



# COUNCILMEMBER Tommy Waters

Honolulu City Council • District 4  
Hawai'i Kai, Kuli'ou'ou, Niu Valley, 'Āina Haina, Wailupe, Wai'ālae-Iki,  
Kalani Valley, Kāhala, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimukī, Kapahulu,  
Diamond Head, and Waikīkī



January 2023

Aloha,

The Honolulu City Council began the new year with the inauguration of all recently elected Councilmembers including Councilmembers Tyler Dos Santos-Tam (District VI) , Val Okimoto (District VIII), Matt Weyer (District II), and yours truly (District IV). Our terms are for four years, and you may notice that the even-numbered districts held elections in 2022, while the odd-numbered districts will hold elections in 2024.



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*Pictured left to right: Councilmembers Calvin Say, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola, Esther Kia'āina, Val Okimoto, Tommy Waters, Radiant Cordero, Matt Weyer, and Augie Tulba.*

I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues on legislation and solutions to make our island a better place to live, work, and play.

Please feel free contact our office any time with your questions or concerns.

Mahalo,

Tommy Waters  
Honolulu City Councilmember  
District 4, from Ala Moana to Hawai'i Kai

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530
Building Permit	768-8220
Building Code Compliance	768-8259
Bus Route/Schedule Info	848-5555
City Council	768-5010
Complaint (City Government)	768-4381
Dead Animal Pickup—City	832-3200
Dead Animal Pickup—State	485-6200
Dept. of Emergency Management	723-8960
Driver Licensing and State ID	768-9100
Illegal Dumping	768-3203
Motor Vehicle Title and Reg	768-4325
Park Maintenance—East Honolulu	768-8944
Pothole Hotline	768-7777
Refuse Collection—Honolulu	832-5990
Satellite City Hall Services	768-4325
Stream Maintenance	768-7890
Street Light Repair	768-5300
Street Sign Repair	768-6300
Tree Trimming	971-7151

**How to Register to Speak or Submit Testimony for Council and Committee Meetings**

I encourage you to express your views and concerns with regard to any legislation considered by the Honolulu City Council.

With work and family obligations, not all of us have the opportunity or time to attend Council meetings in person. However, you have the option and opportunity to submit testimony via mail, fax, email and online. To obtain more information about the Council and Council Committee meetings as well as how to submit testimony, log onto <http://www.honolulu.gov/participate.html>.

If you have any questions about the legislative process, please feel free to contact my office for assistance. My staff and I will be more than happy to assist you.

**Council District 4 Updates**

**UPDATE ON 1615 ALA WAI BLVD.**

The Department of Land Management (“DLM”) is currently working with a consultant on a comprehensive feasibility assessment, concept design, and preparation for requests for proposals (“RFP”) for a senior affordable housing project at the 1615 Ala Wai project site. The DLM has yet to finalize the selection of the preferred concept design, and the selection of the preferred alternative will spur further conceptual development of the chosen plan, and will create a basis of design on which a RFP will be established. This sub-process leading to the preparation of an RFP is expected to be completed by mid-2023. Four years from RFP issuance to construction completion seems to be an appropriate estimate based on the size and scope of the proposed redevelopment. This would put an estimated project construction completion in 2027 with project construction/site demolition in 2026. The City will certainly keep impacted tenants and the community aware of project developments and planned activities at the site. The site is currently being tested and evaluated for contaminants concurrent with other site redevelopment planning efforts, such that there should be no associated delays in project timing.

**COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES RETURN TO HANAUMA BAY IN 2023**

Entry for licensed tour vehicles is once again allowed in the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. Licensed motor carriers with Public Utility Commission certificates may use the commercial vehicle parking lot, which is limited to a fifteen-minute period. Commercial vehicles pay between \$10 and \$40 depending on the size of the vehicle. For the initial return of these commercial vehicles, the lot will be open from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm Wednesday through Sundays. Hanauma Bay is closed on Mondays and Tuesday.

Permitted scuba/snorkel guides will resume in February, with monthly and daily permits available. Monthly permit applications are due on the 15th day of the month preceding the request, unless that day is a weekend or holiday. Five monthly permits may be issued at a time. For daily scuba/snorkel permits, applications will be accepted beginning January 27, and four daily permits may be issued at a time.

More info at: [www.honolulu.gov/parks-hbay/home.html](http://www.honolulu.gov/parks-hbay/home.html).

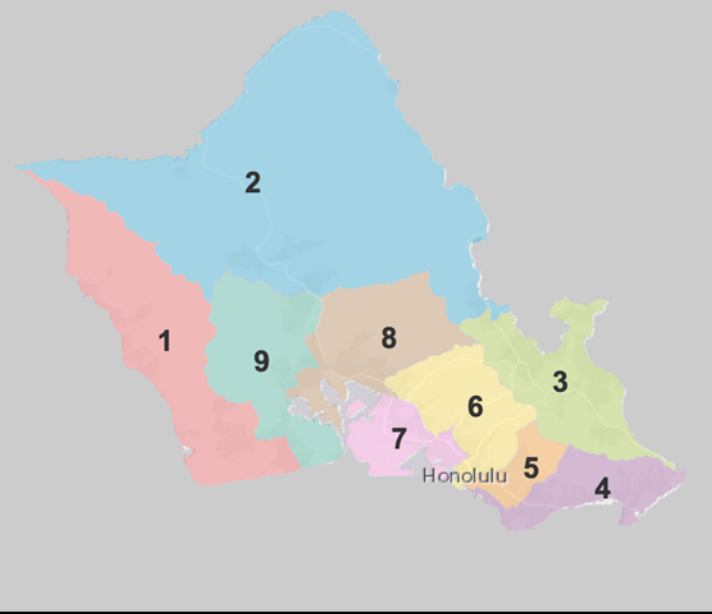
**Reminder:** The next full City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **January 25**, at 10 a.m. at **Honolulu Hale**.

**New Council District IV Reapportionment**

Every 10 years after the US Census, we are required to redraw the boundaries for each of the nine Council Districts to account for changes in population according to local, state, and federal rules governing the process. The US Census Bureau provides population and demographic data to states and localities that are tailored to the task of redistricting.

Our new District IV begins in Waikīkī, bordered by the Ala Wai Canal, then the district line goes down the Mānoa-Pālolo Drainage Canal, continuing northeasterly on Kapi’olani Boulevard. From there, district line turns onto Wai’alae Avenue. This means everything Makai of Wai’alae Avenue is in Council District IV. The line then turns onto Sierra Drive and continues all the way along Mokuna Place and then up the mountain ridge. The district then continues East, including the areas up to the shoreline, and all the way to Makapu’u Lighthouse.

District IV encompasses the neighborhoods of Waikīkī, Diamond Head, Kapahulu, Kaimukī, Wilhelmina Rise, Kāhala, Kalani Valley, Wai’alae Iki, Wailupe, ‘Āina Haina, Niu Valley, Kuli’ou’ou, and Hawai’i Kai.



**Council District 4 Updates**

**CITY BEGINS ISSUING 4-YEAR DRIVER’S LICENSES TO DRIVERS AGE 72 AN OLDER**

O’ahu residents ages 72-79 can now renew their driver’s license every four years rather than every two years. The new State law just went into effect at the beginning of 2023. Residents in this particular age group who are free of conditions that could impair their driving ability can take advantage of this new law with a renewal fee of \$20. All driver’s licenses can be renewed up to six months prior to expiration.

**HAWAI’I LICENSE PLATE REDESIGN OPTIONS**

The Department of Customer Services (CSD) responded to heightened public interest about the rainbow design on the state license nearing its end of life as it has been in use since 1991. CSD would like the public to know that there isn’t an urgent need for new design options as the current plate can last through 2023. In addition, the State can consider modifying the letter-number combinations to extend the life of the rainbow design.

Looking back on the history of the Hawai’i license plate, the King Kamehameha design was issued from 1981 to 1990, and prior to that, various other designs were used for just 3-7 year periods. CSD will work with the State and the other counties on the license plate design, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide input.

**PARKS AND REC SPRING 2023 PROGRAM BEGINS**

Registration begins soon for nearly 900 recreation, education, and social opportunities at your City parks and gardens as part of the Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation’s Spring Program 2023!

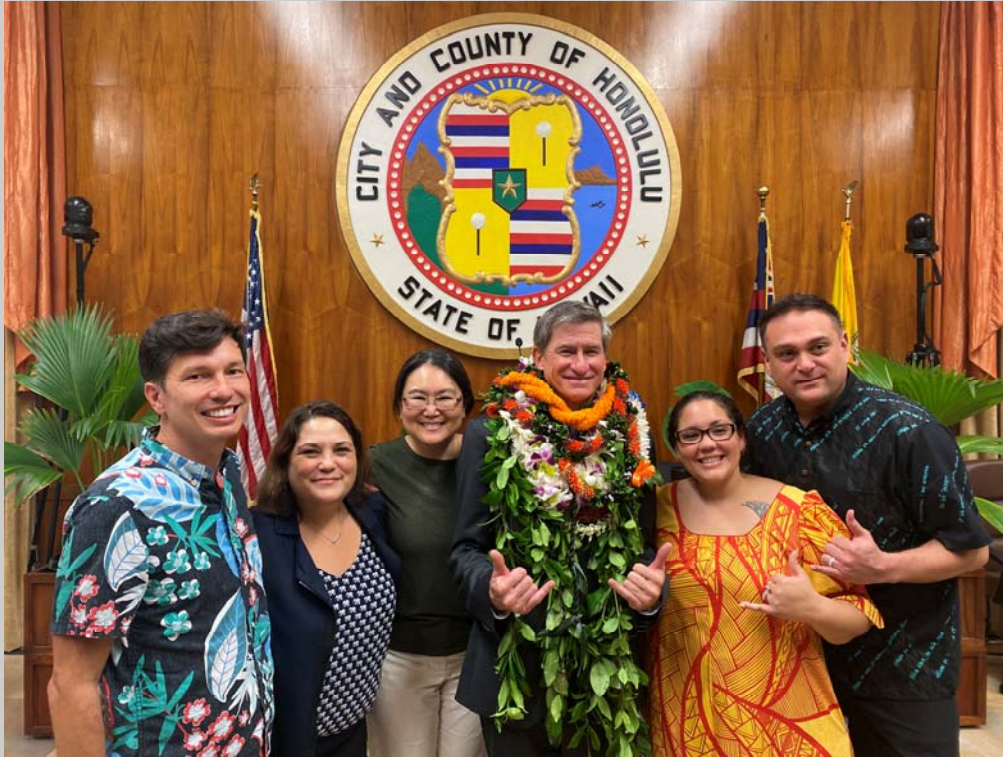
The catalog detailing the diverse array of available park programs is now posted online at the Parks and Recreation Online System (PROS) website, which can be accessed by visiting: [pros.hnl.info](https://pros.hnl.info).

The majority of the enrollment for both free and paid park programs will be conducted online using the PROS website as well. The registration timetable for these park classes is based on geographic park district.

Registration begins for Parks District 1 (Ka Iwi to Waikīkī) on Tuesday, January 17, at 4 p.m.

Honolulu City Council Committees will be held January 10-12, 2023. Find out more at [honolulu.citycouncil.org](https://honolulu.citycouncil.org).

**Council District IV Staff**



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**Council District IV By The Numbers in 2022**

- Introduced 35 Bills and 235 Resolutions
- Attended 62 Neighborhood Boards from Hawai'i Kai to Ala Moana
- Attended 800 Meetings for Committees, Full Council, in the office, and in your neighborhood
- Submitted 615 Requests for Information and Service (RISR) on behalf of our constituents
- Appropriated an additional \$1 million for HPD Patrol
- Appropriated \$1 million for expansion of stabilization facilities for those who are severely mentally ill and/or with substance abuse issues
- Appropriated funds to support the Prosecuting Attorney with "Safe and Sound" in Waikīkī
- Appropriated \$5 million in grants to non-profits for homeless services

Our office receives several hundred emails and phone calls combined each week. We strive to acknowledge each one, whether it be a question on legislation, a community concern, or anything in between. We are here to serve you, and please contact us with your questions or concerns via phone (808) 768-5004 or at our emails listed on page one.

**Veto of Bill 43 (2021) — Where Do We Go From Here?**

Everyone in the community worked very hard on this legislation to limit amplified sound in Waikīkī, and we were disappointed that the bill was vetoed by the Mayor last year. Since then, I've met with HPD Chief Logan. And, I have a meeting scheduled with the Mayor, Managing Director, Waikīkī Improvement Association President Rick Egged, and Waikīkī Neighborhood Board Chair Bob Finley later this month.

One possibility is to enforce the existing Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Section 41-6: Noise Control. This prohibits machines or devices that reproduce sound from being operated on any public property, including sidewalks, when it is audible at a distance of 30 feet. We will continue to look for solutions.