

Councilmember

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**HONOLULU CITY  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**

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## MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WORKING GROUP YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: WORKING TOWARDS A DESIGN WORKSHOP

In May 2022, the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program selected Makalapa Neighborhood Park as one of 30 new projects nationwide to receive technical assistance in developing a plan to activate and revitalize the park. The goal of this one-year project is to develop a plan and strategy to beautify the park, create walking and biking paths between the park and the surrounding area, including to anticipated future Transit-Oriented Development projects, increase pride in the Makalapa Community, and enhance a sense of ownership of the park. To facilitate the planning process, the NPS and community and governmental partners have formed the Makalapa Working Group.

The working group is currently partnering with Parents and Children Together (PACT) to get input from youth in Makalapa as to their vision of what the park should look like; and will be hosting a design workshop this spring. The workshop will include four designs using different mediums, which include a foliage planting plan, ways to cool down the park, and overall recommendations for the park.

In order to prepare the youth for this workshop, a series of pre-workshop sessions, beginning last December and continuing through March, will be provided to school-age participants. These sessions, which include field trips to various locations around the island, are designed to guide an appreciation of a landscape from what can be seen and experienced today to the geological and cultural history of the site—how this landscape came to be and how people before us interacted with the land—and then to re-imagine the space as a focal point for the community.

A community design charrette is anticipated to be held this summer, and the date will be announced as soon as it is scheduled.

## O'AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SEEKING CANDIDATES

The City and County of Honolulu is actively seeking candidates to serve on the newly formed O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission. According to Bill 44 (2022), passed by the Council in November 2022, all members of the commission shall have professional, educational, or demonstrated work experience, or a combination thereof, in architecture, history, archaeology, planning, architectural history, Hawaiian culture, anthropology, ethnography, and sociology. All members should also have demonstrated interest, competence, and knowledge in historic preservation. For questions or to submit your name for consideration (send a cover letter and resume), please email [mdoffice@honolulu.gov](mailto:mdoffice@honolulu.gov).

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OPENING DAY CEREMONY AND GOVERNOR JOSH GREEN'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

On January 18, 2023, Councilmember Cordero and her fellow councilmembers attended the Opening Day Ceremony of the Thirty-Second Legislature.

On January 23, 2023, Councilmember Cordero had the honor of representing the Honolulu City Council at the Governor's State of the State Address in the chamber of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.



Councilmembers Esther Kia'āina, Radiant Cordero, and Matt Weyer at Opening Day.



Councilmember Cordero with Governor Green at the State of the State Address.

Councilmember Cordero looks forward to working together with Governor Josh Green and her state colleagues to address the issues our community faces.

## 2023 NAACP AWARDS GALA

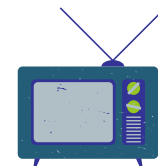


On January 14, 2023, Councilmember Cordero attended the Honolulu, Hawai'i National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Annual Awards Gala. She had the distinguished opportunity to recognize and be tablemates with Ambassador Frankie A. Reed, recipient of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations, Ambassador Reed!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 02/22** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 02/28** Budget Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee, 1:00 p.m.  
Transportation Committee, 2:30 p.m.
- 03/01** Zoning Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts Committee, 1:00 p.m.  
Housing, Sustainability, and Health Committee, 2:30 p.m.
- 03/02** Planning and the Economy Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
Public Safety Committee, 1:00 p.m.  
Public Infrastructure and Technology Committee, 2:30 p.m.
- 03/15** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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