



JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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



Calvin K.Y. Say
Councilmember | District 5

Aloha!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! The City Council passed the annual budget on June 7th and the Mayor signed the \$4.75B budget later in the month, which included a \$350 tax credit for homeowner-occupants. With a focus on affordable housing, public infrastructure, community revitalization, and public safety.

Included in the budget was funding for the City's Youth Commission. It is their first budget since inception, and youth commissioners strongly advocated for it to allow further public outreach. We also included funding for an affordable and workforce housing plan, land acquisitions, and affordable housing and homeless service facilities. Public safety was also a focus, with funding going to community policing teams, speed trailers, and programs like Community Outreach Courts, Weed and Seed, and Safe and Sound, which I'd like to see expanded into District 5 neighborhoods. Funding for contracts relating to controlling feral chicken and/or other invasive birds was also included, something my office gets a lot of calls about. For more information on the budget, please visit <https://www.honoluluycitycouncil.org/budget> where you can see detailed information for each Department.

INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT

City Auditor Citizen-Centric Report for Fiscal Year 2022

The 2022 Citizen-Centric Report provides a snapshot of population, demographics, performance, accomplishments, revenue and finances, & priorities going forward. To read and/or download, visit: <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=17390>

O'ahu Vision Zero Action Plan

Vision Zero is a multi-pronged strategy to eliminate all fatalities and severe injuries on our roadways while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable transportation choices for all. The plan will define a set of actions to reduce and ultimately eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on our streets by 2035. To participate, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HonoluluVisionZero>



my committees:

- Zoning (CHAIR)
- Public Infrastructure & Technology (VICE CHAIR)
- Executive Management (VICE CHAIR)
- Budget
- Public Safety
- Planning & the Economy

city legislative highlights:

Relating to the Department of Planning & Permitting

- **Bill 6:** This bill is intended to help alleviate the backlog of building permit applications and reviews by giving the building official the authority to allow other outside means of building permit self-certification.
- **Bill 18** This bill relates to special assignment inspections, which is currently applicable to developments other than single-family or two-family detached dwellings. Bill 18 would allow SAI for the latter. SAI allows construction to proceed prior to the issuance of a building permit if the building permit applicant submits to the building official a request for SAI and all of the requirements are satisfied with respect to the project for which the building permit is sought.
- **Bill 36** This bill disallows building permit applications from applicants who have been convicted of a criminal offense involving the acceptance of a bribe or who caused an employee of the Department of Planning and Permitting to be convicted of the same.

upcoming meetings:

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

CITY COUNCIL

- July 12 @ 10:00 am
- August 9 @ 10:00 am

ZONING COMMITTEE

- July 26 @ 9:00 am
- August 23 @ 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

Did You Know?

Quiz time again: What was the first middle (junior high) school on Oahu?

Washington Middle School, at the corner of South King and Punahou Streets welcomed its first students in 1926, then called the Cummins Junior High School. John Adams Kuakini Cummins was Minister of Foreign Affairs in King Kalākaua's cabinet. A mini quiz and a little history to go with the 4th of July.

About 1 1/2 miles from Washington Middle School and 2 blocks from McKinley High School is Cummins Street. The 2-block road offers a cut-through from Waimanu to Queen Street.



Images from Google StreetView.



The Governor and Mayor joined other State and City officials to bless the 105-unit, all-affordable Hale Makana O Mo'ili'ili senior rental project on June 9, 2023. The new building offers affordable studio and one-bedroom units for seniors 55 and older. A community center provides a place for social gatherings and cultural presentations as well as space where organizations can focus on the health and social service needs of the kūpuna residents.

- Councilmember Say joined the Hawaii Korean-U.S. Citizens League for their Night of Sponsorship on Wednesday, June 28.
- The League works to engage citizens in government and assists in voter registration, holding drives, forums, seminars, and lectures. They also have consulting attorneys who can advise residents on immigration matters. While the League was started by Korean-Americans, they assist persons of any ethnicity.



RENTAL AND UTILITY RELIEF



The City has resumed acceptance of applications for rental and utility relief. The online portal is currently closed, but the City is holding in-person application sessions. For Council Districts IV and V, there will be one for new applicants on Monday, July 10 from 9am to 4pm at the Ala Wai Golf Clubhouse.

For general information: <https://www.revitalizeoahu.org/renthelp>

Please bring:

- ID for head of household
- Signed Social Security Card for household members over 18
- valid rent agreement
- proof of financial hardship since 3/20/20
- income documents for household members
- unpaid rent or utility bill; or eviction notice

On June 1, 2023, the Honolulu City Council welcomed a delegation from Sakaimachi, Hokkaido, Japan including Mayor Masahiro Hashimoto, the full City Council, and 30 members of the City's Administration. They were in Honolulu to celebrate Sakaimachi Week in Waikiki. Honolulu and Sakai City (machi=city) have been sister cities since 2021.



Seated: Councilmember Say, State Rep. Sam Kong, Mr. Park.
Standing: State Sen. Brandon Elefante.

- Councilmember Say joined the Honolulu Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and The Korean War Veterans Association Hawaii Chapter No. 1 for the 73rd Korean War Commemoration Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

DISTRICT 5 HEROES!

The Honolulu Fire Department, Mayor's Office, and City Council recognized and honored citizens from O'ahu for heroism at a special ceremony on June 16, 2023. In addition to those pictured below were honorees Aaron Kia, Bryne Nagata, Kayleigh Amarosa, Marvin Chomolay, Stephen Miller.

Pictured are: Mike Formby, Managing Director; Chief Sheldon Hao, HFD; Acting Assistant Fire Chief Craig Uchimura, HFD; CM Say.

Christine Cabalo

On April 29, 2023, Christine Cabalo came to the aid of her neighbor who lost her home due to a fire. She provided the victim with a place to stay for the night and later took her to receive temporary assistance. As an employee of the Honolulu Fire Department, she demonstrated the HFD's future core values in her actions of giving back, taking responsibility, and working together. Her compassion and selflessness undoubtedly reflect the quality of her character.



Joshua Jackson

On January 23, 2020, Joshua Jackson observed smoke emanating from a garage while he was driving by and bravely entered the burning garage. He found a victim in the driver's seat of a car, alerted him of the fire, and rescued the man from dangerous fire conditions. His actions truly reflect the sentiment that heroes are most often ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary feats during life's most trying moments. Due to his heroism, he was awarded a Civilian Medal of Valor.

Jennifer Morris

On April 29, 2023, Jennifer Morris entered a burning unit in her building and rescued her neighbor from dangerous fire conditions. Braving this dangerous situation, she saved an individual from further physical harm. Jennifer demonstrated while rescuing her neighbor from dangerous fire conditions. Her actions truly reflect the sentiment that heroes are most often ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary feats during life's most trying moments. Due to her heroism, she was awarded a Civilian Medal of Valor.



Edward and Brittany Sariol

On May 16, 2022, Edward and Brittany removed an injured occupant from a smoke-filled unit and returned to the dwelling to turn off the stove that contained burning items prior to the Honolulu Fire Department's arrival. Braving this dangerous situation, they saved an individual from further physical harm and prevented the fire from spreading. Brittany and Edward's quick actions, bravery and selflessness undoubtedly were life-saving, gave the victim the best possible chance for survival, and reflect the quality of his character.