

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: KAIMUKI, PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MANOA, MOILIILI, MCCULLY, AND PORTIONS OF ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, AND MAKIKI



Aloha!

Rounding out my second month as a City Councilman, I am awed by the vast differences and commonalities in District 5 and appreciate our constituents who reach out for assistance. Our daily concerns in the PUC (Primary Urban Center) that define District 5 include speeding traffic, flooded streets, untended garbage bins, and illegal loiterers and drug use in our parks and vacant lots. Our seniors are anxious about their COVID-19 vaccinations, expired driver licenses or state IDs, and uneven sidewalks. My staff and I are working hand in hand with city agencies to find both immediate and long-term solutions to these issues.

With community parks, streams, restaurants, public art, and scenic vistas, District 5 is already rich in culture and diversity. However, the landscape of District V continues to grow and change. There are currently 13 approved

projects (that include about 4,000 affordable units) in the transit-oriented development area alone. As new projects come before the City Council, my main focus will be on the community benefit of each proposal.

Let's enjoy the beauty and joys of our varied communities. Get to know your neighbors and help protect our parks; I am doing the same on a City Council scale. I am grateful to represent you in District V and hope you continue to be active and engaged so we can ensure our neighborhoods are healthy and safe.

HONOLULU 311

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) joined the City's Honolulu 311 Application to afford our community members the opportunity to report non emergency incidents to the HPD without having to call 911 and meet with an officer. Utilizing the Honolulu 311 system will also allow the user to track the status of their service request via email and the app.

Current service requests/report types that are being accepted include:

- Broken/Vandalized signs
- Broken Street Light
- Clogged Catch Basin
- Construction Runoff
- Flooding
- Illegal Dump Site
- Potholes
- Stored Property Violation
- Storm Water Pollution
- Stream Maintenance
- Taxi Complaints
- Tree or Plant Maintenance

The HPD service requests will include:

- Illegal parking – No blocking fire hydrant or driveway
- Homeless concerns
- Noise complaints – Vehicle alarms, construction
- Abandoned Property – Excluding vehicles/mopeds
- Gang/Drug Activity
- Game house/Gambling
- Traffic complaints
- Submit a Crime Tip (Set to Private by Default)
- Graffiti

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TOWN HALL - March 24th

OahuMPO is currently working on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 (ORTP 2045). The ORTP is a long-term document that outlines transportation goals, objectives, policies, and projects for Oahu's future. Projects and programs in the ORTP are eligible for Federal transportation funding.

OahuMPO is coordinating community meetings with transportation agency representatives and City Councilmembers to provide an opportunity for the community to provide feedback and ask questions regarding proposed projects in their districts. For Districts 4 and 5, I will be co-hosting this event with OahuMPO on **March 24, 2021 at 6:00pm via MS teams**. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Lara via email at samantha.lara@oahumpo.org or visit <https://www.oahumpo.org/ortp-engagement/>.

View transportation projects proposed for Districts 4 & 5 here: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2136

CITY COUNCIL

- March 17 @ 10:00am
- April 14 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- March 3 @ 9:00am
- March 23 @ 9:00 am

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

1ST WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM
NB #7 MANOA

2ND WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM
NB #6 PALOLO

3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #4 KAIMUKI

4TH TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #11 ALA MOANA/
KAKAAKO

1ST THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #8 MCCULLY/MOILIILI

2ND THURSDAY @ 6 PM
NB #5 DIAMOND HEAD/
KAPAHULU/ ST. LOUIS HGTS.

3RD THURSDAY @ 6 PM
NB #10 MAKIKI/ LOWER
PUNCHBOWL/ TANTULUS

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW

(http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ocs/reports/QuickRefGuide_OCS_The_Budget_Process_with_links.pdf)
<https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=5835>

By December 1

- HART submits its budget to the Council through the Mayor

On or around March 2

- Mayor submits the budget to the Council
- Council Chair makes the Legislative Budget available to the public

During the month MARCH

- 1st Reading of budgets
- Council holds agency briefings

During the month APRIL

- Council holds a public hearing on the budgets, revenue measures and real property tax rates.

By June 15

- Council adopts budgets.
- Council adopts revenue measures.

Within 10 days of Council Adoption

The Mayor must

1. Sign;
2. Return unsigned; or
3. Veto in totality or a portion of the budget bills.

Between 5 and 30 days after receipt of Mayor's veto

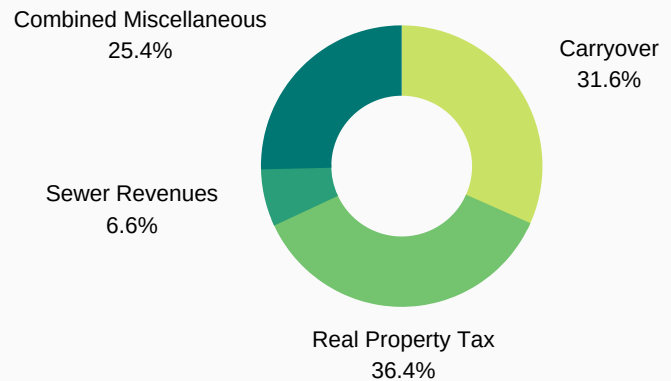
- The Council may override the veto with a 2/3 vote.

From March to June, the Council carefully deliberates the City's budget package. This three month process is the only opportunity for the public to suggest alternatives to the Mayor's proposals by voicing their opinions directly to Councilmembers.

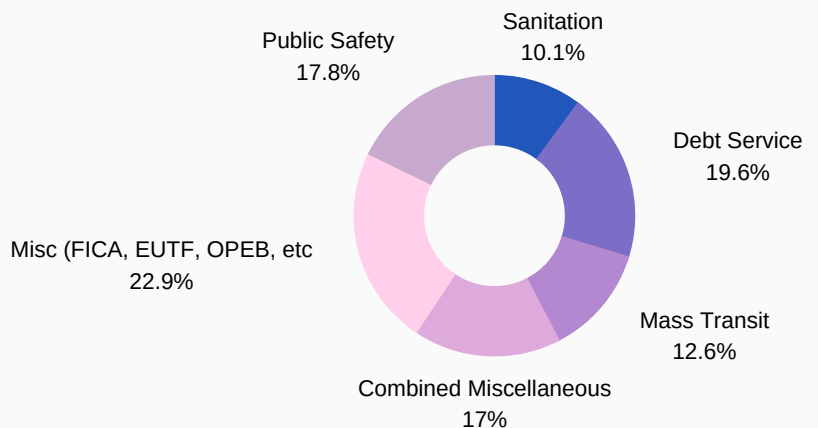
It is through the budget deliberation process, that Councilmembers are able to directly respond to constituency concerns. Councilmembers may propose budget amendments to include funding that addresses specific district needs and ensures that quality services are provided to the public in the ensuing fiscal year.

In this sense, it is the Council's role to be the "checks and balances" for the public throughout the budget decision making process.

Where the City Gets Its Dollars
 FY2021 Operating Resources (\$3.87 Billion)



Where the City Spends Its Dollars
 FY2021 Operating Expenditures (\$2.98 Billion)



BUDGET TYPES

- Executive Operating Budget
- Executive Capital Budget
- Legislative Budget
- HART Operating Budget
- HART Capital Budget

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Council encourages public attendance at all Council meetings. You can learn more on how to participate here: <http://www.honolulu.gov/participate>



COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM

Calvin toured the McCully area Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i with Brianne Villarosa, Clubhouse Director.

They walked the neighborhood perimeter being reviewed by community members for sidewalk needs & street traffic closure proposed for children safety from nearby Lunalilo Elementary School.

See the city's Complete Streets program here: www.honolulu.gov/completestreets

NEIGHBORHOOD FLOOD AREAS

The larger McCully area is subject to flooding, being near sea level zone as well as the deficient storm drains.

Calvin asked the Department of Facilities & Maintenance to address the continuously overgrown Makiki Stream as routine mitigation for rainy season flooding.

For Refuse collection, green waste, bulky item pickup: call 768-3401



LOW FLYING HELICOPTERS

We often receive constituent complaints from the Kaimuki, Palolo, McCully, and Makiki/Punchbowl areas about the excessive noise from low flying helicopters.

There is a way to report these noise complaints through the Department of Defense website, under the Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office:

<http://dod.hawaii.gov/env/noise-complaint/>

Be sure to observe the helicopter color. The **black, brown, green, camouflage** choppers are military—and the ospreys that have props on tail and head;

RED is Coast Guard | **YELLOW** is Fire Rescue | **BLUE** is HPD.

In addition to helicopter noise, you can also report: gunfire, aircrafts, artillery, military exercising, military singing, ground vehicles, and there is an option for "other" noise.

ALA PONO

The purpose of the Ala Pono project is to provide safe access for people traveling by foot or by bicycle across the Ala Wai Canal between Ala Moana Boulevard and the Manoa/Palolo Stream.

Councilmember Say joined community members from the areas adjacent to the Ala Wai canal to hear their thoughts on the project. The environmental process is underway, with an anticipated public release of a Draft Environmental Assessment in March 2021. For information on Ala Pono, visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/alapono>

Anyone with historical cultural or property knowledge for this area should contact Meredith Sniat, project manager, at Meredith.sniat@honolulu.gov



LEADERSHIP

The Makiki Neighborhood Board Leadership Retreat



Pictured: Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board (2019)

The Makiki Neighborhood Board (NB) held a successful leadership retreat. The retreat afforded the participants quality time to take a deeper look into community issues and develop creative solutions.

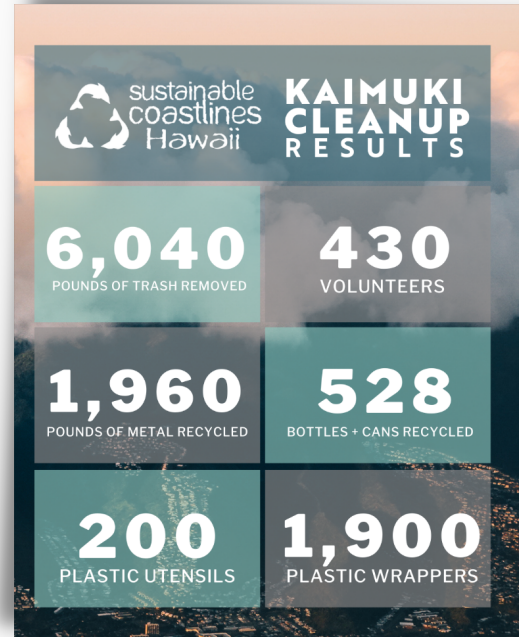
Using online Zoom platform, Board members, speakers, organizers, and community leaders discussed and developed actions plans for a Makiki community library, addressed homelessness, brainstormed Board improvement, and developed a community vision statement:

“Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus: a safe, clean, and healthy community with a lei of parks connected by roads, sidewalks, and public transportation; where daily life is not interrupted by loud vehicles and obnoxious noises; where all community members are valued, including the least fortunate; and where residents are proud to live.”

Certificates were awarded to the following participants:

Ian Ross, Chris Tipton, Katie Chang, Richard Kawano, Roy Agustin, Susan Lai Young, Nathan Char, Elena Farden, Chuck Lee, Fred Nakahara, Ian Custino, Corinne Carson, Ryan Catalani, Carla House, Scott Morishige, Christopher Edwards, Laura Nevitt, Tom Heinrich, Rep. Della Au Bellati

Kaimuki Neighborhood Cleanup



Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, with the organizational help of Keep it Kaimuki and the support of nearby local businesses, held its first Kaimuki neighborhood cleanup. 430 volunteers (in small, socially distanced groups) walked around Kaimuki and Palolo Stream to collect 6,040 pounds of debris and collected 528 bottles and cans that will help fund college tuition for Hawaii students.

Volunteers spent 6 hours cleaning up the neighborhood and educating others about how initiatives like this help to prevent the trash off the ground from getting into our waterways and polluting the ocean.



BUS ROUTE #4 UPDATE

Department of Transportation Services (DTS)



Effective March 7, 2021, the Department of Transportation Services will be implementing the proposed restructure of TheBus Route 4 on a PILOT basis.

New Route 4: Nuuanu-Punahou-McCully ⚠️ Will Not Service: University Ave (makai of Dole St); Citron St; Kapiolani Blvd; Kalakaua Ave (btwn Ala Wai Blvd & Kapiolani Blvd); Victoria St.

➡️ New Service Areas: McCully St; Kalakaua Ave/Pau St

➡️ Routing: Kuakini St/Nuuanu Ave (Kawanakoa School), Downtown, Alapai Transit Center, Punahou School, UH Manoa, McCully St/Ala Wai Blvd.

- University Ave (btwn King & Dole) serviced by Routes A, 6
- University Ave (makai of King) serviced by Route A
- Kapiolani Blvd serviced by Routes A, 3, 9
- Kalakaua Ave serviced by Routes 2, 8
- No bus service on Citron St & Victoria St

Comments/Feedback Contact Information:

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