



REPORT TO THE 'AIEA-PEARL CITY-WAIPAHŪ NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE AUGUST 2022



Miss Hawaii Filipina Pageant



The Honolulu City Council celebrated the Miss Hawaii Filipina Pageant Contestants in the Council Chambers. Pictured with the contestants left to right are: Councilmember Elefante, Councilmember Calvin Say, Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Councilmember Augie Tulba, and Councilmember Andria Tupola.



Honoring Monica Velasco, Hawai'i Catholic Schools Teacher of the Year

Councilmember Elefante congratulated Monica "Rica" Velasco on her selection as Hawai'i Catholic Schools Teacher of The Year. Mrs. Velasco is the guidance counselor and technology director at St. Joseph Parish School in Waipahū. The award is given to one educator in Hawai'i who exhibits leadership qualities and who engages in academic and spiritual development of students.

Pedestrian Safety Month

August is Pedestrian Safety Month in Hawai'i, and our state is the first in the nation to create this program of heightened awareness of both pedestrian safety and driver awareness. See honolulu.gov/dts for our pedestrian safety events.

Brandon

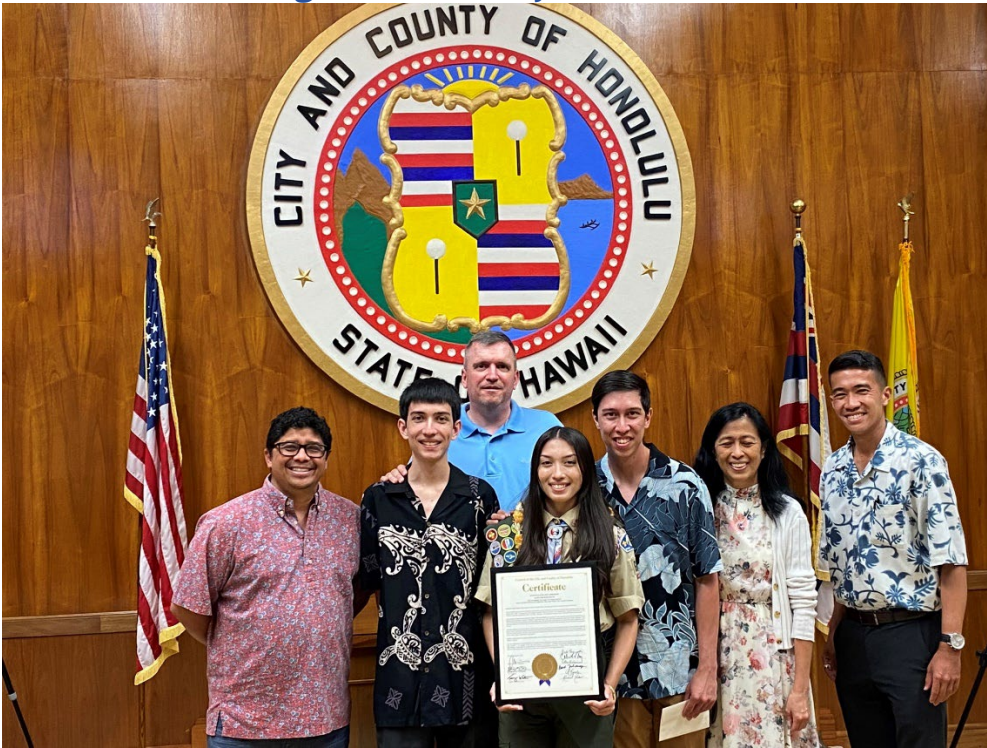
FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

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

Eagle Scout Katelyn Burchette



Councilmember Elefante and Councilmember Augie Tulba honored Eagle Scout Katelyn Burchette on her achievement. She is one of just a handful of girls who have earned this honor.

Crisis, Outreach, Response and Engagement (CORE)



Councilmember Elefante joined members of the City's Crisis, Outreach, Response and Engagement (CORE) program, which is part of the City's Emergency Services Department (HESD), in his Council District 8. The group looked at areas with unsheltered homeless in 'Aiea, Pearl City, and Waipahū and offered medical services and homeless outreach services. Pictured with CORE staff in red shirts are Council District 8 Legislative Aide Dion Mesta, Councilmember Elefante, and HESD Deputy Director Ian Santee.

Announcing Almost 1,000 Affordable Housing Units Built in Next Five Years



Councilmember Brandon Elefante spoke at the announcement of six affordable housing projects designed to create 972 units and partially funded by the City's Affordable Housing Fund. He is pictured speaking at the site of the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill, which will become a 140-unit senior rental called Aloha la Halewiliko.



Community members, developers, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, members of the Blangiardi administration, and Councilmembers Radiant Cordero and Brandon Elefante attended the announcement of six affordable housing units being built in the next five years in different O'ahu neighborhoods.

Calendar Of Events & Activities

August 2022

- 10 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 19 Statehood Day Holiday
- 23 Council Committee Meetings:
Transportation,
Sustainability & Health
- Housing and the Economy
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 24 Council Committee Meetings:
- Budget
- Public Infrastructure & Technology
- Public Safety
- 25 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning and Planning
- Parks & Community Services
- 31 6 PM Special Zoning and Planning
Committee Meeting
Leeward Community College

September 2022

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

Resolution 22-173 Performance Audit of Department of Planning and Permitting

This summer I introduced Resolution 22-173, which requests the Honolulu City Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) selection of employees for temporary assignment in the last ten years. I introduced this legislation to address concerns regarding selecting employees for temporary assignment. The performance audit would provide actionable recommendations to the DPP. The Resolution will be heard in the Zoning and Planning Committee on August 25.

Get Your Passport At Ala Moana Satellite City Hall

In response to increasing demand for international travel, the Ala Moana Satellite City Hall began accepting U.S. passport applications this month on an appointment-only basis. There are 32 passport application appointments available each day, and online appointments for a passport application can be booked at www.AlohaQ.org.

Applications will not be accepted without all required documentation, which includes proof of citizenship, government ID, and a check or money order for the passport fee. For more information, visit honolulu.gov/csd.

Real Property Tax Homeowners Exemptions Are Due on September 30

Homeowners who live on their property are encouraged 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 by September 30, 2022, the exemption begins on the tax year starting on July 1, 2023. You would only need to file this exemption once.

For qualifying homeowners under 65 years of age, the exemption amount is \$100,000. For those 65 years and older, the exemption amount is \$140,000.

A change in ownership or use voids the exemption and must be reported to the City Real Property Assessment Division within 30 days of the transaction. Failure to notify the City will subject the claimant to back taxes and a penalty for each year that the change remains unreported.

Please go to realpropertyhonolulu.com to file a home exemption claim online and to download a claim form. Additional exemption and real property assessment information can also be found on this website. Inquiries may also be submitted via email to bfsrpmmailbox@honolulu.gov or by calling (808) 768-3799.

Satellite City Halls Information

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
(808) 768-3400

Downtown Satellite City Hall
Chinatown Gateway Plaza
1041 Nu'uuanu Avenue
(808) 768-4103

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

You Can Now Register Online for City Parks Programs

Did you know that the Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) offers a diverse catalog of at your City parks of free and paid activities?

View the catalog and register for activities at the Parks and Recreation Online System (PROS) at pros.hnl.info.

The fall registration schedule is for DPR activities that start primarily after the Labor Day Weekend.

District I (Hawai'i Kai to McCully) and **District II** (Makiki to 'Aiea)

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

District III (Waipahū to Wai'anae), **District IV** (Waialua to Waimānalo), and **District V** (Pearl City, Mililani to Wahiawā)

- Online registration begins: Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m.
- Walk-in accommodations: Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. & Thursday, Aug. 25 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Walk-in registration is offered to provide equitable opportunities for those without computer/internet access. Cash and check are accepted forms of payment for walk-in registration. For online payments, Visa and Mastercard credit/debit cards are accepted.

We hope you will check out the programs in your neighborhood!



H MART Pearl City Grand Opening

Councilmember Brandon Elefante celebrated the grand opening of H MART in Pearl City, which is their second location in Hawaii. Pictured left to right: H MART Senior Executive Director of Marketing Sam Q. Kim, Councilmember Elefante, and H MART Store Manager, Hye Chu Choi.