

# MARCH 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!

As we dive into March, my office, the city administration, and my colleagues will be busy working on passing a balanced budget that will support the city's functions and services. This year, I am particularly focused on making sure that we pass responsible legislation as we look at the long-term effects of items such as collective bargaining and the transfer of EMS to the city.

In this month's newsletter, I highlight the budget process and key dates for the budget package. I've also shared some of the legislative measures that you might want to follow. Our newly launched website: <https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/> is a great resource for information on how to engage with your city government and track legislation.

I also would like to share some of the AMAZING things happening out in the community. The Iolani Girls Varsity Basketball ended their season as HHSAA Division 1 State Champions, and Spring baseball season is in full effect for the Manoa Youth Baseball League. We had organizations raising funds for charitable causes, and community volunteers cleaning up our streets and parks, and finding ways to give back. Let's continue to work together and create a better Hawaii for the next generation.



The Manoa Youth Baseball League kicked off the Spring season with their Opening Day Ceremony and Annual Pops Tournament on February 19, 2022. Over 400 residents and players showed up to play ball and cheer on their teams, including Councilman Say who was honored to share a few words of encouragement and his own history with the league.

Congratulations to the Iolani Girls Varsity Basketball Team. The team defeated Konawaena, 28-17, at the Blaisdell Center Arena to "three-peat" as HHSAA Division I State Champions. They went undefeated in league and postseason play (14-0) and outscored its opposition, 133-88, in three state tourney games. Way to go, Raiders!

### my committees:

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

### legislative highlights:

- **Annual Budget:** The Mayor released his budget on March 2, 2022. Check out the budget process page for more information.
- **Resolution 22-35:** Approving Collective Bargaining for UPW Bargaining Unit 1. This is important as it sets the base for other union collective bargaining agreements and will affect the budget going forward.
- **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):** 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.
- **Real Property Tax Assessments:** The Real Property Assessment Division shared a presentation sharing information on how the division conducts their assessments. You can see a copy of the presentation here: <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=13270>. You can also call the division any time throughout the year at 808-768-3799.

### upcoming meetings:

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#### CITY COUNCIL

- March 16 @ 10:00 am
- April 13 @ 10:00 am

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

- March 2 @ 9:00 am
- March 22 @ 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

# Tongan Relief Event

The United Korean Hawaii Association (TUKHA) volunteers collected almost \$15,000 to cover expenses for purchase and shipping of needed items for Tongans, where 80% of the population was devastated by the after-effects of volcanic eruptions. Any cash balance were donated to the Honolulu Tongan church led by Rev. Toto Tautofi, with whom TUKHA collaborated on this project. The donations were blessed during an event on February 26, 2022.



Items in the shipment included building materials, portable butane stoves, cases of bottled water, ramen cups (dry), bagged rice, paper towels, toilet paper, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene paper products, trash bags, canned foods.



## Message of Aloha with Mami Ogiwara

Ms. Volunteer Hawaii 2021, and Manoa resident attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa, shared her message of aloha at the February Council Meeting. Mami spoke about her foundation, humbling experiences, and mentors which led her to where she is today. She called on Councilmembers to remember their pillars and foundation in hopes of bringing a renewed appreciation for having the privilege to make Honolulu a better place to live. Mahalo Mami for your words of inspiration and aloha!



## Street Clean-up



Aside from their Tonga relief efforts, TUKHA also works hard in their community through street cleanups around the Makiki District Park area. These efforts are widely appreciated by all who walk, live, drive through Wilder Avenue and the Keeaumoku and Kewalo cross street areas. At the end of the day, a total of 11 garbage bags were filled with trash and debris. Mahalo to TUKHA!





## In-Ha Park Clean-up

Theresa Bowick arrived in Honolulu after retiring as a registered nurse in New York state. She celebrated her 54th birthday by organizing a park clean up at Pawa'a In Ha Park in Makiki that brought over 10 volunteers on Sunday February 20, 2022. We extend a warm aloha to Theresa and the volunteers who joined her. Their community spirit and willingness to help their neighbors is what makes Hawaii so special.



## Moili'ili Hiroshima Torii Gate

You probably have seen the orange structure as you pass by the Moili'ili Triangle Park. The structure is a scale replica of the world famous torii gate at the water's edge of picturesque Miyajima Island, just south of Hiroshima proper and accessible only by ferry. The gate represents an enduring symbol of the bond of friendship and cultural exchange between Honolulu and the people of Hiroshima.



Pictured: Councilmember Say and Wayne Miyao

The Department of Parks and Recreation cleaned up the grassy triangle park as they prepared for commemoration ceremonies held on January 29, 2022, organized by Wayne Miyao, honoring the Japanese immigrants from Hiroshima prefecture. As an annual tradition, next year's guest will include Hiroshima sister city delegates in addition to the local consulate officials.

## We Are Oceania



Led by Executive Director Josie Howard, We Are Oceania is a nonprofit public charity serving the Micronesian and Pacific Island communities throughout the State. WAO aims at centralizing the support system for all Micronesian communities, families, and individuals in Hawai'i. Youth Center Staff shown in photo are: from left to right; K-nard Narruhn, Tayreen Apong, Dayna Wilson, Leah Milne, Diopilo Hardison, and Damien Mailbung.

## Kaimuki High School Micronesian Club



The Kaimuki High School Micronesian Club held a carwash fundraiser also on Saturday February 26, 2022 at the Palolo Chinese Home parking lot. Funds received will go towards school supplies supported by the We Are Oceania nonprofit organization. Micronesian students make up the largest population of students at the high school (as of the 19-20 SY).

# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW

<https://hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnl/doc/document-download?id=13300>  
<https://hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnl/doc/document-download?id=13301>

**By December 1**

- HART submits its budget to the Council through the Mayor

**On or around March 2**

- Mayor submits the budget to the Council
- Council Chair makes the Legislative Budget available to the public

**During the month MARCH**

- 1st Reading of budgets
- Council holds agency briefings

**During the month APRIL**

- Council holds a public hearing on the budgets, revenue measures and real property tax rates.

**By June 15**

- Council adopts budgets.
- Council adopts revenue measures.

**Within 10 days of Council Adoption**

The Mayor must

- Sign;
- Return unsigned; or
- Veto in totality or a portion of the budget bills.

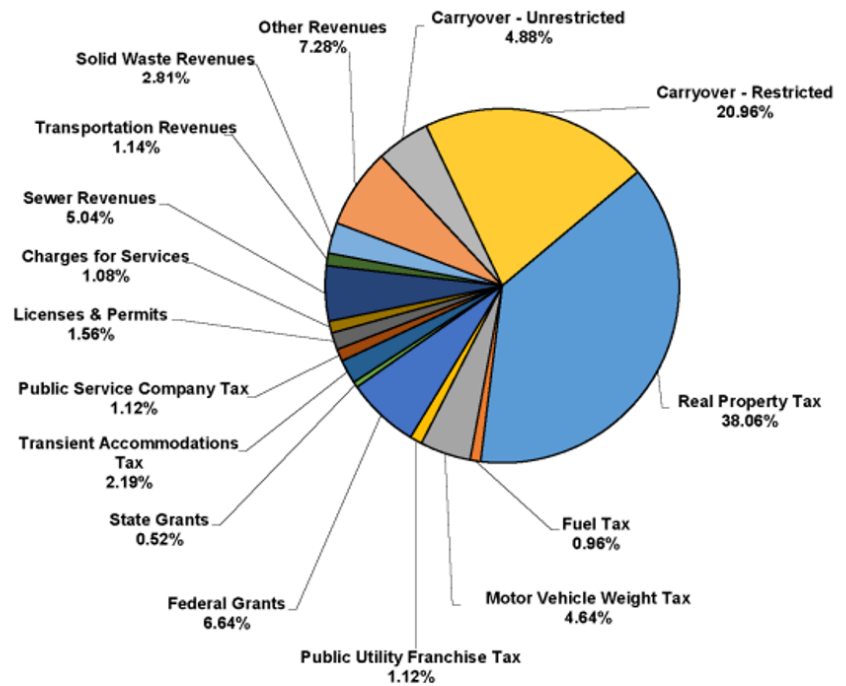
**Between 5 and 30 days after receipt of Mayor's veto**

- The Council may override the veto with a 2/3 vote.

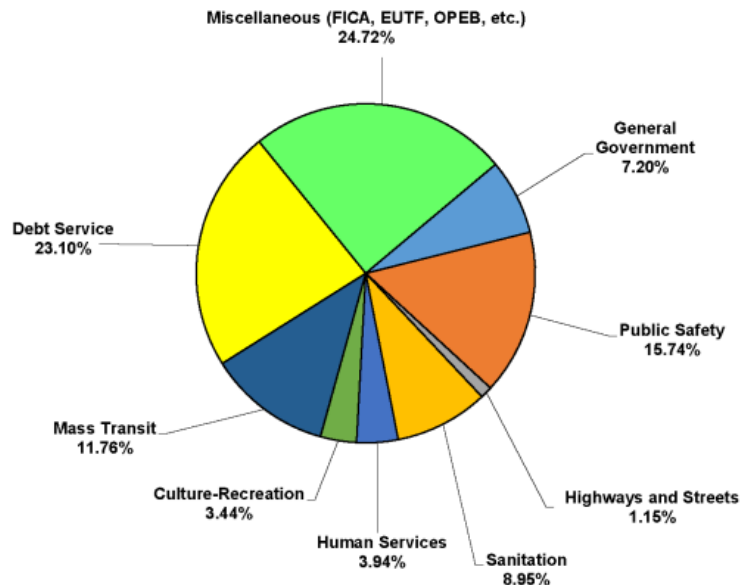
From March to June, the Council carefully deliberates the City's budget package, which includes the Executive Operating and Capital Budgets, the Legislative Budget, and the HART Operating and Capital Budgets. This three month process is the only opportunity for the public to suggest alternatives to the Mayor's proposals by voicing their opinions directly to Councilmembers.

It is through the budget deliberation process, that Councilmembers are able to directly respond to constituency concerns. Councilmembers may propose budget amendments to include funding that addresses specific district needs and ensures that quality services are provided to the public in the ensuing fiscal year. In this sense, it is the Council's role to be the "checks and balances" for the public throughout the budget decision making process.

**Where the City Gets Its Dollars**  
**FY2023 Operating Resources (\$3.92 Billion)**



**Where the City Spends Its Dollars**  
**FY2023 Operating Expenditures (\$3.35 Billion)**



## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING DATES

MARCH	MAY
3/7-3/10 Budget Briefings	5/10 Special CD2 Budget Meeting
3/16 1st Reading of Budget Bills @ Council	
3/30 Special CD1 Budget Meeting	
APRIL	JUNE
4/13 2nd Reading of Budget Bills @ Council	6/1 3rd Reading of Budget Bills @ Council
	6/15 Charter Deadline for Council to Adopt the Budget

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BY FUNDING SOURCE (\$801.6 million)	BY FUNCTION (\$801.6 million)
41.0% Capital Projects Funds	50.6% Sanitation
39.2% General Obligation Bonds	13.5% General Government
10.0% Revenue Bonds	10.4% Highways & Streets
9.9% Federal Funds	9.5% Public Safety
	7.5% Mass Transit
	7.3% Culture-Recreation
	1.2% Human Services