

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

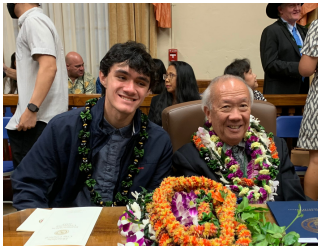
DISTRICT 5: PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MĀNOA, MŌ'ILII'ILI, MCCULLY, ALA MOANA, MAKIKI, AND PORTIONS OF KAKA'AKO.



Calvin K.Y. Say
Councilmember | District 5

Aloha!

As the summer ends and students return to school, there will be increased traffic. Please drive safely and with Aloha, especially around school zones. There may be heavier traffic around our schools with students walking, and parents dropping their keiki off. Stay mindful as schools get back into the swing of things.



I would also like to thank our District 5 Youth Commissioner, Daniel, who graduated from high school in the Spring, and is headed to Dartmouth College in the Fall. His passion for public service shone as he and his fellow Commissioners set up bylaws in the Commission's inaugural

year, passed resolutions relating to issues facing Honolulu's youth, and secured funding for their activities through this year's legislative process. Congratulations Daniel and best wishes on the East Coast. Filling Daniel's seat is Kalena, a middle schooler with a passion for learning about and being involved in our local government. Her interest in politics began when she noticed a lack of youth representation shaping policies that affected her and her peers. She hopes to be a voice for Hawaii's youth in her new role as the incoming District 5 appointee.



WALK THE DOG

While pets are prohibited at most City parks, there are a few on- and off-leash facilities in Council District V:

Off Leash:

- Ala Wai Dog Park (near Ala Wai School)
- Kalo Place Mini Park



On-leash:

- Archie Baker Mini Park
- Mānoa Valley District Park Perimeter
- Pūkele Avenue Mini Park
- Thomas Square



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.honolulu.gov/parks2/beach-parks/182-site-dpr-cat/24590-dogs-in-public-parks.html>

my committees:

- Zoning (CHAIR)
- Public Infrastructure & Technology (VICE CHAIR)
- Executive Management (VICE CHAIR)
- Budget
- Public Safety
- Planning & the Economy

city legislative highlights:

- **Bill 44:** Monster homes have been an ongoing issue in District 5. Bill 44 is another attempt to prevent the construction of these homes by deterring persons by making or inciting the making of a false statement to a public servant - for example, if someone were to submit false plans and pull permits through DPP, they would be subject to fines, imprisonment, and/or community service.
- **Bill 45:** As you may be aware, the City is facing a large vacancy of positions. Bill 45 aims to address the vacancies by addressing the role and functions of the Director of Human Resources, require more reporting, implementing formal processes to keep positions current and competitive, and work with other city departments to analyze, monitor, and identify obsolete vacant positions.
- There were a few affordable housing resolutions that came through the Zoning Committee that will add more rental units for those earning 80% AMI and below. **Resolution 23-160** is for Hale Mo'ili'ili through the State's 201H program, and **Resolution 23-62** provides off-site affordable units within the Transit Oriented Development zone through the City's IPD-T process.

upcoming meetings:

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: <https://www.honolulu.gov/citycouncil>

CITY COUNCIL

- August 9 @ 10:00 am
- September 6 @ 10:00 am

ZONING COMMITTEE

- August 23 @ 9:00 am
- September 13 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

- 1st Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #7 Mānoa
- 1st Thursday @ 6:30 pm | NB #8 McCully/Mō'ili'ili
- 2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm | NB #6 Pālolo
- 2nd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #5 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights
- 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | NB #4 Kaimukī
- 3rd Thursday @ 6 pm | NB #10 Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus
- 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm | NB #11 Ala Moana/Kaka'ako

Did You Know?



Sandwiched between Beretania and King Streets is Young Street. The street was not named for a prominent Chinese resident, but for John Young, an English sailor. After coming ashore in 1790, he was detained by Kamehameha but gained his trust and became one of his advisors.

In news and real estate, we hear "Pāwa'a." Pāwa'a is the area roughly bounded by South King, Hauoli, Citron, Kanunu, and Sheridan Streets. The word pāwa'a means a canoe enclosure and the area was given the name because canoes were believed to be stored in the neighborhood.



Images from Google StreetView.



Councilmember Say attended and spoke at the Palolo Care Giver and Family Council Meeting on July 18. He mentioned some of the groups in Palolo, Kaimuki, Kapahulu, and Mō'ili'ili that provide services to seniors and support caregivers.



Councilmember Say and staff attended the Blue Zones Project Keiki to Kupuna Family-Fun Day at Old Stadium Park on July 22. There were exhibits and tips related to healthy living and the community. Learn more at: <https://bzphawaii.com>



Council staff joined the City's Office of Economic Revitalization and Catholic Charities Hawai'i and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement for a rent and utility relief application event at Ala Wai Clubhouse on July 10. The team processed 56 new rental relief applications and 16 recertification requests. For future OER events, check out <https://www.revitalizeoahu.org/>.



(left) HPD's Community Policing Team (CPT) for the area attended the Blue Zones event. Representing the CPT were Officers Lorraine Iwamasa, Daniel Farley and Ed Ho. Mahalo for all you do to keep our community safe!



The Kaimuki Business and Professional Association held a clean-up at Kaimuki Community Park on Saturday, July 29. CM Say and staff joined volunteers to pick up trash and leaves, clean the gym louvers, and paint over graffiti.



*** Mahalo to the Department of Facility Maintenance

The health of our streams is everyone's concern. Stream owners are responsible to ensure that their portion is free from all debris. Clean streams can prevent severe damage from flooding that is caused when debris flows downstream and forms a clog in narrow parts of the stream or under a bridge.

Homeowners should remember that they can be held financially liable if improper stream management on their property causes flooding upstream or downstream that damages their neighbors' property.