



**REPORT TO THE  
'AIEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE  
APRIL 2022**



**Blessing and Reopening of Waiau District Park  
Recreation Building**



*Kahu Makani Tabura blessed the newly renovated Waiau District Park Recreation Building earlier this month*



*In celebration of the reopening of the Waiau District Park Recreation Building, several members of the community attended the ceremony. From left to right: Pearl City Neighborhood Board Vice Chair Dion Mesta, Representative Gregg Takayama, Representative Sam Kong, Representative Roy Takumi, Pearl City Neighborhood Board Chair Larry Veray, Pearl City Neighborhood Board Outgoing Secretary Elayne Funakoshi, Senator Bennette Misalucha, Pearl City Community Association President Kelsey Poaha, Pearl City Neighborhood Board Incoming Secretary Charmaine Doran, and Councilmember Brandon Elefante.*

**Mahalo!**

The month of April is traditionally seen as a month of renewal, where signs of Spring’s emergence are everywhere. Therefore, it is not by accident that we celebrate Earth Day on April 22. Take some time to enjoy our Mother Earth and do something to celebrate the world around you.



**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, Waipi’o Gentry, and portions of Waipahū

## August Ahrens National Elementary Honor Society



Councilmember Elefante joined Representative Henry Aquino, Advisor Mrs. Veralyn Balais, and Waipahū Complex Administrators in congratulating the Spring 2022 August Ahrens National Elementary Honor Society inductees.

## Recognizing Eugene Takahashi for His 31 Years of Service and Retirement



Councilmember Elefante with Councilmember Carol Fukunaga recognized Department of Planning and Permitting's 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Director Eugene Takahashi upon his retirement after 31 years of service.

Pictured left to right: Deputy Director Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director Dean Uchida, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Director Eugene Takahashi, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, and Councilmember Elefante.

## Calendar Of Events & Activities

### April 2022

- 13 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 15 Good Friday Holiday
- 19 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Transportation,
  - Sustainability & Health
  - Housing and the Economy
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 20 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure & Technology
  - Public Safety
- 21 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning and Planning
  - Parks & Community Services

### May 2022

- 4 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 18 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Transportation,
  - Sustainability & Health
  - Housing and the Economy
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 19 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure & Technology
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- 30 Memorial Day Holiday

## Be WaterSmart®

Being WaterSmart® is a priority for the City and County of Honolulu as we stand with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) and the responsibility to ensure Oahu's water security. WaterSmart® means using our precious drinking water resource wisely and practicing being water-efficient.

All water users on our island have been asked to voluntarily decrease our water usage by 10%, since three main water sources were shut down to protect them from nearby contamination of the Navy's drinking water source. By decreasing our water damage, we can all work together to reduce the strain on our active wells and allow the time for adequate recharge.

According to the BWS WaterSmart® program, one way to decrease water usage is to check and fix leaks promptly. This is a free service to BWS customers where you can get high water use alerts and leak detection tips. Please visit [Honolulu.watersmart.com](https://Honolulu.watersmart.com) for more information.

Visit [boardofwatersupply.com](https://boardofwatersupply.com) to find tips, programs, and rebates to do your part in conserving water. The public may contact the BWS' Water Waste Hotline at [808-748-5041](tel:808-748-5041) or at [contactus@hbws.org](mailto:contactus@hbws.org) if they witness misuse of water.

### Resolution 22-71 for Resilient Water Infrastructure

In partnership with Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Councilmember Elefante recently introduced Resolution 22-71 (<https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/measure/2144>). This legislation supports the Board of Water Supply in pursuing Federal America Rescue Plan Act funds to construct resilient water infrastructure projects, assuring clean water for our island home for generations to come.

Resolution 22-71 has been referred to the Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health, with a hearing to be scheduled later this month.

### Bill 2 (2022) Relating to Disclosure of Short-Term Rentals Information During Sale Signed into Law

Councilmember Elefante introduced Bill 2 (2022), which requires the owner of residential real property to disclose to a potential buyer certain information relating to the property's eligibility for use as a short-term rental. This may help to curb some of the price inflation that may occur when dwelling units are wrongly marketed as income-producing investment properties.

This bill was previously proposed by the former administration as Bill 90 (2018) when the City Council was discussing short term legislation. Bill 2 (2022) was signed into law by Mayor Blangiardi earlier this month and is now in effect as Ordinance 22-6.

**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**

## Congratulating Master Sergeant Bactad on His Retirement



*Photo Credit: Hawaii Air National Guard*

*Councilmember Elefante and Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi congratulated Master Sergeant Darrell Bactad on his retirement with 35 years of service to the US Air Force Hawaii Air National Guard.*

## Honolulu City Council Attends National League of Cities



*The Honolulu City Council represented Honolulu at the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Washington, D.C. The NLC represents more than 2,400 cities, towns, and villages across the country, advocating for its members on important federal policies, most notably the federal funding bills to help our City in its economic recovery.*

*Pictured left to right: Dion Mesta and April Coloretti from Councilmember Elefante's staff; Councilmember Elefante; Councilmember Cordero; and Linda Nunes and Kaleo Chang from Councilmember Cordero's staff.*