



# MAY 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!

There were some big pieces of legislation that were passed by the Council and signed into law by Mayor Blangiardi. Perhaps most notably was Bill 41 which is intended 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. Related to Bill 41 (21) is Bill 4 (22) which is going through the legislative process now. This bill addresses the taxation of real property used as transient accommodations.

May 10th is our special meeting for the Committee on Budget where we will review and discuss the Councilmembers' proposed CD2 amendments. This is the last opportunity for the Committee on Budget to make amendments before moving the budget package forward to the full Council for third and final reading. The Council must pass a balanced budget on to the Mayor by mid-June.

In other news, as reported last month, the Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (HONU) program is back at the Old Stadium Park. Since reopening on April 5, HONU provided services to 47 individuals and placed 20 persons in housing. To refer an individual to the HONU, call the 24/7 intake line at (808) 768-4668 to complete a short telephone screening. If you've noticed a difference, we'd love to hear your feedback on the program!

## 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:** Go to <https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/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 4 (22) CD1:** To address the taxation of real property, particularly real property used as a transient accommodation.
- **Bill 27 (22):** A pilot program authorizing outdoor dining services may be established and implemented by the adoption of a city council resolution or by the mayor issuing an emergency order.
- **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.honolulucitycouncil.org/oahu-real-property-tax-advisory-commission>.

### upcoming meetings:

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: [WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM](http://WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM)

#### CITY COUNCIL

- May 4 @ 10:00 am
- June 1 @ 10:00 am

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

- May 10 @ 9:00 am (Special Annual Budget CD2 Meeting)
- 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





## Centenarian Celebration

The City Council presented its first Centenarian medallion to Esther Lycan Nowell, a spry and youthful 101-year-old. The Palolo resident keeps herself young by regularly swimming and socializing with pals. Pictured are Council Chair Tommy Waters; CM Brandon Elefante; CM Say; Esther; Roger Morton, Director, Dept. of Transportation Services; Jon Nouchi, Deputy Director, Dept. of Transportation Services.

## Revitalizing Chinatown

### Did You Know?

Quiz time: what is the zip code for the East-West Center (EWC)?

- a. 90210    c. 96826
- b. 96822    d. 96848

The EWC is a postal enclave with a U zip code, "U" signifying "unique." The U.S. Postal Service can designate organizations, institutions, or buildings as unique if they receive substantial volumes of mail and route mail internally. Other examples of U zip codes are St. Bonaventure University in New York (14778), the White House (20500), and Walmart's headquarters in Arkansas (72716).

Bravo if you answered 96848!!!



Who was Jarrett of Jarrett Middle School? According to the school's website, William Paul Jarrett was a sheriff and delegate to U.S. Congress during territorial days and was a noted humanitarian.



The Center for Future Leaders and Eddie Flores, Jr. from A Better Chinatown Association supplied paint and local high school students Alanna Cooney, Taylor Ogata, Shunta Shinjo, Deseree Agustin, and Talitha Liu assisted in the beautification of the historic Wo Fat Building. These leaders of tomorrow were recognized by Mayor Blangiardi and CM Say.

## A Tree-mendous Effort

Councilmember Say joined Trees for Kaimuki in recognizing and celebrating their achievements including mapping 1,316 trees, identifying 260 potential planting locations, and adopting over 400 trees.

