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ALOHA COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 NEIGHBORS!

May Day became Lei Day in Hawai'i in 1928 with a celebration in Honolulu. Lei Day received official recognition in 1929 by Governor Wallace R. Farrington, who declared May 1 of each year as "May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i." Lei Day celebrates the spirit of aloha & proves that the meaning of a lei goes beyond flowers on a string.

The second reading of the budget bills was held during the April's Full Council Meeting. Proposals Councilmembers discussed centered around Mayor Blangiardi Administration's proposed \$3.41 billion budget & tax relief measures. Among the tax relief measures were bills to provide relief for low-income residents, kūpuna, certain individuals affected by Residential A, & homeowners renting out their properties long-term-12 months or more. In addition to other tax relief measures introduced last year, including increasing the homeowner's exemption, looking at the tax classifications, & applying a vacancy tax, the Honolulu City Council will review & consider all options to provide a holistic approach & the maximum tax relief for O'ahu homeowners.

In an effort to fund long-term tax relief solutions, the Council approved Resolution 23-40, which established a permitted interaction group to consider matters related to real property tax. The members of this group are Budget Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kia'aina, Budget Vice Chair Weyer, & myself. We will closely examine long-term property tax relief, including the approximately 30 measures currently pending before the Honolulu City Council.

I am dedicated to making informed decisions prioritizing our community's needs & committed to transparency & public input throughout the three-month budget process. Therefore, I encourage everyone to submit testimony to the Permitted Interaction Group at www.honolulucitycouncil.org/rptmeasures. Your thoughts & opinions are invaluable to me. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me with questions or concerns on city-related issues or if you have critical community needs to be addressed in the FY 23-24 budget. We remain committed to working for you.

Mahalo nui,

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 02
 May 4, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Waikīkī Neighborhood Board No. 09
 May 9, 6:00 pm, Waikīkī Community Center

Mayor's Town Hall Waikīkī, Diamond Head, Kapahulu, Kaimukī
 May 11, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Neighborhood Board No. 05
 May 11, 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Kaimukī Neighborhood Board No. 04
 May 17, 6:30 pm, Kaimukī Public Library

Wai'alae-Kāhala Neighborhood Board No. 03
 May 18, 7:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse

Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board No. 01
 May 30, 7:00 pm, Hahai'one Elementary School

MAY'S FULL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 May 17, 10:00 am
 Honolulu Hale, Council Chamber

DISTRICT 4 UPDATES

**Department of Community Services
 WorkHawaii Hiring Event on May 24**

A WorkHawaii & Workforce Development Division Collaboration

LET US GUIDE YOU TO YOUR NEXT JOB OR CAREER

HIRING EVENTS

May 24, 2023 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

DOLE CANNERY, 650 IWILEI ROAD, GROUND FLOOR

Special Welcome to O'ahu's College Graduates & Students

\$3 parking (with validation) in Dole Parking Garage

70+ employers including City, State and Federal offices
 Free computer and printer access
 Resume and interview skills workshops

"This was the best 20 minutes I ever invested in myself, landing me an awesome position in an awesome company."
 -Jennalyn, Hiring Event Attendee

A Partnership Between

AmericanJobCenter HAWAII, QWDB, DLIR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

For more info call (808) 768-5701
www.honolulu.gov/hiringevents

City and County of Honolulu
 Department of Community Services
 WorkHawaii Division

The WorkHawaii-American Job Center Hawaii Hiring Event is supported by \$6,672,737 in federal funds and \$546,737.00 in non-federal funds. For this event, a total of \$3,350.00 (0.02%) is financed with federal funds, and \$1,988.85 (0.3%) is funded by non-federal sources. Updated: 04.21.2023

See list of employers at: [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



City & County of Honolulu Sister Cities Program



Councilmembers Calvin Say, Val Okimoto, Augie Tulba, & I meeting with Honorable Maeshiro Hashimoto, Mayor, & Honorable Tomoharu Nojiri, Vice Mayor from Sakai, Japan



Councilmembers Augie Tulba, Val Okimoto, & I meeting with Mayor Ericson Singson from Candon, Philippines

Councilmembers Calvin Say, Val Okimoto, Augie Tulba, & I had the distinguished privilege of welcoming our sister city friends from Sakai, Japan, & Candon, Philippines, to strengthen our relationships through cultural exchange & leadership. We met with Sakaimachi Mayor Masahiro Hashimoto & Vice Mayor Tomoharu Nojiri followed by Candon City Mayor Ericson Singson. These sister city visits provide valuable opportunities to learn from international leaders & for economic growth. We are grateful for the warm aloha & hospitality shared by all, & look forward to future collaborations to address the important issues facing our cities.

U.S. Navy Seeks Public Opinion on Non-Fuel Repurposing of Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

The U.S. Navy has launched an online survey seeking public input on potential non-fuel repurposing ideas for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSS) after it is defueled & shut down. The survey is available to all O'ahu residents. All responses are confidential & anonymous. The deadline to complete the survey is May 31. Visit www.redhillrepurposing.com to participate in the survey & learn more about this effort to solicit public opinion on the future of RHBFSS.

Honolulu Youth Commission Is Now Accepting Applications



Interested candidates who wish to participate in local government can now apply to the Honolulu Youth Commission. The commission, established in 2020 with voter approval, gives a voice to our island's youth in the decision-making process. The commission consists of fifteen commissioners, with each of the nine Councilmembers appointing one member to represent their district & six members chosen by the Honolulu Mayor.

Council District 4, which covers Hawai'i Kai to Waikiki, is currently accepting applications for one spot on the Youth Commission. It is an excellent opportunity for young people in the district to get involved & make a difference within their community. To be eligible for the Honolulu Youth Commission, applicants must be between the ages of 14 & 24 at the time of appointment on August 1, 2023. The term would end on July 31, 2025.

It's important to note that the term of service is two years, which means that graduating High School seniors who apply will have to commit to either pursuing their college education on O'ahu or remaining on the island to fulfill their two-year commitment. Commissioners will be expected to attend at least one commission meeting per month. If an applicant is 18 years old by July 1, 2023, they must be registered to vote.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply online at <https://web1.hnl.info/youthcommission/> or contact Adam Doo at adoo@honolulu.gov if the application portal is unavailable. Applicants under the age of eighteen will need their parent or guardian's permission to apply. For further details about the Honolulu Youth Commission, check out <https://www.honolulu.gov/yc>.

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

I encourage you to express your views & concerns with regard to any legislation considered by the Honolulu City Council.

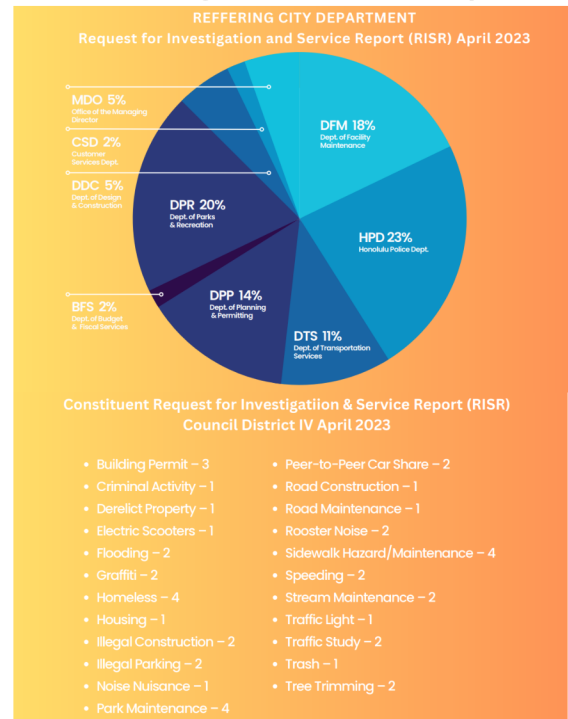
With work & family obligations, not all of us have the opportunity or time to attend Council or Committee meetings in person. However, you have the option & opportunity to submit testimony via mail, fax, email, or online. To obtain more information about the Honolulu City Council & Council Committee meetings as well as how to submit testimony, log on to <https://hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnl/doc/testimony>.

Honoring & Congratulating the Po'okela Fellows Class of 2023



At April's Full Council Meeting, my colleagues & I honored & congratulated the 2023 City's 30 Po'okela Fellows Internship Program participants. The Po'okela Program introduces Honolulu's next generation of leaders to the world of public civil service. College students gain exposure to the diversity of the City's departments & agencies, connect with City leaders, apply their classroom knowledge to meaningful projects, & make a difference in our communities. Many former Fellows have transitioned to civil service positions & they themselves have become program mentors. The Po'okela Program is about networking, relationships, talent development, mentorship, & legacy. Congratulations to this year's program participants, & mahalo for all your hard work & dedication.

April 2023 District 4 Constituent Request for Investigation & Service Report



DISTRICT IV UPDATES (CON'T)

Pistol & Rifle Ranges at the Koko Head Shooting Complex Re-opened April 29



The Koko Head Shooting Complex (KHSC) is a popular outdoor pistol & rifle range in East Honolulu that offers six different ranges for public sport shooting use. The Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) is happy to announce that the KHSC reopened to the public on April 29 with some temporary changes to the operations after a long closure due to staff shortage & safety concerns. The complex underwent a major renovation project that included the following improvements:

- New dirt berms for the pistol & rifle ranges
- Painting & roofing of the structures & galleries
- Removal of damaged parts & debris
- New signage & fencing
- Enhanced public address & ceasefire alert system
- More seating areas & amenities for shooters
- Regular cleaning & air monitoring protocols

These changes are aimed at providing a safer & more enjoyable experience for our shooters. To use the pistol & rifle ranges, shooters will need to make a free online reservation at <https://pros3.hnl.info/>. Reservations will open five days in advance at 8 am (HST) & will be limited to one non-transferable reservation per person, per day for both ranges. The firearm ranges will be open only on weekends, Saturdays & Sundays, from 8 am to 4 pm, & will operate as one firing line due to the damaged wall. DPR is working to increase facility staffing & repairing the wall at KHSC & asks for understanding from the community as these temporary protocols are in place. DPR is continuing to work with the various agencies who operate the other KHSC ranges regarding necessary improvements to those facilities. They remain closed to the public at this time.

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 & State ID	768-9100
Illegal Dumping	768-3203
Mayor's Office	768-4141
Motor Vehicle Title & 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 a homeless individual or group the City & County of Honolulu's Crisis Outreach Response & Engagement Program (C.O.R.E.) responds to medical, mental, & social needs of non-violent homeless-related concerns. Email HonoluluCORE@honolulu.gov or call the C.O.R.E. hotline at (808) 768-2673 to ask for assistance.

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