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Aloha Neighbors!

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and represent the people of District 6 at the Honolulu City Council. Together, we will make our community safer and more equitable. I am excited to get started.

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Honolulu City Council Oath of Office

On Jan. 3, I had the honor to be sworn in as District 6 City Councilmember. I look forward to serving the people of the district to the best of my ability. Thank you to all the voters who gave me this opportunity.



To view the inauguration, scan QR Code





Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam of District 6, Weyer of District 2, and Okimoto of District 8 all took the oath of office.





Honolulu City Council Committees



CM Dos Santos-Tam is Chair of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee, and the Transportation Committee.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam is the **Chair** of two committees; Executive Mattes and Legal Affairs and Transportation. He is the **Vice Chair** of Zoning, and a **voting member** of the Housing, Sustainability, and Health, and Public Safety Committees.

In these public hearing constituents are able to provide testimony in-person and online.

To watch the inauguration ceremony visit honolulucitycouncil.org/meetings.



A testifier on behalf of a department is testifying before the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee.

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Council to Schedule Hearings on Gun Safety Bill

The City Council will resume its hearings on Bill 57, which pertains to concealed carry of firearms, in February. Our office would like to hear community input on this very important issue. If you have any comments, please share them with our office.

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

On January 10, the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee, which Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam chairs, is hearing Bill 25 (2021), which establishes an antibias and anti-discrimination policy for City employees. CM Dos Santos-Tam added an amendment to specifically protect LGBTQ+ city employees and to make the biennial anti-bias training requirement easier to implement.

Kakaako Sinkhole Update

Repair work has begun on this sinkhole, which opened up in late October. The project is estimated to take 3-6 months to resolve the water that is leaking from the joints of the existing box culvert storm drain underneath Cooke Street.



Oahu Pedestrian Plan

The plan, which was recently released in final form, works to create safe and accessible streets that allow everyone to get around comfortably by walking. The incorporation and construction of sidewalks in our district will benefit the community for all. For more visit honolulu.gov/completestreets/pedplan.

Parking Meters Go Offline

As Transportation Committee Chair, I'm calling for more transparency on the plans to upgrade our parking meters, especially given that the meters were not upgraded in a timely way.



Chinatown Police Funding Announced

I joined Mayor Blangiardi, Police Chief Logan, Prosecutor Alm, and Major Sung for a press Conference on the \$647K funding for additional police presence in Chinatown to help ensure public safety and strengthen police and community relations. Cutting down on crime in Chinatown will have benefits for surrounding neighborhoods like Iwilei-Palama, Liliha, Downtown, Nuuanu, Pauoa, and Kakaako.



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Holding DPP and the Builders Accountable



With my background in the construction industry, one of my goals is to help the Department of Planning and Permitting to do their job more effectively in serving the public, and to make sure that they are able to hold builders accountable.

In the past month, I've responded to constituent concerns about a monster home-like project on Kamehameha IV Rd in Kalihi, which was featured in Hawaii News Now, as well as a home which has been infiltrated by squatters and litter in the Punchbowl area.

CM Dos Santos-Tam outside the Punchbowl home which has three outstanding Notices of Violation, talking with KITV.

Meeting with District Principals

I had the opportunity to meet with several area school principals, including Ned Uemae of Nu'uanu ES, Ronnie Victor of Kawananakoa MS, Daniel Larkin of Kalihi Waena ES, and Jill Texeira of Ka'iulani ES.

We were able to discuss the needs of their schools and the surrounding community, such as better crosswalks near Roosevelt HS and the homeless issues faced by the schools surrounding Downtown/Chinatown. One of my goals is to meet with every school principal in the district within the next few months.



(Left) With Principal Ned Uemae from Nu'uanu Elementary School; (Center) Principal Sonja Samsonas of Kauluwela Elementary School; (Right) With Principal Sean Wong of Roosevelt High School.

Congratulations Wilhemina B.Ibay!



I was able to present a dear community member, Mrs. Wilhemina B. Ibay with an Honorary Certificate recognizing her work with the International Filipino Asian American Cultural Association of Hawaii and the Filipino Club of Honolulu. I was joined by Councilmember Radiant Cordero.



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Annual Lanakila Multi Purpose Center Holds Christmas Party



The Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center held a Christmas Party to bring together kūpuna from across our community. There was a holiday gift exchange with the wonderful seniors and program Director Suzanne Chun Oakland.

CM Dos Santos-Tam with members of the Lanakila Multi Purpose Center.

Shop with Hero Event

Community members came together to support the annual "Shop with a Hero" event, run by HPD's Community Policing Team, with the support of the Sheriff's Office, National Guard, and others. This gives underprivileged youth the opportunity to purchase needed Christmas gifts for themselves and their families. I had the pleasure of joining Officer Lin to shop for a District 6 youth for school supplies.



Our Eyes & Ears: Supporting Neighborhood Security Watches

In response to community concerns regarding crime, our office has been active in supporting our existing Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) programs, as well as helping neighbors to start new ones. Last month, CM Dos Santos-Tam joined with the Chinatown Citizens Patrol as they walked around the neighborhood, and he hopes to be able to join every NSW in District 6 for a walk over the next several months. Along with additional resources for HPD and the Prosecutor's office, our NSWs can play a role in reducing crime in our District's various neighborhoods!



CM Dos Santos-Tam and members of the Chinatown Neighborhood Patrol Walk

To start a neighborhood security watch in your area, call our office at 768-5006, or HPD's Community Policing Team at 723-3927 for Nuʻuanu, Pauoa, and Downtown/Chinatown, or 723-8229 for Liliha, ʻĀlewa, Pālama, and Kalihi.

City Recruiting Employees at Upcoming Hawai'i Career Expo

Last year, Mayor Blangiardi announced that all City departments will participate in a Career Expo scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. For more information visit hawaiicareerexpo.com

Traffic Red Light Program to Begin With Citations

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) advised motorists that the Red Light Safety Camera at Vineyard Boulevard and Liliha Street have began issuing red light running citations on **Monday**, **Dec 12**, **2022**.

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Incheon Delegation Given Honorary Certificate

Our visiting Sister City delegates from Incheon, South Korea, visited Honolulu in December. Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam, Cordero, Okimoto, Say, and Chair Waters honored them with a certificate to honor their visit. The relationship we created with Incheon is being celebrated this year in the context of the 120th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants in 1923.



On the Council floor with the esteemed delegates from Incheon, South Korea.

Incheon-Hawaii International Art Exhibition

On December 19th I had the opportunity to attend the Incheon-Hawaii International Art Exhibition. There I met the Chairperson of the Incheon Metropolitan Council Heo Shick, and the First Vice Chairperson of the Incheon Metropolitan Council, Lee Bong Rak.





Sister Cities with Edogawa, Japan

I met the Intercity Subsection of Edogawa, Japan, Chief Jun Takei. The sister city relationship between Honolulu and Edogawa can work to recognize common bonds and mutually beneficial policies for the cities. This can be cultural, environmental, or educational.

With Jun Takei of the Edogawa City Government in Japan.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

TYLER'S OFFICE 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

Illegal Dumping 768-3203
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

