

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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



Calvin K.Y. Say
Councilmember | District 5

Aloha!

We have had a lot going on in our community relating to sustainability and taking care of our 'aina and our neighbors.

Hawaii has a goal to reach carbon net neutrality by 2045, something that the city supports 100%.

One collaborative initiative between the State, City, and energy stakeholders is the solar project in Mililani Agricultural Park that just went online, providing much needed energy as we move off coal.

Being mindful of how our actions affect the future of Oahu can help shape a better tomorrow. As I mentioned in last month's legislative highlights, the recent benchmarking bill will hopefully bring about more energy efficient practices, but Hawaii is already preparing for some of the negative effects of climate change. For example, Bill 41 (2022) addresses sea level rise, and looks to reduce future coastal hazards and protect and preserve the natural shoreline by increasing the required shoreline setback for future developments.

Please be advised: If you plan to attend in person, our October 5th Council meeting will be held at Kapolei Hale at 10:00am

Voter Information

If you are eligible, make your voice heard and cast your ballot by mail, drop-off, or in person. For District 5 residents, these are your closest locations for the general election on Tuesday, November 8:

Ballot Drop Boxes:3

- Kanewai Community Park
- Honolulu Hale

Voter Service Center:

- Honolulu Hale

Voters should get their ballots in the mail by October 21.

<https://www.honolulu.gov/elections>

Home Owner Tax Exemption Deadline: September 30th

City & County of Honolulu
Department of Budget & Fiscal Services
Real Property Assessment Division

Home Owner Tax Exemption

WHO MAY QUALIFY?

Home Owner Exemption:

- Owner Occupied as principal home on or before September 30th

Other Tax Relief Programs:

- Totally Disabled Veterans
- Hansen's Disease
- Blind, Deaf, or Totally Disabled

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

realpropertyhonolulu.com/exemptions

Call For More Information
(808) 768-3799

my committees:

- Budget (CHAIR)
- Housing and the Economy (VICE CHAIR)
- Zoning and Planning
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Public Safety
- Kapiolani Park Trust

city legislative highlights:

- **Bill 10:** Many of the current LUO use regulations were adopted over 30 years ago. Since then, the General Plan, Development Plans, and Sustainable Community Plans have all been updated to reflect a more current vision for our island. The proposed amendments to the LUO align with these Plans and improve the readability of the document.
- **Bill 41:** The purpose of this ordinance is to update ROH Chapter 23, relating to shoreline setbacks, to incorporate amendments made by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to HRS Chapter 205A, the State Coastal Zone Management law, and to implement an erosion-rate-based shoreline setback formula.
- **Bill 4:** The purpose of this ordinance is to address the taxation of real property, particularly real property used as a transient accommodation. This is closely related to Ordinance 22-7, and addresses RPT for Bed and Breakfasts and Transient Vacation Units.
- **Resolution 22-194:** This resolution is to formalize the caretaking rights and responsibilities for the Wai'oma'o slide area park to the Azama family in honor of the late Carol Azama, who cared for the parcel until her passing earlier this year.

upcoming meetings:

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

CITY COUNCIL

- September 7 @ 10:00 am
- October 5 @ 10:00 am (@ Kapolei Hale)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- September 21 @ 9:00 am
- October 19 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

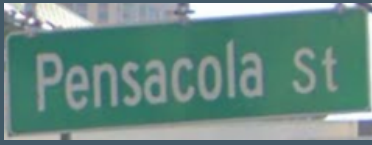
- 1st Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #7 Manoa
- 1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm | NB #8 McCully/Moiliili
- 2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #6 Palolo
- 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #5 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/ St. Louis Hgts.
- 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | NB #4 Kaimuki
- 3rd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #10 Makiki/ Lower Punchbowl/ Tantalus
- 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm | NB #11 Ala Moana/ Kakaako

Did You Know?

Along the Round Top slopes of Manoa Valley is Sonoma Street. Was the street named for Sonoma, the renowned wine-growing region in California, or perhaps someone with the surname Sonoma? The street was actually named in honor of a trans-oceanic steamer ship christened Sonoma. The ship was commissioned, owned, and operated by the Oceanic Steamship Company.



Dating back to 1874, Pensacola street was also named for a ship. The screw steamer Pensacola (1859) was part of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Squadron from 1866-84, and regularly docked in Honolulu Harbor. From 1885-92, she cruised between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In 1875, the Pensacola notably brought King Kalakaua back from San Francisco after a lengthy trip including meetings and receptions in Washington, D.C.



Makiki Park building's new life

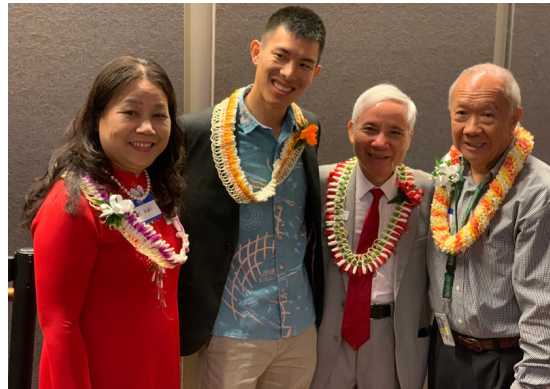
The Department of Parks and Recreation and The United Korean Association of Hawaii (TUKAH) signed a two-year renewable lease between TUKAH and the Makiki District Park. TUKAH will renovate the existing Building 42 2nd and 3rd floors and public facilities for a proposed public library reading area, Korean language, exercise, music and other classes, and for civic events such as food drives, street clean-ups.



Left: CM Say donating blood before the August 10 City Council meeting.

Bioeconomy Forum

Right: Governor Ige, State Representative Sayama, and CM Say attended the 8th Annual Bioeconomy Forum at the State Capitol on August 17 and 18. The event focused on reducing Hawaii's carbon footprint, and technologies that safely "scrub" harmful carbon dioxide into food-grade liquid carbon dioxide which can then be used for energy and food production. The forum welcomed contingents from Vietnam and South Korea.



Below: Councilmembers Say and Elefante joined State officials at the blessing and connection of the large Mililani I Solar farm. The facility's 123,000 photovoltaic panels can generate 39 megawatts at a cost of \$0.09/kilowatt--approximately 1/3 the cost of power generated by oil.

