

# District 9 News Bulletin

Waialeale, Village Park, Royal Kunia, Mililani Town, West Loch, Iroquois Point, and portions of Ewa Villages and Ewa Beach



## Message from Councilmember Augie Tulba



### Aloha District 9!

City government impacts us in so many ways. When the government runs well, all of our lives are better.

Public safety is the number one concern for our residents. They want more police patrols on our streets and I do believe we need more police in our area. Our population on the West Side has increased, especially in Ewa Beach, but the number of police beats in District 9 has not kept up with our expansion. The Honolulu Police Department is already 300 police officers short, and more police officers are regularly removed from patrol to handle other big events, such as COVID-19 vaccination sites.

My goal is to work with other Councilmembers, the new Mayor, and the Police Chief to increase police beats in District 9 and to give the department the resources and tools police need to boost public safety.

This month, we are honoring the 40th Anniversary of CrimeStoppers Honolulu, an organization that helps solve crimes and brings justice to victims of crime throughout Oahu. CrimeStoppers Honolulu is

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department, local media organizations, and the community to solicit information about crimes that have occurred on Oahu. Over the past 40 years, tips that CrimeStoppers Honolulu obtained led to more than 3,000 arrests, closure of 8,500 Honolulu Police Department cases, seizure of some \$2 million in illegal drugs, and recovery of more than \$4.5 million in private property. CrimeStoppers Honolulu has paid out \$380,000 in reward money to island residents who anonymously provided critical tips. Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi and I will present an Honorary Certificate from the Honolulu City Council to CrimeStoppers Honolulu representatives on Thursday, February 18, in recognition of the 40th Anniversary.

If you have concerns about parks, public safety, or any city related issues, please contact my office or reach out to us on social media. I have a great staff and we all want to hear from you. We are working on learning more about the key issues in our district.

Together, I know we can make this community an even more special place to live. Mahalo!

I'd love to hear from you! Please email me at [atulba@honolulu.gov](mailto:atulba@honolulu.gov)

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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Council Member Tulba is Chair of the Committee for Parks and Community Service, Vice Chair of Public Safety, and a voting member on the Committees on Housing and Economy; Executive Matters and Legal Affairs; and Transportation, Sustainability and Health. Here are some issues he and his staff are tackling on the legislative side that may be of interest to you:

## Resolution 21-6

Co-sponsored by Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi and Councilmember Tulba. The measure will change the name of "A" diamond at Mililani District Park to "Coach Glenn Ah Sam, Sr. Diamond." There has been overwhelming support from the public for this resolution.

## Bill 41 (2019) CD2

The bill brings some much needed changes to the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan. The current plan was adopted almost 20 years ago. Proposed amendments include more protection for agricultural lands, open spaces, and revitalization of Waipahu through the Transit-Oriented Development. These changes are 11 years in the making.

## Bill 97 (2020) and Resolution 20-388

These measures assist city officials with the issues surrounding abandoned vehicles. Specifically, these measures address the city's ability to tow and remove abandoned trailers and vessels from our city streets.

The Mayor sent the City Council department head nominations for approval. Laura Thielen, former state Senator and former director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, was nominated by the Mayor as Director of Parks and Recreation. Her nomination passed through Councilmember Tulba's Park's committee with unanimous support from the councilmembers on that committee. The full Council will conduct the final vote to approve Ms. Thielen's nomination at the next City Council meeting on February 17.

# ARISING ISSUES IN DISTRICT 9

## Suspicious activity at the cul-de-sac adjacent to Asing Park in the West Loch Fairways

Residents allege that drug deals take place at, and around, Asing Park, and at an abandoned vehicle in the vicinity. Our office requested the vehicle be removed. Councilmember Tulba has visited Asing Park multiple times since he learned of this concern and has taken steps to bring the situation to the attention of the police department and other community leaders. From January 26 to February 6, 2021, police officers stepped up patrols at Asing Park and adjacent roadways. They observed middle and high school-aged youth, however none were engaged in illegal acts. Officers will monitor the area. Please call 911 to report suspicious activity.

## Traffic conditions at the intersection of Hanakahi Street and Kuhina Street in Ewa Beach

Drivers on Hanakahi Street do not regularly observe stop signs, which has led to accidents. A constituent has requested that a speed bump be installed. Councilmember Tulba made repeated visits to the area, and has taken steps to bring public awareness to the situation. He joined State Rep. Bob McDermott, Sen. Kurt Fevella, and officers from the Honolulu Police Department, in a traffic "awareness" and speed calming event. The City Department of Transportation Services was apprised as well.



## Aggressive noisy roosters are bothering residents at West Loch Elderly Village

Residents in the area's 150 units have complained to management. Subsequently, the Department of Land Management is working with the Village's Locations Management Company to conduct an investigation. Locations hired Fletcher Company to help reduce the population of roosters at the property.

If you know of any issue in your community that is related to the city, feel free to call 3-1-1 or contact our office.

**Aaron Ho**  
District 9 Community Liaison



Aaron Ho, our office's Community Liaison, is touring District 9 with Council Member Tulba to learn about community concerns related to city operations, property and crime.

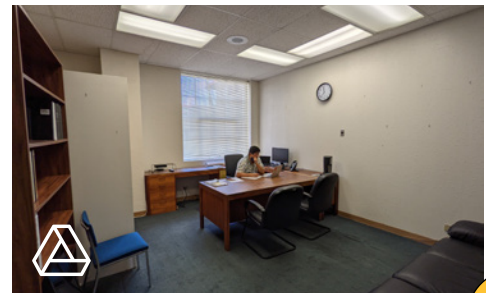


**District 9 Staff** (Left to Right): **Aaron Ho** Community Liaison, **Marcia Tagavilla** Chief of Staff, **Malia Zimmerman** Director of Communications, **Councilmember Augie Tulba** District 9, **Larie Manutai** Director of Policy, **Monisha Santiago** Office Manager, **Michael Hipolito** Digital Media Specialist.



### Call to Artists and Photographers of All Ages

When Councilmember Tulba moved into his office this past January, the walls were bare and his desk had nothing on it. He is hoping artists and photographers in his community may share photos or artwork with him that he can hang in his office at Honolulu Hale. If you or your keiki or students have art that could represent the district to share, please contact our office. We'd love to feature it on social media and in Councilmember's City Hall office.



Click here to view my office in 360 on facebook



### Ewa Beach Cleanup

On January 30, Councilmember Andria Tupola, Councilmember Augie Tulba, Senator Kurt Fevella, and members of community groups including the Lions Club and 808 Cleanups, met at North Road for a massive trash clean up. They were able to collect dozens of trash bags and illegally dumped items.



## Upcoming Meetings



### Tune in! Your participation is encouraged!

Members of the public are invited to view a live broadcast of committee meetings.

Tune in to the broadcast through the following:

- [www.honoluluycitycouncil.com](http://www.honoluluycitycouncil.com)
- [http://olelo.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=92](http://olelo.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=92)
- **Olelo TV Channel 54**



#### Tuesday – March 2

- Transportation, Sustainability and Health – 9:00 a.m.
- Housing and the Economy – 10:30 a.m.
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs – 1:00 p.m.



#### Wednesday – March 3

- Budget – 9:00 a.m.
- Public Infrastructure and Technology – 1:00 p.m.
- Public Safety – 2:30 p.m.



#### Thursday – March 4

- Zoning and Planning – 9:00 a.m.
- Parks and Community Services – 2:30 p.m.



#### City Council – February 17 – 10:00 a.m.

- Honolulu Hale, 530 South King
- 10:00 a.m.