

District 9 News Bulletin

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

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Message from Councilmember Augie Tulba

Aloha District 9!

My staff and I are learning more each day about the concerns and issues facing our community. From tree trimming to installing speed tables, we're building relationships with City Departments to foster productive partnerships between the district, City Administration, and my office.

One issue I want to highlight is the community request to install speed calming measures on Kuhina Street. My office is working with the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to understand the process. We learned that DTS conducted a study and found speeding on Kuhina Street, but they reported that traffic engineering devices were not warranted due to a lack of collisions in the area. For improvements, like speed cushions, DTS needs a survey or petition indicating that a significant majority (90% or more) of property owners on Kuhina Street are in favor of speed mitigations. The petition results must then be presented to the Neighborhood Board.

My office is partnering with Representative Bob McDermott and Senator Kurt Fevella, who have previously worked to gather support to address this issue. Together, we will be on Kuhina Street on Saturday, April 17th to collect signatures for the petition. We want this to be a community-based effort. If you live on Kuhina or know someone who lives on Kuhina, please contact my office to express your view on speed mitigations on the street.

At Honolulu Hale, my staff and I are still learning about the City Budget process. We submitted our first round of amendments to the Budget Chair on March 19th. My office offered 55 cuts to operating budget line-items, six were accepted by the Budget Chair, and one ultimately made it to the Committee Draft 1 (CD1). The accepted cut was a line item from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for \$39,459 in "non-holiday overtime pay." The DPP Director agreed that the funding was not needed at this time. The next round of amendments for the Budget Bills are due April 23rd. We will continue to keep you informed as we understand more.

For Ewa, my office submitted Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests for baseball lights at Asing Park; speed tables along North Road; and repairs and construction at Puuloa Beach Park for the pavilion and installation of a bathroom roof.

We are learning daily about how City Hall operates so we can better assist you with your questions and concerns. If you have ideas to improve our community or know of events/activities that our office can be a part of, please email me.

Mahalo,

Augie Tulba
City Councilmember District 9
Honolulu City Council



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:

Bill 1 (2021), CD1

Allows the City and County of Honolulu to award incentive grants to developers of qualifying affordable housing projects constructed under the provisions of Chapter 42.

Bill 11 (2021) CD1

Sets the real property tax rates for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Bill 89 (2020)

Allows the City and County of Honolulu to create a payment card system for use on public transit. Also makes amendments to the current fare structure. Adopted by the full council on 3/18/2021, and was approved by the Mayor on 3/31/2021.

Resolution 21-34

Urges increased flexibility for electronic participation in and public access to meetings of City and County of Honolulu Boards and Commissions, City Council, and other city agencies to increase and assure effective citizen participation. Adopted by the full council on 2/17/2021.

Resolution 21-77

Requests the city administration to develop a stream maintenance schedule for city-owned streams and floodways.

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:

Kuhina Street Improvements

Area residents have contacted Honolulu City Councilmember Augie Tulba's office expressing concern about drivers speeding on Kuhina Street. They requested that the Department of Transportation Services install speed mitigations along Kuhina Street. To get this accomplished, the city must receive a petition indicating that a significant majority of property owners on Kuhina Street - 90% or more - are in favor.

Councilmember Tulba and his staff are working with the community in gathering support from the residents on Kuhina Street. If you are a property owner who wishes to sign the petition in favor of installing speed mitigations along Kuhina Street, please contact our office at 808-768-5009 or email atulba@honolulu.gov. Councilmember Tulba is also working with Representative Bob McDermott and Senator Kurt Fevella in getting signatures for the petition. They will be on Kuhina Street on Saturday, April 17th. Come meet the representatives and express your sentiments.

Potholes Fixed at Pu'uloa Beach Park

The city has filled several large potholes that developed throughout Puuloa Beach Park in Ewa Beach after recent heavy rains. Mahalo to the city for making these repairs when our office brought it to their attention.

Problematic Bus Stop at 'Ilima Intermediate School

'Ilima Intermediate School expressed interest in having the bus stop fronting the school removed. Per Principal Bonilla, the bus stop in question is frequented by homeless individuals; often a site for drug use; and has required daily, early-morning cleaning of debris by school faculty and staff. He indicated that it provides a potentially damaging example for the youth attending the school. Moreover, there are convenient bus stops located within walking distance of the stop in question in both directions on Fort Weaver Road. Our office has communicated the school's concerns to the City Administration, and we are presently awaiting response from the Department of Transportation Services.

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



Illegal Dumping at Pu'uloa Beach Park

Concerns have been raised regarding illegal dumping at Pu'uloa Beach Park. Items have reportedly included air conditioners, large coolers, charcoal grills, mattresses and other bulky items. Our office has made frequent visits to the park and has been in communication with the City Administration regarding this issue. The City has taken action to remove the items reported.

Please note that the City's bulky pick up program is available on an appointment-only basis. To schedule an appointment, the community is asked to visit: https://www.opala.org/solid_waste/Bulky_Appointment.html. For questions or concerns regarding bulky item collection, please call 768-3200.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Holomua Elementary in Ewa Beach

Congratulations to Holomua Elementary. The Ewa Beach school's robotics team, which is named Team 2365, P.L.A.E., is the winner of The CORE Values Award in the 2021 State First Lego League.

According to organizers, The Core Values Award "goes to the team that displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, knows they can accomplish more together than they can as individuals, and show each other, and other teams, respect at all times."

The Core Value awardees could not meet in person because of the COVID19 pandemic until the last two weeks of the season, but as organizers note, not even a worldwide pandemic could hold this team down. "Not only did they have to find other ways to communicate with each other, but they made it their mission to help everyone else in their community to get through the pandemic by creating a website to help people find fun ways to stay active in their community," organizers said. Hawaiian Electric was the title sponsor.





Youth Challenge Oahu Commencement

Councilmember Tulba spoke to the men and women enrolled in Youth Challenge Academy Oahu at their recent graduation. The organization gives 16-to-18 year-old teens a second chance to obtain their high school diploma and teaches them important values, life skills, self discipline and how to become successful and productive. Councilmember Tulba's main message to graduates was: "We all have challenges, so make good choices." As one of his mentors taught him: "The best exercise for the heart is lifting up other people."



Community Stars Shine

Taylor Fukunaga and Toni Fukunaga of Ewa Beach won the District 9 Community Stars award for their campaign to help the Institute for Human Services. Taylor, a Waipahu High School Junior, and her younger sister, Toni, a fifth grader at Waikele Elementary, helped women and children living at the Institute for Human Services by collecting 800 hygiene items for them. Councilmember Tulba presented the sisters with the award. Congratulations to them!

Supporting the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Boys & Girls Club

The Hale Pono Ewa Beach Boys & Girls Club, in partnership with the Ewa Beach McDonald's, will be holding the "Great Futures Day" kick off at both Ewa Beach restaurants. Great Futures Day is an annual campaign that generates support for the area Boys & Girls Club. McDonald's in both Ewa Beach locations will donate \$1 for every combo meal purchased every Wednesday, beginning April 14 and running through May 24, 2021. McDonald's has generously set a fundraising goal of \$10,000.

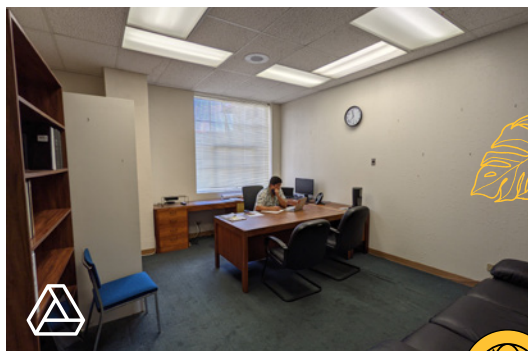
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawaii has an important mission: To enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The organization offers a place for children to go after school to get a balanced meal and get help with homework. At the club house, they can participate in enrichment programs, learn from mentors, play in a safe, bully-free environment, make friends, and build confidence in themselves.

Councilmember Tulba will be at the Ewa Beach McDonald's on Fort Weaver Road fronting the Ewa Beach Shopping Center on Wednesday, April 14, at 5 p.m. to help kick off the campaign and encourage customers to buy combo meals in support of the Boys and Girls Club.

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.

The Community Star Award is a new way that Councilmember Tulba can recognize constituents who go above and beyond the call to improve their community and the lives of others. If you'd like to nominate a community star, please email me at atulba@honolulu.gov. There is no age limit.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO BOOST BUSINESS



[Shuttered Venue Operators Grant \(SVOG\)](#)

The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) application portal will open Thursday, April 8. Theaters and other live performance venues that are struggling because of the pandemic can apply for grants, along with museums, movie theaters, and talent firms.

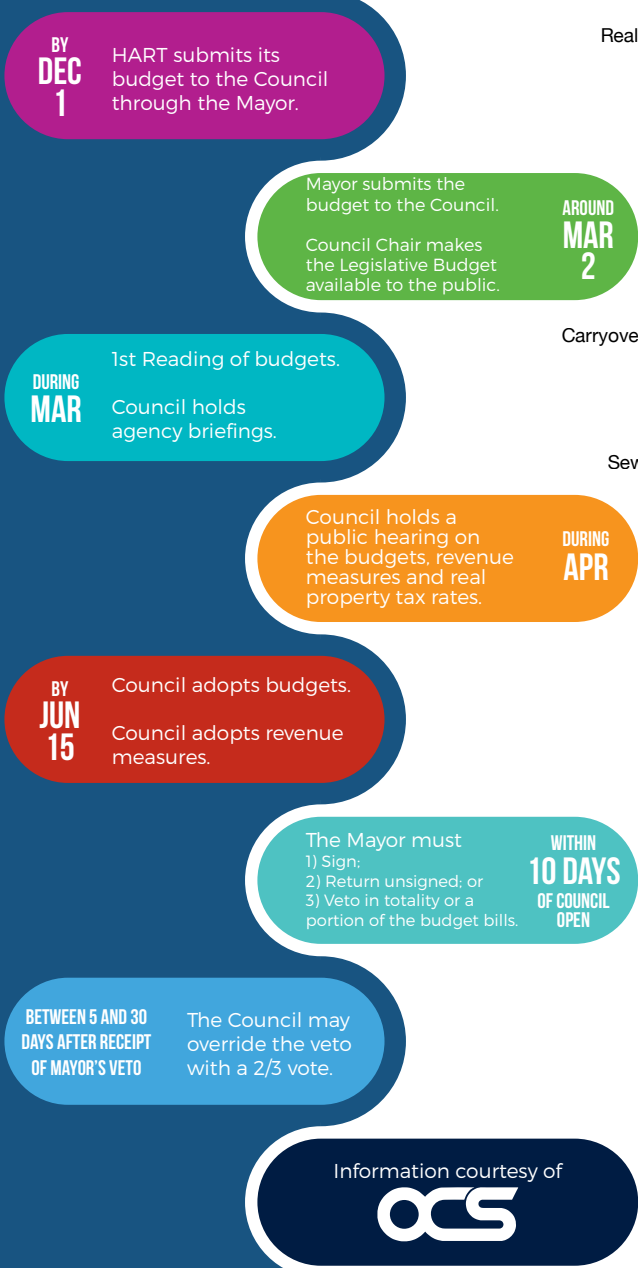
[Boosting Business](#)

Businesses in Hawai'i have faced unimaginable challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many have pivoted their operations based on restrictions and developed unique ways to fight through the battle. Three industries: restaurant/bar, floral and shopping centers will be sharing about how they navigated the pandemic, along with best practices, during the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i's upcoming FocusOn webinar on **Wednesday, April 14 from 9 to 10 a.m.** Speakers include: Monty Pereira, GM & Sales and Marketing Director, Watanabe Floral, Inc.; Breana Grosz, General Manager, International Market Place; and Don Murphy, Owner, Murphy's Bar & Grill. [Register here](#)

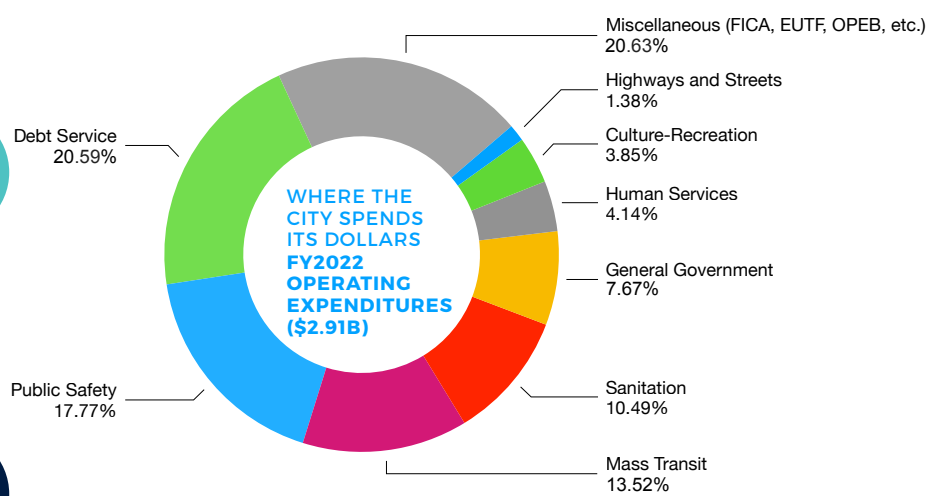
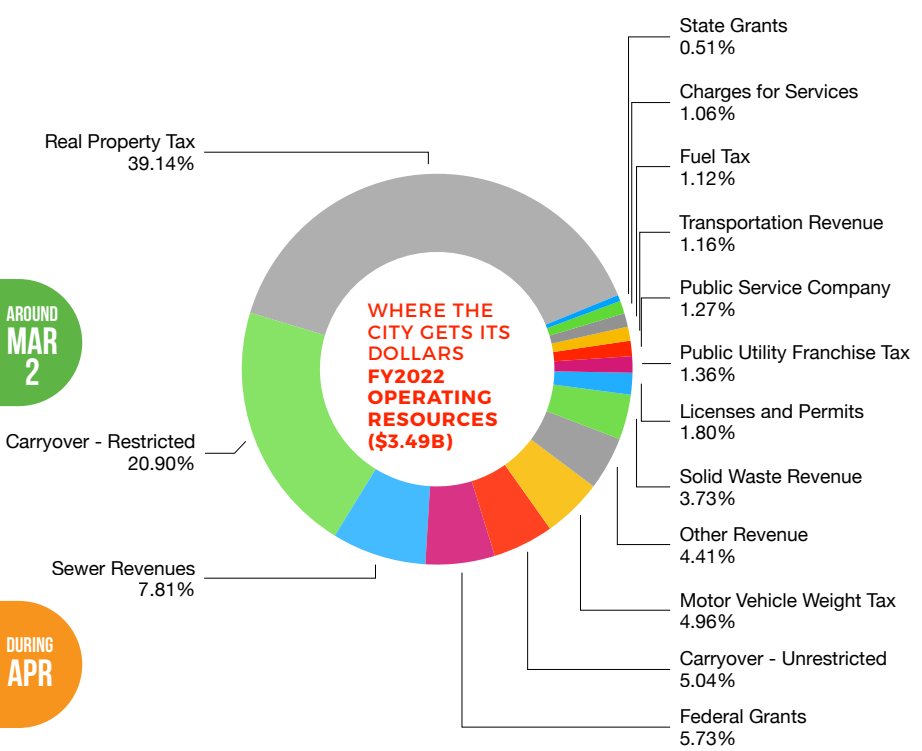
[Free Workshop on E-Commerce](#)

Online sales and marketing are essential for Hawai'i's small businesses. This free two-day workshop, which runs on Tuesday, April 27, Noon to 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 29, Noon to 2:30 p.m. will teach small businesses how to start and launch their e-commerce store and grow their business online. [Register here](#)

GENERAL BUDGET TIMELINE



Information courtesy of



[Click here to view CM Augie's Proposed Amendments to Bill 6](#)

BUDGET BILLS

Legislative Budget
[Bill 5 \(2021\) Legislative Budget for FY 2022](#)

Executive Budget
[Bill 6 \(2021\) Executive Operating Budget for FY 2022](#)
[Bill 7 \(2021\) Executive Capital Budget for FY 2022](#)

HART Budget
[Bill 12 \(2021\) HART Operating Budget for FY 2022](#)
[Bill 13 \(2021\) HART Capital Budget for FY 2022](#)

Why Budget?

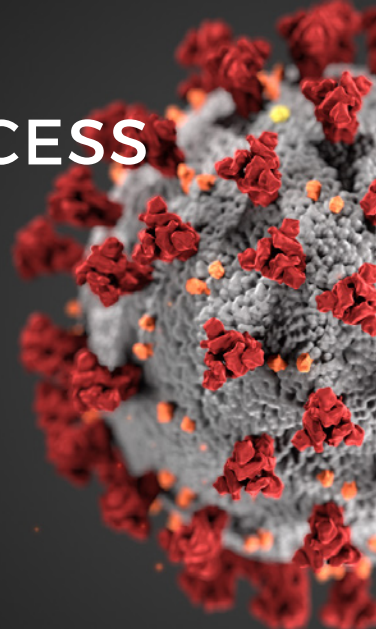
Budgeting is a key public policy-making process. Because the City's financial resources are limited, the budget becomes a means for public policymakers to choose between competing requests.

In answering the question, "Who gets what?" the Council establishes the goals of City government and, consequently, prescribes the values and priorities of the City.

THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROCESS

Dr. Ron Kuroda, Chief Medical Officer, at The Queen’s Medical Center – West O’ahu will host a virtual event on Thursday, April 15, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for those who want to learn about the COVID-19 vaccination process, and about the prevention and protection of the community. Participants will hear more about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and what it takes to set up and operate a vaccination clinic

Register online at www.queens.org/events or call 808 - 691 - 7117.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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.....	
RESIDENTIAL WASTE.....	226-2996
REPORT A POT HOLE.....	768-7777
REPORT GRAFFITI.....	723-3475
REPORT ABANDONED VEHICLE	733-2530
REPORT CRACKED OR OBSTRUCTED SIDEWALKS.....	768-8159
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSING.....	
DRIVERS LICENSING.....	533-4324
TRAFFIC ADVISORIES AND UPDATES ON RAIL.....	566-2299
PARK MAINTENANCE.....	675-6030
BARKING DOGS.....	946-2187
CROWING ROOSTERS.....	779-7791
COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TREES.....	971-7151
COMPLAINS REGARDING SATELLITE CITY HALL.....	532-7747

911



FIRE



POLICE



AMBULANCE



ILLEGAL DUMPING

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HOTLINE TO REPORT CITY CONCERNS

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](#)

Wednesday – April 14
· Council – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – April 20
· Transportation, Sustainability, & Health – 9:00a.m.
· Housing and the Economy – 10:30 a.m.
· Executive Matters and Legal Affairs – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday – April 21
· Budget – 9:00 a.m.
· Public Infrastructure and Technology – 1:00 p.m.
· Public Safety – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday – April 22
· Zoning and Planning – 9:00 a.m.
· Parks and Community Services – 2:30 p.m.

