



AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

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



Calvin K.Y. Say
Councilmember | District 5

Aloha!

First of all, I would like to wish a productive and engaging school year to all the students and educators going back to school this month! I know it's been challenging these past few years and hope this year we can get back to some of the fun activities in a safe and healthy way!

There was a lot of activity around town in July, as community leaders continue to activate volunteers and keep our neighborhoods clean. We also had our last collective bargaining unit, SHOPO, finalize their contract. Also, the Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission released their final report with recommendations. The Commission will share their report with the Budget Committee on August 24th, which will be a good opportunity for the public to hear about credits and exemptions on such items as vacant properties and historic homes. I will also be taking a closer look at legislation relating to real property tax, keeping in mind how we can balance working towards an affordable Hawaii for our residents and keeping a balanced budget while providing the necessary resources and services to our districts. I encourage you all to stay engaged in the process. Find out how to testify at [Honolulucitycouncil.org](https://www.honolulu.gov/elections).

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 primary election:

Ballot Drop Boxes open
Thursday, July 21 thru August 13

- Kanewai Community Park
- Honolulu Hale

Voter Service Centers open
August 1 thru August 13

- Honolulu Hale

<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

realproperty.honolulu.gov/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:

- **Auditor Reports:** The Office of the City Auditor released its Annual Report of the Office of the City Auditor for FY 2021-22. Also posted are the follow-up recommendations from Report 19-01 and select recommendation from Report 20-05 on HART. Find these and additional reports at [Honolulu.gov/auditor](https://www.honolulu.gov/auditor).
- **Collective Bargaining:** SHOPO was the last of the bargaining units to approve their contract.
- **Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission (ORPTAC):** The Commission released their final report and will share about their recommendations at the August 2022 Budget Committee meeting. Find the report and past information at: <https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/oahu-real-property-tax-advisory-commission>.
- Bills 22 and 27 were recently passed by the Council and signed into law. Bill 22 is intended to establish better benchmarking as it relates to energy and water usage to encourage more energy efficient practices. Bill 27 authorizes (as a pilot program) outdoor dining services on certain public spaces, which we hope will help business and provide options for patrons who still want to distance or be in open air spaces.

upcoming meetings:

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

CITY COUNCIL

- August 10 @ 10:00 am
- September 7 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- August 24 @ 9:00 am
- September 21 @ 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?

In researching place names in Honolulu, our office came upon Waiola Avenue...in La Grange, Illinois. As it turns out, the avenue was named by David Brainard Lyman, a Hawaii boy born to parents who were well-known missionaries, David and Sarah Lyman. David Brainard Lyman attended college on the mainland and eventually settled in La Grange. He married the daughter of the village's "founding father" Franklin Cossitt, and joined his father-in-law in developing the community of La Grange. The village of La Grange is known for its abundant spring water, and the street just east of Waiola is called Spring Avenue.

Special mahalo from Honolulu City Council District 5 to Sarah Parkes, the Executive Director of the La Grange Area Historical Society for the history lesson!



What was the last name of the person for whom Gulston Street on Saint Louis Heights was named? The street was named for the Most Reverend Gulston Ropert, a French Catholic bishop, born in 1839 and who served in the Hawaiian mission from 1892 until his death in 1903. While most of the street names on Saint Louis Heights bear first names, Gulston Street is special.

Kamanele clean-up

Council Member Say joined fellow City employees Scott Ka'eo and Mark Tom to help Mālama Mānoa and Mānoa Outdoor Circle remove invasive vegetation from the heiau site at Kamanele Park on Saturday, July 16. The group spent several hours down in the dirt bagging leaves, branches, and garbage.

Pictured are: Brian Sato, CM Say, Collin Sato, Mark Tom, Noelle Tom, Allison Fisher, Jackie Osumi, Evan Daniel, Arleen Garcia-Herbst, Arielle Garcia-Herbst, and Holland Distajo. Mahalo to Vanessa Distajo for coordinating and submitting the photo!



Left: On Saturday, July 9, CM Say helped the Kaimuki Business and Professional Association, Epiphany Church, and Boys Scouts Troop 82 clean up Kaimuki Community Park.

Right: CM Say taking part in the Blue Zones festivities at Old Stadium Park on Saturday, July 2. The wheel landed on his favorite activity: he answered "walking...and getting to know constituents."

