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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILMEMBER 🛛 📈

Aloha Neighbor,

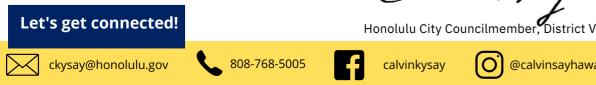
As your District V Councilmember, and Chair of the Committee on Budget, I am pleased to share some of the highlights from this year's City and County of Honolulu Budget Process. After months of discussion and decision making, this year's annual budget package became duly enacted ordinances on June 20, 2022. This budget takes effect July 1, 2022, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with guestions or concerns on cityrelated issues. We remain committed to working hard for you.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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plan.

In addition to the proposed Mayor's budget, which addressed essential city services, the Council focused on the needs of our community as so many struggle to live on our island home. Through funding, the Council focused on affordable housing, fought for clean water, and emphasized the importance of public safety. We worked hard to ensure in this budget that no funding for public safety was cut, including the restoration of about \$350,500 to the Ocean Safety Division from the Administration's proposed budget.

The Council stands strong in our commitment toward supporting an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are hopeful that this budget will help us to see greater City services to ensure the health and safety of our 'aina and neighborhoods.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVED BUDGET:

- Over \$60 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.
- \$16.7 million to support individuals with special needs, individuals with mental health conditions, and domestic violence survivors.
- **\$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.
- \$13.76 million to improve public safety and reduce crime in our communities. • **\$4.2 million** to improve emergency services' response and ocean safety
- initiatives.
- resilient fire safety operations.



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL APPROVES

FY 23 BUDGET Funding priorities include **housing**, water sourcing, public safety, and the environment.

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022, the Honolulu City Council unanimously passed a \$3.22 billion executive operating budget and \$1.03 billion capital improvement

• \$18.81 million for the Honolulu Fire Department to design sustainable and



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR LOGAL FAMILIES

An often-cited 2019 State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) study estimated that O'ahu will have a shortage of more than 22.000 housing units by 2025. In recent years, the Council's budget priorities resulted in construction of more than 2,000 affordable units for more than 3,000 homeless kūpuna, as well as youth and low-income families.

In this year's budget, over \$50 million has been prioritized for affordable housing. Together, we can encourage the growth of truly affordable homes for local families. Even more of our residents will have a roof over their heads as a result of this budget that is approved by the Honolulu City Council.



IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The Council prioritizes ensuring that our public safety departments are fully funded. In addition to full funding, the Council also appropriated \$1 million for the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) patrol division, over \$2.5 million for the headquarters, \$2 million for improvements to police stations and facilities, and nearly \$4 million for HPD equipment.







Read more on the City's Budget Process at: