



Councilmember
**RADIANT
 CORDERO**

Serving
**HONOLULU CITY
 COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**

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



HEAT ISLAND INVESTIGATORS

Heat islands are urbanized areas that experience 1-7°F higher temperatures than outlying areas due to structures such as buildings, roads, and parking lots that absorb and re-emit the sun's heat. As part of its Vision for a tree-filled island that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change, Trees for Honolulu's Future (TFHF) is using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency environmental justice grant to provide outreach and engagement on heat islands on O'ahu. This collaboration, led by TFHF, includes Honolulu Community College, Parents And Children Together, Smart Trees Pacific, the State Department of Education, and the Office of Councilmember Radiant Cordero.

The partners are working with youth in the Hālawā/'Aiea communities to investigate their local environmental conditions through citizen science and project based learning to come up with solutions. Student activities include monitoring temperatures in shade vs. sun, measuring and assessing trees, and exploring job opportunities in environmental careers.



Launching temperature sensors in the field.



Measuring the diameter of an earpod tree in Makalapa Park

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER "GETTING AHEAD" PROGRAM

Parents And Children Together (PACT) "Getting Ahead" program is a free 12-week program (Sept. 29 - Dec. 6) from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. via Zoom group meetings with 10-15 participants. Participants are required to have access to a reliable computer/tablet/device and internet connection. The "Getting Ahead" program utilizes a nationally recognized curriculum designed for our working class individuals and families who may be employed but are still finding it difficult to "get ahead". Getting Ahead assists individuals in building skills and resources that reduce instability, increase productivity, and create pathways for success. Participants are also compensated for their time and efforts (\$40 gift card per session; Total of \$480 if attends all 12 sessions).

To register for the program or to get more information, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/wMFjMyAKP4> or call Tamara Arbon at (808) 755-1146.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Bill 10, CD1 (2022): Relating to Use Regulations.

The Council's Committee on Zoning and Planning (ZP) recently heard Bill 10 (2022), that seeks to update the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) by addressing land use regulations and implements the broad policies of O'ahu's General Plan and various Development Plans and Sustainable Communities Plans. Bill 10 is Phase II of a multi-phase/multi-year process that includes: Phase III, streamlining permitting processes; Phase IV, updating zoning districts; and, Phase V, making the LUO more user-friendly. Phase I, determining how to proceed with an overall update of the aging LUO document, has already been completed. This bill received a Public Hearing and passed 2nd Reading at the Council Meeting on September 7. View Bill 10 here: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/measure/2083>.

Transportation Demand Management Plan.

On August 23, Councilmember Cordero's Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health received a presentation on the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan. TDM is a toolkit of strategies, policies, and programs to better manage transportation needs, that includes the goals of protecting the environment by improving energy efficiency and reducing vehicle emissions; promoting equity by providing affordable multi-modal transportation to enhance connectivity for vulnerable communities; integrating land uses with a multi-modal transportation network; and ensuring long-term resilience through the operation of a self-sustainable TDM program. View the TDM presentation here: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=14972>.



Special Zoning & Planning Meeting.

On August 31, ZP held a Special Committee Meeting at Leeward Community College to consider two bills: one relating to Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and another to re-zone three transit stations in 'Aiea and Pearl City. Bill 49 (2022) expands the existing TOD Special District to include the following rail stations: Halaulani (Leeward Community College), Waiawa (Pearl Highlands), and Kalauao (Pearlridge). Bill 50 (2022) rezones the lands around the station areas to be consistent with the TOD Special Districts. Both bills seek to create more compact, mixed-use neighborhoods to facilitate appropriate TOD around the rail stations. The committee amended Bill 49 to a CD1 version. Subsequently, both bills received a Public Hearing and Passed 2nd Reading at the Council Meeting on September 7.

View Bill 49 here: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=15134> and Bill 50 here: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=14867>.

Resolution 22-185, CD1: Installation of Recreation Areas for Older Adults.

The Council's Committee on Parks and Community Services (PCS) heard Resolution 22-185, which urges the Department of Parks and Recreation to consider installing recreation areas for older adults at city parks. The Resolution notes that of the over 150 play apparatuses in city parks, none are specifically designed for our older adults. Therefore, more opportunities are needed for kūpuna to improve their balance, speed, coordination, overall physical activity, and self-confidence. This resolution was adopted by the Council at its meeting on September 7. View Resolution 22-185, CD1 here: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=15082>.

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



COMMUNITY VOICE SURVEY FOR HPD'S 2023-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) is accepting responses for their Community Voice Survey for HPD's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

Community input will be an essential component in creating a strategic plan that will guide department-wide actions over the next five years. HPD encourages you to take this survey to share your perspective and hopes for the future of the Honolulu Police Department and our community. The survey can be accessed via this link: <https://www.research.net/r/85R75WD-APO>.

INTEREST-FREE DOWN-PAYMENT HOME LOANS NOW AVAILABLE

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services (DCS) has \$550,000 in HOME funds for this fiscal year and is currently accepting pre-eligibility inquiries for loans up to \$40,000. Eligible households are those earning 80% of the area median income or below, which is currently \$83,600 for a family of two or \$104,500 for a family of four. Loans will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified O'ahu residents. For more information, please contact the DCS Loan Branch at (808) 768-7076 or visit <https://bit.ly/2YcCFhH>.

REMINDER: HOME OWNER TAX EXEMPTION DEADLINE TO APPLY IS ON 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. Inquiries may also be submitted via email to bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov or by calling (808) 768-3799.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 09/07** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 09/19** Special Public Safety Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 09/20** Transportation, Sustainability, and Health Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Housing and the Economy Committee, 10:30 a.m.
- 09/21** Budget Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Public Infrastructure and Technology Committee, 1:00 p.m.
- 09/22** Zoning and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 09/26** Special Zoning and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 10/05** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Kapolei Hale)



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View Bills/Resolutions at <https://hnl-doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl-doc/>



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