



December 19, 2025

Re: 2025 Parade and Family Fun Fair

The 'Aiea Community Association is a community-based organization that advocates for the concerns of Aiea and tries to reflect the sentiments of the greater Aiea area. At our most recent Association meeting, post our sponsored parade, we discussed and evaluated the parade and family fun fair. The general sentiment was that both were growing and successful in featuring our community organizations. We were saddened by the some of the groups that did not adhere to our parade guidelines and in the future, they will not be allowed to join us in the festivities.

Our parade is dedicated to celebrating the holiday spirit and bringing the 'Aiea community together. While we invite district politicians, the Mayor, and the Governor to join the festivities, however the event is not a platform for political statements.

We welcome all who wish to participate and are committed to treating everyone with equality and inclusion, while also respecting freedom of speech. Efforts were made to preserve the festive and community-focused nature of the parade and we prohibited political statements. Much to our frustration, we could not stop all participants from adhering to the City's and Association's rules of a sponsored parade. This will not be the case in the future.

The group in question was informed of the rules in advance, and their representative assured us that their participation would feature only holiday and Christmas decorations. During the parade set up, he was reminded of the rule and asked to remove political materials. Our priority is to be inclusive and avoid discrimination, while ensuring the parade remains centered on holiday celebration and community spirit.

Thank you for your concern. This was a first for our parade and we are reviewing and updating our policies and procedures to ensure that our beloved community parade continues to be a positive celebration of community rather than engaging in any division.

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