that day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation making Hawai'i the 50th state. Since then, Statehood Day or Admission Day has become a legal holiday in Hawai'i, recognized & celebrated on the third Friday of August. It's an excellent opportunity to delve deeper into Hawai'i's history & culture while enjoying the festivities.

I am grateful to all those who have taken the time to reach out to my team & me regarding Real Property Tax legislation. Your input & insights have been incredibly valuable to us, & we are grateful for your engagement in this important process. As we work to strike a balance between affordability for our residents, a balanced budget, & providing necessary resources & services for all O'ahu districts, your contributions have been invaluable. I appreciate your dedication & encourage everyone to stay engaged & informed.

Together, I believe we can build a better Hawai'i for all, & I am grateful for your partnership in this endeavor. Thank you again for your support & continued engagement. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff or office with questions or concerns on city-related issues. We remain steadfast in representing & working for you.

Mahalo,

# JULY 2023 DISTRICT 4

## CONSTITUENT REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



**Park Maintenance**  
7



**Sidewalk**  
2

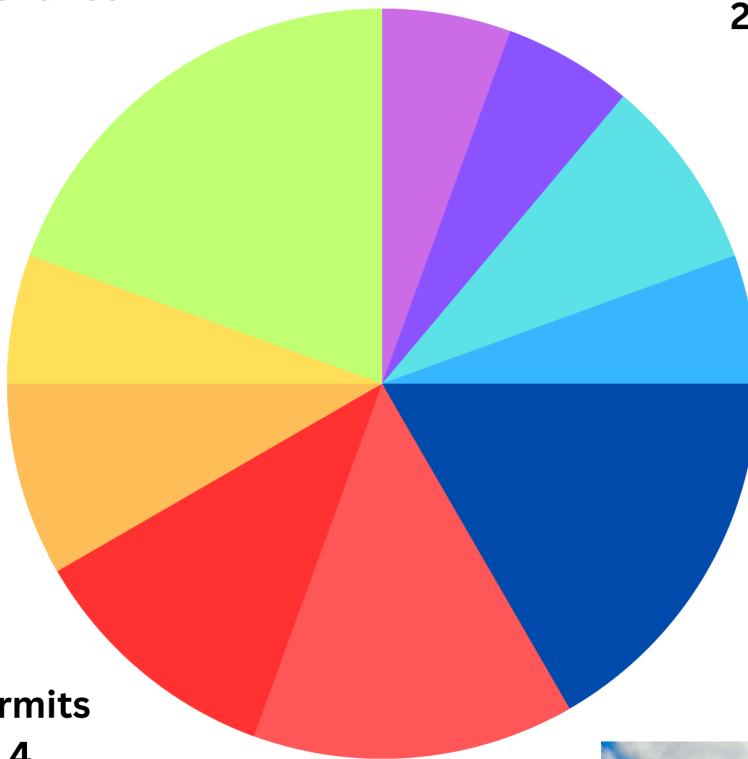


**Feral Chickens**  
2



**Streams/Culverts**  
2

**Derelict Property**  
3



**Pay Phone Removal**  
2



**Monster Homes**  
6

**Transportation**  
3

**Permits**  
4



**Homeless**  
5



July 2023 Constituent Calls Received : 351

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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

August 3, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

### Waikīkī Neighborhood Board No. 09

August 8, 6:00 pm, Waikīkī Community Center

### AUGUST'S FULL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 10:00 am  
Honolulu Hale, Council Chamber

### Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Neighborhood Board No. 05

August 10, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

### Kaimukī Neighborhood Board No. 04

August 16, 6:30 pm, Kaimukī Public Library

### Wai'alae-Kāhala Neighborhood Board No. 03

August 17, 7:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

### Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board No. 01

August 29, 7:00 pm, Haha'ione Elementary School Cafeteria

### How to Register to Speak or Submit Testimony for Council & Committee Meetings

I encourage you to express your views & concerns about any legislation considered by the Honolulu City Council. With work & family obligations, not all of us have the opportunity or time to attend Council or Committee meetings in person. However, you have the option & opportunity to submit testimony via mail, fax, email, or online. For more information about the Council meetings and instructions on submitting testimony, visit [hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony](http://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony).

## DISTRICT 4 UPDATES

### UPDATE: Kaimana Beach Shower Project



After a recent project status inquiry to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), the latest schedule provided by the contractor reports that the Kaimana Beach Shower Project will be completed by mid-September 2023. The contractor has secured & received all the necessary materials & equipment (such as Shower tree, water drinking fountain, & other accessories) in hand & on-island. However, they have elected to install all the landscaping & complete the 120-day vegetation maintenance period required under their contract. The landscape period is scheduled to end in early September. Once the landscape period is done, the contractor will proceed with installing the shower & drinking fountain, which should only take a few days. The contractor is following this sequence to avoid the possibility of these features being vandalized or damaged before their work is accepted by DFM since they could be held responsible for the replacement at no additional cost to the City & County of Honolulu.

## DISTRICT 4 UPDATES (con't)

### City To Accept Applications for a 2nd Tranche of COVID Relief Funding for Non-Profits

### Non-Profit Relief Program

More funding has been made available for non-profits who have been measurably affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The City & County of Honolulu will accept applications for the 2nd tranche of relief funding for non-profit organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this program, eligible non-profits could receive up to \$100,000 on a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are exhausted. Applications will be accepted until August 25, 2023. To learn more about the program & submit an application for relief funding, please visit [www.oneoahu.org/NonProfitReliefProgram](http://www.oneoahu.org/NonProfitReliefProgram).

The 1st tranche of funding started in December 2022 & continued until February 6, 2023, helping distribute more than \$4 million in relief funding to non-profits. Approximately \$10 million is anticipated to be distributed for the 2nd tranche. The 2nd tranche of relief funding provided through the Non-Profit Relief Program will expand the eligibility requirements to reach 501(c) (3) & 501(c) (19) non-profit organizations.

**Applications will ONLY be accepted digitally using an online portal, NOT via email or hard copy.** The deadline for requests for clarification about this program is July 28, 2023. Questions must be in writing & sent to [bfspurchasing@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfspurchasing@honolulu.gov). Receive updates on our Non-Profit Relief Program, please add your contact information to our email distribution list: [www.honolulu.gov/estub/email-subscribe-dcs](http://www.honolulu.gov/estub/email-subscribe-dcs).

### Real Property Tax Credit & Home Exemption Filing Deadline is October 2, 2023

The City & County of Honolulu encourage homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements below to apply for a real property tax credit. If you qualify, the tax credit will be the difference between the current year's property tax less three percent of your total gross income.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Homeowner must have a home exemption in effect at the time of application & for the subsequent tax year (Apply by October 2, 2023).
- Any of the titleholders do not own any other property anywhere.
- The combined income of all titleholders cannot exceed \$80,000 (increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000).

Tax credit applications are now available online at [www.honolulu.gov/treasury](http://www.honolulu.gov/treasury) & in person at all Satellite City Halls (Note: Applicants who filed last year were mailed their applications on July 14, 2023). If you qualify for a credit, the credit will be applied to your property tax bill that you will receive in July 2024. For more information or assistance, visit [www.realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://www.realpropertyhonolulu.com), contact the Real Property Tax Relief Office at (808) 768-3205 or e-mail [bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov).

## DISTRICT 4 UPDATES (con't)

### UPDATE: Safe & Sound Waikīkī



Waikīkī residents & visitors are fortunate to experience one of Hawai'i's most iconic & captivating places. Over the years, many have benefited from Waikīkī's dynamic growth & the incredible experiences it offers. However, as we take pride in this thriving neighborhood, the City also shoulders the kuleana of ensuring that every resident & visitor can enjoy this paradise in safety & security — & several efforts are underway on that front. Earlier this summer, the City entered into an agreement with Matt Levi Security to provide a specialized security team to enhance our public safety efforts along Kūhiō Beach. The highly-trained group, composed primarily of current & former law enforcement officers, is there during evening hours to respond to unlawful activity, including threats against residents & visitors. Given HPD's staffing shortages & a large number of existing overtime requests, it has been difficult to get officers to commit to overtime shifts sustainably, & the administration doesn't want to strain HPD's resources by taking officers from one district to improve safety in another. Given these difficult circumstances, the City is augmenting HPD's capabilities with Matt Levi's specialized security team. These additional efforts, combined with the continued success of the Safe & Sound program, are creating a friendlier, safer, & more secure Waikīkī.

The Waikīkī Business Improvement District Association (WBIDA) recently hired a new Executive Coordinator — paid for by a grant provided by the City & the Kosasa Foundation — to champion Safe & Sound Waikīkī. Katie Ka'ahanui will work directly with the HPD, the Prosecuting Attorney's office, & local social service providers to find new solutions for habitual crime offenders & people struggling with addiction & mental illness. "The WBIDA has seen a dramatic reduction in crime throughout the area, especially at night," said Trevor Abarzua, the organization's President & Executive Director. "There is always more work to be done, but the Safe & Sound initiative has been a clear success that we all benefit from." According to the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the City's crime reduction efforts are making a noticeable difference. More than 900 cases from within the Safe & Sound boundary have been charged, & more than 175 alleged criminals have been given geographic restrictions to keep them out of Waikīkī. Often, these repeat offenders diminish the quality of life for others in the community.

## 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
City General Information Hotline	768-4385
Community Policing Team—East Honolulu	723-3354
Community Policing Team—Waikīkī	723-3349
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
Mayor's Office	768-4141
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
Senior Helpline	768-7700
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](mailto:HonoluluCORE@honolulu.gov) or call the C.O.R.E. hotline at (808) 768-2673 to ask for assistance.

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