



**REPORT TO THE
'AIEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS
COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE
SEPTEMBER 2022**



20th Anniversary of The FilCom Center



The Honolulu City Council celebrated the 20th anniversary of the FilCom Center by presenting an Honorary Certificate. Pictured left to right Back Row: Council Chair Tommy Waters, Councilmember Esther Kia'aina, Councilmember Brandon Elefante, and Councilmember Augie Tulba. Front Row: FilCom Board of Directors members 2nd Vice Chair Luis Salaveria, Director Vanessa Kop, Chair Edmund Aczon, Executive Director Jeannie Lum, Director Arlina Agbayani, and Councilmember Radiant Cordero.

Happy Labor Day!

Labor Day is the day to salute the hard work and dedication of everyone who has built up this great land from field to field and desk to desk. As Thomas Edison said, "There is no substitute for hard work."

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

Recognizing New Waipahū High School Principal, Zachary Sheets

Councilmember Elefante recognized and congratulated Pearl City Highlands Elementary School (PCHES) Principal Zachary Sheets on his transfer to Waipahū High School. After four years at PCHES, Principal Sheets began this school year at Waipahū High School and welcomed all students back to school with a message of supporting each student on their academic journey.



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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

Zoning Committee Meeting Held At Leeward Community College



Councilmembers met for a Special Zoning and Planning Committee held at Leeward Community College in the evening of August 31 to allow community members to testify on the 'Aiea-Pearl City Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Bills 49 and 50. Pictured left to right: Chair Tommy Waters, Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Zoning Committee Chair Councilmember Elefante, Councilmember Radiant Cordero, and Councilmember Calvin Say.

Honoring Retired 'Aiea High School Spanish Teacher, Señora Melanie Mizusawa



Councilmember Elefante congratulated his retired Spanish teacher, Señora Mizusawa, on her retirement from 'Aiea High School after 40 years as an educator.

She is active in her community and volunteers her time as a Neighborhood Security Watch member. In her retirement, she is spending more time gardening, crafting, reading, and walking.

Annual Congressman Mark Takai Family Fun Day



Councilmember Elefante joined members of the Takai family and community members at the Annual Congressman Mark Takai Family Fun Day last month. The annual event was hosted by the Pearl City Community Association and held at the Momilani Community Center.

Waipahū Town Hall



Councilmember Elefante, Councilmember Augie Tulba, and Representative Henry Aquino joined members of the community and the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to discuss safety in their neighborhoods. The Town Hall was held at Waipahū Intermediate School and coordinated with the elected officials in partnership with HPD.

Calendar Of Events & Activities

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
- 26 Special Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting

October 2022

- 5 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
 - Public Safety
- 20 Council Committee Meetings:
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Resolution 22-185, CD1

Recreation Areas for Older Adults at City Parks

This summer I introduced Resolution 22-185, urging the Department of Parks and Recreation to consider installing recreation areas for older adults at City parks. The City's 2015 Age-Friendly Action Plan aims to make our island a more accessible and inclusive place for residents of all ages. Providing kūpuna with access to recreation areas tailored to the needs of older adults can improve their balance, speed, and coordination while building their physical abilities and self-confidence. Resolution 22-185, CD1 was adopted unanimously by the Honolulu City Council.

\$3 Million for O'ahu Agriculture Grants

The City's Officer of Economic Recovery (OER) announced a new program to provide \$3 million in O'ahu Agriculture Grants. **Applications are available at oahugrants.org.**

The application period is from September 12 at noon to Thursday, October 20 at 10 a.m., giving O'ahu's small farmers, ranchers, and growers six weeks to apply. Sixty grants of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded to agricultural producers on O'ahu this year.

To ensure broad access to grant applications, the Pacific Gateway Center will provide translated applications in several languages -- including Hawaiian, Samoan, Tongan, Ilocano, Lao, Thai, and Cantonese-- thanks to support from the Ulupono Initiative. More language services can be added if needed.

View the OER webpage at oahugrants.org or contact Lucas McKinnon at lucas.mckinnon@honolulu.gov or (808) 768-2332 for more information.

The Honolulu City Council supported the creation of this program by adopting Resolution 21-079, CD1, FD1.

'Aiea-Pearl City Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Bills 49 and 50

In 2014, the Honolulu City Council adopted the 'Aiea-Pearl City Transit-Oriented Development Neighborhood Plan as seen at: <https://www.honolulu.gov/tod/neighborhoods/aiea-pearl-city.html>.

The Department of Planning and Permitting then introduced Bills 49 and 50 (2022) to implement the TOD Plan and rezone the areas around three rail station areas: Hālaulani (Leeward Community College), Waiawa (Pearl Highlands), and Kalauao (Pearlridge).

To give the community an opportunity to provide input in their neighborhood and for their neighborhood, Councilmember Elefante held a special Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting at Leeward Community College in the evening of August 31.

Input was gathered at that meeting to consider changes to both bills. Both Bills will be heard at the September 22 Zoning and Planning Committee and, if passed out, will be on the October 5 Full Council Agenda for adoption.

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'uaniu Avenue
(808) 768-4103

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