



COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE REPORT TO THE 'AIEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 2021



Youth Commissioner Trinity Silbanuz



Councilmember Elefante congratulated Trinity Silbanuz on her swearing in as the first cohort of Youth Commissioners. The Youth Commission was approved as a Charter Amendment by the voters of the City & County of Honolulu.

Commissioner Silbanuz was nominated by Councilmember Elefante and is a student at 'Iolani School. She has represented her culture at the World Indigenous Peoples Conference and also paddles competitively.

We Are Community!

Please continue your efforts to keep our families and communities safe by:

- 1) Washing your hands thoroughly;
- 2) Wearing a face mask;
- 3) Watching your distance; and
- 4) Staying home if you are feeling sick.

We all need to take care of each other.

Please continue to do all you can to stay safe and healthy!

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530
City Concerns	768-4381
Environmental Concerns	768-3300
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

New Hekaha Street Bike Lane Markings



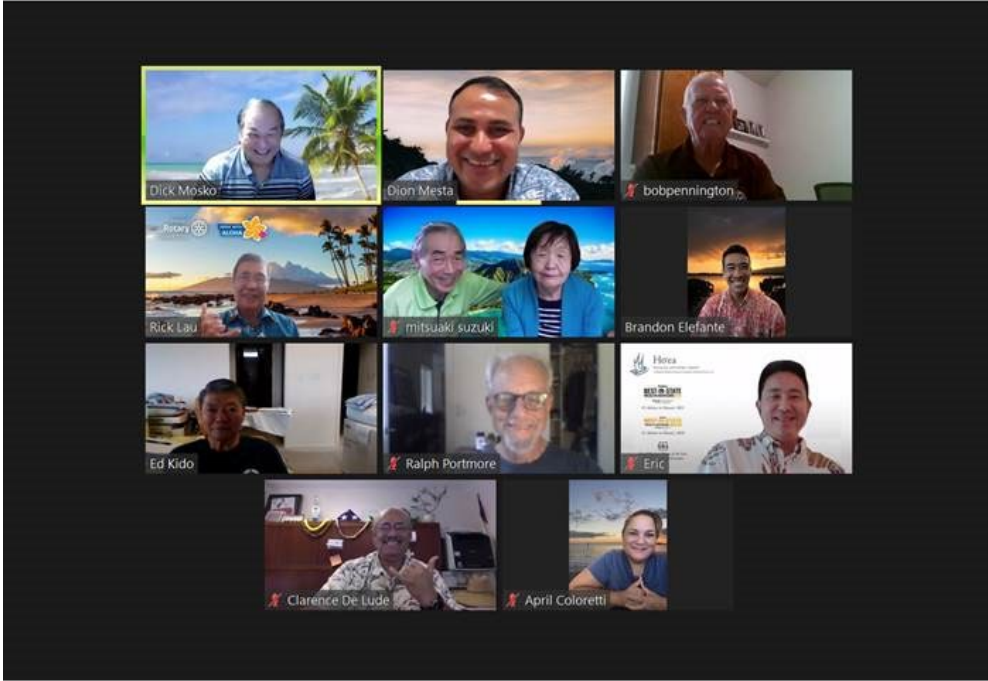
Thanks to road owner, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the crossing of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail over Hekaha Street in 'Aiea has been made safer with the addition of professional bike lane markings.

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

Pearlridge Rotary Club Meets

Zoom Meeting



Councilmember Elefante recently met via Zoom with the Pearlridge Rotary Club to discuss issues important to them.

Resolution 21-180 for Affordable Housing 201H-38 Applications

Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Councilmember Esther Kia'āina co-introduced a resolution together requesting that the State Legislature amend HRS 201-H38 to extend the processing deadline. Currently, the Honolulu City Council has to take action on 201H applications within 45 days, or the project is deemed automatically approved. In order to process these affordable housing exemption requests, which are often complex, the Council often finds itself scheduling a special meeting just to meet the current deadline of 45 days. Resolution 21-180 asks for the 201H application deadline to be extended from 45 days to 90 days, giving the County Councils more time to look at these important affordable housing projects. Resolution 21-180 was adopted earlier this month.

Resolution 21-192 to Increase The Affordable Housing Fund

Councilmember Brandon Elefante introduced Resolution 21-192, which proposes a Charter Amendment to increase the Affordable Housing Fund by dedicating 1% of all real property tax revenues to this fund. Currently, ½% of all Real Property Tax goes into the Affordable Housing Fund, which is used to build or purchase additional affordable units for persons earning 60% or less of the area median income (AMI), and provide those homes for a minimum of 60 years. The homes can be rentals. Currently, 60% AMI for a family of four on Oahu is \$72,480/year.

Charter Amendment proposals require three readings. Resolution 21-192 just had its first reading earlier this month. If passed, this charter amendment would go on the 2022 General Election ballot for all voters to decide.

Calendar Of Events & Activities

September 2021

- 6 Labor Day Holiday
- 8 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 21 Council Committee Meetings:
Transportation,
Sustainability & Health
- Housing and the Economy
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 22 Council Committee Meetings:
- Budget
- Public Infrastructure & Technology
- Public Safety
- 23 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning and Planning
- Parks & Community Services

Resolution 21-199 Do Not Block Intersection Proposal

Councilmember Elefante introduced Resolution 21-199 to request the installation of “Do Not Block Intersection” pavement markings and signs at appropriate intersections. These markings, coupled with signage and enforcement, could benefit heavily trafficked and congested areas. The Resolution was referred to the Transportation, Sustainability, and Health Committee for further action.

City Urges Residents to Update Expired Driver’s Licenses and State IDs

Oahu residents are urged to schedule appointments to renew their driver’s licenses, learner’s permits, and State ID cards as soon as possible. The Governor’s waiver that allowed people to use expired identification documents ends on October 4, 2021.

There are extended hours and Saturdays to accommodate more appointments. If your driver’s license has been expired for more than a year and you do not renew it before October 4, you would have to take the written and road test as if you were applying for a new license. If your driver’s license has been expired for 90 days (but less than one year), you will need to pay a fine of \$5 per month for up to 12 months before you could renew.

Please go to AlohaQ.org to make your appointment, and you are encouraged to check the page frequently for cancellations. Stand-by service is offered to offset customer cancellations and no-shows, but same day service is not guaranteed. For more information, please visit www.honolulu.gov/csd.

Draft Right-of-Way Widths for Planned Streets Available for Review

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS), in coordination with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), along with funding from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO), is reviewing and updating its Right-of-Way Widths for Planned Streets.

This update includes Rights-of-Way maps that reflect current conditions, land use, and multimodal plans, as well as street type assignments to define priorities and guide implementation of future improvements in alignment with Honolulu’s Complete Streets ordinance.

DTS is requesting input on the preliminary street type assignments at the Complete Streets website: <https://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets>. Comments are accepted on the website or can be submitted via email to completestreets@honolulu.gov by September 30, 2021. If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact 768-6682.

October 2021

6 Honolulu City Council Meeting

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