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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CORDERO

In light of the recent tsunami warning, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for staying vigilant and acting responsibly to protect your families, neighbors, and communities. Your efforts in staying informed and prepared are what help keep us all safe during these challenging times.



For anyone looking to further prepare for potential natural disasters, I encourage you to visit the Department of Emergency Management's website at honolulu.gov/dem. There, you'll find resources to help you and your loved ones stay ready. Additionally, please sign up for emergency alerts at hnlalert.gov to receive timely updates when it matters most. Please continue to stay informed, prepared, and above all, safe.

This month, I will be hosting two Community Meetings to discuss the Department of Transportation Services' proposed TheBus service changes for Skyline on Saturday, August 23 (5:30–7:00 p.m. at Kalihi-Pālana Public Library) and Wednesday, August 27 (6:30–8:00 p.m. at 'Aiea Public Library). Please mark your calendars and I hope to see you there!

As always, if you ever need assistance with any City-related matters, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at (808) 768-5007 or email me directly at rcordero@honolulu.gov.

Mahalo,
Radiant Cordero
Councilmember, District VII

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/19/25

9:00 a.m. - [Budget Committee](#)

1:00 p.m. - [Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee](#)

2:30 p.m. - [Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee](#)

8/20/25

9:00 a.m. - [Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee](#)

1:00 p.m. - [International & Legal Affairs Committee](#)

8/21/25

9:00 a.m. - [Zoning & Planning Committee](#)

1:00 p.m. - [Public Safety & Economy Committee](#)

2:30 p.m. - [Government Efficiency & Customer Service Committee](#)

8/23/25

5:30 p.m. - [TheBus Community Meeting at Kalihi-Pālana Public Library](#)

8/27/25

6:30 p.m. - [TheBus Community Meeting at 'Aiea Public Library](#)

HELPFUL LINKS

View Councilmember Cordero's District Page at honolulu.citycouncil.org/district-7-cordero

Watch Council Meetings on 'Ōlelo 54 or on youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil

View Bills/Resolutions at hnldoc.hawaii.gov/hnldoc

Submit Your Testimony Online at hnldoc.hawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Kaonohi Street at Moanalua Road Lane Use

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) completed a study regarding a request to change the lane use of the mauka-bound curb lane on Kaonohi Street from an optional straight-right lane to a right-turn-only lane at the Moanalua Road intersection. DTS found that all motorists in the mauka-bound curb lane cleared the intersection within one traffic signal cycle. The delay for right-turning motorists was mainly due to pedestrians crossing Moanalua Road, not vehicles going straight. As a result, DTS recommends retaining the current lane-use configuration.

Nahiolea Street Monster Home Concerns

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) investigated the construction work at 99-782 Nahiolea Street, which includes the installation of a new sewer lateral and water meter in the street. All work is being done according to the approved permits and plans, and no building code violations were observed. DPP will continue to monitor the project until completion.

Aka'aka Street Tree Concerns

An inspection by DPP confirmed that the sidewalk in front of 98-1345 Aka'aka Street is uplifted by the roots of a City tree. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has received a work order to repair the sidewalk, which will be coordinated with the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Division of Urban Forestry (DUF). Additional interim repairs will be considered if needed, and further updates will be provided as we await a response from DUF regarding the tree's maintenance.

'Aiea District Park Improvements

Regarding the proposed improvements at 'Aiea District Park, the review of ADA parking accessibility is underway, focusing on agreements with 'Aiea High School and options for improving access to the recreation center, pool, and playground. Additionally, an evaluation of the swimming pool's plaster condition will occur during the upcoming repairs to the Recreation Building, which will affect pool access. This presents an opportunity for maintenance, including addressing algae and re-plastering.

Hālawa District Park Gym Water Fountain

The broken water fountain at Hālawa District Park Gym has been repaired. Councilmember Cordero appreciates the community's patience and continued support in helping maintain safe and functional facilities for our keiki and all park users.

'Aiea Field Annex Signage

Following a request for "No Dogs Allowed" signage at the 'Aiea Field Annex, DPR confirmed that leashed dogs are allowed, as indicated by existing blue rule signs. Installing "No Dogs Allowed" signage would not be appropriate unless a formal change in policy is adopted. For reference, a list of dog-friendly City parks, organized by on-leash and off-leash privileges, can be found on the City's website: honolulu.gov/dpr/dog-parks.

Signage at Field Across 'Aiea Library

In response to concerns about the feeding of feral animals, the "Prohibited Actions" signs for the field across from 'Aiea Library have been fabricated and are ready for installation. Work orders have been submitted to the Maintenance Support Section for installation.

Makalapa Neighborhood Park Conditions

An investigation into Makalapa Neighborhood Park was conducted, addressing concerns about the park's lighting and basketball court. The light timer was recently reset, and the basketball nets were replaced. DFM will continue to monitor the lighting to ensure it remains operational. Regarding the suggestion to convert part of the park into a skate park, Councilmember Cordero has asked the DPR to assess the feasibility of this idea.

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

Mā'ili Fire Incident Notification System

Councilmember Cordero recently received a response from the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) regarding concerns about the July 6 evacuation messages. DEM explained that there were two main messages sent that day:


- **Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA):** This message was sent to all cell phones in the evacuation area, instructing people to evacuate immediately. Due to character limitations, this message did not include any links.
- **HNL Alert:** This message was sent to O'ahu subscribers shortly after the WEA to provide additional information. It included links to an evacuation map, though the initial message contained a placeholder link. Once the issue was identified, DEM quickly sent a corrected message with a valid map link. The correction required no additional action or log-in from recipients.

DEM has corrected this issue in its system to prevent future occurrences. For further questions or concerns, constituents are encouraged to contact DEM directly at (808) 723-8960 or via email at dem@honolulu.gov.


Curb Ramp Requests

Residents who need the installation of curb ramps or modifications to existing accessible paths leading to curb ramps within City rights-of-way may submit a curb ramp request form to the City. The form is available online here: honolulu.gov/ddc/curbramps. Please note, this form is intended to be completed by—or on behalf of—a person with a disability who requires the installation or modification of curb ramps or accessible paths within public rights-of-way.

TWO UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS REGARDING THEBUS ROUTE CHANGES FROM 'AIEA TO KAHAIKI




TheBus ROUTE UPDATE COMMUNITY MEETING




Update regarding route changes from 'AIEA to KAHAIKI



Presentation by the Department of Transportation Services
Sponsored by Councilmember Radiant Cordero


SAVE THE DATES!

 **SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**
KALIHI-PĀLAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

 **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**
'AIEA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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HELP KEEP OUR POOLS AND PARKS OPEN – APPLY NOW! THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (DPR) IS HIRING!

Councilmember Cordero would like to acknowledge the successful conclusion of the City's Summer Fun program. She had the privilege of attending the Summer Fun Finale showcases across the district, and it was truly a memorable experience. The events took place at Moanalua Community Park, Ala Pu'umalu Community Park, Kalākaua District Park, 'Aiea District Park, Hālawa District Park, and Salt Lake District Park. Councilmember Cordero and her staff were honored to spend time with the community, witnessing the incredible talent and creativity of our youth. After two months of hard work and preparation, it was heartwarming to see families come together to support their keiki and celebrate their achievements.

A special mahalo goes to DPR for organizing and hosting this invaluable program for our youth. The DPR staff and volunteers are the backbone of Summer Fun, ensuring that everything runs smoothly and safely. Councilmember Cordero also extends her gratitude to the parents and families who continue to support City programs, making them a success year after year.

Lastly, a big mahalo to the youth who shared their energy, creativity, and aloha spirit throughout the summer. Your participation is what makes Summer Fun such an enriching part of our community.

TWO PRESENTATIONS HEARD AT THE JULY 23, 2025, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

At the City Council's Infrastructure, Transportation, and Technology Committee meeting on July 23, 2025, two key informational briefings were presented:

- **Energy Security and Waste Reduction in Transportation:** The Hawai'i Department of Transportation shared its Draft Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan, outlining strategies to improve energy resilience and reduce waste across the State's transportation systems. The presentation highlighted ongoing efforts to adopt more sustainable practices and support the transition to clean energy. View the full presentation here: hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/document-download?id=25563.
- **Stream and Drainage Infrastructure Maintenance:** The City's Department of Facility Maintenance provided an overview of the maintenance of streams and non-stream drainage systems. The presentation addressed current challenges, responsibilities, and efforts to improve infrastructure performance and flood mitigation. View the full presentation at: hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/document-download?id=25595.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

BILL 46 (2025) – RELATING TO THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bill 46 (2025) is a proposed ordinance that would require the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to improve public and media access to emergency information. The Bill directs HPD to adopt a strategic plan for releasing timely, accurate information during critical incidents, such as shootings, major crimes, or emergencies involving armed suspects. It also requires HPD to enter into written agreements with qualified media outlets for access to radio dispatch communications, enhancing transparency while safeguarding sensitive data.

Under the proposal, HPD would need to submit its strategic communication plan to the City Council within six months of the law's enactment and provide annual updates on its media policies and training. Advocates say the measure is a key step toward rebuilding public trust and ensuring residents receive clear, reliable updates during high-risk situations. If passed, the Ordinance could establish a new standard for police-media coordination and crisis communication in Honolulu. On August 6, 2025, a public hearing was held, and the Bill passed Second Reading and was referred to the Public Safety and Economy Committee for further discussion and deliberation.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)**Bill 49 (2025) – RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXATION**

This Bill proposes raising the homeowner's exemption for residents aged 65 and older—from \$160,000 to \$180,000 of assessed property value. If adopted, this increase would take effect beginning with the tax year starting July 1, 2027. This means qualifying kūpuna would pay property taxes on a smaller portion of their home's value, offering much-needed relief amid rising living costs. Bill 49 also includes a clarification that married couples who jointly own their home may still claim the full exemption if at least one spouse is 65 or older. On August 6, 2025, a Public Hearing was held, the Bill passed Second Reading and was referred to the Budget Committee for further deliberation.

Bill 50 (2025) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Bill 50 seeks to raise the standard exemption for all homeowners occupying their primary residence—from \$120,000 to \$140,000 of assessed property value. Like Bill 49, this change would apply to tax years beginning July 1, 2027. Both measures aim to support Honolulu's residents by reducing their tax burden and helping them remain in their homes longer as housing costs continue to climb. On August 6, 2025, the Bill passed Second Reading and was referred to the Budget Committee for a public hearing.

RESOLUTION 25-179 – CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON THE OCEAN SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Resolution 25-179, CD1, confirms the Mayor's appointees to the Ocean Safety Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. The Ocean Safety Commission, made up of five members, serves as a vital civilian advisory body dedicated to improving safety across O'ahu's beaches and nearshore waters. Its responsibilities include reviewing and advising on public ocean safety policies, supporting public education and injury prevention efforts, and encouraging greater community engagement in water safety. Notably, the Commission is also tasked with selecting the Director of the Department of Ocean Safety, a key leadership position that oversees lifeguard operations and implements emergency response programs. On August 6, 2025, the Resolution was adopted by the full Council.

RESOLUTION 25-201 – DEVELOPING A HEAT HAZARD ANNEX FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, this Resolution asks the City Administration to develop a Heat Hazard Annex (heat related response protocols) in the City's Emergency Operations Plan. With increasing environmental temperatures due to climate change, extreme heat can affect public health, triggering heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which occurs when the body cannot cool itself enough to maintain a healthy body temperature. Implementation of a Heat Annex is identified in the Climate Ready O'ahu plan, the City's climate adaptation strategy, and an Annex would outline strategies for alerting community members of potential heat waves in order to secure their safety and avoid heat related impacts. This Resolution was heard and discussed in the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting on July 22, 2025, and action was deferred to a future date and time.

RESOLUTION 25-202 – ESTABLISHING COOLING CENTERS ON O'AHU

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, this Resolution requests the City Administration and the State Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to investigate the feasibility of establishing cooling centers on O'ahu. Cooling centers are facilities designated to provide relief to the public during periods of extreme heat, especially in urban centers where temperatures can rise significantly due to the urban heat island effect, thereby helping to prevent heat-related illness and reducing strains on emergency services. These facilities may be air-conditioned and could offer amenities such as water, restrooms, and medical support. Additionally, establishment of cooling centers are a recommendation of the Honolulu Climate Change Commission to prepare for extreme heat events. The Resolution also calls for the City and State to investigate the establishment of official levels of heat and humidity that would trigger a determination that the City is experiencing a "heat emergency" and subsequently cause City cooling centers to be activated. On August 6, 2025, the Resolution was adopted by the full Council.

CITY REMINDS ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS OF UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Budget and Fiscal Services wishes to remind eligible O'ahu homeowners of the upcoming September 30, 2025, deadline to apply for the City's real property tax credit.

The eligibility requirements for the real property tax credit are listed below. If you are a homeowner who is currently receiving this credit, you must apply every year to continue receiving it. If you qualify, the tax credit will be the difference between the 2025 property tax less three (3) percent of your total gross income from 2024. The credit would be applied against your 2026 property tax.

The Eligibility Requirements are as follows:

- Homeowners applying for this credit must have a home exemption for both the 2025 and 2026 tax years;
- None of the titleholders of the property can own other property anywhere;
- The combined gross income of all titleholders of the property cannot exceed \$80,000.

Tax Credit Applications are available at:

- All Satellite City Halls, Hawai'i State Public Library System, Treasury Division office, and Real Property Assessment Division.
- Online at honolulu.gov/bfs/wp-content/uploads/sites/62/2025/07/2026-2027-Tax-Credit-App-Final.pdf.
- Applicants who filed last year were mailed their applications.

For more information or assistance, contact the Tax Relief Office at (808) 768-3205 or via e-mail at bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov. Information furnished is subject to change without notice. View the full press release here: honolulu.gov/mayor/city-reminds-eligible-homeowners-of-upcoming-application-deadline-for-real-property-tax-credit/.

HELP KEEP OUR POOLS AND PARKS OPEN – APPLY NOW! THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IS HIRING!

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is currently facing staffing shortages that have led to temporary closures at some facilities, including the Moanalua Swimming Pool, where lifeguard vacancies have impacted operations. To keep parks and recreational facilities fully open and serving the community, DPR is actively seeking qualified candidates to fill a variety of positions.

If you're interested in working in the District 2 area, covering Makiki through 'Aiea, please reach out by phone at (808) 768-9292 or email dprwestdistrict@honolulu.gov. The office monitors inquiries daily and welcomes all applicants.

Current Open Positions Include:

Summer Positions:

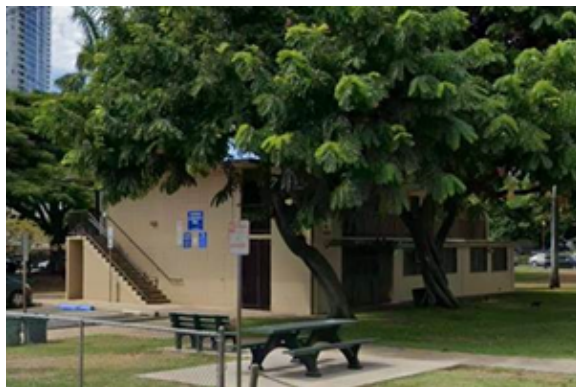
- Summer Student Aide I – For recent high school graduates with no college experience
- Summer Student Aide II – For students with at least one year of college completed
- Summer Student Aide III – For full-time college students with prior Student Aide II experience
- Summer Swim Aide – Ages 16+ with valid lifeguard certification
- Summer Recreation Aide – For those not enrolled in college, assisting with general programming
- Summer Recreation Assistant – Supports the Summer Fun program for children with special needs

Year-Round Positions:

- Attendant Service – Responsible for opening and closing facilities, supporting programs and events
- Recreation Aide – Instructs or assists with recreational classes
- Swim Aide – Ages 16+ with lifeguard certification
- Rifle Range Attendant – Monitors and supports operations at the rifle range

DPR encourages community members interested in these opportunities to reach out and apply. These roles are essential in ensuring the continued safe and enjoyable use of parks and recreational facilities across the district.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S PERMITTING OFFICE MOVED TO SHERIDAN COMMUNITY PARK



Two-story building at Sheridan Community Park where DPR's Permitting Office will serve the public. Photos courtesy: Google Maps.

On Wednesday, July 30, 2025, DPR's Permitting Office opened its doors at a new location—the two-story building at Sheridan Community Park. This move relocates the office from the first floor of the Fasi Municipal Building (FMB), which will now house the Department of Transportation Services' Street Usage Permitting Office, improving public access and service efficiency.

To accommodate increased activity at Sheridan Community Park:

- Reserved DPR staff parking will be on the 'Ewa-side of Alder Street.
- Public parking will be available along Pi'ikoi and Rycroft Streets.
- Parking restrictions apply weekdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding State holidays.

A permit is needed if you plan to:

- Host organized events (sports, workshops, etc.)
- Reserve facilities (fields, gyms, rooms, pools)
- Hold a picnic with 50+ people
- Set up large equipment (like bounce houses)
- Drive on grass or use loud/amplified sound

To apply for a permit:

1. Fill out the "Use of Park Facilities" application: bit.ly/ParkUsePermit
2. Contact your desired park at least three weeks in advance. Permits typically aren't issued more than a year ahead.

Additional Helpful Information:

- Park & Garden Map: bit.ly/OahuParkMap
- Campground Permits (unchanged): camping.honolulu.gov
- Permit Info: bit.ly/OahuPermits

If you need help or accommodations, contact DPR at (808) 768-3003 or email parks@honolulu.gov at least three business days in advance for accessibility needs or translation services. View the full press release here: honolulu.gov/dpr/dpr-news/honolulu-parks-rec-permitting-office-moving-to-sheridan-community-park/.

SKYLINE PASSENGERS REQUIRED TO DEBOARD AT HĀLAWA ALOHA STADIUM SKYLINE STATION STARTING JULY 26

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) wishes to inform the public that beginning Saturday, July 26, 2025, all Skyline passengers arriving at the Hālawa Aloha Stadium Skyline Station on trains traveling in the eastbound/town-bound direction are now required to exit trains and switch platforms before beginning a return trip in the westbound direction.

The change in procedure is due to the start of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's trial operations for the next segment of the rail line. Passengers will no longer be able to board Skyline trains traveling in the eastbound direction and remain on the train for return trips in the westbound direction once they reach the Hālawa Aloha Stadium Skyline Station.

As the City prepares to open four new Skyline stations along five miles of new track later this year, trial runs of the system between Kualaka'i East Kapolei Station and the new Kahauiki Kalihi Transit Center Station have begun. This critical testing period helps ensure that trains, systems, and staff are ready to safely and reliably serve riders when the new stations officially open.

Multiple trains will be operational and moving along the tracks between Kualaka'i East Kapolei and Kahauiki Kalihi Transit Center Stations. Testing will occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During testing and trial running, Skyline riders will not be able to board at or ride to any of the new stations (between the Makalapa Station and the Kahauiki Kalihi Transit Center Station). Skyline staff will be reminding riders that they must disembark at Hālawa Station. Station announcements are ongoing, reminding riders of the start of testing. Additional signs are placed at each of the nine stations currently open for passenger operation.

Riders can expect the following during trial operations:

- Regular Skyline service will continue between Kualaka'i East Kapolei and Hālawa Aloha Stadium Stations.
- Trains will still run every 10 minutes.
- Although trains will continue eastbound past Hālawa Aloha Stadium Station, they will not be available for passengers to ride.
- All passengers must exit Skyline trains at Hālawa Aloha Stadium Station.
- There will be a 1:30 minute dwell time at Hālawa Station on track 2 (makai) heading eastbound, to facilitate off boarding of passengers.
- There will be 30 second dwell time at Hālawa Station on track 1 (mauka) heading westbound.
- Riders, motorists, and pedestrians will notice increased train movement and station activity, so please stay alert, avoid distractions, and always keep safety in mind.
- A final reminder: Skyline trains are powered by high-voltage electricity. No one should be on the platform at anytime while the trains are in operation. Never touch the third rail; contact will result in severe injury or death.

Trial operations are a major milestone in preparing the system for full-service extension to:

- Makalapa Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Lelepa Daniel K. Inouye International Airport
- Āhua Lagoon Drive
- Kahauiki Kalihi Transit Center

DTS is excited to bring Skyline service to more communities soon, and appreciates the public's patience and support during this important step forward. View the full press release here: honolulu.gov/dts/skyline-passengers-required-to-deboard-at-halawa-aloha-stadium-skyline-station-starting-july-26/.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HONOLULU: THE HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION IS NOW ACCEPTING PROPOSALS THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2025

What is the City Charter?

The Honolulu City Charter is the foundational law of the City and County of Honolulu—our City's version of a constitution. It defines how the Mayor, City Council, and departments operate, how decisions are made, and how services are delivered. It affects nearly every part of life on O'ahu – from housing and transportation to public safety, climate resilience, elections, and more.

What is the Charter Commission?

The Honolulu Charter Commission is a 13-member body appointed every 10 years to review the City Charter and recommend updates. Commissioners are volunteers from across the island who work with the public to identify ways to improve local governance. Any proposed changes are placed on the ballot, and voters have the final say during the General Election.

What Can You Propose?

Any idea that would improve how the City serves its residents, make government more transparent, efficient, or accountable, strengthen ethics, climate action, public participation, or equity, and clarify roles or responsibilities in the Charter. Each proposal should include a brief description of your idea, what part of the City Charter it affects (if known), and why the change is needed. Deadline to submit your proposal is November 7, 2025.

For more information or to submit a proposal, visit honolulucitycouncil.org/charter-commission.

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The Internet Kokua program provides discounts on Internet service for those who meet certain qualifications.

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