



# 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,  
Wai'ālae, Diamond Head, and Waikīkī

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**Welina mai kākou,**

March is the annual declared month where we celebrate and highlight the many significant contributions of wahine (women). From the times of Queen Ka'ahumanu – Hawai'i's most influential woman in history - to today's four wahine Councilmembers (Esther Kia'āina, Radiant Cordero, Andrea Tupola, and Val Okimoto), Hawai'i's mana wahine have been accomplishing the incredible. Women's month acknowledges, commemorates, and celebrates the vital role of women in history - paving the way for wahine today here in Hawai'i and beyond.



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March also kicks off the three-month budget process, with discussions between your Honolulu City Council and Mayor Blangiardi's Administration in agency briefings for the City's projected operating budget for the upcoming 2023/2024 fiscal year. My staff and I, the City's Administration, and my colleagues will carefully deliberate the City's budget package and work on passing a balanced budget that will support the City's functions and services to support our island community best.

Mahalo nui for the continued opportunity to serve as your district Councilmember and to work together to create a better Honolulu for the next generation. Please contact my offices to let me and my staff know about an issue we can help address or resolve. We continue to work hard to serve you!

**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 & 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 & 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, or online. To obtain more information about the Honolulu City Council and Council Committee meetings as well as how to submit testimony, log onto <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/testimony>.

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**

**FREE JUNK VEHICLE PROGRAM  
“TOW IT, DON’T STOW IT”**

The City’s Department of Customer Services (CSD) is urging residents to take advantage of the City’s free Junk Vehicle Program. In the past three years, the CSD’s Motor Vehicle Control Branch has witnessed a 65% decrease in the use of its free Junk Vehicle Program.

This program is designed to reduce the number of abandoned vehicles on O’ahu, where 1 in every 5 unwanted vehicles end up curbside and on public roadways. Abandoning a vehicle on a public roadway is illegal, and our office receives many constituent concerns about unsightly abandoned vehicles.

Paperwork for the city’s free Junk Vehicle Program involves completing forms for surrendering the vehicle, as well as turning in the license plates, registration, and title to a Satellite City Hall. The surrendered vehicle must also be free of trash, accessible to a tow truck; and have at least two inflated tires for it to be towed.

For more information on this program, visit CSD’s website at <https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/28923-junk-a-vehicle.html>.

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DATA NOW LIVE**

Do you ever wonder how many people use our bike paths, or how many pedestrians use our shared-use paths?. Ask no more, as the City has an Active Transportation Data program with data available on a public webpage at <https://data.eco-counter.com/ParcPublic/?id=6114>.

Twenty-five sites have been selected, with ten installed so far. There are in-pavement diamond-shape sensors to accurately count bike traffic on various types of cycling facilities such the bike paths on Ala Wai Boulevard and Wai’alae Avenue. Facilities heavily used by pedestrians, such as the Date Street Bike Path, also have counters that measure the heat signature of passing pedestrians. The data will help policy makers plan for future improvements where they are needed most.

This program was funded by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

**REMINDER:** The next full City Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m. at Honolulu Hale**. Find out more at [honolulucitycouncil.org](http://honolulucitycouncil.org).

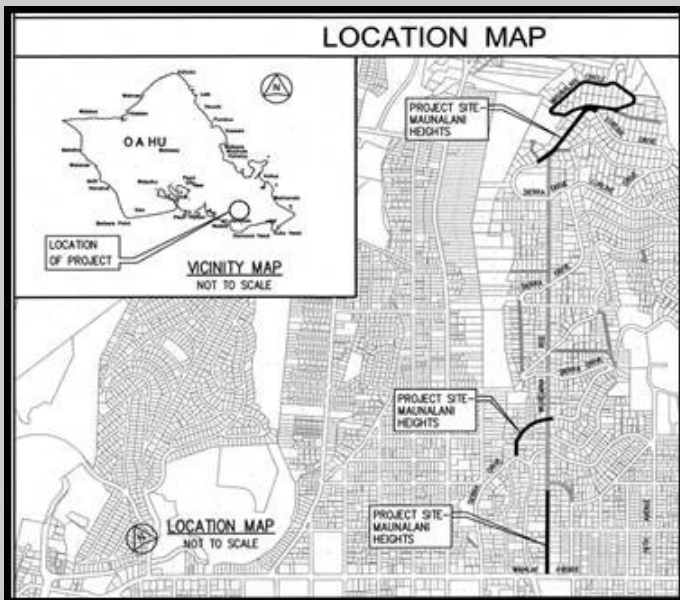
### CITY ROAD REPAVING WILHELMINA RISE, SIERRA DRIVE, & MAUNALANI CIRCLE

The City has begun repaving sections of Sierra Drive, Maunalani Circle, and a portion of Wilhelmina Rise from Wai'alae Avenue to 13th Avenue.

Residents and motorists are advised that roadways will be posted with "NO PARKING" signs one week before the impending work. Please observe the dates and times of these notices, as vehicles parked on posted streets will be towed at the owner's expense. Please observe and obey all traffic controls, posted signs, and Special Duty Officers. Drivers should anticipate detours and temporary road closure delays and allow extra travel time. Residents and local traffic, such as deliveries and trash collection, will be allowed during construction.

The contract was awarded to Road Builders, with work scheduled Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. This project is scheduled for at least one year.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the City at 808-768-8442.



Map Courtesy of the Department of Design & Construction

## Council District 4 Updates

### KOKO HEAD SHOOTING COMPLEX UPDATES

The Koko Head Shooting Complex will open soon! The Archery Range will reopen this month, with the pistol and rifle ranges anticipated to reopen in April 2023.

Heavy machinery operators are placing 3,000 cubic yards of dirt along the berm/backstop renovation project for the pistol and rifle ranges. Parks crews are working six days a week to complete the work for the project, including roofing, painting, and basic landscaping. In addition, deep cleaning along the firing lines and carpentry work on the eyebrows overhanging the shooting galleries has been completed. Test results have shown no lead detected in any environmental air monitoring samples, and additional monitoring will be conducted.

In addition to the work mentioned above, supplemental actions being pursued after meeting with the firearm range consultant Kramer One include but are not limited to:

- Installation of signage.
- Updating operational procedures.
- Additional staff training and health screening.
- Standardized recycling of spent bullet casings.
- Regularly schedules cleaning of the range.

Additional information and updates can be found at [bit.ly/kokoheadrange](http://bit.ly/kokoheadrange)

### NEW ONLINE O'AHU TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX PAYMENT PORTAL

The City's O'ahu Transient Accommodations Tax (OTAT) team in the Treasury Division has partnered with Avenu Insights & Analytics to launch a new online payment portal for submitting OTAT payments at <https://otatpay.honolulu.gov>.

For information and instructions for filing, please visit the OTAT website at [www.honolulu.gov/otat](http://www.honolulu.gov/otat).

Questions on the system can be directed to Avenu Insights & Analytics' toll free phone at 866-940-7660 or sending an email to [AvenuOahuTaxSupport@avenuinsights.com](mailto:AvenuOahuTaxSupport@avenuinsights.com) for further assistance.

Honolulu City Council Budget Review is scheduled for March 6 - 9, 2023.  
Find out more at [honolulucitycouncil.org](http://honolulucitycouncil.org).

## HONORING MAHINA 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I



During the February full Council meeting, in honor of Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Hawaiian language month, the District IV office recognized 'Aha Pūnana Leo in celebration of 40 years of devoted service to our community through advocating and revitalizing the Hawaiian language.

'Aha Pūnana Leo was founded in 1983 by Hawaiian language educators. The first 'Aha Pūnana Leo preschool opened in 1984 in Kekaha, Kaua'i, making it the first early learning native language immersion program in the United States. Today 13 schools have been established on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Hawai'i Island, Maui, and Moloka'i. 'Aha Pūnana Leo now boasts 7,000 students and alumni and currently serves as a local, national, and international model for language revitalization.

Over the past several decades, 'Aha Pūnana Leo established and built numerous programs throughout the islands, helped to lift a 90-year ban on teaching Hawaiian in public and private schools, advocated for other indigenous people, and raised awareness about the consequences of the loss of indigenous languages.

E Ola Ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (The Hawaiian language shall live).