



REPORT TO THE 'AIEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE JANUARY 2022



Happy New Year!

May 2022 be filled with good health, prosperity, and happiness

Brandon



Last month, Councilmember Elefante honored the 'Aiea High School Football team, who won the school's first OIA Division 1 Championship. He is pictured with part of the team and Coach Wendell Say—who has been coaching for 42 years at the school—and Principal David Tanuvasa.

Marine Toys for Tots Drive at Momilani Community Center



Santa and Mrs. Claus from the North Pole and Councilmember Elefante (far right) joined the Marines and members of the Pearl City Foundation, Pearl City Shopping Center, Pearl City Lions Club, Bite Squad, and MyPearlCity.com to collect donations for the Marine Toys for Tots Drive in December. Together they collected more than 1,000 toys to go to children in our community.

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

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

Honolulu City Lights



Councilmember Elefante, Council Vice Chair Esther Kia'aina, Council Chair Tommy Waters, Councilmember Radiant Cordero, and Councilmember Augie Tulba celebrated Honolulu City Lights at Honolulu Hale.

Recognizing Department of Transportation Services Employee of The Year, Kelly Akasaki



Councilmember Elefante recognized constituent and Traffic Engineer Kelly Akasaki for being selected as the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Employee of the Year. Kelly had previously received this honor in 2009. Kelly has worked at DTS for more than 20 years and also serves as President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Hawaii Section.

Calendar Of Events & Activities

January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- 11 Council Committee Meetings:
Transportation,
Sustainability & Health
- Housing and the Economy
- 13 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning and Planning
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday
- 20 Special Zoning and Planning
Committee Meeting
To Discuss Bill 41 (2021)
- 26 Honolulu City Council Meeting

February 2022

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

Councilmember Elefante Chairs the Large Cities Council in 2022

At the end of 2021, Councilmember Brandon Elefante was re-elected to serve a second term on the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities (NLC). The NLC is comprised of city, town, and village elected leaders focused on improving the quality of life for their constituents.

Councilmember Elefante was asked to serve as the Chair for the Large Cities Council (LCC) this year by the NLC President, Union City Georgia Mayor Vince Williams.

The LCC consists of NLC member city elected officials from cities with a population of 200,000 or more. The objective of the LCC is for members to share ideas and successful strategies that solve the unique challenges affecting large cities like our City and County of Honolulu. Their next meeting will be at the Congressional City Conference and City Summit to be held this March in Washington, DC.

City Urges Residents to Use Its Free Service to Tow Junked Vehicles

It's a new year, and perhaps you're thinking about making some space in your garage. The City's Motor Vehicle Control Section urges residents who need this free service to get rid of their unwanted vehicles. Each year, the City's free Junked Vehicle Program takes in unwanted cars from owners who surrendered them. In 2020, the City took in nearly 1,000 vehicles, which was a sharp decline from the nearly 1,600 vehicles that were junked in 2019.

On our island, approximately 1 in every 5 unwanted vehicles was towed in 2020 after ending up curbside on public roadways. By comparison, about 1 in every 3 unwanted vehicles in 2019 was towed after being illegally dumped. So, while people are dumping less vehicles year over year, it is still a real issue for the environment and for our island's natural beauty.

Junking a vehicle requires turning in a junking form, the license plates, registration, and title to a satellite city hall. The vehicle must be free of trash, accessible by a tow truck, and have at least two inflated tires for it be towed.

Information on junking a vehicle is available online at honolulu.gov/csd. While the junking service and towing are free, please note that surrendering a vehicle to the City does not relieve the owner of any financial responsibility such as liens, criminal charges, or citations.

Pearlridge Satellite City Hall
In Pearlridge Mauka
(808) 768-5000

Kapālama Driver Licensing Ctr.
925 Dillingham Boulevard
(808) 768-4500

Kapolei Driver Licensing Ctr.
Kapolei Hale
1000 Ulu'ōhi'a Street

Downtown Satellite City Hall
Chinatown Gateway Plaza
1041 Nuuanu Avenue
(808) 768-4103

Windward Satellite City Hall
Windward City Shopping Center
45-480 Kaneohe Bay Drive
(808) 768-4100

Community Development Block Grant Funds for Public Services And Economic Development Projects

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY 2023 Public Services and Economic Development projects was posted to the State of Hawaii's Hawaii Awards & Notices Data System (HANDS) website.

Up to \$790,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 CDBG funds are being made available for public service and economic development projects in eligible communities throughout Oahu. To qualify for consideration, the public service must be a new service or a quantifiable increase in the existing level of a service. Only applications requesting at least \$100,000 will be considered. Applicants must submit a proposal requesting at least \$100,000 and up to \$200,000, and they may elect to include a supplemental budget up to an additional \$100,000, to be awarded upon funding availability.

The City has previously made funds from the CDBG Program, Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program, Ohana Zone Program, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") available to the community. Given that, priority under this NOFA will be given to projects that are not currently contracted to receive funds. Priority will also be given to projects that involve one of the following activities: employment services, including job training; support services for senior citizens; and non-governmental educational activities. Priority will be given to projects that will begin benefitting clients during Fall 2022.

Interested parties can find the solicitation on the "State of Hawaii – Hawaii Awards & Notices Data System (HANDS)" webpage for all formal solicitations for goods, services, construction, grants and concessions. HANDS gathers information from multiple state and county procurement platforms and displays it all in one place. The link to the specific solicitation on the HANDS webpage is: <https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/opportunities/opportunity-details/20853>

All they need to do is simply click on the link and follow the prompts.

Deadline for the submission of project proposals will be January 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Purchasing on the first floor of Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street.

Walk With A Doc

Beginning on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8AM, come "Walk With A Doc" at Neil Blaisdell Park at 98-319 Kamehameha Highway, facing the scenic Pearl Harbor. This doctor-led walking group is a fun and safe place to go for a walk, learn about health, and meet people. The event is free, and all ages and abilities are welcome.

Future "Walk With A Doc" events will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month. This program is sponsored by the University of Hawaii Family Medicine Residency Program, and we thank Dr. Cherisse Kawamura for sharing this information with our office so that we can share it with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Thomas Quattlebaum at tquattle@hawaii.edu.

Honoring Parks Employee Craig Mayeda on His Retirement

Councilmember Elefante honored Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) employee Craig Mayeda upon his retirement after more than 31 years of service. Craig has held multiple jobs in DPR including as a Recreation Specialist, a Community Recreational Gardening Specialist at the Honolulu Botanical Gardens and as an Administrative



Assistant to the Director, and in the Beautification Division. He's spent the last 23 years as the Administrator of the Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Division. We wish Craig a happy, healthy retirement!

Alvin Au, Executive Director of OahuMPO, Retires



Councilmember Elefante congratulated Executive Director of Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) on his retirement from that post after serving for five years. Alvin served his country for 30

years, retiring as an Army Colonel. He is an attorney and worked for the State Judiciary Branch and then was a member of the Administration of Mayors Frank Fasi and Jeremy Harris, serving as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, Deputy Director of Facility Maintenance, and Director of Enterprise Services. He was also the Military Liaison for Congressman Neil Abercrombie and a Detailed Inspector General at US Army Hawaii. We wish Alvin the best in his retirement!

Department of Parks and Recreation Survey on Rules for Shore Water Events

The Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is inviting members of our community to share their opinions regarding proposed revisions to rules governing Shore Water Events around O‘ahu.

Shore Water Events typically include activities that involve permitted use of coastal and beach areas for the purpose of accessing the ocean such as: surf contests, canoe regattas, triathlons, and swim races. These rules are designed to work in tangent with ocean permitting and usage guidelines facilitated by the State of Hawaii.

The survey questions focus on proposed revisions to DPR’s Shore Water Rules that include possible changes to regulations regarding gender equity, event parameters, and impacts of Shore Water Events on the community.

The survey is now open and will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (HST). You can access the survey on this website:

bit.ly/shorewatersurvey

For a copy of the existing Shore Water Event Rules, visit the official DPR website at honolulu.gov/parks and click the "Rules & Regulations" box.

Happy 2022!

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Pictured Left to Right:

Councilmember and Floor Leader Andria Tupola, Council Vice Chair Esther Kia‘āina, Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Councilmember Augie Tulba, Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Councilmember Calvin Say, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi, and Council Chair Tommy Waters.