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#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Resolution 23-58: Authorizing the Execution of a Ground Lease to Develop a Senior Affordable Rental Project at the Former 'Aiea Sugar Mill Site

On Tuesday, May 2, the Budget Committee (BUD) recommended that Resolution 23-58 be adopted by the Council at the next regular Council Meeting. This resolution authorizes the execution of a ground lease with Halewiliko Highlands to develop a senior affordable rental project at the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill site, 99-385 Pohai Place. For more information, visit https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/measure/2505.

YOUR AREA LEGISLATORS INVITE YOU TO THE

### 'AIEA-PEARL CITY **TOWN HALL MEETING**

WITH GOVERNOR **JOSH GREEN** 



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**05/10** Special City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

**05/16** Permitted Interaction Group Public Meeting on Real Property Tax Issues, 10:00 a.m. (See attached press release)

**05/17** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall, 6:30 p.m. at Pearl Ridge Elementary School

05/23 Budget Committee, 9:00 a.m. **Executive Matters and Legal Affairs** Committee, 1:00 p.m. Transportation Committee, 2:30 p.m.

05/24 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.

05/25 Planning and the Economy Committee, 9:00 a.m. Public Safety Committee, 1:00 p.m. Public Infrastructure and Technology

**06/07** City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Committee, 2:30 p.m.



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#### UPCOMING ANNUAL CITY BUDGET MEETINGS

The following meetings can be viewed live online at honolulucity council.org or 'Ōlelo 54:

- Monday, May 15: Special CD2 Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, June 7: 3rd Reading of Budget Bills at Council
- Thursday, June 15: Charter Deadline for Council to Adopt the Budget

Please visit honolulucitycouncil.org/Budget to get additional information on the City's Budget Process.

#### **COMMUNITY-WIDE BENCHMARKING PROGRAM**

Encouraged by the *O'ahu Resilience Strategy* that identifies 44 actions to address the challenge of long-term affordability and the impacts of the climate crisis, Councilmember Cordero introduced Resolution 21-229, urging the City Administration to establish energy benchmarking standards to make our community more energy, water, and gas efficient. As a result, the City Administration drafted Bill 22 (2022), which was passed by the Council and signed into law by Mayor Rick Blangiardi on July 20, 2022. This ordinance establishes a Better Buildings Benchmarking Program that requires large commercial and multi-family buildings on O'ahu to benchmark and report their energy and water usage annually.

The benchmarking program is anticipated to improve building performance, and provide cost-saving opportunities and sustainability benefits for businesses and residents island-wide, including a reduction of electricity consumption in large buildings by nearly 7% by 2030 and curbing greenhouse emissions on the island. The program begins this summer when more than 450 buildings that are larger than 100,000 square feet in size will start reporting their yearly energy and water use. A list of these buildings can be found at resilientoahu.org/benchmarking. Additionally, buildings between 50,000 and 100,000 square feet will be required to report their energy use information beginning on June 30, 2024, and buildings between 25,000 and 50,000 square feet must do so starting June 30, 2025. Buildings exempt from the ordinance include single-family, duplex, triplex, and fourplex residential homes, most industrial properties, and structures less than 25,000 square feet.

For more information about this program, please visit resilientoahu.org/benchmarking.

# COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AREA AROUND THE HĀLAWA (ALOHA STADIUM) RAIL TRANSIT STATION

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is holding a community meeting to discuss new zone changes and the expansion of the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Special District around the Hālawa (Aloha Stadium) rail transit station. This proposal is to implement the adopted Hālawa Area TOD Plan: https://www.honolulu.gov/tod/neighborhoods/halawa.html.

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: 'Aiea Elementary School Cafeteria (99-370 Moanalua Road)
All welcome to attend, no RSVP necessary.

At this meeting, the DPP will be presenting on the TOD and planning overview, Zoning and TOD Special District regulations overview, proposed zone changes and TOD Special District boundary, and related items. The public will be allowed to provide their input and feedback. For more information, please contact Curtis Lum at (808) 768-8284 or clum@honolulu.gov



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE BUDGET CHAIR RADIANT CORDERO Honolulu City Council - District 7 May 10, 2023

## BUDGET CHAIR RADIANT CORDERO AND PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INPUT ON LONG-TERM TAX RELIEF

**HONOLULU, HAWAI'I** - Budget Chair Cordero, in collaboration with the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), has announced a special meeting on Real Property Taxation (RPT). The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. at Honolulu Hale and will focus on further exploring long-term tax relief solutions for the community.

"Real Property Taxation is a complex issue; while it allows us to provide crucial services and infrastructure, we also understand the financial effects fluctuating property values can have on our community. This is why it is imperative that we work together with the community to explore long-term solutions that provide real property tax relief while still ensuring the funding necessary for vital public services," said Cordero.

During the meeting, Cordero and the PIG will discuss bills and proposals addressing issues concerning RPT such as long-term rental classifications or exemptions, modifications to the real property tax credit, homeowner exemptions, and residential and residential A classifications. They will also provide an opportunity for community members to communicate their thoughts on their experiences with RPT.

"This is a major concern for our community and we want to ensure that their voices are heard. We encourage everyone to participate in the hearing and share their perspectives with us," added Cordero.

The meeting is open to the public and any individuals interested in providing written or oral testimony should visit <a href="mailto:hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony">hnldoc/testimony</a>. (View agenda)

Cordero represents City Council District 7, which spans from Kapālama Kai to 'Aiea and includes Kalihi Kai, Kahauiki, Mauliola (Sand Island), Moku Mokauea, Moanalua, Āliapa'akai (Salt Lake), Māpunapuna, Āhua (Airport), Āliamanu, Kapūkakī (Red Hill), Kapuaikaula (Hickam), Moku'ume'ume (Ford Island), Hālawa, Kalauao, and Waimalu Kai.

Cordero along with Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and Budget Vice Chair Weyer were designated as members of the PIG through Resolution 23-40, which established the PIG to find long-term tax relief solutions to address the impacts of increasing tax assessments on residents.

#### **FOR MEDIA CONTACT**

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