

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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



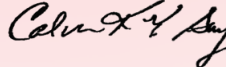
Calvin K.Y. Say
Councilmember | District 5

Aloha!

As we transition into the month of March, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important developments in our city and county. Mayor Blangiardi introduced his budget on Friday, March 1st, and the City Council will now begin its thorough review of the proposed

budget, carefully considering each aspect to ensure fiscal responsibility and alignment with the priorities of our constituents. This process is essential in shaping the direction of our city and ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to support our communities.

I encourage all community members to actively participate in this process by sharing your thoughts and suggestions for budget item amendments that you would like to see in the upcoming fiscal year's budget. Your input is invaluable in helping us make informed decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of our diverse communities. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any budget-related concerns or suggestions. You can see the budget materials and special budget calendar here:

<https://www.honoluluycitycouncil.org/budget> 

PREPARE. PLAN. STAY INFORMED!

- HOMEOWNER HANDBOOK FOR NATURAL HAZARDS - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM

The safety and well-being of your family is a priority! Natural hazards can come at any time, and it's crucial that we take proactive steps to ensure readiness and resilience.

The University of Hawai'i's Sea Grant College Program Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards, is the result of collaboration between government,

local experts, emergency responders, and community members who understand the unique challenges Hawai'i may face in the event of a disaster.

The Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards can be viewed at:

www.honoluluycitycouncil.org/district-5-say



MY COMMITTEES

- Zoning (CHAIR)
- Public Infrastructure and Technology (VICE CHAIR)
- Executive Management, (VICE CHAIR)
- Budget
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Planning and the Economy

CITY LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

For a full list of legislation, visit hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov

- [Bill 11 \(24\)](#) Relating to the Legislative Budget
- [Bill 12 \(24\)](#) Relating to the Executive Operating Budget
- [Bill 13 \(24\)](#) Relating to the Executive Capital Budget
- [Bill 14 \(24\)](#) Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes
- [Bill 15 \(24\)](#) Determining the Real Property Tax Rates
- [Bills 16 \(24\)](#) and [17 \(24\)](#) Relating to the HART Executive Operating and CIP Budgets

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

- March 27 @ 10:00 am
- April 17 @ 10:00 am

ZONING COMMITTEE

- March 6 @ 9:00 am
- April 3 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

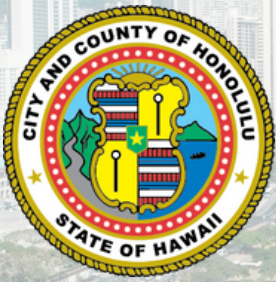
- 1st Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #7 Mānoa
- 1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm | NB #8 McCully/Mō'ili'ili
- 2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #6 Pālolo
- 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #5 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights
- 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | NB #4 Kaimukī
- 3rd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #10 Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus
- 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm | NB #11 Ala Moana/Kaka'ako

CITY CONDUCTS FLOOD RISK SURVEY FOR 25,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN HIGH FLOOD-RISK AREAS

Mayor's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency

The Flood Risk Survey seeks to better understand residents' awareness of flood risk, knowledge of flood insurance, and experience with flooding events.

The survey will be available for all O'ahu residents March 11 through April 1, 2024, at: resilientoahu.org/getfloodready.



23 CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES (SAKURA 桜) PLANTED IN TWO CITY PARKS!

On February 7, 2024, the Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation and Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts staff were joined by Honolulu City Councilmembers, the Hawai'i Sakura Foundation, and representatives of Kōchi Prefectural Makino Botanical Garden - met to plant cherry blossom trees in 'Iliahi Neighborhood Park and Mānoa Valley District Park (in Mānoa).

The planting of the cherry blossom trees resemble the strengthening of international ties. These particular varieties were chosen because they originate in warmer areas of Japan; as Oshima Zakura is found in the warm region of Kōchi Prefecture.



REMEMBERING SARA YARA: SIGN WAVING AND RALLY

On February 17, 2024, I rallied with the community in remembering Sara Yara.

The well-being of our neighbors are of the utmost importance, and we must do our part in caring for the community. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe by practicing responsible and safe driving. There's NO NEED TO SPEED!



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR! - THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON -

2024: The Year of the Dragon, will bring evolution and improvement, as it is the perfect time for rejuvenated beginnings and setting the foundation for long-term success!

Kung Hei Fat Choi!



DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES - FERAL CHICKEN NUISANCES -

The Department of Customer Services is addressing nuisance issues created by feral chickens in our community.

Contact Department of Customer Services to report issues on city property such as parks, building areas and other local government property.

Contact: complaints@honolulu.gov, call (808) 768-4381, or report using the Honolulu 311 app.

