



# Councilmember **RADIANT CORDERO**

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**HONOLULU CITY  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



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## STAY CONNECTED

Last month, Councilmember Cordero mailed out a mid-year newsletter to help the community easily find any information and support needed. It included useful website links and contact numbers to connect residents with City departments and agencies. Councilmember Cordero's newsletter may be downloaded online at [tinyurl.com/District-7-Mailers](https://tinyurl.com/District-7-Mailers).

### District 7 Council Webpage

Councilmember Cordero keeps the City Council District 7 page updated with community news, legislative updates, road closures, and local projects. To access the webpage, visit [honolulucitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero](https://honolulucitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero).

### District 7 Community and Legislative Updates

From road work and construction projects to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting backlog process, key legislation, budget highlights, and more, Councilmember Cordero has the latest developments covered online. To view the latest news and be kept up-to-date, visit [honolulucitycouncil.org/D7-Updates](https://honolulucitycouncil.org/D7-Updates).

### Councilmember Cordero's Correspondences

To view Councilmember Cordero's newsletters, media releases, testimony, and more, visit [tinyurl.com/D7-Documents](https://tinyurl.com/D7-Documents).

## UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Cleanup on Hekaha Street

A Department of Environmental Services' Inspector was dispatched to the area fronting 98-270 Hekaha Street, following a report of trash and household items in the right-of-way. The Inspector and property owner discussed a resolution. On June 3, 2025, the property owner was informed to cleanup the area otherwise a violation would be issued. On June 5, 2025, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued. On June 12, 2025, the Inspector visited the property and found the area to be cleared of all items. For future questions or concerns, residents may contact the City's Refuse Inspection Office directly at (808) 768-5220.

### Sign Replacement on Kahua Place

The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has initiated Service Request No. 65219 to repair/replace a downed speed limit sign fronting 99-1013 Kahua Place.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**7/22/25**

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee

**7/23/25**

9:00 a.m. - Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee  
1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Executive Management Committee *(as needed)*

**7/24/25**

1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Economy Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Government Efficiency & Customer Service Committee

**7/28/25**

9:00 a.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee

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## HELPFUL LINKS

View Councilmember Cordero's District Page at [honolulucitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero](https://honolulucitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero)

Watch Council Meetings on 'Ōlelo 54 or on [youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil](https://youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil)

View Bills/Resolutions at [hnl.doc.chawaii.gov/hnldoc](https://hnl.doc.chawaii.gov/hnldoc)

Submit Your Testimony Online at [hnl.doc.chawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony](https://hnl.doc.chawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony)

**UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS (CONTINUED)****The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Investigation of Properties for Ongoing Violations:*****99-403 Paihi Street***

An investigation on April 24, 2025, revealed there are open Building Permits (BP) (BP Nos. 910789 and 910790) for the ongoing construction. There were no occupancy violations observed at this time.

On May 6, 2025, the DPP Building Inspection Section (BIS) conducted an investigation and revealed all construction work is proceeding according to the approved plans under BP No. 910789, which was issued on July 25, 2024, for a new two-story, two-family detached dwelling structure. The total floor area ratio (FAR) is 0.57 and does not exceed 70% of the lot area. There were no building code violations observed at this time. The DPP BIS will continue to monitor this project until construction is complete and compliance to the Building Code and the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) is met.

***99-438 Ulune Street and 99-444 Ulune Street***

Through multiple inspections from April 23 through May 5, 2025, no contact could be made to verify the occupancy with the occupants and/or property owner. In addition, BP Nos. 853256 and 853257 were issued for the construction of two single-family dwellings (SFD) on this R-5 residential-zoned property. There were no occupancy violations found at this time.

The DPP BIS conducted an investigation and multiple attempts to gain access onto the property between May 7 and May 8, 2025, were unsuccessful. BP Nos. 853256 and 853257 were issued on August 27, 2020, for two new two-story SFDs and were completed on March 9, 2022, and March 11, 2022. There were no signs of new ongoing construction observed at the property, and there were no building code violations observed at this time.

***99-564 Ulune Street***

An investigation on April 24, 2025, revealed there are open BP Nos. 911575 and 911577 for the ongoing construction. There were no occupancy violations found at this time.

On May 7, 2025, the DPP BIS conducted an investigation and revealed all construction work is proceeding according to the approved plans under BP Nos. 911575 and 911577, that were issued on August 14, 2024, for a new two-story SFD structure and a new Accessory Dwelling Unit with a wet bar. The total FAR is 0.588 and does not exceed 70% of the lot area. There were no building code violations observed at this time. The DPP BIS will continue to monitor this project until construction is complete and compliance to the Building Code and the LUO is met.

In regard to an inquiry on occupancy and building violations and how DPP proceeds, for a building violation, after the issuance of the NOV for a building code violation, the violator has 30 days to correct it, either through obtaining a BP or removing the construction work in violation. If the violation is not corrected within the time specified, the NOV will be referred to the DPP Code Compliance Branch for daily civil fines.

Access to the dwelling needs to be obtained to verify if there is an occupancy violation. If there is an occupancy violation, a NOV will be issued to the property owner. If the violation is not corrected, the violation will be referred to the DPP Code Compliance Branch for civil fines.

***Traffic Signal Timing at Ulune Street and Kulaweia Street***

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has been monitoring the intersection of Ulune Street and Kulaweia Street (heading east to Ulune Street and Kaimakani Street), and between the hours of 7:40 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., the traffic in the area is reportedly being caused by students being dropped off at 'Aiea Intermediate School. DTS made traffic signal timing adjustments to help traffic along Kulaweia Street, however, DTS shared that the congestion along Kulaweia Street heading towards the school still exists due to the students being dropped off (school bus and parents).

***Homeless Outreach on Uahi Street***

The Department of Community Services (DCS) Homeless Outreach staff visited Uahi Street near 'Aiea United Methodist Church on June 6, 2025, and the area was clear of a male reportedly living in an older white Toyota Camry. For future reference, individuals may call the Honolulu CORE hotline at (808) 768-2673 for urgent, non-violent homeless-related concerns. More information can be found online at [honolulu.gov/dcs/homeless](https://honolulu.gov/dcs/homeless).

**UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS (CONTINUED)****Overgrowth on 'Aiea Heights Drive**

An inspection by DPP on June 5, 2025, revealed that the unimproved sidewalk fronting 99-614 'Aiea Heights Drive was overgrown with grass and weeds. NOV No. 2025/NOV-06-045 was issued. Additionally, the storm drain was overgrown with grass and weeds, and this matter was referred to the DFM for investigation and appropriate action. Updates will be provided when they become available.

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL'S NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

While every Councilmember is a member of each committee, effective June 18, 2025, the following are designated as the voting members of their respective committees:

**Committee on Budget (BUD)**

- Committee Chair: Val Okimoto
- Committee Vice-Chair: Scott Nishimoto
- Committee Members: Esther Kia'āina, Augie Tulba, Tommy Waters

**Committee on Zoning & Planning (ZON)**

- Committee Chair: Esther Kia'āina
- Committee Vice-Chair: Tommy Waters
- Committee Members: Radiant Cordero, Val Okimoto, Andria Tupola

**Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology (ITT)**

- Committee Chair: Radiant Cordero
- Committee Vice-Chair: Val Okimoto
- Committee Members: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola, Matt Weyer

**Committee on Energy, Environment & Sustainability (EES)**

- Committee Chair: Matt Weyer
- Committee Vice-Chair: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
- Committee Members: Augie Tulba, Andria Tupola

**Committee on Public Safety & Economy (PSE)**

- Committee Chair: Augie Tulba
- Committee Vice-Chair: Esther Kia'āina
- Committee Members: Scott Nishimoto, Val Okimoto, Andria Tupola

**Committee on Government Efficiency & Customer Service (GCS)**

- Committee Chair: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
- Committee Vice-Chair: Matt Weyer
- Committee Members: Scott Nishimoto, Radiant Cordero

**Committee on International & Legal Affairs (ILA)**

- Committee Chair: Scott Nishimoto
- Committee Vice-Chair: Andria Tupola
- Committee Members: Radiant Cordero, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Esther Kia'āina, Val Okimoto, Augie Tulba, Tommy Waters, Matt Weyer

**Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks (HHP)**

- Committee Chair: Andria Tupola
- Committee Vice-Chair: Augie Tulba
- Committee Members: Radiant Cordero, Scott Nishimoto, Matt Weyer

**Committee on Executive Management (EM)**

- Committee Chair: Tommy Waters
- Committee Vice-Chair: Scott Nishimoto
- Committee Members: Esther Kia'āina, Val Okimoto



## COUNCIL HONORS RYKER PERALES, FIRST-PLACE WINNER OF 2025 NATIONAL CIVICS BEE HAWAI'I

On June 4, 2025, Councilmember Cordero and the Honolulu City Council honored Ryker Perales for winning first place in the inaugural 2025 National Civics Bee Hawai'i. Ryker, a seventh grader at Moanalua Middle School, was recognized for his deep understanding of American civics, outstanding leadership skills, and thoughtful civic engagement.

He distinguished himself by submitting an insightful essay proposing innovative solutions to improve O'ahu's public beach bathroom facilities, demonstrating a strong commitment to equity, efficiency, and sustainability. Additionally, Ryker excelled in a live question-and-answer segment that tested his knowledge of American democracy, government processes, and civic principles. His confident public speaking and critical thinking showcased the qualities of a dedicated young leader. Congratulations Ryker!

## HONOLULU YOUTH COMMISSION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Honolulu Youth Commission is looking for young leaders to help guide the City and County of Honolulu into the future! Application portals have been set up for the Honolulu Youth Commission for both the Mayor's appointees and City Councilmembers' appointees.

Councilmember Cordero is looking for interested youth, who are between 14 and 24 years old and reside in Council District 7, to serve on the Commission for a two-year term. Those who are under 18 will need permission from their parent or guardian, and if over 18 at the time of their appointment, Commissioners must be registered to vote.

The Commission shall advise the Council and Mayor on the effects of policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of the City. It shall also express the policy priorities of the children and youth of the City. The Commission will respond to requests for comment and recommendations on matters referred to it by the Council, the Mayor, and any officers, agencies (including semi-autonomous agencies), and executive and legislative branch advisory committees of the City.

To apply or learn more about the Honolulu Youth Commission, visit [honolulu.gov/mayor/honolulu-youth-commission](https://honolulu.gov/mayor/honolulu-youth-commission). Visit [honolulucitycouncil.org/find-my-councilmember](https://honolulucitycouncil.org/find-my-councilmember) to find your Councilmember and confirm if you reside in Council District 7.

## SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITLIST OPENING – JULY 2025

The City and County of Honolulu will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Wait List from Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:45 a.m. to Friday, July 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Only online pre-applications will be accepted during this period at [tinyurl.com/oahuhcv](https://tinyurl.com/oahuhcv). Applications will be selected through a random lottery process. A total of 3,000 applicants will be placed on the waiting list. There is no advantage to applying early, and only one application per household will be accepted. Submission does not guarantee eligibility or housing assistance.

To apply, you will need:

- A valid email address
- Names, birthdates, and Social Security numbers for all household members
- Monthly gross income for all sources of income per household member

Public access to computers will be available at designated community locations for those without internet access. Contact the Section 8 office at (808) 768-7098 or [cchs8@honolulu.gov](mailto:cchs8@honolulu.gov).

Application status can be checked beginning mid-August at [waitlistcheck.com](https://waitlistcheck.com). Language assistance via WebEx will be available for limited English proficient applicants on July 14. Please visit [tinyurl.com/DCS-CAD-S8-WL-2025](https://tinyurl.com/DCS-CAD-S8-WL-2025) for the full details, including eligibility requirements, income limits, and a list of computer access sites.



## **A NEW ERA BEGINS: THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING (DPP) ANNOUNCES NAME AND LAUNCH DATE FOR INNOVATIVE PERMITTING SOFTWARE**

DPP is proud to announce the official name and launch date of its new, modern permitting software, designed to streamline the building permit process and improve zoning, site development, and planning applications.

The new system, called HNL Build, will replace the decades-old POSSE platform. Built on the Salesforce platform and implemented by Speridian, HNL Build represents a significant step forward in improving efficiency, transparency, and customer service within the permitting process. The platform's tagline, "Building Tomorrow, Today," reflects DPP's commitment to supporting the safe, responsible, and timely development of O'ahu's infrastructure. HNL Build will officially launch on Monday, August 4, 2025.

To prepare for the transition, the current POSSE and ePlans systems will go offline at the close of business on Monday, July 28, 2025. Please be advised that many permitting services will be unavailable during this period.

Any applications or processes already in progress as of July 28 will automatically transfer to the new system with their current status preserved. Applicants planning to submit applications around this time are encouraged to wait until HNL Build goes live on August 4 to take advantage of the system's new and improved features. These include enhanced tools for application submissions, plan reviews, inspections, payments, and licensing.

To help users navigate the new platform, DPP will release a series of tutorial videos ahead of the launch. These videos will be available on DPP's YouTube channel and website approximately one week before HNL Build goes live. DPP is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for all users.

For updates and additional information, visit [honolulu.gov/dpp](https://honolulu.gov/dpp).

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

### **Bill 60 (2024), CD2 – Sewer Fee Increases**

On June 4, 2025, the Honolulu City Council passed Bill 60, CD2, relating to sewer fee increases, which was signed into law as Ordinance 25-27. Originally, the City Administration proposed a 10-year plan with 9% annual increases for the first six years. However, the Budget Committee amended the Bill in the final version to reduce the increase period to six years, starting January 1, 2026. A typical single-family household using about 6,000 gallons of water per month, which covers roughly half of households, can expect the following sewer fee increases:

- 6% in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26)
- 7.5% in FY27
- 8.5% in FY28
- 9% annually through FY31

To help ease the burden, the Bill also establishes a Customer Assistance for Residential Environmental Services (CARES) program. This program will be run by the Department of Environmental Services and is designed to provide financial relief to qualifying households that are paying residential sewer charges. Sewer customers who qualify based on a household income of less than 80% of the area median income will be eligible for a \$20 to \$25 credit on their monthly base fee. The program will be funded at \$10 million per year. Customers will have to apply for the program to prove eligibility and then be re-verified every six months.

For more information on the sewer fee increases and the CARES program, please visit: [honolulu.gov/env/sewer-fee-rates](https://honolulu.gov/env/sewer-fee-rates).

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Honolulu City Council has adopted the FY26 budget, and we're proud to share how Councilmember Cordero successfully championed funding that directly supports the needs and priorities of our District 7 community.

This year's budget reflects Councilmember Cordero's strong advocacy for core City services, infrastructure maintenance, public safety, and quality-of-life improvements for our residents. Here are Councilmember Cordero's Additions & Initiatives in the FY26 Budget:

### OPERATING FUNDS:

#### **Department of Parks & Recreation**

- **\$1,350,000** for staffing and maintenance services across urban Honolulu parks
- **\$100,000** for perimeter irrigation system at Makalapa Neighborhood Park
- **\$40,000** for security cameras at Salt Lake District Park

#### **Honolulu Police Department – Patrol Division**

- **\$400,000** to support Community Policing Teams

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

- Flood Control Improvements at Various Locations: including 'Aiea Kai, in the Kalihi area below N. King St. from Waiakamilo Rd. to Middle St., on Nimitz Hwy. from Waiakamilo Rd. to Middle St., and in the Ke'ehi Lagoon and Mapunapuna areas – **\$1,300,000**
- Drainage Improvements at Various Locations: including Kalihi area below N. King St. from Waiakamilo Rd. to Middle St., and on Nimitz Hwy. from Waiakamilo Rd. to Middle St. to alleviate ponding and other drainage concerns – **\$1,190,000**
- Traffic Engineering Devices at Various Locations: including installation of raised crosswalks between Mahiole St. and Onipa'a St., Mahiole St. and Ma'alaha St., and 1326 Mahiole St. and Moanalua Elementary School – **\$3,950,000**
- Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park: comfort station improvements, a new canoe halau opposite of the existing halau, improvements to the existing halau, the installation of resilient park lighting, and the installation of shading structures over the outdoor courts – **\$5,810,000**
- Playcourts at Various Parks: including added funding of **\$100,000** for the installation of a pickleball court at Mokauea Mini Park.
- Renovate Recreational Facilities: including added funding of **\$1,000,000** to repair and install park lighting at Moanalua Community Park outdoor courts; and the installation of tot lots play apparatus and senior exercise equipment at Hālawā District Park, Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park, Kalākaua District Park, and Salt Lake District Park.

### ADDITIONAL CIP PROJECTS BENEFITING DISTRICT 7

These items were already included in the initial FY26 Executive Budget Proposal and supported by Councilmember Cordero:

- Kalihi-Palama Bus Facility Improvements – **\$3,120,000**
- Hālawā Stream Dredging – **\$500,000**
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project – **\$76,010,000**
- Storm Drainage Best Management Practices in the Salt Lake Drainage System – **\$6,000,000**
- Ke'ehi Transfer Station – Modifications/Rehabilitation – **\$13,451,000**
- Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment – **\$43,901,000**
- Sand Island WWTP Solids System Improvements/Upgrade – **\$5,500,000**
- Middle Street Intermodal Transit Center – **\$8,825,000**
- Pearlridge Bus Transfer Center and Plaza – Transit Oriented Development – **\$650,000**

Councilmember Cordero's budget work this year continues to focus on smart, equitable investments – ensuring District 7 receives its fair share of resources to build a cleaner, safer, and more resilient future for our residents.

For more details or questions about these projects, feel free to reach out to Councilmember Cordero. Mahalo for staying engaged!

## **CITY'S HOMELESS OUTREACH AND NAVIGATION FOR UNSHELTERED PERSONS (HONU) FACILITY TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES AT OLD STADIUM PARK**



*[Photo Courtesy of Press Release](#)*

The City's HONU program is now in operation at Old Stadium Park in the McCully/Mō'ili'ili area to provide its proven and effective homelessness services in urban Honolulu.

HONU was installed at Old Stadium Park on June 2 and started intakes on June 9. The facility is scheduled to stay at that location until the end of September, with an option to extend as necessary. There will be between 40-45 beds on-site to assist the homeless population in the area, with shelter options for single males, single females, couples, and families.

Prior to relocating to Old Stadium Park, HONU had been in Kapolei since last October, providing shelter for 575 clients. Of those 575 clients:

- 257 were placed into shelters
- 52 were reunited with family
- 15 were relocated to the mainland or to a neighbor island
- 15 went to transitional housing
- 18 left for medical or treatment purposes
- 3 were provided with boarding housing
- 21 secured permanent housing

The average length of stay for an individual at HONU before being moved on to more permanent and/or supportive housing is now below 10 days – down from an average of 23 days in 2022.

HONU was created in December of 2019 and is operated by the Department of Community Services (DCS), which oversees most of the City's initiatives to address homelessness and affordable housing. The HONU program is a mobile triage and shelter site located on public lands, typically at City parks, for approximately 90 to 120 days. While enrolled in the program, HONU participants receive navigation services designed to identify the most immediate and appropriate shelter or housing option for them.

Prior to Kapolei, HONU had been located at Neal S. Blaisdell Park in 'Aiea, where 365 individuals received much-needed services. HONU has proven to be so effective that neighborhoods have specifically asked for HONU to come to their location or to return, if HONU has been there before.

The HONU program is funded in partnership with the State of Hawai'i. DCS works closely with several other City departments to activate HONU, including the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Facility Maintenance, the Honolulu Police Department, the Board of Water Supply, and many other local private and non-profit community organizations.