



# JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

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



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## Aloha!

First and foremost, congratulations to all our graduates who continue to inspire me as they persevere and adapt through the challenges and effects of the pandemic. Keep up the good work and I wish you a fun-filled summer!

Throughout the past few months, the Committee on Budget has been reviewing, discussing, and amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. While this year we had some additional cushion in the form of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, (also referred to as ARPA Funds), I am still very much cognizant of the long-term budgetary challenges the City will face with the much-needed Collective Bargaining increases over the next few years for our hard working City employees. In addition, I believe the City needs to continue to work closely with the State on important issues such as the sunseting GET to the City for the rail, and unfunded mandates that further stretch our resources on our police force and emergency services. I want to thank my fellow councilmembers, and Mayor Blangiardi and his administration, for working collaboratively on this year's budget. Thank you also to the public who diligently testified and remained engaged throughout the process.

## 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

<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.manoachinesecemetery.org/2022/02/20/manoa-banyan-court/>

Waiomao & Kuahea Landslide

<https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-ddc-menu/site-ddc-sitearticles/38609-kuahea-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:** After months of hard work and discussion, the Annual Budget package was passed out of third reading at the Council and moves on to the Mayor's desk for signature.
- **Auditor Reports:** The Office of the City Auditor released its reports on HPD Overtime Policies, Procedures, and Protocols; A follow-up on recommendations on the City's Recycling Program, and the Audit of the City's Information Technology Modernization, Services, and Support. Find the reports at [Honolulu.gov/auditor](https://honolulu.gov/auditor).
- **Resolution 22-127 (CD1):** The 2022 Recovery Plan of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation was adopted and will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.
- **Collective Bargaining:** So far this year, resolutions approving collective bargaining cost items for the HGEA Bargaining Units (BU) 2, 3, 4, 13; HFD BU 11; UPW BU 1 and 10 were adopted.
- **Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission (ORPTAC):** Ongoing meetings discussing real property tax rates and exemptions. Next meeting is TBD. Find more information at <https://www.honolulu.gov/council/oahu-real-property-tax-advisory-commission>.

### upcoming meetings:

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#### CITY COUNCIL

- June 1 @ 10:00 am
- July 6 @ 10:00 am

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

- June 15 @ 9:00 am
- July 27 @ 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



## Back to Back!

The City Council and Mayor Rick Blangiardi welcomed back and congratulated the University of Hawaii Men's Volleyball team on their second straight NCAA championship. The Council presented players, coaches, and staff with honorary certificates and lei. Mayor Blangiardi handed Head Coach Charlie Wade the key to the City. Congratulations to the team and supporters for a spectacular 2021-22 season!

## Did You Know?

Why is there a street named for a Canadian city surrounded by roads with Hawaiian names and names of missionary families? Vancouver Drive, immediately west of the main UH Manoa campus, is actually named after George Vancouver, a British Naval Captain and explorer. He first landed in the Hawaiian islands in 1790 with Captain James Cook.



For which European or American missionary or dignitary is Winam Avenue in the Kapahulu area named? CM Say's entire office was surprised to learn that we have been pronouncing it incorrectly and that Winam Avenue actually honors a prominent Chinese merchant and landowner from the 1800s: Ching Winam. He also served as the President of the Lin Yee Chung Association in 1899.

## City and County Volunteer Work Day

Employees of the City and County got knee deep in zoo-doo in late May. In total, we planted over 50 trees and shrubs and dozens of herbs throughout the zoo. We also raked and collected well over 40 bags of leaves, monkey pods and green waste; restored the mulch/wood chips in the baboon exhibit; helped prepare animal feed in the commissary; and improved the public areas of the zoo! Bizgenics donated beautiful citrus trees and creative ideas which helped to convert the old spider monkey exhibit into a ecosystem supporting a bee-friendly garden.



## City Budget Highlights

Health, infrastructure, public safety, housing, and homelessness were once again priority issues in our community that the Council addressed through their amendments. Here are a few adds:

- Over \$50 million for building affordable housing and increasing home ownership opportunities for local families
- \$29 million dedicated to ensuring clean water for O'ahu residents
- Over \$23 million to help houseless individuals and families with services for housing, in-patient healthcare and outreach support
- \$2 million to appropriately house and support those fleeing from domestic violence
- \$5 million dedicated to reducing unemployment and diversifying the economy by providing job training in industries impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$5 million for cesspool conversions in high-risk areas, especially for low-income owners
- Additional funding for HPD for patrol and programs to work with at-risk youth, support mental health and address crime