

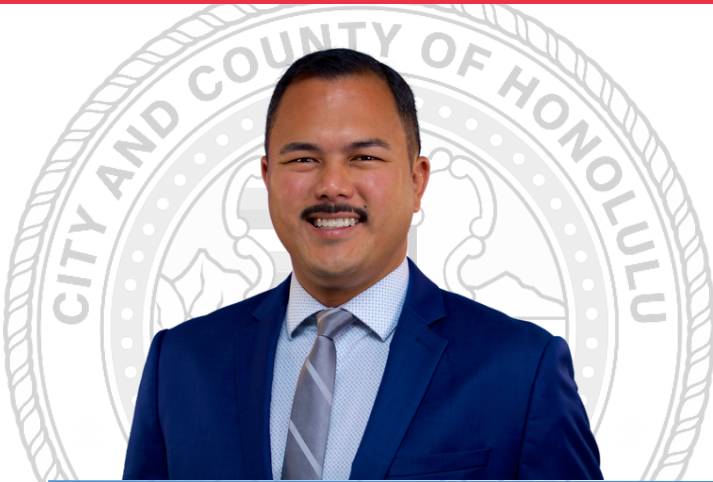
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Aloha Neighbors!

I am honored to have the opportunity to represent District 6 at the Honolulu City Council. Together, we will make our community safer and more equitable. Your ideas and input help me to serve our community better. Make sure you follow me on social media for regular updates! If you'd like to let us know about an issue that we can help to resolve, please feel free to contact my office. We're here to assist you! *- Tyler*

Happy Holidays From the Honolulu City Council!

I can't help but express immense gratitude for the trust and opportunity to serve as your Councilmember this past year. It's been a whirlwind of activity, with countless meetings, initiatives, and collaborations that have contributed to our city's progress. Together, we've achieved significant milestones, from infrastructure enhancements to fostering a more vibrant local environment. Reflecting on this busy but fulfilling year, I'm humbled by the dedication of our council and the unwavering support from our residents. As I look ahead, I'm filled with optimism but recognize the work that lies ahead. There's still much to be done, and I'm committed to pushing forward, addressing pending matters, and striving for an even brighter future for our city in the coming year. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for your engagement and passion in shaping the path of our community—it's an honor to serve you.



(L-R) City Councilmembers Tupola, Weyer, Kia'aina, Waters, Say, Dos Santos-Tam, Cordero, Okimoto, and Tulba wish the community happy holidays!

Celebrating 135 Years of Quality Education at Kauluwela Elementary School



CM Dos Santos-Tam pictured with Kauluwela ES Principal Sonja Samsonas, along with teachers and staff at a "birthday" assembly in the school's cafeteria. Students were served cookies after lunch as a special treat!

In late November CM Dos Santos-Tam joined in celebrating the 135th birthday of Kauluwela Elementary School, which was inaugurated in 1888. From its humble beginnings as a two-room school that served the immigrant community in the Lower Liliha and Chinatown area, it has consistently maintained a legacy of quality education for 135 years, with an enrollment of over 400 students and a dedicated faculty. With a mission centered on cultural embrace and community involvement, the school aims to inspire innovative, resilient citizens. Our office recognizes Kauluwela Elementary School for its enduring dedication to community enrichment and students education through the decades.

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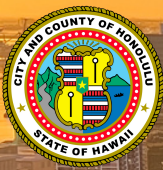
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Town Hall Discussion Held on Package of Illegal Game Room Proposals

CM Dos Santos-Tam co-introduced legislation that will help reduce the number of illegal game rooms in District 6 and around the island. On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, CM Dos Santos-Tam joined Makiki Neighborhood Board Chair, Ian Ross; HPD Major Mike Lambert, and Councilmember Calvin Say to engage with the community and more thoroughly describe the legislative package. Chair Ross was also joined by Ernest Carvalho, the Chair of the Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board, and Roberta Mayer, chair of the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board, along with several other neighborhood board leaders from around the island.



Panelists answering questions from the public about the game room bills.

Summary of Anti-Game Room Legislation:

Bill 57 Relating to Game Rooms, would give DPP and Corporation Counsel greater ability to go after landlords of properties used for gambling establishments that “promote such unsafe conditions” and “threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the public by creating unsafe public nuisances.” It would allow DPP to impose \$1,000 in fines per day, and up to \$150,000 in total on landlords. It also would allow Corporation Counsel to take legal action on any landlord allowing game rooms on their property.

Bill 58 Relating to Authorized Personnel, would allow HPD officers, if designated by DPP, to impose penalties for building code, fire code and land use ordinance violations. In addition, it would allow demolition of a building or structure that is “erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, improved, or converted without the necessary permit.”

Resolution 23-228 urges City agencies designated to enforce the City’s building code, fire code, and land use ordinance to work with the Honolulu Police Department in the gathering of evidence and serving of notices of violation for building code, fire code, and land use ordinance violations for properties on which illegal game rooms are situated.

Federal Government Approves Full Funding Grant Agreement for Rail

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) pledged to provide another \$125 million to the city for the continued construction of the Honolulu rail system, Skyline. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) submitted a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) which was also approved by Congress, is headed for final review by City Council and the HART Board of Directors for approval. The agreement introduced on September 6, is now [Resolution 23-214](#) which was first heard on, Wednesday, October 4, and passed First Reading. Council intends to hold a committee hearing on the agreement in mid-January, and then consider it before the Full Council at the end of January.

Reminder about Applicable Illegal Short Term Rental Laws

Our office would like to let the public that now that the holiday season is here, that means there may be an influx of tourists who want to spend their vacation in the islands. As a result, there may be an uptick in illegal short term rental (STR) operations in our residential neighborhoods. Please be aware that the laws are as follows:

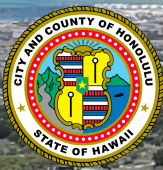
Ordinance 22-7 Advertisements for less than 30 day rentals must include the operator’s STR registration or non-conforming use certificate (NUC) number and the tax map key of the property. It is unlawful to advertise a dwelling for a rental period of less than 30 days unless the dwelling is registered. Advertisements for rentals that are not registered or allowed by a NUC must also include the following statement: “this property may not be rented for less than 30 consecutive days. Rental prices will not be reduced or adjusted based on the number of days the rental is actually used or occupied.” Hotel and timeshare advertisements must include the tax map key for the property on which the hotel unit or timeshare unit is located.

To report a suspected short term rental violation you may [submit a complaint online](#), include the following information in your complaint:

- The address of the Bed and Breakfast (B&B) or Transit Vacation Unit (TVU), including the apartment or unit number;
- All facts that cause the complainant to believe that a violation has occurred;
- The provisions of the Ordinance that the complainant believes are being violated; and
- The complainant’s name, phone number, email and a mailing address for follow-up contact from the department.

For more STR info click here





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Downtown Art Center Neighborhood Security Watch Meeting



A meeting took place on Wednesday, November 22, that brought together local Legislators, CM Dos Santos-Tam, Senator Rhoads and Representative Saiki, to help tackle the pressing issues of crime and homelessness that have impacted the Downtown neighborhood. Scheduled to address recent concerning trends, this gathering aims to forge a collaborative strategy to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents and businesses. Central to the agenda was a proposal to establish a Neighborhood Security Watch group, a proactive step towards combating crime and fostering a safer environment. By uniting

residents in a collective effort, this initiative aims to encourage community-policing in our neighborhoods, reducing undesirable behavior through increased vigilance and cooperation. The effectiveness of this project hinges on public participation and support. Through a unified effort against these challenges, the area will be a less inviting space for criminal activities. The community members presence and input at this meeting was crucial as we work together to make downtown safer for all. Please call our office if you are interested in joining this Neighborhood Security Watch.

View KITV news coverage here



Installation of 5-Way Stop Coming Within the Next Few Weeks

The proposed 5-Way Stop at the intersection of Prospect/'Iolani/Alapa'i will help address speeding, limited line-of-sight issues, and overall hazards for pedestrians and drivers when accessing the road. In November the Makiki Neighborhood Board passed a resolution that expressed support for a 5-way stop at the intersection with a request for further study of other alternatives such as a partial "round-about" in the future to ensure pedestrian and driver safety. CM Dos Santos-Tam also successfully added funding in the 2023-2024 City Budget to erect an interactive speed monitoring sign near the intersection as well to monitor driver speed on the 'Iolani Ave hill. The current estimation of when the 5-Way Stop may be installed is at the end of this month. CM Dos Santos-Tam will continue to work with DTS to help resolve this issue.



Coming Soon: Kinau Street Parking Meter Installations

We're excited to share the latest update regarding parking improvements on Kinau Street. The replacement of old parking meters with brand new ones, commenced in early November, marking the beginning of a significant upgrade aimed at enhancing the parking experience for residents, businesses, and condo occupants in Ward. This change reflects our commitment to improving convenience and accessibility within our neighborhood. The installation is an example of our ongoing efforts to address community needs. CM Dos Santos-Tam is dedicated to making meaningful upgrades that positively impact daily life for everyone, specifically in Ward and elsewhere in the district.

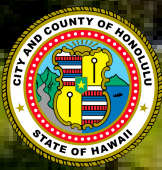


Vehicle Maintenance Related Questions



Above: Abandoned and trashed vehicle on the side of the road.

For someone to report a **abandoned vehicle**, use the form web1.hnl.info/pav or call 808-768-2530 during regular business hours. Be ready to provide the car's description including make, model, color and any other distinguishing markings, license plate, location address, or closest intersection when the call is made. For people asking where they can go to drop off regular size **used tires**; residents can leave up to four tires a month for free at any of the City's convenience centers or transfer stations. For more information, including location, hours, and rules for residential use of these disposal sites, visit honolulu.gov/opala.



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Hawai'i Baptist Academy Wins ILH D2 Bowling State Championship



Under Coach Greg Hayashi's leadership, the Hawai'i Baptist Academy (HBA) Boys' Varsity Bowling Team secured their sixth title, the first since 2009, at the ILH Division 2 Championship, showcasing exceptional skill. They rallied at the state championship, held at Schofield Bowling Center, overcoming strong rivals Castle High School and Kamehameha-Kapālama with a total pinfall of 7111 over eight games. The collective support and effort of teammates, guided by coaches Greg Hayashi, Justin Kanda, and Mike Chan, played pivotal roles in the Academy's victory.

Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam and members from Hawai'i Baptist Academy (HBA) Boys' Varsity Bowling Team and coaches.

Grand Opening of the Hawai'i Kim Chi Museum

CM Dos Santos-Tam along with Councilmembers Say, Tulba, and Waters attended the grand opening ceremony of the Hawaii Kimchi Museum on November 22. A day that signified the passage of a state legislature resolution designating Wednesday, November 22, as Kimchi Day. Now state legislators are working on a bill to make it official every year to honor Korean culture. Tye diverse cultural and heritage of Hawaii is meaningful. The impact of the Korean people in Hawaii has been great. "This year marks the anniversary of the Korean immigrants arriving in Hawaii to work in the sugar cane field," stated Department of Enterprise Services Director Dita Holifield. The exhibit highlights and honors Korean American roots. The museum's location is at 1839 South King Street on the 1st Floor.



Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam and Councilmembers Say, Waters, and Tubla with founders of the museum.

Celebrating the 85+ Year History of Beloved Local Business Jane's Fountain



Jane's Fountain, established in 1937 by Matsuro Nakasone and named after his daughter Jane, retains its original character under current owner Karen Kan since 2010. The restaurant, celebrated for its local comfort cuisine and nostalgic ambiance, features a functioning jukebox, and a preserved old-style soda fountain. Karen's daughter, Julia Kan, emphasizes the restaurant's timeless experience, maintaining traditions like daily fresh soup and beloved menu staples, fostering a sense of home for patrons. Our office honors Karen and Julia Kan for their unwavering 85-year dedication in preserving culinary heritage.

Left: CM Dos Santos-Tam standing with Julia Kan.

Statewide Apprenticeship Programs Come to the City Council

During Full Council on November 1, CM Dos Santos-Tam was joined by other Councilmembers to honor apprenticeship programs and their representatives from around the state. Apprenticeship programs provide essential hands-on training, cultivating expertise in various industries and addressing workforce shortages. They bridge the gap between education and practical skills, empowering individuals and bolstering the economy with a skilled workforce, while creating promising career paths for prospective professionals. Programs included Construction Craft Laborer, Honolulu Community College, and the Hawaii Sheetmetal Training Fund.



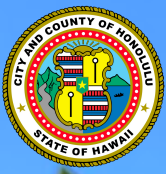
Right: CM Dos Santos-Tam pictured with island-wide Apprenticeship Program representatives.

CM Visits ASSETS School Campus in 'Ālewa Heights



Started in 1955, the Parent Teacher Association of the Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School formed as a non-profit school for military children with developmental challenges. In 1969 Max Templeman renamed the school to "Armed Services Special Education Training Society," or Assets, whose mission is to teach and serve students with learning differences. Due to demand in 1991 the school expanded to include a High School. Currently, Assets Schools are premier institutions providing innovative educational services to gifted and dyslexic children, whose educational model integrates learning environments, and experiences with professional outreach programs.

Left: CM Dos Santos-Tam with a group of ASSETS high school students.



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Productive End of the Year Cleanup At Peter Buck Mini Park



CM Dos Santos-Tam with staff, Honolulu Police Officers Sergeant Oato and Corporal Del Rosario, and residents Angela Melody Young and Doug Choy.

Last month marked the last park cleanup of the year. On November 12 residents and neighbors joined CM Dos Santos-Tam and staff to pick up rubbish and paint over graffiti at Peter Buck Mini Park. The cleanup served as an appreciation and celebration of the park's milestone. The volunteers and staff took the morning to provide well-deserved care of the park. The enthusiasm and hard work of each volunteer during this cleanup and every park cleanup this year has made a profound difference in restoring the beauty of our beloved parks.

The number of volunteers that took the time out of their weekends, showed unwavering dedication. The outcome speaks volumes about the power of community action and the passion we share for preserving our public spaces. These cleanups are testaments to the incredible things we can achieve when we come together for a common cause. Every plastic bottle, every stray wrapper collected was a step toward a greener, cleaner environment for us all. A heartfelt thank you to each volunteer who contributed their time and effort. Your commitment to our community and the environment is truly inspiring. Let's continue working hand in hand to keep our parks pristine and inviting for everyone to enjoy. If you want to find out for information on 2024 park cleanups sign up for our monthly newsletter by clicking [here](#) or contact our office **808-768-5006**.

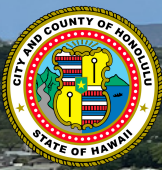
Ward Village Development Updates

Development in the Ward Village area continues, and as part of keeping the Kaka'ako community informed of ongoing progress, here are some updates about the construction of the various Ward Village projects:

- **Victoria Ward Park Makai** – Under construction with enhancements continuing through 2024.
- **Victoria Place** – Ongoing construction and improvements expected to last through 2024.
- **Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway** (State of Hawaii, Dept. of Transportation) – Construction underway until February 2024. For inquiries specific to this project, reach out to HDOT Project Manager, Marvin Luckfield: marvin.luckfield@hawaii.gov.
- **Auahi Street Promenade** – Scheduled improvements progressing throughout 2023. For project-related queries, please contact Jessica Voytik at jessica.voytik@howardhughes.com.
- **The Park Ward Village** – Construction underway, planned to continue through 2025. Associated offsite utility work along Queen Street will continue until December 2023.
- **Ulana** – Development in progress with an expected completion by 2025. Offsite utility work along Ward Avenue, Pohukaina Street, Kamani Street, and Auahi Street remains ongoing.

For any inquiries or clarifications regarding these projects, don't hesitate to contact Mei Parrish at mei.parrish@howardhughes.com.





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New Route 151 “Chinatown-Kauluwela” Launching Dec 3rd



Effective **Sunday, December 3, 2023**, The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be introducing Route 151, a new circulator specifically designed to serve the Downtown, Chinatown, Liliha, and Kuakini area. This new route will service major neighborhood hubs such as Halewaiolu Senior Housing, Kauluwela Elementary School, Aloha United Way, the Salvation Army Community Center, Nu'uuanu Shopping Plaza, Kuakini Medical Center, and more. The service will operate as a convenient one-way clockwise loop. **Route 151 will operate on weekdays from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and weekends from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Rider Alert notifications are being shared with the Downtown/Chinatown Neighborhood Board No. 13 and the Liliha/Puunuuui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14, and will be posted along affected portions of each route. Additionally, you can find detailed information online at www.thebus.org.

View new bus route flyer here



Mark Your Calendars for This Year’s Honolulu City Lights Celebration!

Join the City and County of Honolulu, on **Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 4 p.m.** on Punchbowl Street and across the Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds, featuring food vendors and live entertainment. At 6 p.m. the Public Workers’ Electric Light Parade will start from A’ala Park and the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at the front of Honolulu Hale. After the tree lighting ceremony, the City Department Exhibit and the Holiday Wreath Contest Exhibit at Honolulu Hale will officially open to the public. The dazzling Christmas Lights Celebration will illuminate the spirit of the season! Bring your family and friends to witness the grand illumination ceremony with twinkling lights and enchanting decorations. This event is a joyful celebration for all ages. Mark your calendars and join us as we kick off the holiday season in spectacular style!



Above: A previous Honolulu City Lights Celebration. The festival was started under Mayor Frank Fasi in the 1980s.

New Affordable Complex Completed in Makiki



Above: CM Dos Santos-Tam with developers of the 1427 affordable apartment building with State Senators Chang and Hashimoto.

In Makiki at the intersection of Ernest and Green Streets is a newly built apartment building specifically for affordable housing in Honolulu. [Bill 7 \(19\)](#) introduced by City Council in 2019 works to incentivize private development for affordable housing. The new studio apartments start at approximately \$1,500 per month, a rate that includes all utilities such as gas, electricity, trash collection, and water. This approach works to expand the rental market while expanding accessibility to a wide range of people. 1427 Ernest is an example of how Bill 7 helps to address the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii. With more developments beginning Honolulu gets closer to finding tangible housing solutions for the community at large. For rental information, visit 1427Ernest.com.

Neighborhood Security Watch Programs Growing Across the District

Our office has been working to bring the community together while making it safer for all. The main component to this work has been the formation of Neighborhood Security Watch Programs (NSW). The Neighborhood Security Watch was by the Honolulu Police Department in 1980. At the time, it was known as the Good Neighbor program and Block Watch program. Since then, it has evolved into hundreds of “watches” across Oahu. Our area is covered by HPD District 1 (Downtown/Chinatown) and HPD District 5 (Kalihi/Liliha/’Ālewa/Kamehameha Hts/Nu’uanu). For more information or to join a NSW, scan the QR code to the right.

Sign up for a NSW near you!

