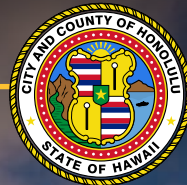




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Waikēle, Village Park, Royal Kunia, Milliani Town, West Loch, Iroquois Point, and portions of Ewa Villages and Ewa Beach



A message from your friendly Councilmember

Augie Tulba

Aloha! My staff and I are hard at work at Honolulu Hale representing the interests of Ewa Beach and other District 9 communities, and I want to make sure you are updated on what’s happening.

Mayor Blangiardi announced the September 13 launch of the “Safe Access O’ahu” program. The 60-day program requires employees and customers of restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, museums, and arcades and other similar establishments to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test result taken within the previous 48 hours in order to enter the establishment. Safe Access Oahu exemptions include:

- Children under 12 years old
- Individuals entering and remaining in an establishment for 15 minutes or less
- A restaurant that operates only as take-out, delivery, or a food truck

For more information about the Safe Access Oahu program, visit www.oneoahu.org/safe-access-oahu. Some constituents have asked for my thoughts on mandatory vaccinations. My family and I were vaccinated because we felt that was best for us. I believe in personal choice and letting people decide for themselves whether or not they should receive the vaccination. I know that I am glad that I received the vaccinations.

To find vaccination sites near you, log onto <https://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine>

Finally, the Honolulu City Council considered the following resolutions recently related to COVID-19:

- Resolution 21-193 urges the Governor to reinstate pre-travel COVID-19 testing for domestic and international travelers, regardless of their vaccination status. (Current Status: Adopted by the City Council on 9/8/21.)
- Resolution 21-194 urges the City Administration and the State of Hawaii to implement a COVID-19 health card for establishments at higher risk of transmission of COVID-19. (Current Status: Awaiting further action by the City Council.)
- Resolution 21-187 urges the City Administration to act quickly to reopen COVID-19 testing sites and establish additional sites to expand testing capacity. (Current Status: Adopted by the City Council on 9/8/21.)
- Resolution 21-189 urges the City Administration to reopen COVID-19 isolation and quarantine facilities. (Current Status: Adopted by the City Council on 9/8/21.)

Mahalo,

Augie Tulba
Your Honolulu City Councilmember

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Councilmember 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 that he and his staff are tackling on the legislative side:

Resolution 21-103

Requests the city to commence in choosing a replacement site for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill.

Resolution 21-173

Urges the City Administration to implement dementia training for first responder personnel.

Resolution 21-174

Approves the Ala Moana Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan. This resolution is a reintroduction of the previous resolution.

Resolution 21-187

Urges the City Administration to act quickly to reopen COVID-19 testing sites and establish additional sites to expand testing capacity.

Resolution 21-189

Urges the City Administration to reopen and expand COVID-19 isolation and quarantine facilities.

Resolution 21-193

Urges the Governor to reinstate pre-travel COVID-19 testing for domestic and international travelers to Hawai'i regardless of their vaccination status.

Resolution 21-194

Urges the City Administration and the State of Hawaii to implement a COVID-19 healthcare for establishments at higher risk of transmission of COVID-19.

ISSUES ARISING IN DISTRICT 9

Aaron Ho
District 9 Community Liaison



Aaron Ho, our office's Community Liaison, is touring District 9 with Councilmember Tulba to learn about community concerns related to city operations, property and crime. Here are some of the issues in District 9 that he is working on:

Speeding and Reckless Driving on Ewa Beach Road

Our office received concerns about moped and automobile drivers speeding and driving recklessly on Ewa Beach Road. A constituent reported the concerns to the Honolulu Police Department, but police are unable to penalize these drivers unless they are caught in the act. The resident suggested the City install a surveillance camera on Ewa Beach Road as a way to increase policing in the area.

Our office communicated these concerns to the City Administration and HPD took action. From August 10-20, HPD patrol officers from District 8 (Ewa/Kapolei/Waianae) issued over 100 citations for various violations, including speeding offenses, on Ewa Beach Road and in surrounding area streets. Officers will monitor the area and take enforcement action when necessary.

Flat-bed Truck Precariously Parked on Kolowaka Drive and Waimomona Place

A constituent reported a flat-bed tow truck parked illegally on the corner of Kolowaka Drive and Waimomona Place in Ewa Beach that is creating a traffic hazard. The resident who reported the problem said that he nearly collided with another vehicle on six separate occasions because this truck blocked his view. Under city law, there is no parking within 30 feet of a street corner. The constituent requested help from the Ewa Community Watch and Ewa by Gentry's covenants manager, and they requested that he contact the Honolulu Police Department.

Our office reached out to the City Administration. An inspector from the City Department of Customer Services went to the location on August 13, however the truck was not there at the time. Our office requested the inspector make a second visit to the site. Meanwhile, HPD indicated that its officers will be looking into the matter.

Abandoned Utility Truck at Ewa Villages Golf Course

There is a utility truck abandoned on Park Row along the curb immediately outside the Ewa Villages Golf Course. The license plates and all identifying decals have been removed, and per Ewa Villages Golf Course staff, the truck has been there for years and never moves. Previous attempts to get the truck removed from the area have stalled because of its excessive size. Our office has reported the issue to the City Administration and Honolulu 3-1-1, and we are awaiting their responses.

Fires in West Loch

Many residents on Aipoola Place, Aipoola Street, and surrounding areas have contacted our office about brushfires along the Pearl Harbor bike path that have come extremely close to houses by the West Loch Fairways subdivision. Over the last three years, the fires have been ignited along the bike path between the West Loch Estates and West Loch Fairways developments. On Thursday, July 8, 2021, there was a fire directly behind the houses on Aipoola Place in the West Loch Fairways.

Our office has continued to follow up with the City Administration and the City Department of Parks and Recreation about this situation.

Per the Department of Parks and Recreation, work has already begun to trim the long grass near and around the house lines at Kapapahu (West Loch Shoreline Park), and the department anticipated completing the trimming by the end of August. Once the area is cleared of overgrown grass, the Urban Forestry Division will help trim the trees and aid in remaining clearing efforts.

If you know of any issue in your community that is related to the city, feel free to call 3-1-1 or email atulba@honolulu.gov

WORKING IN OUR DISTRICT

We now have our own district office! Councilmember Augie Tulba and his Community liaison, Aaron Ho, will be at the Ewa Villages Golf Course every Monday from 9:00am - 11:30am to meet with constituents. Please make an appointment at this location by calling (808) 768-5009 or email atulba@honolulu.gov.

SPENDING AND FISCAL HEALTH

The government accountability group, Truth in Accounting, has issued a report that says Honolulu's finances are among the worst in the nation. Their most recent report, based on the city of Honolulu's 2019 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and retirement plans' reports, says Honolulu is in "dire fiscal health." Honolulu's financial problems stem mostly from unfunded retirement. City employees were promised \$9.1 billion in retirement benefits, but the city has not funded \$2.8 billion in pension, and another \$2.2 billion in retiree health care benefits.

Some of the other concerns outlined in this report show:

- Honolulu had \$2.7 billion dollars available to pay \$6.2 billion dollars worth of bills.
- The outcome was a \$3.5 billion shortfall
- Honolulu has a burden of \$29,600 per taxpayer.
- This means that each taxpayer would have to pay \$29,600 in future taxes for which they would receive NO related services or benefits.
- Honolulu was assigned an "F" grade from the organization



CITY BUSINESS

Waiver for Expired Documents Ends October 4

Since March 2020, more than 90,000 driver's licenses, learner's permits, and state identification cards have expired and have not been renewed.

Oahu residents are urged to schedule appointments to renew their Hawai'i driver's licenses, identification cards, and learner's permits. The Governor's latest emergency proclamation, which allows waiver of expired identification documents, is set to expire on Oct. 4. The city has opened up extended hours and Saturdays to accommodate more appointments for driver's licenses, state IDs and learner's permits.

Oahu residents could face penalties and other major ramifications if they don't update documents before this deadline. Residents would not be able to renew a driver's license that has been expired one year, and would have to start over the process for getting a driver's license, which includes taking the written test and the road test.

If the original expiration date on their driver's licenses is 90 days past due, they would be fined \$5 per month for up to a year. The fines would have to be paid before the expired license can be renewed.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the extended hours at driver licensing centers, which are operating from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Select satellite city halls are also open for Saturday appointments to renew driver's licenses, learner's permits, and state IDs.

Customers can use the city's AlohaQ appointment reservation system to schedule visits six months in advance. Customers are encouraged to check the page frequently for cancellations. Customers are also encouraged to stick to their scheduled appointments by showing up for them. Stand-by service is offered to offset customer cancellations and no-shows, but same-day service is not guaranteed. For more information, visit: www.honolulu.gov/csd

Youth Commission Members Sworn In

Commissioners for the first-ever Honolulu Youth Commission were sworn-in during the month of August. They will serve staggered terms of one or two years and are selected by both the Mayor and the Honolulu City Council.

These Commissioners are volunteers and will serve as advisors to the Mayor and City Council on issues important to youth and their communities.

The commissioners include Grace Kostecki, Elijah Moniz, Treston Lindsey, Croccifixio "Cross" Crabbe, Ella J.S Matsui, Griffin Chen, Trinity Silbanuz, Michael Tong, Bronson Azama, Keziah Ancheta, Ke'ala'iliah Ford, Pahonu Coleman, Daniel Pruder, Jahren Pintor, and Alexis Bugarin.

Councilmember Tulba was able to recommend a youth commissioner for the seat, and selected Alexis Bugarin, of District 9. Mahalo to her for being willing to serve!

Helping Oahu's Businesses Thrive

The Office of Economic Revitalization at the City and County of Honolulu and its partners have a number of resources, classes, and webinars as well as experts and mentors on hand to help Hawaii's businesses thrive. The Business and Constituent Educator team works one-on-one with local businesses to connect them with government and private sector resources and help companies build a path of success. Contact the team at 768-CITY (2489) or backonthewave@honolulu.gov to schedule a conversation. You can also log on to <https://www.oneoahu.org/business-educators> and sign up for the weekly newsletter.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Never Quit Dreaming

The Honolulu City Council recognized Kristopher Dung and his non-profit organization, Never Quit Dreaming, this Sunday, for making our community a better place. The Mililani-based organization operates Hawaii's first and only Baseball, Golf and Volleyball programs for the special needs community.

Since 2017, Never Quit Dreaming has included more than 500 participants and served more than 350 families in its sponsored sports and art activities.

Councilmember Tulba was honored to present the organization and its founder with an honorary certificate from the Honolulu City Council. He also had the opportunity to acknowledge the Mililani High School Trojans coaches and players who volunteer their time to help train the Never Quit Dreaming Firebirds players with a District 9 Community Stars Certificate.



Heroines of Ewa

Isabell Sciutto and Maria Elena Lopez will be recognized in September by Councilmember Tulba and the entire Honolulu City Council.

These sisters have dedicated many volunteer hours to beautifying the island, with a focus on picking up litter and illegally dumped bulky items along North Road and Fort Weaver Road, main thoroughfares through Ewa Beach.

In February 2021, 808 Cleanups, Sciutto, Lopez, the Ewa Beach Lion's Club, as well as other community groups, elected officials, and business owners, collected mountains of trash. They also have removed years of old paint and graffiti on the 1927 stone Honouliuli Bridge on Old Fort Weaver, leaving the bridge with a beautiful patina. They've also recruited other members of 808 Cleanups, a local non-profit that empowers individuals to take action for their community, to help them.

Our island has a problem with illegal dumping, and this impacts our city parks, our beach parks and our roadways. One of the worst places to see illegal dumping is along North Road in Ewa. It is an important thoroughfare in the community that connects schools, churches, businesses and neighborhoods.

Thanks to Sciutto and Lopez for bravely tackling these problems and helping to beautify the area.

Honolulu City Councilmember Augie Tulba recognizes District 9 residents who go above and beyond the call to improve their community and the lives of others. Please nominate them by emailing atulba@honolulu.gov. There is no age limit.



PLACES TO GET VACCINATED IN EWA

Queen's Medical Center - West Oahu

91-2141 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

(808) 691-2222

Walk-in appointments are available for Pfizer vaccinations.

Walgreens - Ewa Beach

91-1081 Keaunui Dr
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

(808) 683-1166

Same day appointments are available for the J&J and Pfizer vaccines.

Safeway - Ewa Beach

91-1119 Keaunui Dr
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

Phone: (808) 683-3205

By appointment only for the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.

Longs Drugs - Ewa Beach

91-919 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

Phone: (808) 689-5860

Same day appointment at select locations for the Pfizer vaccine only.

911



311

HOTLINE TO REPORT CITY CONCERNS

POISON CONTROL	1-800-222-1222
SUICIDE & CRISIS CENTER	832-3100
BUS & HANDI-VAN OPERATIONS	768-8300
TRASH, REFUSE, AND BULKY ITEMS	832-7840
WHERE TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH AND RESIDENTIAL WASTE	226-2996
REPORT A POTHOLE	768-7777
REPORT GRAFFITI	723-3475
REPORT ABANDONED VEHICLE	768-2530
REPORT CRACKED OR OBSTRUCTED SIDEWALKS	768-8159
DRIVERS LICENSING & VEHICLE REGISTRATION	768-9100
TRAFFIC ADVISORIES AND UPDATES ON RAIL	566-2299
PARK MAINTENANCE	675-6030
BARKING DOGS	946-2187
COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TREES	971-7151
COMPLAINTS REGARDING SATELLITE CITY HALL	532-7747

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to view a live broadcast of committee meetings. Honolulu City Council Committee meetings are held the first week of the month, and the full Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

- [City Council Calendar](#)
- [Neighborhood Board Meeting Dates](#)
- [Olelo on Demand](#)
- [Olelo TV Channel 54](#)

Tuesday – September 21

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

Wednesday – September 22

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

Thursday – September 23

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

Wednesday – October 6

- City Council Meeting – 10:00 a.m.