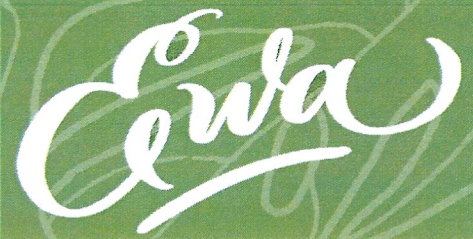




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DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER

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



Neighborhood Board #23

Aloha!

Summer is here! The longer days and beautiful sunny skies give us ample opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

Our City Department of Parks and Recreation has year-round programs to enjoy. The department manages our beach parks, botanical gardens, and park facilities like the playgrounds, swimming pools, and skateparks. If you're planning on visiting a city park, check out their website at <https://www.honolulu.gov/parks> to learn more about their programs and to find information about things like botanical gardens and options to adopt-a-park in your community.

Did you know that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation? In fact, my staff and I decided to try it out for ourselves - we had a lot of fun! Since then, we've met many pickleball lovers and advocates. If you want to try the fun sport of pickleball, we now have 163 pickleball courts available to the public in our city. You can find a list of pickleball courts on the Parks and Recs website.

Finally, summer is when our yummy tropical fruits are in season, like mangoes! Open markets are always fun to visit and doing so affords us a great opportunity to support local products and find locally grown produce. Check out where they are in our district at <https://www.honolulu.gov/parks/program/people-s-open-market-program.html>.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve you at the Honolulu City Council and I'm looking forward to all we can accomplish together for our community!

If you have ideas for how to make our city better in 2022, you can email me at my office at atulba@honolulu.gov.

District 9 City Councilmember
Augie Tulba



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Larie Manutai
District 9 Director of Policy

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 22 (2022)

Establishes a better buildings benchmarking and reporting requirement for energy and water usage of covered properties within the City and County of Honolulu.

Bill 27 (2022), CD1

Authorizes the establishment of a pilot program for outdoor dining services in certain public places.

Bill 33 (2022)

Prioritizes the use of certain native (indigenous) plant species in landscaping at public parks along the beaches and shoreline of the City and County of Honolulu, to help minimize shoreline degradation and promote habitat for other indigenous plant species, improved sediment filtration, and protection against storms and high wave events.

Bill 41 (2022)

Updates ROH Chapter 23, relating to shoreline setbacks, to incorporate amendments made by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to HRS Chapter 205A, the State Coastal Zone Management law, and to implement an erosion-rate-based shoreline setback formula.

Bill 42 (2022)

Updates ROH Chapter 25, relating to the special management area, and to incorporate amendments made by Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to HRS Chapter 205A, the State Coastal Zone Management law.

Bill 43 (2022)

Addresses the administrative enforcement of the building, electrical, plumbing, and sidewalk codes.

Resolution 22-43, CD1

Directs the City Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Human Resources no later than one calendar year after the adoption of the resolution to streamline the City Administration's selection and hiring processes and to make recommendations for improvement.

Resolution 22-123

Urges the City Administration, including the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, to create an annual educational campaign notifying the public of the September 30 deadline and encouraging qualifying residential property owners to file their claims for real property tax home exemptions.

Resolution 22-142

Approves the write-off of the delinquent and uncollectible accounts owed to the City.

Resolution 22-144

Recognizes and honors Patsy T. Mink on the 50th Anniversary of the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act.

Resolution 22-146

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to issue and sell in one or more series not to exceed \$120,000,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City and County of Honolulu for financing the amounts appropriated in certain Capital Budget Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu specified in such Capital Budget Ordinances.



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, traffic and public safety. Here are some of the issues that he is working on:

UPDATE: RESIDENTS WANT OVERGROWN BRUSH NEXT TO WEST LOCH ESTATES AND WEST LOCH FAIRWAYS REMOVED

West Loch Estates and West Loch Fairways residents want overgrown brush adjacent to their subdivisions trimmed back to prevent potential brushfires and to abate the increased number of rodents that have taken up residence within the overgrowth. Pre-COVID, the City strictly maintained the area, but in recent years, residents have taken note that the area is being poorly maintained. Our office reached out to the City's Parks Department, which reported that it still maintains the area but the department is still trying to catch up on maintenance that was delayed because of the pandemic.

Over the past year, the City's Parks Department has collaborated with the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Fire Department, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources to address the brushfires that have been recurring along the bike path behind Aipo'ola Street and down toward Aea Street, adjacent to the federal bird sanctuary.

A local area resident sent our office video footage of city workers using heavy equipment to remove brush near Kapapahu Point Park. While there are still brush fires, they are less frequent because the City Parks Department workers have cleared a great deal of the brush in that vicinity.

UPDATE: LOW-HANGING TREE LIMBS ON OLD FORT WEAVER ROAD CREATING A HAZARD

In January 2022, landowners on Old Fort Weaver Road began to contact our office to ask that kiawe trees overhanging the roadway be trimmed back because their debris and low hanging limbs were creating a hazard for drivers. Our office has gone out to the area in question on several occasions to speak with some of the landowners and made calls on their behalf.

The City Department of Planning and Permitting recently reported that a site inspection revealed that the trees are rooted on private land, but hang over the sidewalk and road. In addition, weeds have overtaken the sidewalk. On June 6, a Notice of Violation was issued to the landowner ordering that the tree branches be trimmed so there is a minimum height clearance of 8-feet over the sidewalk area and 14-feet 6-inches over the City road. The overgrown weeds also must be cut and removed.

UPDATE: WHEN EXITING QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER - WEST OAHU, PLEASE STOP!

Cars, ambulances, HandiVans, City buses and delivery trucks are among the many vehicles blowing through the STOP sign at the Queen's Medical Center West exit onto Laulaunui Street in Ewa. Drivers leaving Queen's West are supposed to adhere to the STOP and YIELD signs on Laulaunui Street, but that has not been happening. A constituent asked that speed bumps that were once in place be reinstalled.

To address this significant safety concern, our office has been in touch multiple times with Queen's West security staff and the City Administration. Queen's West painted a new STOP line across their exit below the STOP sign, but this hasn't changed drivers' behavior.

After recent follow ups by our office, the leadership of the City's Departments of Transportation Services and Emergency Services reached out to their drivers and partners and also are policing and disciplining their staff. Our office continues to monitor the situation in an effort to minimize City and EMS units from running the STOP sign.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) indicated that while the STOP sign is on Queen's Medical West property and this prevents HPD from issuing citations for running that sign, HPD can and will start citing drivers leaving Queen's West who don't use caution when entering the public road from a private road or driveway.

CITY TREE DAMAGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

The roots of a city tree on Kilipoi Street have caused the lifting of a rock wall located on private property as well as the lifting of the public sidewalk, creating a tripping hazard for pedestrians. A large tree branch from the same tree broke off and fell onto the resident's rock wall and into their yard. The resident is asking that the City remove the tree and repair the rock wall. Our office reached out to the City Administration and our request for investigation was forwarded to the Division of Urban Forestry.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Thanks to everyone who joined our office at the Waipahu Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, June 11. There were interactive booths, games and prizes, and fun for all ages. The event was a huge success!
- The cities of Honolulu and Edogawa celebrated their sister-city relationship during an official signing ceremony that took place at Kapolei Hale. Councilmember Augie Tulba joined Edogawa Council Vice Chair Shoichi Horie, Edogawa Council Chairman Mitsuhiro Fukumoto, Honolulu Council Chairman Tommy Waters and Honolulu Councilmember Radiant Cordero at the event.
- Working together to make our communities thrive is something our District 9 team strives to do. We are meeting with school principals, business leaders, non-profits, churches and businesses to see how we can partner to find solutions to problems and raise community engagement. Along those lines, our office met with Bishop Colon of the Ewa Beach 1st Ward. Councilmember Augie Tulba also spent time at Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club this month to get a firsthand perspective on the organization's positive work with youth in our community.
- After residents on Kaukolu Street contacted our office about construction work and excessive dirt on their street, Councilmember Augie Tulba went on a tour with a representative from Gentry to check out the drainage project they are working on and to discuss how they are addressing the dust and dirt from the construction. Our office will keep communicating concerns of residents to Gentry.
- Our office had an encouraging meeting with Director Scott K. Hayashi, Deputy Director Catherine Taschner of the Department of Land Management and stakeholders of Varona Villages.
- Councilmember Augie Tulba attended a special blessing and naming ceremony for nine new fire fighting apparatuses added to the Honolulu Fire Department. These engines, ladders, and rescue trucks were given Hawaiian names that represent the significance of the Department's history with Hawaii's monarchs and the unique heritage of our island home.





PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

According to the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, there is a 60% chance of a below normal hurricane season with 2-4 Tropical Cyclones forming or moving into the Central Pacific and Hawaiian coastal waters. Tropical cyclones include tropical depressions, named storms and hurricanes.

Hurricanes can bring high winds, heavy rains, and storm surge that can impact you and your home; make your plans accordingly. Build, add to or update your 14-day disaster supply kit. This hurricane season, consider gathering containers to store emergency water instead of spending money on bottled water.

Other budget friendly tips include buying food in bulk and splitting the cost with friends and family as well as shopping at thrift stores and garage sales for necessary supplies like portable radios and flashlights. You may also consider buying one or two items to add to your kit each time you go to the grocery store instead of buying all the items at once.

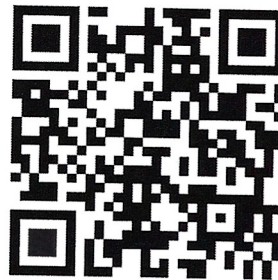
Visit the Honolulu Department of Emergency Managements Hurricane Hub here at <http://www.honolulu.gov/dem/hurricane> for more hurricane planning, preparedness and education information.

CITY RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

City Installs Cameras at Refuse Facilities

Two of the city's busiest refuse convenience centers - Waipahu and Waianae convenience centers - now have cameras that allow the public to monitor for the most convenient times to drop off items and avoid long lines. Currently, the public may access the links at ENV webpage Waste Drop-off Locations. The 'Ewa Convenience Center will be the next refuse facility to receive a camera.

<https://www.honolulu.gov/opala/quick-links/waste-drop-off-locations.html>



Scan to view the
Waianae Convenience Center
live camera feed

Scan to view the
Waipahu Convenience Center
live camera feed



COMMUNITY HEROES



After Family Tragedy, Chad Starr Brings Awareness to Youth Suicide

Councilmember Augie Tulba presented an Honorary Certificate to outstanding Ewa resident, Chad Starr, who is the founder of the Sienna Starr Foundation. He established the foundation to honor his daughter Sienna. He and his family lost Sienna to suicide on July 1, 2019. She was just 12 years old.

Chad Starr has been in the news in recent months. Last February, he raised awareness of suicide in young people by walking 131 miles around the island of Oahu. On his backpack, he had the words "You are Loved". He started his journey at Makaha Beach Park and he walked about 20 miles per day. Hundreds of people in the community came out to support him and hear his message. Some even joined him on the walk. Circling the island took him 7 days.

This walk was Chad Starr's way of honoring his daughter's memory, and three other young children his family knew who also committed suicide. He hopes to encourage parents to have serious conversations with their own kids about what's going on in their lives. He donated the majority of the \$4,000 dollars he raised on the walk to the Sutter Health Kahi Mohala, a facility in West Oahu that specializes in behavioral health care.

Councilmember Tulba wanted to bring awareness to his important effort by recognizing him at the council.



Outstanding Principal in Our District Gets National Recognition

On behalf of the Honolulu City Council, Councilmember Augie Tulba presented Aaron Tominaga, Principal of Waipahu Elementary, with an honorary certificate to congratulate him on being named Hawaii's 2022 National Distinguished Principal by The Hawai'i Elementary and Middle School Administrators Association.

The National Association of Elementary School Principals annually recognizes elementary and middle school principals from across the nation for exemplary achievements. Principal Tominaga will be recognized for his excellence in leadership along with other national awardees in Washington, D.C., in October.

Principal Tominaga has been an outstanding leader at Waipahu Elementary School. His integrity and vision as well as his passion for his students, community, parents and stakeholders, has brought the community together for the common good. Thanks to Senator Michelle Kidani, Senator Clarence Ching and Representative Henry Aquino for joining in on the presentation.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday – July 26

- Housing and the Economy – 10:30 a.m.
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday – July 27

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

Thursday – July 28

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

Wednesday – August 10

- City Council Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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](#)
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- [Olelo on Demand](#)
- Olelo TV Channel 54

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SUICIDE & CRISIS CENTER	832-3100
BUS & HANDI-VAN OPERATIONS	768-8300
<u>TRASH, REFUSE, AND BULKY ITEMS</u>	832-7840
WHERE TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH AND RESIDENTIAL WASTE	226-2996
REPORT A POTHOLE	768-7777
REPORT GRAFFITI	723-3475
<u>REPORT ABANDONED VEHICLE</u>	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



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Community Meetings

Councilmember Tulba and his Community liaison, Aaron Ho, typically meet constituents at Ewa Villages Golf Course every third Monday from 9am - 11:30am. Because of the elevated COVID numbers, they are meeting virtually with constituents.

Please make an appointment for this location by calling **(808) 768-5009** or email atulba@honolulu.gov.

Track and Participate in Hearings

The City Council continues to meet year round and you can stay engaged and participate in the process by visiting the City Council's interactive website at www.honolulucitycouncil.org

You can find links to submit testimony, the council calendar, and committee information.

You also can contact our office with questions by calling **(808) 768-5009** or email atulba@honolulu.gov.



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Want to stay up to date with what's going on in our district? Sign up for our District 9 newsletter and be informed on upcoming events, recent news, and current issues going on in the district. Also, check out our bulletins in the current events section of our website.



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