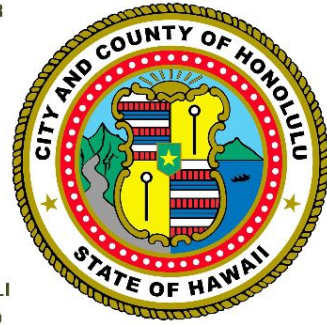




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April 29, 2022

## Lanikai Bikeway Turns 50!

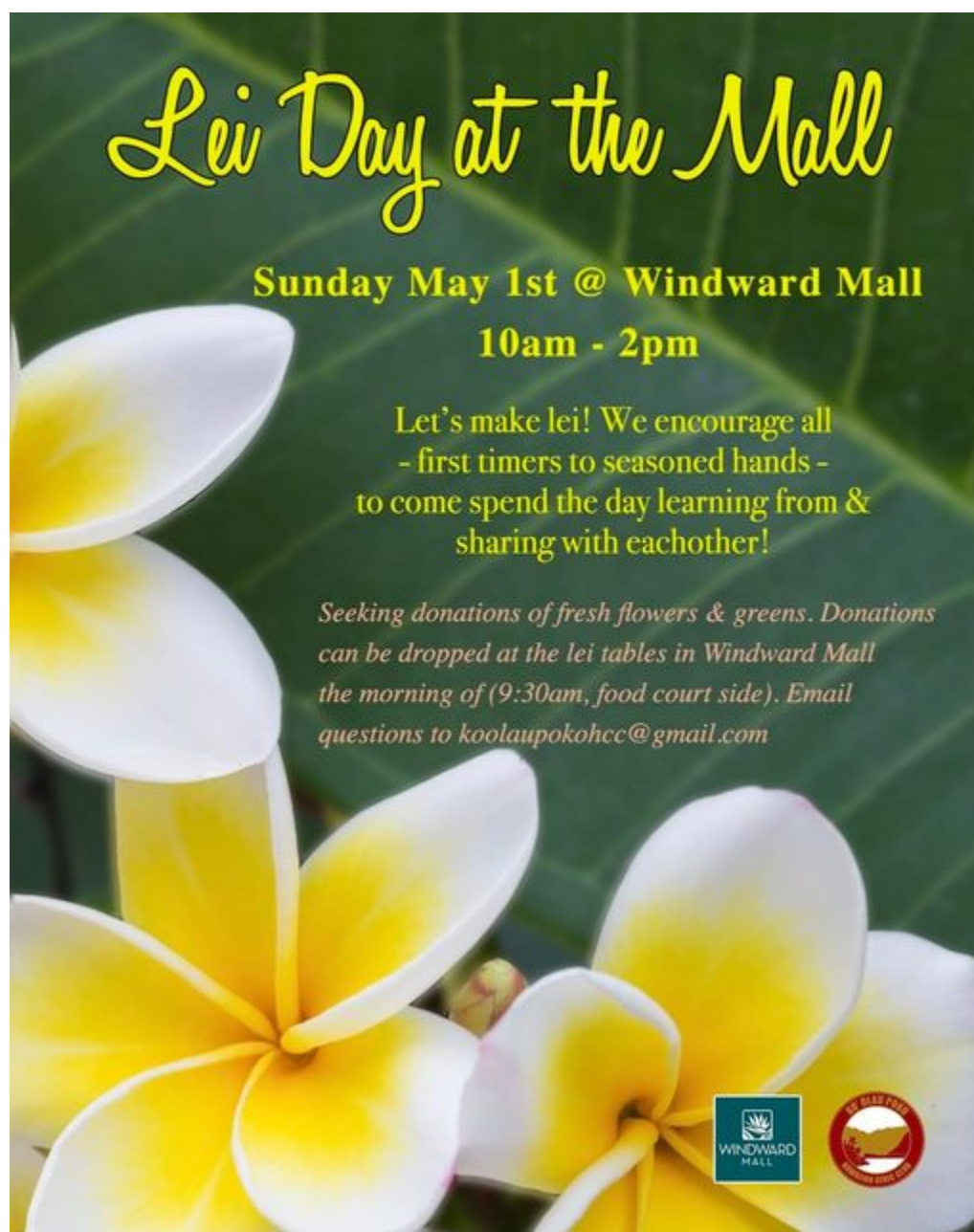


This July, the Lanikai community celebrates 50 years of the Lanikai Bikeway. The Bikeway would not have been established were it not for the efforts of community members Cynthia Thielen and Ted Rogers, who took action to address dangerous conditions for bikers in 1972. Former Representative Thielen and Mr. Rogers helped to organize the community and successfully

lobbied the City and County of Honolulu to approve and construct a bikeway and establish a one-way traffic loop in Lanikai. To recognize their contributions, I was pleased to introduce [Resolution 22-97](#), which names the Mōkūlua Drive portion of the Lanikai Bikeway for Cynthia H.H. Thielen, and the A‘alapapa Drive portion for Theodore S. “Ted” Rogers. The measure was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Sustainability, and Health, of which I am a member. The next committee hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, May 24, at 9:00 a.m. An agenda will become available a week before the hearing and can be found [here](#). Please join us in honoring these two treasured community members.

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## Lei Day at Windward Mall on May 1st with Ko‘olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club



## Return of the City's Summer Fun Program

## City's Summer Fun Program is back!

Summer Fun is returning to dozens of City park locations across O'ahu in 2022.

The 2022 Summer Fun Program will be offered on weekdays, **8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday, June 6 through Friday, July 22, 2022** (not including King Kamehameha I Holiday - June 10 and Independence Day Holiday - July 4).

Registration is taking place on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12-noon.

Learn more: [bit.ly/summerfunoahu](https://bit.ly/summerfunoahu)

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The 2022 Summer Fun Program will be offered on weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday, June 6, through Friday, July 22, 2022. Summer Plus activities, which happen before and/or after the regular program times, will be offered at various sites. Check the Department of Parks and Recreation [website](#) for more information on dates, fees, and how to register.

## Congratulations to the Kailua High School's Girls Varsity Basketball Team!



On April 13th, the Kailua High School Girls Basketball team was awarded an honorary certificate by the Honolulu City Council for winning the 2022 O'ahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) Girls Basketball Division II Championship! This was the Surfriders' first OIA girls basketball championship in school history. The hard work and dedication of these young athletes and their coaches has given the Kailua community something to be extremely proud of. Congratulations Surfriders!

## First Year at Windward Community College!



Windward Community College (WCC) is offering the Ho'olei Tuition Award to Windward area graduating seniors who are attending WCC starting Fall 2022, a savings of up to \$3,144! To see if you're eligible and to apply, visit the WCC Ho'olei [website](#).

## Keeping Our Residential Communities, Residential



During the COVID-19 lockdowns, residents savored the calm that resulted from the significant decline in visitors brought to our neighborhoods, and were reminded of what our communities can look like when we prioritize local residents' quality of life. When I took office in 2021, I quickly understood that the explosion of short-term rentals in our district's residential areas was a prominent concern for our community. Constituents shared their concerns that short term rental use had deteriorated their quality of life and taken over their neighborhoods.

These concerns underscore the significance of the signing into law of [Bill 41, CD2](#) on April 26, 2022. It builds on what was established in Bill 89, which passed in 2019, by continuing to prohibit short-term rentals in residential areas, unless grandfathered in with a non-conforming use certificate and by clarifying

registration requirements, requires parking plans for operators, prohibits parking on the street in residential communities, and establishes quiet hours. The bill would also improve the Department of Planning and Permitting's enforcement tools.

I believe that Bill 41, CD2 and [Bill 4, CD1](#), which is moving through the Council now, sets the right balance, by further limiting short-term rentals to resort areas and adjacent districts, while also ensuring we do not overly burden legal operators in resort areas.

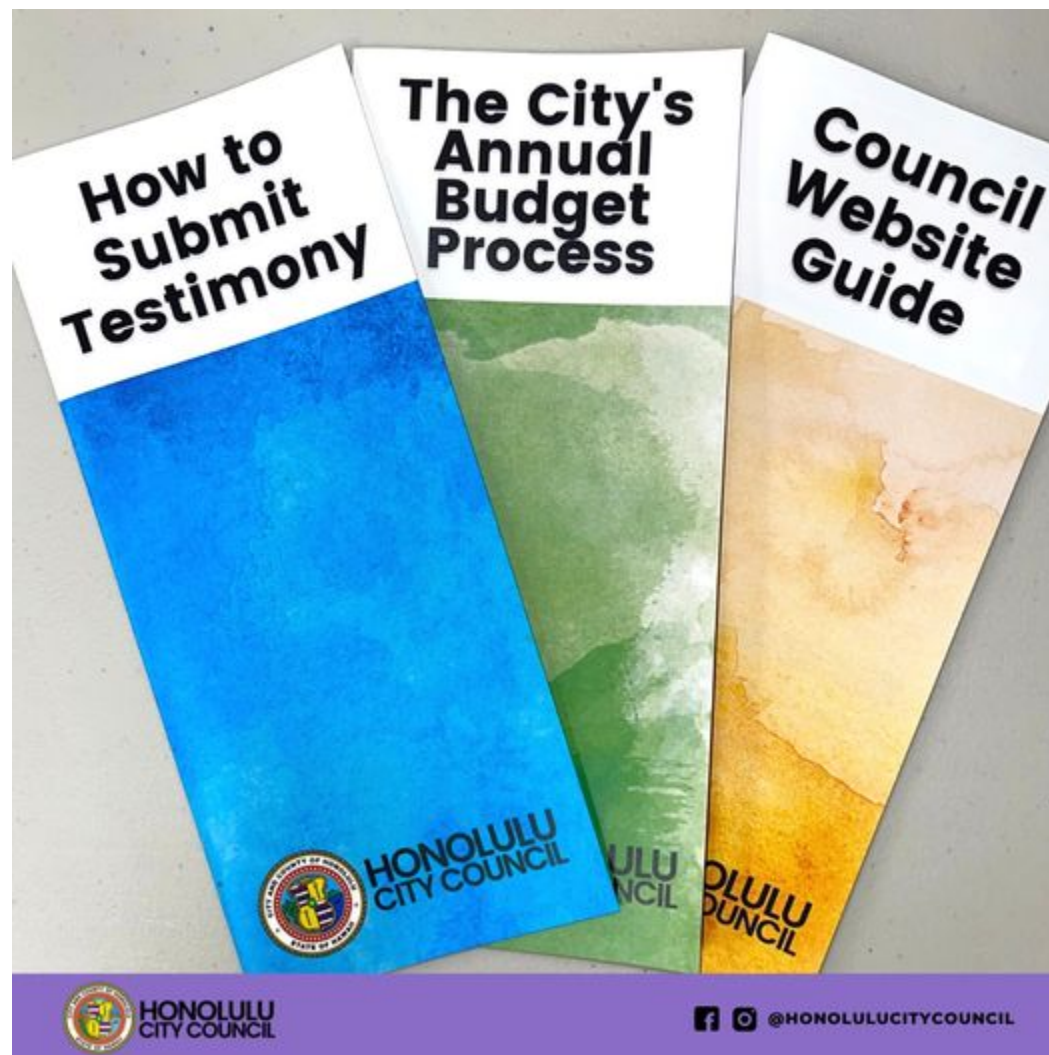
I understand that some residents may still have outstanding questions related to the impact of Bill 41 on local communities. Here are some answers to some common questions:

- **What is a Short-Term Rental?** Under Bill 41, CD2, Short-Term Rentals are transient vacation units or bed and breakfast homes that are rented to visitors for less than 90 consecutive days, rather than 30 consecutive days.
- **Where are Short Term Rentals allowed?** Short-Term Rentals are allowed in resort districts (e.g. Mākaha, Lā'ie, Ko Olina, and Turtle Bay), the Waikīkī special district resort mixed use precinct, and certain apartment districts adjacent to Turtle Bay and Ko Olina and in the Waikīkī special district, and in any zoning district with a grandfathered in Non-Conforming Use Certificate (NCUC).
- **When does the law go into effect?** The law, including the transition from the 30 days to 90 days, will go into effect 180 days (six months) from the signing of the bill into law on April 26, 2022.

**Where can I report illegal Short-Term Rentals in my neighborhood?** If you suspect that a neighbor is operating an illegal short term rental in your community, you may report the violation through the City's Department of Planning and Permitting [Short-Term Rental Complaint Portal](#). Please be prepared to provide the location address, including apartment number if applicable, being used for short-term stays. Include any advertisement information when reporting a violation.

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**Legislative Update**



- [Bill 4, CD1](#): On April 20, 2022, Bill 4, CD1, related to property tax classifications for short term rentals, passed out of the Budget Committee. The CD1 incorporates a proposed change to the bill that I suggested to establish a new “transient vacation unit” classification. This classification would apply to all TVUs, including TVUs with NCUCs, instead of the hotel and resort rate. The rates for each property tax classification is determined annually and will be determined this year when the Council passes [Resolution 22-45](#). When heard, I will advocate for the rate for the transient vacation unit classification to be less than the hotel and resort rate but higher than bed and breakfast and residential rates.
- [Bill 38, CD2](#): Mahalo to Mayor Blangiardi for signing Bill 38, CD2 into law on April 5, 2022. I introduced Bill 38 in response to excessive commercial use of City managed parks in Waimānalo, most of which are a part of the Hawaiian Home lands trust. The law prohibits most commercial activities at these parks and City-owned and-operated right of ways. I am grateful to the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board and community members for their support and thoughtful input throughout the last six months, which was critical to the development and passing of this measure, and signing into law by the Mayor.
- [Bill 11/Resolution 22-34](#): Bill 11 was passed out of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee on April 19, 2022, and will be heard by the full City Council on Wednesday, March 4, at 10 a.m. In February, the Council adopted [Resolution 22-34](#) which designates the month of February as “Mahina ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i” in the City and County of Honolulu, and acknowledges the history of ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and its revitalization. Through these measures, the Council affirms the value of ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and the importance to ensure that it thrives well into the future. E ola ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i!

We encourage all community members to stay engaged with what is happening at the City Council. Many bills and resolutions of interest get introduced and discussed throughout the year.

- For more information on how to track legislation, you can find more information [here](#).
- For more information on how to submit oral testimony on legislation of interest, you can find more information [here](#).

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**Community Profile:  
Kaiwipuni Lipe and Jo-Ann Leong,  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority,  
He'eia District Members**



Dr. Kaiwipuni Lipe



Dr. Jo-Ann Leong

On March 11, 2022, the Hawai'i State Senate Legislature confirmed Dr. Kaiwipuni Lipe and Dr. Jo-Ann Leong to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) Board for the He'eia Community Development District. The HCDA was established by the State Legislature to establish community development plans in the community development districts of Kaka'ako, Kalaeloa, and He'eia. I had the pleasure of recommending Dr. Lipe and Dr. Leong, and the County Council ultimately nominated them for the He'eia District appointments to the HCDA Board, which facilitates culturally appropriate agriculture, education and natural-resource restoration and management of the He'eia wetlands, consistent with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply's Ko'olau Poko Watershed Management Plan and the City's Ko'olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan. The Authority's oversight should and has encouraged social and economic opportunities in the He'eia community.

Dr. Lipe and Dr. Leong provide unique perspectives to the HCDA Board. As an educator, and community advocate focused on Native Hawaiian and community-based education, Dr. Lipe currently serves as the Native Hawaiian Affairs Officer in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Provost Office; the Director of the Mānoa Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Campus Center; and the Interim Director of the Institute for Hawaiian Language Research and Translation. Dr. Leong, Director Emeritus of the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB), has a prolific research career in microbiology, and is involved in community organizations in He'eia. She is also a contributing member of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club.

As leaders in their fields, I know that Dr. Lipe and Dr. Leong will provide valuable insight to the HCDA board, help me to congratulate them on their appointments to serve the He'eia community.

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**City's 2022 Annual Sustainability Report,  
Reflecting on Progress, and Encouraging  
Residents to "Conserve808"**



The Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency produces an annual report on the City's progress on meeting established sustainability, climate change, and resilience objectives and targets, which drives O'ahu to a more climate change friendly and community resilient place. The 2022 Annual Report details how the City has progressed on its stated goals throughout 2021. You can access the report [here](#). In addition, the City is considering the development of Community Resilience Hubs which are designed to bring people together for community resources, services and can potentially be used to aid during disaster and emergency responses. Take this [online survey](#) to provide your input and help the City understand the specific needs and preferences for a Hub in your community

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## Community Outreach



*Councilmember Kia'aina meeting with concerned community members as well as the Director of the City's Department of Facilities Maintenance, Dawn Szewczyk, and her staff to discuss ongoing issues at Ka'elepulu Stream.*

One of the most important jobs as your Councilmember is to make sure that you are able to reach me with your inquiries, identify issues, or to share your concerns. You can either email me at [ekiaaina@honolulu.gov](mailto:ekiaaina@honolulu.gov) or call me at (808) 768-5003. You may also want to follow me on my [Facebook page](#).

If you want to contact City agencies directly, you can also utilize the City's 311 mobile application, which provides a free, simple, and intuitive platform empowering people to report potholes, broken streetlights, cracked sidewalks,



and report non-emergency issues, which will then be reviewed by the appropriate City department and assigned.

You can also access this service through the City's website [here](#). or call the City's information hotline at: (808) 768-CITY (2489).

## Announcements



**Hawaii H.O.M.E. Project**  
Houseless Outreach and Medical Education

**FREE Medical Services  
for houseless &  
uninsured/underinsured  
individuals**



**Every third Saturday, 2pm-5pm, at  
KEY Project, 47-200 Waihee Rd.**

**SERVICES INCLUDE:**

Care for Acute & Chronic Medical Problems  
Preventative Services, Advanced Wound Care,  
Vaccines and Lab Testing, Health Education,  
Assistance with Medications, Referral & Resource  
Services

**CONTACT US**  
Call (808) 223-8859 or visit  
[www.hawaiihomeproject.org](http://www.hawaiihomeproject.org)

- FREE Medical Services for houseless & uninsured/underinsured individuals through the Hawaii Houseless Outreach and Medical Education (H.O.M.E.) Project, every 3rd Saturday at KEY Project on Waihe'e Road
- Stay up to date on what is happening in your Neighborhood Boards by attending their monthly meetings, the upcoming schedule for May is as follows:
  - [Kailua Neighborhood Board](#): Thursday, May 5th, at 7:00 PM
  - [Waimānalo Neighborhood Board](#): Monday, May 9th, at 7:00 PM
  - [Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board](#): Wednesday, May 11th, at 7:00 PM
  - [Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board](#): Thursday, May 19th, at 7:00 PM

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