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Councilmember Elefante Chairs the Committee on Zoning and Planning. This committee handles all special land use permits, zoning, the Land Use Ordinance, Transit-Oriented Development, the General Plan, and Sustainable Community/Development Plans.

He is also Vice Chair of the Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health. He continues his service as Vice Chair of the OahuMPO Policy Board.

Councilmember Elefante is a voting member on the following committees:

- Budget
- Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Public Infrastructure and Technology
- Executive Management

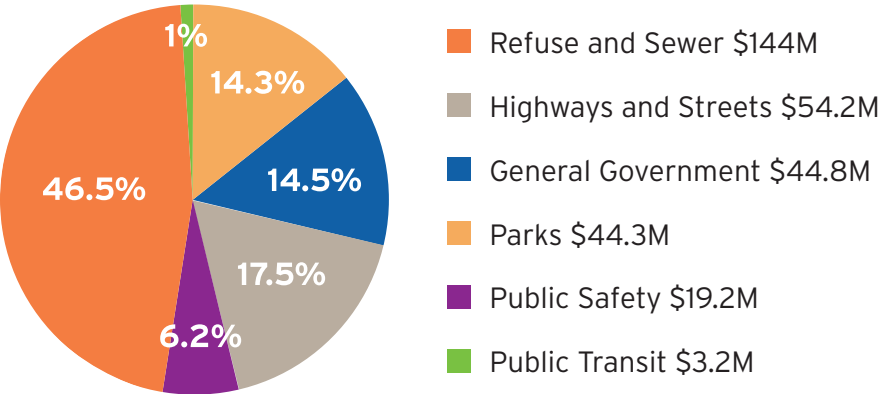
Councilmember Elefante was recently elected by his national colleagues to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors. He also serves on the subcommittee of Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (APAMO).

Capital Improvement Projects in Council District 8

In the last five years, Councilmember Elefante has supported and advocated for appropriations of more than \$309 million in Council District 8, from 'Aiea to Pearl City and Waipahū.

- Parks received \$44.3 million in funding
- General government facilities and infrastructure were upgraded for \$44.8 million
- Road repaving, bridge refurbishments, and traffic improvements were done for \$54.2 million
- Public Safety facilities received \$19.2 million in upgrades
- Refuse and sewer projects were done for \$144 million
- Bus stops and bus facility improvements were made at a cost of \$3.2 million

Notable projects include the remodeling of the multi-purpose building at Waiau District Park, improving the Corporation Yards in Pearl City for our refuse and facilities maintenance functions, master planned improvements for Hans L'Orange Neighborhood Park, the planned Pearlridge Bus Transfer Center and Plaza, rebuilding the entrance to Pearlridge Community Park, improving golf cart paths at Ted Makalena Golf Course, the purchase of Pearlridge Neighborhood Park, a demonstration project on the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail, and upgrades to our Police Training Facility in Waipahū.



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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE
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Writing Laws to Improve Our Island Home

The most rewarding part of being your Councilmember is connecting with you. I enjoy meeting new people and hearing their stories. The most interesting part of my job is working on legislation and public policies that address our community needs.

Throughout the last six and a half years as your elected county official, I have introduced and passed dozens of pieces of legislation. These bills and resolutions are separate and apart from pursuing capital improvement program projects in our district. Part of my job has also been to improve legislation after it has been introduced, and I have authored hundreds of committee drafts to accomplish things like ensuring new developments incorporate the required number of affordable housing units, amend a Development Plan to take more community input, or include realistic regulations to achieve cleaner energy.

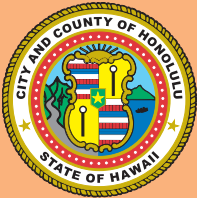
My legislative goals are to enhance our quality of life, improve our environment, add to our island's affordable housing stock, honor those that have contributed to our island home, and increase public safety.

Quality of Life

- **Resolution 20-292** urges the City Administration to improve the efficiency at the City's refuse drop off facilities through providing information on wait times, expanding hours, and improving signage and traffic flow
- **Bill 69 (2015)** scraps the paper transfer system and introduces an unlimited daily bus fare
- **Bill 38 (2019)** establishes the Waikiki Traffic Management Association and allows special loading zones and tour bus stop management in Waikiki
- **Bill 97 (2020)** defines boat trailers as abandoned vehicles so they can be tagged for removal

Affordable Housing

- **Resolution 15-165** amends the City Charter to allow expenditures of the Affordable Housing Fund for households earning 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI) in units that remain affordable for at least sixty years



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530
City Concerns	768-4381
HART Hotline	566-2299
Illegal Dumping	768-3203
Potholes	768-7777
Refuse & Recycling	768-3200
Senior Citizen Info	768-7700
Street Light Repair	768-5300
Tree Trimming	971-7151
Zoning Info	768-8252

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Council District 8 serving the communities of Lower 'Aiea, Pearlridge, Waimalu, Newtown, Pearl City, Seaview, Crestview, Waipi'o Gentry, and portions of Waipahū

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- **Resolution 19-266** urges the State's Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to lower their definition of affordability to 120% AMI or below to match the City's definition since the State's definition of affordability is currently at 140% AMI, which is close to market rate

Environment

- **Resolution 21-113** urges the City Administration to expedite the installation of solar photovoltaic systems at city facilities and structures
- **Bill 59 (2016)** closes loopholes in the prior plastic bag ban to reduce pollution, littering, and to promote the use of reusable bags

In memoriam

- **Resolution 16-301** renames the swimming pool at the Patsy Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park to the

K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center in memory of the late Congressman Takai

- **Resolution 19-287** renames Waipahū District Park in memory of the late Parks Director, Bill Balfour Jr.
- **Resolution 20-190** Renames Mānana Community Park in honor of the late Senator Breene Harimoto

Public Safety

- **Bill 69 (2016)** requires Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in City Buildings and New Construction, with the first new on-site AED saving the life of a contractor working at Foster Botanical Gardens
- **Bill 6 (2017)** prohibits the use of electronic devices while crossing streets or highways, making Honolulu the first major City to enact this pedestrian safety legislation

Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahū District Park

Family and City officials planted a Nii Gold Shower Tree at The Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahū District Park in remembrance and commemoration of the former Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Councilmember Elefante said, "Renaming this park symbolizes so much about Bill, including his connection to the sugar plantation era, and mostly, his connection to people. The renaming of this park in honor of Bill is a testament to his legacy and contributions to the people of the City and County of Honolulu."



Pictured left to right: Bill's stepson, Derrick Kalahui, Parks Director Laura Thielen, Mrs. Dee Balfour, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and Councilmember Brandon Elefante.

Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Site Visit with New Administration



Councilmember Elefante coordinated a walk-through of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail with Managing Director Mike Formby and members of the new administration, including the Departments of Transportation Services, Facilities Maintenance,

Environmental Services, Parks, Corporation Counsel, and the Mayor's Office of Housing. Other agencies participating were our Honolulu Police Department Community Policing Team, Waipahū High School Administration, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, as well as members of the U.S. Navy and the Hawaii Bicycling League.

The walk-through stopped at areas of concern along the trail from Waipahū, Pearl City, and to 'Aiea in an effort to leverage the synergy between all of the

different agencies to clean up and activate the trail. Councilmember Elefante noted all of the different jurisdictions from the City, State, and the U.S. Navy who have different areas of responsibility on and adjacent to the trail.

The City's budget still includes funds for a demonstration project behind the Pearl Kai Shopping Center as well as for the acquisition of a public park behind the Kalauao Transit Hub.



Dedication of Breene Harimoto Mānana Community Park

Councilmember Elefante joined members of the Harimoto 'Ohana, Parks Staff, and Mayor Caldwell at the official dedication of the Breene Harimoto Mānana Community Park. The park is a living tribute to Senator Harimoto's selfless lifetime of public service.



Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Community Work Day

Employees of Waimalu and Waipi'o Starbucks joined us in cleaning up the path during the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Community Work Day in honor of Earth Month.



Community Food Drives

In 2020, Councilmember Elefante and his staff volunteered several times at the mass food distribution events held at Aloha Stadium, Pearlridge Center, and Waipi'o Soccer Park. At each event, thousands of families waited patiently for several hours for food, and Councilmember was grateful for their patience and smiles when they got to the front of the line. We are a resilient community and we are stronger together as one.

Waipahū Pop-up Booth

Councilmember Elefante and his staff hosted a pop-up informational booth during the People's Open Market at the Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahū District Park.



UH Men's Volleyball NCAA National Champs

The Honolulu City Council honored and celebrated the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa men's volleyball team at Honolulu Hale for winning the 2021 NCAA national championship.