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Hau'oli Mau Lānui

Happy Holidays

As we enter the festive fall season, I want to express my sincere appreciation for those of you who have reached out to me to share your thoughts and opinions on matters that impact our quality of life in our neighborhoods. Issues such as noise, speeding, and safety are of utmost importance to me and my team and we have been working closely with Mayor Blangiardi's Administration to address them and find solutions that work for everyone.

As we continue to highlight the spirit of appreciation, I want to take a moment to recognize Harriet Chiyoko Yoneyama of Wailupe on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Yoneyama has accomplished extraordinary things throughout her life, from raising her five children to her fulfilling career as a surgical technician. Mrs. Yoneyama's years of dedication and hard work serve as an inspiration to us all. Happy centennial Birthday, Mrs. Yoneyama!

During this season of gratitude and recognition, I also want to acknowledge our citizens who remain proactive and engaged in our community and who exhibit the true spirit of aloha and kuleana in caring for one another. You are the backbone of our island home, and it is a privilege and honor to represent all of you. Please keep in touch and continue to share your thoughts and feedback with us, as your participation and mana'o are vital to making our district a wonderful and safe place to call home. My staff and I remain committed to responding promptly and working tirelessly to represent and support you.

Mahalo,

OCTOBER 2023 DISTRICT 4

CONSTITUENT REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



My office is buzzing with activity, fielding countless invitations, meeting requests, policy inquiries, and requests for City services through phone calls, mail, e-mails, and even text messages -- thousands pouring in every month!

October 2023
Meetings Attended: 89

EVENTS and HAPPENINGS



How to Register to Speak or Submit Testimony for Council and Committee Meetings

It's important to share your thoughts on Honolulu City Council's legislation. Attending Council or Committee in-person meetings may not always be possible, but you can submit testimony via mail, fax, email, or online. Visit hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony to learn more.

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

November 2, 6:30 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

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

November 9, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 09

November 14, 6:00 pm, Waikiki Community Center

Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 04

November 15, 6:30 pm, Kaimuki Public Library

Wai'alaie-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 03

November 16, 7:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board No. 01

November 28, 7:00 pm, Haha'ione Elementary School Cafeteria

City Administration Releases Council Approved \$1.3 Million for More Lifeguards



The Council approved over \$1.3 million in this year's budget for 16 additional lifeguards, and I am happy to report that the Administration has created those positions, enabling Ocean Safety to support extended lifeguard services as mandated by law. This is especially important as we gear up for the winter surf season, which brings hazardous conditions and an increase in beachgoers to the west and north-facing shores. With the additional positions, Ocean Safety will be able to start a recruiting class next month, which includes emergency medical responder training, orientation to the rescue jet ski, a course in emergency vehicle driving, near-shore rescue techniques, and practical skills in saving conscious and unconscious patients from the shoreline. This is excellent news for public safety at beach parks, as data shows a dramatically improved safety posture, particularly during the busiest time of the day at some popular beaches. If you're interested in applying for one of these positions, you can find more information on tryout dates, starting pay, and employment requirements posted online at emergencyservices.honolulu.gov.

DISTRICT 4 UPDATES

Legislative Review

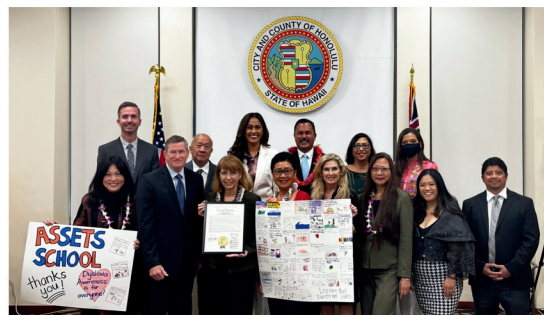
Executive Management Committee:

We discussed Resolution 23-207, which I introduced to require inspections of Waikiki shoreline hotels. This is important for our island as we face climate change and sea level rise. We listened to different stakeholders who shared their views on the inspections and the environmental impacts. Some of them wanted more frequent inspections. We also learned about a new project called "Adapt Waikiki 2050", which will study the effects of climate change and sea level rise in Waikiki and plan long-term infrastructure adaptation. This is an excellent chance for us to work with DPP, other city agencies, community members, experts, and hotel owners to find solutions for Waikiki.

Planning and the Economy Committee:

The Department of Planning and Permitting updated the Committee on the building permit backlog (<https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/document-download?id=19260>). Excluding instant online building permits, the residential permit duration has been reduced from 330 days to 181 days during the last year. Pre-screening improved from 6 months to 5 days. Code Review increased from 3 months to 5 months and 3 weeks. The approvals to issue permits have been reduced from 2 months to 5 days. DPP Director Apuna said she is working hard with her department to bring these numbers down even more. Commercial permits decreased from 420 to 352 days, with Code Review as the main problem. DPP has hired 76 new employees and has lost 41 staff members due to retirement and other separations, resulting in a net gain of 35 personnel. DPP created 15 Plans Examining Engineer positions, and they believe that hiring these professionally licensed workers will reduce the building permit backlog for residential and commercial permits. The City is looking for ways to get more applicants to work at the DPP and speed up the permit process.

Honoring and Recognizing Assets School during Dyslexia Awareness Month in Hawai'i



The Honolulu City Council recognized Assets School in October for its outstanding service in educating students with dyslexia, language-based learning differences, and gifted students. As the only school in Hawai'i dedicated to this task, Assets School has been providing excellent education for over 60 years, operating on two campuses in Honolulu. Their tailored curriculum prioritizes students' strengths to help them overcome their learning differences, and their inclusive community fosters a sense of belonging, acceptance, and support. The Honolulu City Council presented Assets School with an Honorary Certificate in recognition of their exceptional services during Dyslexia Awareness Month and sends its warmest aloha and best wishes for the school's continued success in creating a more inclusive and supportive community for those with dyslexia in Hawai'i.

DISTRICT 4 UPDATES (con't)

Department of Parks and Recreation In-House Improvements

Mahalo to the DPR for island-wide park improvements completed in-house by its Maintenance Support Services (MSS) with Fiscal Year 2023 funds totaling \$8,785,959. Park improvements in District 4 include the following:

Baseball Backstops:

- Koko Head District Park (4 Backstops) - \$536,441

Fencing:

- Koko Head District Park; Anapalau Street - \$46,734
- Mauanalua Bay Beach Park (Hui Nalu O Hawai'i Canoe Halau Gate) - \$136,130
- Koko Head Shooting Complex - \$78,758

Asphalt Renovation and Paving:

- Koko Head District Park Base Yard - \$137,700
- Wailupe Beach Park - \$42,605
- Joe Lukela Beach Park - \$46,940

Gym Basketball Backboards:

- Kaimukī District Park - \$1,762
- Kīlauea District Park - \$3,594

Roofs:

- Koko Head Shooting Complex - \$122,410
- Queen's Surf Beach (Waikīkī Barefoot Beach Café) - \$165,971

Painting:

- Koko Head Shooting Range - \$38,474

New Amenities:

- Waikīkī Beachside Bistro - Surf Rack Walkway Repair \$184,380

ARPA Tables and Benches Project:

- 1st Contract (D1, D4, Foster Botanical Garden) - Installation: \$624,386; Equipment: \$160,950; Encumber: FY23

Park Facilities Elevator Servicing and Repair:

- Paki Hale - \$2,947
- Ala Wai Golf Course - \$6,162
- Kapi'olani Bandstand - \$1,361

Hawai'i American Water Hawai'i Kai Traffic Alert



Hawai'i American Water will reconstruct their Wastewater Pump Station #2, located at 546 Kawaihae Street, beginning in January 2024. This private wastewater improvement project is expected to last about ten months and will impact traffic on Kawaihae Street. This station was initially constructed in the early 1960s and needs to be modernized to optimize operational efficiency and safety. The work includes taking the current pump station out of service and temporarily replacing it with two portable pumps that will be placed on the street adjacent to the station, along with safety barriers. Unfortunately, this will require residents on the makai side of Kawaihae Street fronting these barriers to travel in the Koko Head direction. Those residents on the mauka side of Kawaihae Street must travel in the Diamond Head direction. Residents and motorists should also anticipate intermittent sidewalks and lane closures on the mauka side of the street as the work continues. For safety reasons, on-street parking will also be prohibited near the safety barriers.

Informational project packets were distributed to all the homes on Hakalau Place and along Kawaihae Street from the corner of Hakalau Place to Hawaii Kai Drive.

Direct questions to Hawai'i American Water manager Lee Mansfield via e-mail (Lee.Mansfield@amwater.com) or telephone at (808) 864-7079.

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 and State ID	768-9100
Illegal Dumping	768-3203
Mayor's Office	768-4141
Motor Vehicle Title and 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 individuals experiencing homelessness or homeless encampments, the City and County of Honolulu's Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program (C.O.R.E.) responds to medical, mental, and social needs of non-violent homeless-related concerns. Please get in touch with C.O.R.E via email (HonoluluCORE@honolulu.gov) or call their hotline at (808) 768-2673 to request for assistance.

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