

COUNCILMEMBER VAL AQUINO OKIMOTO

DISTRICT 8: MILILANI, PEARL CITY, PORTIONS OF 'AIEA AND WAIPAHU



Aloha mai kākou,

Happy New Year! As we step into January, I am filled with gratitude and excitement to reconnect with each of you through our first newsletter of the year. I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we embrace the possibilities that lie ahead.

Reflecting on the past year, our community has shown incredible resilience and unity in the face of challenges. Together, we have weathered storms and celebrated triumphs, proving that our strength lies in our collective commitment to making the island a better place for all.

Your voice matters, and I encourage you to reach out with your thoughts and ideas. Let's continue to work hand in hand to ensure our community remains a place we are proud to call home.

Here's to a year filled with unity, progress, and the spirit of aloha. As always feel free to contact my office should you have any questions/concerns.

Mahalo,

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY (PS): CHAIR

PARKS, ENTERPRISE
SERVICES & CULTURE AND
THE ARTS (PESCA):
VICE CHAIR

PLANNING AND ECONOMY
(PE): MEMBER

TRANSPORTATION (TRANS):
MEMBER

EXECUTIVE MATTERS &
LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA):
MEMBER

HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY &
HEALTH (HSH):
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HAPPY New Year

As 2023 gracefully takes its bow, we stand on the threshold of a new year filled with anticipation and exciting events here on our island. The enchanting festivities continue with the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations, promising vibrant traditions and joyous moments for our community. Additionally, the majestic Humpback whale-watching season beckons, offering a chance to witness these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

But the thrill doesn't stop there – gear up for the adrenaline-pumping professional surfing tournaments that promise to showcase the skill and prowess of the world's best surfers right here on our shores. From cultural celebrations to awe-inspiring wildlife encounters and thrilling sporting events, the coming months are brimming with reasons to be excited about the vibrant tapestry of life on our island. Here's to a year ahead filled with community, adventure, and the magic that makes our island home truly extraordinary!





LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

For this legislative update there are a few bills of note.

Bill 59 seeks to provide a real property tax incentives for the dedication of real property towards an eligible film studio facility. The cost of construction and investment needs to be at least \$100,000,000 and a minimum of 10 acres. The hope is that the film studio facilities constructed as a result of this bill will contribute to both the growth and the health of the film industry as well as a boost to the investment in the City.

Bill 52 provides a more effective deterrent to developers, applicants, plan makers, architects, and/or engineer supplying incorrect information on plans that violate the monster homes ordinance. The Bill has an initial fine of up to \$25,000, plus up to \$10,000, per day per violation.

Bill 40 seeks to establish additional requirements for the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund. The purpose of the transit construction mitigation fund is to receive and expend moneys to mitigate negative economic impacts from the construction of Honolulu High-Capacity Corridor Project.



DISTRICT 8 COMMUNITY REPORT



December in Honolulu was aglow with festive spirit as Honolulu Hale dazzled with brilliant lights and enchanting decorations, spreading holiday cheer throughout the city. I thoroughly enjoyed looking at all of the beautiful displays and the light parade was unforgettable. A heartfelt mahalo to our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts in bringing the magic of Honolulu City Lights to life.

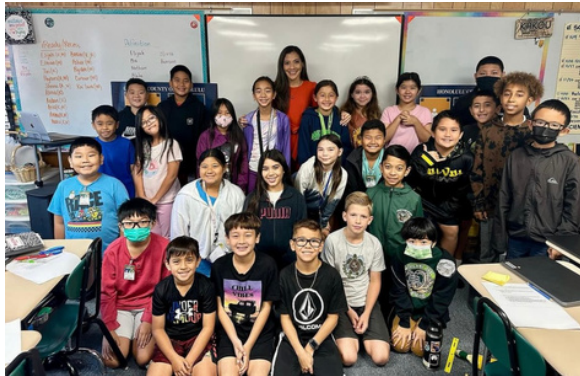


This month I had the privilege of attending the renaming and blessing ceremony of Darrell T. Young Park in Waikēle. Darrell, a dedicated community leader, served 'Oahu with unwavering heart. His kindness and support for my office will always be remembered and cherished. A heartfelt mahalo to his family - wife Jamie, and sons, Carson and Zachary - for graciously sharing him with our community.





I was honored to be a part of the celebration honoring the incredible achievements of the University of Hawai'i Wahine Volleyball team! Commemorating their Big West Conference Championship and unforgettable journey in the NCAA tournament. Go Bows!



Reflecting on the past month, I'm delighted to highlight the vibrant energy of our community through several heartwarming events featuring our keiki. Here's to more community connections in the months ahead!



A heartfelt Mahalo to everyone who joined us for the 'Aiea Holiday Parade! Looking forward to next year's parades! Your enthusiastic support added a special touch to the festivities, and we extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize and ensure the parade's success. Your commitment to our community shines bright, making this event a joyful celebration for all.





HONOLULU COUNTY UPDATES

Parks and Rec's Spring Program 2024



Exciting news! The Department of Parks and Recreation has just unveiled its Spring Program, packed with a variety of activities for all ages. From playgrounds to camp grounds, beach parks to botanical gardens, there is sure to be a facility near you. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make this spring memorable!

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

2024 Session Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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The 2024 session calendar for the City Council is now available. Stay tuned for upcoming changes and engaging discussions that will shape our community. Your participation and insights are invaluable as we work together for a vibrant and inclusive future. Keep an eye out for updates and be a part of the conversation!

<https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/s/2024-Council-Calendar-h7ex.pdf>

Night Market at Pearl Country Club



Discover a magical night at Pearl Country Club's Night Market! Dive into a world of enchantment with diverse vendors, live music, and good friends. Savor unique finds, indulge in delicious street food, and create unforgettable moments under the stars. February 28th will kickstart the market with a Chinese New year celebration!

 @nightmarketcentral



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HOTLINE**

THE CITY'S CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT (CSD) MANAGES THE ABANDONED VEHICLE PROGRAM. IF YOU SEE SUSPECTED ABANDONED VEHICLES, YOU CAN REPORT IT THROUGH THE HOTLINE BELOW.

(808) 768-2530



**HOMELESSNESS
HOTLINE**

THE STATE OF HAWAI'I IS CONTINUALLY WORKING TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORT THE HOMELESS. USE THE HOTLINE BELOW TO REQUEST SERVICES OR TO REPORT AN ENCAMPMENT.

(808) 586-0193



**HONOLULU POTHOLE
HOTLINE**

IF YOU SEE A POTHOLE IN ANY OF O'AHU'S CITY STREETS, CONTACT THE HOTLINE BELOW OR FILE A REPORT ONLINE.

HONOLULUHI.CITYSOURCED.COM/DEFAULT.ASPX

(808) 768-7777



**CRIMESTOPPERS
HOTLINE**

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! CALL CRIMESTOPPERS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE HOTLINE IS AVAILABLE 24/7 AND CALLERS CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS

(808) 955-8300

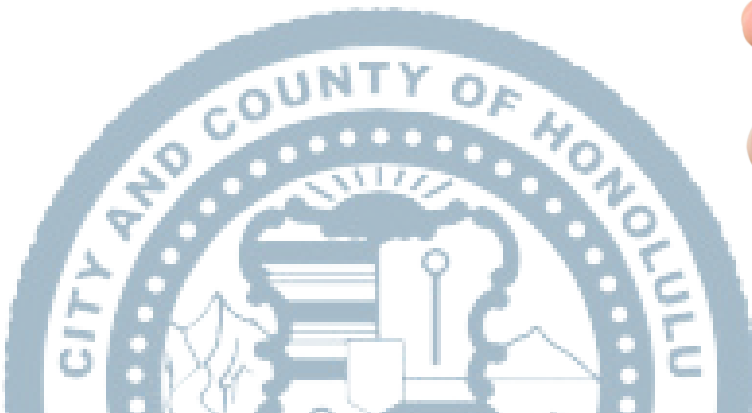
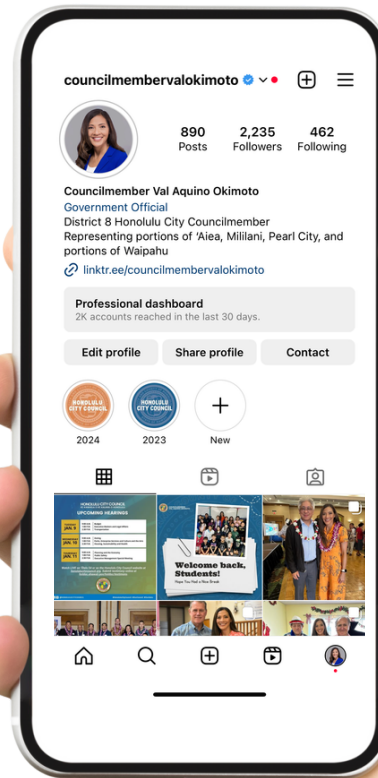


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NOISE CONCERN LINE**

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