

APRIL 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 busy month, adding the Annual Budget process to our usual day-to-day activities. In March, the Committee on Budget held informational budget briefings, where each department had the opportunity to present their budgets. After three days of briefings, Councilmembers worked on their individual amendments, and later in the month we

held a Budget Committee meeting to review the proposed Committee Drafts (CD) for the budget bills. The budget package will now move on to the full Council for second reading and public hearing. If you have critical community needs that you feel need to be addressed in the FY23 budget, please reach out to my office.

District 5 constituents have been busy as well, with a couple more athletic programs bringing home championships. Our Rainbow Wahine Basketball team won the Big West Conference and Mayor Blangiardi declared March 22, 2022 Rainbow Wahine Basketball Day! St. Louis School's Crusaders basketball team won the 2022 Hawaii High School Athletic Association State Division 1 Boys Championship. Congratulations everyone! Keep up the good work and stay healthy!

Current Major Projects in District 5

Visit the links below to keep up to date on major projects of interest.

Ala Pono Bridge

<https://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/alapono>

Ala Wai Watershed

Virtual Workshops on Sub-Watersheds:

April 8: Mānoa

April 14: Ala Wai Canal and Lower Watershed

April 22: Continued Discussions, Q&A

<https://www.honolulu.gov/alawai/public-engagement.html>

Manoa Banyan Court

Public comment period expected to be from April 8 through May 8:

<https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/>. For more information on the project, you can also visit:

<https://www.manoachineseceemetery.org/2022/02/20/manoa-banyan-court/>

Waiomao & Kuaheha Landslide

<https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-ddc-menu/site-ddc-sitearticles/38609-kuaheha-street-area-repairs.html>

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:

- **Annual Budget:** Go to <https://www.honolulu.gov/budget> to review budget bills, materials, meeting dates, and related information.
- **Bill 23 (22):** To preserve the tranquility of residential, apartment, and apartment mixed use neighborhoods against noise disturbances from the collection of refuse by private refuse collection vehicles by regulating the hours of collection.
- **Bill 9 (22):** To address the taxation of vacant residential properties in the City through an empty homes tax. This is a work in progress and welcome public suggestions as we work with administration to create an enforceable law.
- **Bill 41(21) CD2:** To better protect the City's residential neighborhoods and housing stock from the negative impacts of short-term rentals by providing a more comprehensive approach to the regulation of transient accommodations within the City.
- **Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission (ORPTAC):** Ongoing meetings discussing real property tax rates and exemptions. Next meeting is scheduled for 4/7/22 @ 2pm. Find more information at <https://www.honolulu.gov/oahu-real-property-tax-advisory-commission>.

upcoming meetings:

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CITY COUNCIL

- April 13 @ 10:00 am
- May 4 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- April 20 @ 9:00 am
- May 25 @ 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



Saint Louis Basketball

Congratulations to the Saint Louis Crusaders basketball team who won the 2022 Hawaii High School Athletic Association State Division 1 Boys Championship on February 26. This year's team featured 13 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. This was the first State Basketball Championship for Saint Louis in 36 years.

Did You Know?

Have you ever wondered from where a street name comes or for whom a building is named? We hope to share fun and interesting information about our district in upcoming newsletters. Hopefully you will find this section fun and informative, and excited for future district tidbits.



Part of the border of Councilmembers Fukunaga's and Say's respective districts runs along 'Uala-ka'a Street. What does 'Uala-ka'a mean? The literal translation of 'Uala-ka'a is "rolling sweet potato." According to historians, King Kamehameha I had a large tract of land on what is now known as Round Top sown with sweet potato plants. Some historians attribute the name to harvesters intentionally rolling the potatoes downhill, while others believe an errant tuber would accidentally roll down the hillside. Regardless of its origin, it is a beautiful name with fascinating history.



Deep in Pālolo valley is a group of streets with flower names...and Carlos Long Street. Who exactly was Carlos Long? Long was an attorney and politician of the Territory of Hawaii who served in the House of Representatives for the 4th District from 1903 to 1905. After his short stint as a lawmaker, he worked as an estates administrator and was involved in the real estate business.

HONU at Old Stadium Park

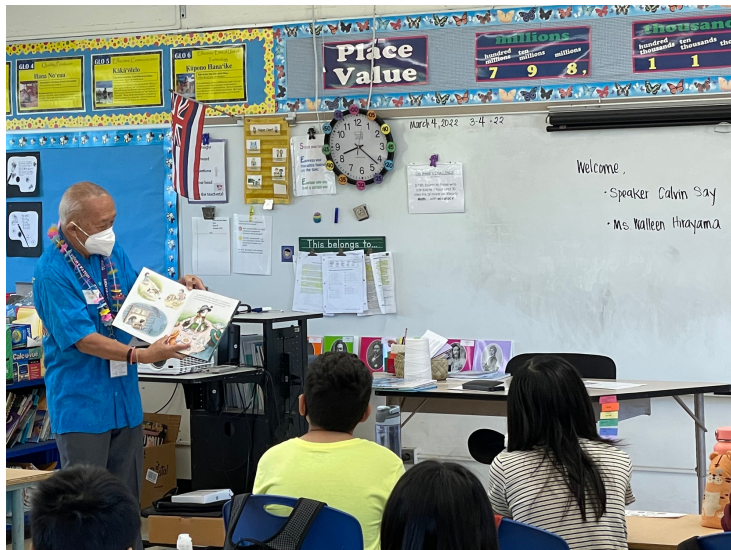


The Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (HONU) program is back at the Old Stadium Park. The goal of the program is to provide 24/7 short-term shelter services, and navigation to connect homeless individuals and families to longer-term shelter and other housing options. To refer an individual to the HONU, call the 24/7 intake line at (808) 768-4668 to complete a short telephone screening.

UH Wahine Basketball



Our Rainbow Wahine won the Big West Conference regular season title and represented the Aloha State at the 2022 NCAA Tournament in mid-March. The City Council and Mayor Blangiardi honored the team on March 22.



Read Across America

Councilmember Say participated in Lunalilo Elementary School's Read Across America event on March 4th. He captivated a classroom of fourth graders with The Dog Who Cried Wolf by Keiko Kasza.