

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



A message from your friendly Councilmember

Augie Tulba

**Ewa Beach's own 9U
National Flag Football
Champions:
808 Havoc**

This talented team of young athletes recently won the HardCount San Diego National Championships in Escondido, California, which took place in June 2021.

Coaches:
Andrew Ganaban,
Louis Mafua



Aloha! My staff and I have been busy at Honolulu Hale representing the interests of District 9. One of my top goals is to keep you informed of the issues and projects being discussed at the Honolulu City Council. Because of the pandemic, the City Council has limited in-person attendance at meetings, but there are still ways you can stay engaged. The City Council has an interactive website that provides live streaming and archives all Council meetings and agendas.

Please visit the website at www.honolulu-citycouncil.com. You can also find links to submit testimony, the council calendar, and committee information.

From the City budget to stream maintenance, the Honolulu City Council has been discussing a range of legislative issues affecting our City taxpayers. On June 2, the City Council passed a \$2.92 billion budget, and the Capital Improvement Program budget of \$1.403 billion, for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The City Council included \$1.15 million for stream maintenance and cleaning, \$170 million for affordable housing, \$22.6 million to address homelessness, and \$300,000 to improve software at the City's Department of Planning and Permitting.

Maintaining our community parks has been a top priority for me while in office. Parks are where our communities come together to play sports, exercise, and meet up with our friends and neighbors. After receiving feedback from the community, I introduced Resolution 21-133, which was heard on Thursday, June 17, by the Parks and Community Services Committee. The resolution is requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation establish a maintenance schedule for city-owned parks and facilities and to post this schedule on the parks website.

My goal for this resolution is to bring my transparency to our City's park maintenance schedule so communities can know when to expect our parks to get cleaned and see the grass get trimmed. Also, if there's a need to pitch in to help by adopting a park, I would love to find more ways to encourage community participation and engagement.

Safety and maintenance concerns along North Road in Ewa Beach are longstanding issues in the community. Because different entities own various portions of the road, community leaders have often found it challenging to pinpoint who is responsible for cleaning up illegal dumping and implementing safety improvements. The State Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 97 introduced by our area's State Representative Bob McDermott. In cooperation with Rep. McDermott's resolution, I introduced Resolution 21-134 urging the City Administration to establish a task force on North Road management. As a community, we hope to resolve the issue on North Road management so we can finally take additional steps towards a cleaner, safer district.

District 9 is diverse in many ways, and my team and I are hopeful that we can bring people together to do what's best for our community.

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 21-100, CDI

Urges the State of Hawaii and the City Administration to disaggregate governmental data collection and reporting beyond federal minimum standards.

Resolution 21-131

Requests the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend its rules and regulations for participating vendors of the People's Open Market Program to require vendors to offer for sale a minimum percentage of local produce and other designated products that have been locally grown, caught, or cultivated.

Resolution 21-132

Renames Waimanalo Bay Beach Park to Hūnānāniho.

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Bill 26 (2021)

Exempts centenarian residents of the city from certain fees including fees to ride the bus and rail.

Bill 27 (2021)

Requires an applicant for a special management area use permit to present the proposed project to the applicable neighborhood board or appropriate community association prior to submitting an application to the Department of Planning and Permitting.

Bill 31 (2021)

Amends provisions relating to the Residential A real property tax classification to include homeowners whose property is zoned P-1 and P-2.

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:

Wide Ranging Problems at "Historic Homes" in the Ewa Villages

The Ewa Villages area has a number of homes designated as "historic," which can make them difficult to alter, even if they are aging, unsafe, and in need of repairs or safety-related code upgrades. One constituent in the "Bachelors' Quarters" building is seeking permission to build a second exit in his unit because the current layout creates a potential fire safety issue. However, he has been unable to obtain permission from the City due to the building being classified as a "historic home."

Other area residents want the City to address derelict houses on Bond Street and Nale Street, citing structural issues, previous evictions, invasion of black mold and feral animal colonies, reports of "squatters" and illegal residents, allegations of drug sales and other illegal activities, and years of unaddressed fire damage. The City reportedly has considered condemning these homes, but the process has not moved forward because these houses are "historic." The "historic home" designation makes it an issue for the State and the Federal Government because Tenney Village is on the Registry of Hawaii Historic Homes and also the National Register for Historic Places.

Our office contacted the City Administration, and we are currently waiting for a response on these issues and an update on the condemnation process.

Overgrown Brush Near Ewa Beach Community Park

Residents have complained about overgrown brush along the canal adjacent to the Ewa Beach Community Park on North Road. One constituent said the City previously regularly maintained the canal, but hasn't continued the practice, which has led to the brush coming into part of his property. Our office contacted the City Administration and the City Department of Parks and Recreation, and we are awaiting a response.

Homeless Encampments on Renton Road

Homeless activity, make-shift shelters, and encampments have been an issue on Renton Road. Near the "Historic Ewa Villages" marker at the corner of Renton and Fort Weaver Roads, individuals set up tarps using utility boxes and a rock wall for support. Further down Renton Road by the old Plantation Manager's Mansion, another encampment was constructed. Our office contacted the City Department of Facility Maintenance and the Honolulu Police Department, and received the following response:

"The Stored Property Ordinance (SPO) and Sidewalk Nuisance Ordinance (SNO) Team, along with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), investigated the complaint...on June 16, 2021. The encampments were dismantled and cleared. On June 26, 2021, District 8 (Ewa/Kapolei/Waianae) patrol officers made checks of Renton Road and Fort Weaver Road, more specifically the Historic Ewa Villages. Officers did not observe any encampments or individuals in the area. SPO/SNO and HPD will continue to monitor to prevent any encampments from returning and will take the appropriate enforcement action when violations are observed."

Update on Roadside Maintenance on Keahumoa Parkway

In May, our office reported that Keahumoa Parkway in Ewa Beach needed landscaping and other maintenance. This well-used thoroughfare was being rarely maintained and the grass was encroaching on sidewalks. At 'Elepu'u Street, the grass completely obscured a bus stop bench. At the intersection of Keahumoa Parkway and Lakona Street, a large utility cover panel broke and fell into the pedestrian footpath, creating a potential hazard. The Department of Facilities Management reported to our office: "In accordance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 4555, Keahumoa Parkway recently became under the control and management of the City and County of Honolulu. The Division of Road Maintenance has initiated a service request to address the overgrowth along Keahumoa Parkway. We have a large backlog with existing maintenance areas and will complete this extremely large new additional requirement as soon as resources become available and similarly, will be placed on a regular schedule for maintenance as resources are available."

The Department of Transportation Services reported: "On May 21, 2021, the Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Technology Division replaced the utility cover at Keahumoa Parkway and Lakona Street."

Update on Street Light Issues on Nanaulu Street in Ewa Beach

In May, our office reported that there was a flickering street light on Nanaulu Street in Ewa Beach that turns on and off at odd intervals. Our office reached out to the City Administration, and the Department of Facility Maintenance responded: "The concern was investigated by the Department of Facility Maintenance, Public Building and Electrical Maintenance Division, Traffic Electrical Maintenance Services Branch. Upon investigation, it was found that the street light located on opposite of 91-0712 Nanaulu Street is privately-owned and maintained. The owner was subsequently notified of the malfunction."

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



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR TheBus USERS

If you ride TheBus, you'll need to replace your TheBus pass with a HOLO card. Starting July 1, 2021, paper Monthly TheBus Passes and the 1-Day Pass will no longer be available. Riders will instead need an HOLO electronic fare card with money or a pass loaded on the card.

The card can be loaded with funds online, TheBus Pass Office, or select retailers. The convenience of a registered HOLO card account allows for balance protection against lost or stolen cards, reduces the need to keep track of paper passes, and can be automatically re-loaded when you run out of funds.

Adult HOLO cards can be picked up at local retailers or TheBus Pass Office (please view [retailers list via https://www.holocard.net/where-to-obtain-load-a-card/](https://www.holocard.net/where-to-obtain-load-a-card/)). For more information, visit www.holocard.net or call (808) 768-4656.

Passengers will still have the option of paying with cash for one way trips only on TheBus.

www.holocard.net
(808) 768-4656

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Kaukau 4 Keiki Will Help Ensure Hawaii Children Don't go Hungry

To help combat hunger in Hawaii, our District 9 staff participated in the Kaukau 4 Keiki food delivery program on June 22. We will also be joining the food distribution on July 27.

Hawaii Food Bank reports that one in four children in Hawaii is living in a household that is experiencing food shortages.

Through the 7-week program, children 18 years and under will receive one-week meal kits with breakfasts and lunches.

Although the program is full, families can still sign up on a waitlist and be notified if the program receives additional federal funding.

To apply, visit
kaukau4keiki.org

Rental and Utility Relief Program Increases Eligibility Income Limit

oneoahu.org/renthelp

The City and County of Honolulu is increasing the income limit for the Rental and Utility Relief Program to households at, or below, 80 percent of Oahu's area median income.

To date, the program has helped more than 3,300 vulnerable households with \$25 million in approved rent and utility help. Households can apply at oneoahu.org/renthelp

At the increased income limit, a household of four people earning up to \$100,700 a year in total and demonstrating financial hardship from the pandemic can qualify for support.

A household can still qualify if at least one member has been unemployed for 90 days preceding the application.

A complete list of income limits per household and how to qualify for the program is in the Frequently Asked Questions document at oneoahu.org/renthelp. People can call (808) 768-CITY (2489) if they still have questions. The City's call center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Suicide Prevention

According to Mental Health America's recent survey, Hawaii had the highest percentage of survey participants who reported that they were thinking about - or planning - suicide.

There were 750,000 people across the country who took the online survey. The organization was looking to identify depression trends across the country.

Nearly 40% of those participants in the survey from Hawaii were between the ages of 11 and 17 years old, according to an article in Civil Beat.

The recent report revealed there were 124 documented suicides in Hawaii during the pandemic period of April to December 2020, and likely 5 times more attempted suicides. As we see from this recent survey, a lot of people need help, our kids need help. The problem is someone who is depressed is in so much pain that they can see no other option.

If you need help, go get it. If you know family members or friends who have told you they want to kill themselves, they feel hopeless, they have no reason to live, or feel unbearable pain or that they are a burden to others, please make every effort to help. You can show them that you care, point out alternatives, and get a doctor or psychologist involved. You can make a difference.

Emergency Broadband Benefit

<https://getemergencybroadband.org/>

You or your employees may be eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit that helps qualified people pay for residential internet service or a computer. Eligible households can receive up to \$50 a month to pay for broadband service. Those on Hawaiian Home Lands can apply for an enhanced benefit of up to \$75 per month. Qualifying households may also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward the purchase of a laptop, desktop computer or tablet if the household contributes a minimum of \$10 to the purchase price. The program will be available to about 200,000 qualifying households. Hawaiian Telcom and Spectrum also offer programs with low-cost or discounted internet to eligible households.



Help for Hawaii's Restaurants and Other Food Establishments

[SBA restaurant revitalization-fund website](#)

The American Rescue Plan is providing \$29 billion nationwide for a new Small Business Administration (SBA) grant program specifically for restaurants and other food and drinking establishments impacted by the pandemic. Log onto SBA's website for more information.

Help for Small Business Owners

backonthewave@honolulu.gov

Supporting local businesses is vital to Oahu's recovery. 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 to success. Contact 768-CITY (2489) or backonthewave@honolulu.gov to for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Expedited Driver's License Renewal

<http://www.honolulu.gov/csd>

Oahu residents who need to renew driver's licenses and state identification cards over the next eight months stand to benefit from new service options being rolled out in the City and County of Honolulu. Stand-by service for customers, who are having a hard time getting appointments to renew a driver's license or state ID, is now available on a limited, first-come, first-served basis at the Kapalama Driver Licensing Center, Kapolei Driver Licensing Center and Koolau Driver Licensing Center. There are now more than 58,000 driver's licenses, learner's permits and state IDs that expired in 2020 on Oahu and have not yet been renewed. An additional 115,110 credentials will expire in 2021, and require renewal transactions in person.

Filming of "NCIS: Hawai'i" begins on O'ahu

The CBS series "NCIS: Hawai'i will begin filming in Hawaii, according to the Honolulu Film Office.

NCIS: Hawai'i is the fourth television series and eighth major project to take up residence in Honolulu since the start of the pandemic including CBS Studio's MAGNUM PI, the Disney+ Doogie Houser remake, DOOGIE KAMEALOHA and a Sony for Amazon series.

Honolulu Film Commissioner Walea Constantinou said a network-based television series like NCIS will typically employ 250 - 300 mostly local crew members, work with 500 different vendors and hire thousands of background extras during the six to nine months of production.

Ensuring Small Businesses Thrive

SCORE Hawaii is a group of local entrepreneurs and executives who believe every small business should have the support needed to thrive. They volunteer their time and experience to mentor small businesses in accounting, finance, marketing, retail, manufacturing, technology, management, and business planning. SCORE Hawaii also offers webinars and low-cost workshops that can help a business owner and their team refine their current skill set or add new competencies.

Good News for Golfers

West Loch Golf Course and Ewa Villages Golf Course will allow stand-by/walk-in play for golfers without an advanced tee time reservation. Stand-by/walk-in golfers will be required to follow the Golf Course Division waiting list protocols and continue to follow the current safety guidelines for O'ahu golf courses established under Aloha Section PGA, Hawai'i Golf Phase 3:

- Masks shall be worn indoors at all times.
- Golf groups shall NOT exceed six players in a group.
- Physical distancing of at least 6-feet shall be maintained during the entire round of golf.

For same day reservations for stand-by/walk-in play between 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., please call the Starter's Office phone line for West Loch: (808) 675-6076 and for Ewa Villages: (808) 681-0220.



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

Community Heroes

The Council of the City and County of Honolulu recognized Ian Caliedo and Caliedo & Sons for making Hawaii a better place in which to live with an Honorary Certificate presentation on June 25. Caliedo & Sons, an Ewa-based company founded in 1990, provides industrial ship building and repair services for maritime customers, including the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, Matson, Young Brothers, and Sause Bros.

Under the direction of its President and Owner, Ian Caliedo, the company has participated in a number of community service projects, including the joint council-state legislature trash clean-up of North Road, where many abandoned bulky items were removed; the District 9 / Aloha Harvest food distribution event in Waipahu; and the District 9 stream and beach clean-up in Ewa Beach. During the worldwide pandemic, Caliedo & Sons donated the Aluminum Sculpture of Campbell Sports Logo "C" to commemorate the graduating class of 2020.

Community Stars

14 young women participating in the Miss American Scholars program are our District 9 "Community Stars" for the month of June. Each young participant was awarded their title after exhibiting inner strengths, talents and accomplishments. They are active participants in their communities, perform various acts of community service, and believe in the importance of kindness and respect.

They promote the anti-bullying campaign, created by B.R.A.V.E. America. They excel in academics, set future goals, and are an inspiration for other young women from all over the country. Philip Amer Kelley-Crawford also was presented with a Community Star award in June. Philip is a dance instructor and the entertainment director for the Miss American Scholar organization. He does a tremendous amount of work in the community that helps build confidence and life skills of Hawaii's youth. Congratulations to them!

Boxing School is Making an Impact

Rylan Redona of Manawai Boxing is our District 9 "Community Star" for the month of July.

Rylan Redona offers free boxing classes at Manawai Boxing to children in the Ewa Beach community. He teaches children as young as 5 years old, as well as adults, about the sport of boxing and the importance of fitness, endurance, discipline, and how to have a healthy lifestyle.

In addition to training kids and adults in boxing, he recruits role models and mentors to speak to the students about hard work and perseverance. His program philosophy is "Feel Mana, Share Mana", which means "share your experiences and knowledge to help other people." As a coach, Rylan encourages students to overcome their challenges and never give up. "In life, there will definitely be challenges. It's more about how we prepare ourselves to be able to respond in adverse situations... and be able to meet the challenges of life head on. Changing your mindset can change your life 100 percent," Rylan said.



FREE RIDES TO AND FROM VACCINATION SITES

The ridesharing app, Lyft, is offering discounted rides to vaccination appointments. Lyft users will be able to open their app, click on a banner that will direct them to answer a few screening questions via a webform, and get a code they can enter to get a discount on their rides to/from tens of thousands of vaccination sites. **Each rider will receive two free rides (up to \$15 off each),** usable on Lyft's bikes, scooters, or rideshare services.




IMPORTANT NUMBERS

911  FIRE POLICE

 AMBULANCE
ILLEGAL DUMPING

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.....	768-3200
WHERE TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH AND RESIDENTIAL WASTE	768-3201
REPORT A POT HOLE	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 – July 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 – July 21

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

Thursday – July 22

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

Wednesday – Aug 11

- City Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.