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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CORDERO

As we enter the autumn season, I want to share a few upcoming fun community events for keiki and families in our District. Flyers and additional information are included below.

- **5th Annual Trunk or Treat** — October 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Salt Lake District Park.
- **Safe Trick-or-Treating on Skyline 2026** — October 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at various Skyline stations.
- **1st Annual Salt Lake Neighborhood Trick-or-Treat** — October 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park.

As the holiday season approaches, please stay aware of your surroundings, look out for keiki and loved ones, and be cautious of scams and suspicious messages or requests. A little extra awareness goes a long way in keeping our communities safe.

I also wanted to share an update on the Honolulu Charter Commission’s community informational sessions. The Commission held sessions across O‘ahu to discuss the 20 proposed Charter amendments on the ballot. More information is available at honolulucitycouncil.org/oahuvotes.

Mahalo,
Radiant Cordero

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill 16 (2026), CD2 – Relating to the Regulation of Dogs.
Bill 16 strengthens the City’s regulations regarding stray dogs by making it unlawful for owners to allow their dogs to become stray. It also clarifies the responsibilities of the Department of Customer Services and the City’s animal control contractor in enforcing the City’s dog regulations.

This Bill increases criminal fines for violations to $250 for a first offense, $500 for a second offense within two years, and $1,000 for subsequent offenses, with possible imprisonment of up to 30 days. The Bill establishes a separate civil enforcement process allowing authorized animal control officers to issue violations and impose escalating fines of $250, $500, or $1,000, with an opportunity for owners to contest fines through an administrative hearing. On September 9, 2026, the Council passed the Bill on third reading, as amended, and it was enacted as Ordinance 26-22.

Bill 30 (2026), CD1 – Relating to Public Parks.
Bill 30 amends the City’s rules to allow nonprofit farmers’ markets and food distribution events in public parks, subject to permits and applicable Parks and Recreation rules. The Bill defines a “food distribution event” as an organized effort by a nonprofit organization to provide food directly to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. It restricts these activities in areas served by the People’s Open Market program and highly-utilized parks. On September 9, 2026, the Council passed the Bill on third reading, and it was enacted as Ordinance 26-23.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Bill 31 (2026), CD2 – Relating to Cultural Sites in Public Parks.
Bill 31 establishes a program to allow for improved stewardship of cultural sites in City parks. It establishes the process for including cultural sites in City parks in the program. It also requires a stewardship plan and provides the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Director with rulemaking authority.

Bill 31 also authorizes DPR to adopt rules and imposes a $500 civil penalty for violations of the requirements or rules governing cultural sites. On September 9, 2026, the Council passed the Bill on third reading, as amended, and it was enacted as Ordinance 26-24.

Bill 32 (2026), CD2 – Relating to Public Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Botanical Gardens.
Bill 32 repeals certain specific fees and charges for the use of botanical gardens, public parks, and recreational facilities. The Bill authorizes the DPR Director to establish, by rule, fees and charges for the commercial and noncommercial use of parks, recreational facilities, and botanical gardens under DPR jurisdiction, excluding camping fees. It requires collected fees, except those from the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve and programs, facilities, or services under the Department of Enterprise Services, to be deposited into a fund designated by the DPR Director.

Bill 32 also authorizes the DPR Director to adopt rules, imposes $500 civil penalties for violations, and requires periodic reporting. On September 9, 2026, the Council passed the Bill on third reading, and it was enacted as Ordinance 26-25.

Bill 33 (2026), CD2 – Relating to Funds.
Bill 33 establishes two new special funds under DPR. The Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Special Fund would collect revenues from park lands and funds designated for maintaining and operating beaches and parks, and use them for DPR operations, park maintenance, recreational facilities, and programs. The Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Special Fund would collect revenues related to botanical gardens, community gardens, and urban forestry, and use them to support the operation and maintenance of gardens and park and street trees.

Bill 33 also requires annual reporting to the City Council on revenues, expenditures, and fund balances, providing greater transparency and accountability over these dedicated revenues. On September 9, 2026, the Council passed the Bill on third reading, as amended, and it was enacted as Ordinance 26-26.

Resolution 26-193 – Red Hill Groundwater Testing.
Resolution 26-193 urges the Environmental Protection Agency and Hawai‘i Department of Health to require the Navy to increase the frequency, chemical scope, and geographic extent of groundwater testing for polyfluoroalkyl substances and petroleum chemicals in the vicinity of Red Hill and surrounding areas.

The defueling of Red Hill does not end our responsibility to understand and protect our precious groundwater. Therefore, in order to protect O‘ahu’s water resources, Councilmember Cordero introduced this Resolution to ensure that testing is sufficiently broad, frequent, and geographically comprehensive to better understand groundwater conditions. On September 9, 2026, the Council unanimously adopted the Resolution.

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Damaged Guardrail on Kaʻamilo Street
The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has noted the damaged guardrail on Kaʻamilo Street near its intersection with ʻAiea Heights Drive and will include it in an upcoming guardrail project. In the meantime, DFM will have the Pearl City yard inspect the area to determine whether temporary barricades can be installed.

Illegal Dumping at Kaʻamilo Street and Ulune Street
The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) confirmed that the mattress reported at the intersection of Kaʻamilo Street and Ulune Street has been removed. Mahalo to the ENV Refuse team for their help!

Overgrown Vegetation on Kaʻamilo Street
DFM has initiated Service Request No. 79259 to address overgrown vegetation near 99-103 Kaʻamilo Street and along the opposite side of the street near Kalawina Place. The work will be scheduled when resources become available.

Kalauao-Pearlridge Rail Station
DFM's Stored Property Ordinance Branch (SPO), with assistance from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), investigated a concern regarding property left at or near the Kalauao-Pearlridge Rail Station in ʻAiea on August 19, 2026. No homeless individuals or property were found in the area. The Department of Community Services (DCS) has been advised of the reported encampments for future reference and outreach services.

Homeless Encampment on Lipoa Place
DFM's SPO, with assistance from HPD, investigated a concern regarding a homeless encampment in the cul-de-sac of Lipoa Place on August 19, 2026. An individual living out of a van removed his property from the street and placed it in the van. They also cleared the sidewalk areas of remaining trash and debris. DCS has been advised of the reported encampment for future reference and outreach services.

99-144 Waiakea Place
The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) conducted an investigation of 99-144 Waiakea Place on September 4, 2026, and found that there are no open violations on the property. Councilmember Cordero submitted an additional request to DPP regarding the shipping container on the property. Once a response is received, an update will be provided.

99-225 Ulune Street
DPP conducted an investigation of 99-225 Ulune Street on September 9, 2026, related to concerns about an abandoned home and confirmed that there are no open Notices of Violation on the property.

99-1440 ʻAiea Heights Drive
DPP conducted a site inspection on September 21, 2026, and found that the property is not overgrown with weeds and has no open violations. Trees and vegetation growing across property lines between private properties are considered a civil matter to be resolved between the respective property owners. The inspection also found tree branches growing into power lines. For trees interfering with high-voltage lines, Hawaiian Electric's Vegetation Management can be contacted at (808) 543-7836.

Makalapa Neighborhood Park Updates
Following up on concerns raised regarding Makalapa Neighborhood Park, the pile of dirt on the basketball court was completely removed on September 17, 2026. A work order was submitted to install an additional bollard at the maintenance entrance to help prevent mopeds, electric bikes, and other vehicles from accessing the field and park. Work orders were also submitted to repair two reported water leaks in the field, and a project request was submitted to add more benches and tables to the park. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

ALOHA STADIUM COMMUNITY MURAL PAINTING DAY

On September 26, Councilmember Cordero joined Senators Glenn Wakai and Brandon Elefante in Hālawa for the Aloha Stadium Community Mural Painting Project. Led by Native Hawaiian artist Solomon Enos, the mural draws inspiration from lei, water, Hālawa Valley, and the generations connected to the ‘āina. The mural will remain as part of the developing Aloha Stadium site, with future community painting days open to residents statewide. They are looking for school and youth partners. Learn more at alohastadium.hawaii.gov.

WE ARE KALIHI EVENT

The Kalihi Connection Coalition hosted its annual WE Are Kalihi event at Kalākaua Middle School with this year’s theme, YOUth Matter, focusing on the safety, mental health, and physical well-being of Kalihi’s children and teens. The event brought together youth, families, kūpuna, and more than 30 community service providers offering informational resources, outreach programs, and activities.

KALIHI MEET THE CHIEF TALK STORY

As part of his island-wide tour to introduce himself to residents, new Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Chief David Lazar held his “Meet the Chief: Kalihi Talk Story” on Monday, September 21, at Farrington High School. The session began with HPD District 5 Major Thomas Chang conducting an “interview” with Chief Lazar and then opened up to a question-and-answer session with attendees. This event was a great way for residents to get to know the Chief, including his personal connections to Hawai‘i and his policies and goals as the head of HPD.

In addition to the talk story, tables were set up by the Office of the Chief of Police, Community Policing Team, and Recruitment Division to provide informational materials, and giveaways, such as HPD-branded sunglasses, pens, and other useful goodies, popcorn, and bentos. Mahalo to the Chief and HPD for conducting this great community outreach event!

ALA PU‘UMALU SENIOR CLUB TALK STORY

Councilmember Cordero joined members of the Ala Pu‘umalu Senior Club for a talk story to share City resources, provide community updates, and hear concerns from kūpuna. Mahalo to the group for having Councilmember!

NAVY ‘AIEA-HĀLAWA SHAFT REACTIVATION POSTPONED

The Navy has postponed the planned reactivation of the ‘Aiea-Hālawa Shaft due to a waterline break that occurred on September 25. The reactivation was previously scheduled for no earlier than September 28. Repairs are being coordinated, and a new reactivation date has not yet been determined. The Navy will provide updates as more information becomes available.

The Navy confirmed that the waterline break does not affect the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) drinking water distribution system. Residents and customers with questions or concerns about JBPHH drinking water may contact the Navy Water Quality Call Center at (808) 210-6968.

For additional information and updates, visit jbphh-safewaters.org.

HELP SHAPE HONOLULU’S FUTURE URBAN FOREST

What should O‘ahu’s urban forest look like for the next generation? Trees for Honolulu’s Future is hosting a digital community conversation to find out what O‘ahu residents want for the future of our trees. Add your voice.

If you live on O‘ahu, take 10 minutes to participate in the Trees Wiki-Survey.

1. VOTE on ideas and priorities shared by others.
2. ADD your own ideas.
3. EXPLORE what people across O‘ahu are saying.

Who should participate?
Everyone. Whether you love trees, have concerns about them, or simply have ideas about what our communities need relative to trees, your perspective matters. The goal is to understand what we share, where there are differences, and what should be addressed as we plan for O‘ahu’s future urban forest.

What happens next?
Responses are anonymous. Results will be public and shared with partner agencies to help inform future planning, programs, and policies for O‘ahu’s urban forest.

Survey Link: treesforhonolulu.org/trees-for-palolo/.

UNDEVELOPED PARK IN ‘AIEA BLOSSOMING INTO COMMUNITY SPACE WITH TREE PLANTING – 34 TREES PLANTED AT ‘AIEA INTERIM PARK AS PART OF “KE OLA O ‘AIEA ‘OHANA PARK” EFFORT

Volunteers planting trees along the perimeter of ‘Aiea Interim Park on October 9, 2026

Efforts to enhance an undeveloped park in ‘Aiea are taking root, with the planting of 34 trees on October 9 and 10, 2026, at ‘Aiea Interim Park.

A hui of nonprofit, public, private, and government organizations collaborated on the shared vision to improve the 3.43-acre open area on Halewiliko Place. Many hands worked together to plant nine different types of trees around the perimeter of the park, including milo, lonomea, crape myrtle, narra, manele, puakenikeni, wiliwili, colvillea, and a Moreton Bay fig tree.

Named “Ke Ola O ‘Aiea ‘Ohana Park” or “The Life of ‘Aiea Family Park,” these tree plantings represent a significant first step in realizing the ‘Aiea Community Association’s long-range plan for this former sugar mill site. The vision, designed in conjunction with students and faculty of the University of Hawai‘i Landscape and Design Class, currently includes a community center, outdoor play and exercise amenities, and open turf space incorporated within the newly-planted trees.

The trees were supplied by the City and County of Honolulu’s Division of Urban Forestry and through a $34,000 grant from the Laura Jane Musser Fund. Additional organizations were instrumental in coordinating and completing the tree planting effort and supporting future park enhancements. Along with Councilmember Cordero, these include the ‘Aiea Community Association, ‘Aiea Intermediate School, Ali‘i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, Aloha Lā Halewilikō Senior Housing, the Outdoor Circle, Trees for Honolulu’s Future, the University of Hawai‘i Tropical Landscape & Human Interaction Lab and Dr. Andy Kaufman, the ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board, Pali Momi Medical Center, Honolulu Community Action Program, and Boy Scout Troop 147.

To view the full press release, visit honolulu.gov/dpr/city-news/undeveloped-park-in-aiea-blossoming-into-community-space-with-tree-planting.

SAVE THE DATE: 5TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT — OCTOBER 23, 2026

SAVE THE DATE: 1ST ANNUAL SALT LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK-OR-TREAT — OCTOBER 31, 2026

SAVE THE DATE: SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING ON SKYLINE 2026 — OCTOBER 31, 2026

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/20/26
9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee
1:00 p.m. - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee
2:30 p.m. - Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee

10/21/26
9:00 a.m. - Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee
1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee

10/22/26
9:00 a.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Economy Committee
2:30 p.m. - Government Efficiency & Customer Services Committee

10/23/26
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - 5th Annual Trunk or Treat at Salt Lake District Park

10/29/26
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Meet the Chief: Honolulu Talk Story at Mission Memorial Auditorium

10/31/26
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Safe Trick-or-Treating 2026 at various Skyline stations
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - 1st Annual Salt Lake Neighborhood Trick-or-Treat at Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park

11/05/26
10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting at Honolulu Hale

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