

# Councilmember **RADIANT CORDERO**

## Serving HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

(Hāiawa Estates, Foster Village, Āliamanu, Salt Lake-Moanalua, Airport, Sand Island, Kalihi Kai, portions of Kalihi Valley, Kapālama, portions of Liliha, and Iwilei)



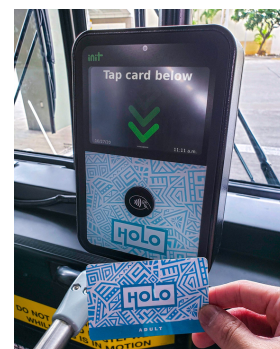
REPORT TO 'AIEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2022

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The City Council is the policy-making body for Honolulu. Following are legislative items that may be of interest to you:

- Resolution 22-171, approves a five-day suspension of fares from August 22 - 26, 2022 for riders who tap their activated HOLO cards on the City's TheBus transit system. Additionally, the City plans to temporarily suspend the \$2 fee for a HOLO card, restore 39 express bus trips that were stopped due to COVID, and create a new route to connect express buses to public, private, and college schools. This Resolution was proposed by the City's Department of Transportation Services to promote ridership of the City Public Transportation System and the use of the HOLO cards. On July 26, the Transportation, Sustainability and Health Committee reported the resolution out of committee to the full Council for adoption.



To view these and other items before the Council, please visit the Honolulu City Council Honolulu Records Collection at: <https://hnlodoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlodoc/>.

City & County of Honolulu  
Department of Budget & Fiscal Services  
Real Property Assessment Division

## Home Owner Tax Exemption

### WHO MAY QUALIFY?

**Home Owner Exemption:**

- Owner Occupied as principal home on or before September 30th

**Other Tax Relief Programs:**

- Totally Disabled Veterans
- Hansen's Disease
- Blind, Deaf, or Totally Disabled

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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### HOME OWNER TAX EXEMPTION DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

The City and County of Honolulu is encouraging homeowners who live on their property to file a claim for a home exemption to reduce their real property assessments and taxes by the September 30, 2022 deadline.

Eligible homeowners must own and occupy their property as the principal home. If the taxpayer files an application for homeowner's exemption by September 30, 2022, the exemption to reduce the homeowner's net taxable value begins on the tax year starting on July 1, 2023.

For more exemption and real property assessment information or to file a home exemption claim online, please visit [realpropertyhonolulu.com](https://realpropertyhonolulu.com). Inquiries may also be submitted via email to [bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov) or by calling (808) 768-3799.

## ONLINE PAYMENT DEBUTS FOR FALL PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

A diverse catalog of programs are available at your City parks and recreation centers this fall, and for the first time you can conveniently register for all of these free or paid activities using your smartphone or computer. The Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Department of Information Technology (DIT) are proud to announce the Parks and Recreation Online System (PROS) will begin accepting payments for paid activities as part of the fall program registration via the PROS website: [pros.hnl.info](http://pros.hnl.info).

The registration schedule for DPR activities in City parks in District II (Makiki to 'Aiea) is as follows:

- Online registration begins: Monday, Aug. 22 at 4 p.m.
- Walk-in accommodations: Monday, Aug. 22 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Councilmember Cordero is excited to provide our communities in District 7 with more accessible ways of connecting with your City parks and the programs offered there. Everyone interested is encouraged to set-up their [hnl.info](http://hnl.info) account prior to the opening of registration in order to facilitate a smooth experience. For questions or more information, please contact the DPR at (808) 768-3003 on weekdays from 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or email [parks@honolulu.gov](mailto:parks@honolulu.gov).

## CITY AWARDS FUNDING TO 6 PROJECTS THAT WILL CREATE ALMOST 1,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS WITHIN 5 YEARS

On August 2nd, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Community Services announced their list of six eligible projects that will produce 972 affordable housing units within the next 5 years. The total award amount for these six projects is \$28,172,989.



The following projects are ready to begin construction:

- Hui Kauhale – Halewiliko ('Aiea), 140 affordable units, \$6,000,000
- Hawaii Assisted Housing Inc. – Halawa View II ('Aiea), 302 affordable units, \$5,000,000
- Hawaii Assisted Housing Inc. – Hocking Hale (Honolulu), 40 affordable units, \$3,923,433

The following projects will receive funding for the cost to acquire land, with a commitment to complete construction within the next five years:

- Hawaiian Community Development Board – Ohana Hale (Honolulu), 180 affordable units, \$4,900,000
- Hawaii Assisted Housing Inc. – Waialua Mill Camp (Waialua), 268 affordable units, \$3,549,556
- AHED Foundation – Kailua Lofts (Kailua), 42 affordable units, \$4,800,000

In December 2021, the City and County of Honolulu made available up to \$40 million in the City's Affordable Housing Fund to fund units at 60% Area Median Income (AMI) or below for 60 years. In Honolulu in 2022, the income eligibility limit for 60% AMI means a family of 3 earning less than \$70,560, a couple earning less than \$62,700, or a single individual earning less than \$54,900. To view income limits by family size and percentages of income levels established by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, visit <https://bit.ly/3zvLgQf>.

## CITY MOVING MOPED, BICYCLE AND BUSINESS LICENSING SERVICES



Moped and bicycle owners across O‘ahu will soon be able to get their registrations on-the-spot at the Kapālama Driver Licensing Center.

Similar walk-in service is also coming to Kapālama Driver Licensing Center for a variety of pawnbrokers, firearm dealers, peddlers and other businesses trying to get licenses to legally operate in the City and County of Honolulu.

On Monday, July 18, 2022, these services moved from an office trailer under the H-1 Freeway in Kapahulu to the Kapālama Driver Licensing Center at 925 Dillingham Boulevard in Kalihi.

The decision to relocate the city’s Moped, Bicycle and Business License Office from Kapahulu is primarily driven by efforts to better meet public demand for these three services, which all together exceeded 30,000 transactions in the past 12 months.

This demand includes a record number of moped registrations on O‘ahu, where that total exceeded 8,800 in the past 12 months.

“We have outgrown our Kapahulu office and will be moving to better accommodate our expansion needs as well as to position us to meet continued public demand into the future to register mopeds, bicycles and businesses,” said Kim Hashiro, director of the City’s Department of Customer Services.

Appointments will not be required for moped, bicycle and business licensing services at the Kapālama Driver Licensing Center, where moped and bicycle registrations will be issued over the counter, unless it is a dealer drop off. Business licenses will be mailed to the applicant.

For more information, visit [honolulu.gov/csd](http://honolulu.gov/csd).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**08/10** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

**08/23** Transportation, Sustainability, and Health Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Housing and the Economy Committee, 10:30 a.m.

Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee, 1:00 pm

**08/24** Budget Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Public Infrastructure and Technology Committee, 1:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee, 2:30 p.m.

**08/25** Zoning and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Parks and Community Services Committee, 2:30 p.m.

**09/07** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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