

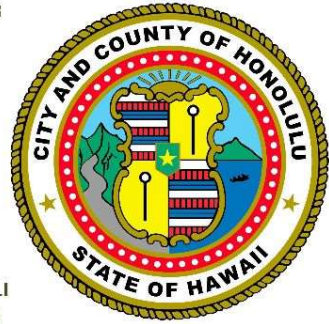
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June 7, 2021

**\$5 million Secured for new
City Agriculture Grants Program**



Windward Mall Farmer's Market

I am pleased to announce that my first legislation ([Res 21-079, DC1, FD1](#)), urging the Administration to support and expend funds for a grant program to support local agriculture passed the full City Council on May 5 with Administration support.

The City Council also supported my amendment to fund the program at \$5 million during the passage of the City's Operating Budget on June 3. The goals of the program include the promotion of new crops, facilitation of innovation in farming methods, and acquisition of farm equipment to increase efficiency. My objective for prioritizing agriculture was to support our local farmers, promote economic diversification, and strengthen food security – a win win for all of us. Mahalo to all of you who submitted testimony throughout the legislative and budgetary process!

Rental and Utility Relief Program reopens today - Monday, June 7 at 6 p.m.




Rental & Utility
Relief Program
City & County of Honolulu

The City and County of Honolulu's Rental and Utility Relief Program reopens Monday, June 7 at 6 p.m. to new applicants.

- Up to \$2,000 a month for rent
- Up to \$500 a month for electricity, sewer & water, and gas
- *Income Limits Apply* -

New Applicants Only.
Previous applications are being processed.

Apply at
oneoahu.org/renthelp



The City and County of Honolulu will accept 10,000 applications from the most vulnerable people and families when the Rental and Utility Relief Program reopens for new applications today - Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6 p.m. at oneoahu.org/renthelp.

As a reminder, during the 1st round, applications were closed 4 hours after 8,000 applicants were reached and during the 2nd round, applications were closed 20 minutes after 4,000 applicants were reached.

To get ready to apply: gather needed documents; make sure only one person per household applies; multiple applications from the same household will be disallowed and delay processing applications for other households in need; those who have already applied in the first two rounds should not apply again; and don't apply for mortgage help. The program cannot pay for delinquent mortgages due to federal guidelines. A separate program for such a program will be forthcoming from state/city authorities.

Congratulations to UH Men's Volleyball – National Champions



It was an honor to welcome and congratulate the University of Hawaii men's volleyball team at Honolulu Hale in May after its win over BYU for the 2021 NCAA National Championship. It was an even prouder moment for our Windward side ohana with Head Coach Charlie Wade hailing from Kailua and Cole Hogland and Alaka'i Todd hailing from Waimanalo and Kailua respectively. Both players are excited to contribute to future seasons for the Rainbow Warriors.



Kailua Complete Streets - Make Your Voices Heard



The City and County of Honolulu's Kailua Streets Project is seeking to develop improvements for Kailua neighborhood streets for all roadway users. At a May 26, 2021, virtual community meeting, there were many concerns and support that were expressed by Kailua residents. To view the video recording of the meeting, please [click here](#).

For more information or to view the proposed concepts from the community meeting, please go to <http://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/kailua>. To ensure that your voices are heard, please submit your comments on the proposed roadway safety concepts by June 30, 2021 to kailuacompletestreets@bchdesign.com. I recommend that you also share your comments with completestreets@honolulu.gov.

\$1.67 million for Kaelepulu Pond Drainage Improvements



Checking out Kaelepulu watershed drainage routes with Kailua Neighborhood Board member Levani Lipton.

The City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget, which was passed by the City Council on June 3, included my amendment for \$1.67 million for the long-term planning, design, construction, and inspection of structural Best Management Practice (BMP) improvements for City drain lines that discharge into Kaelepulu Pond. Structural BMPs would be installed to address pollutants of concern such as sediment, thrash, nutrients, and metals.

Important Agricultural Lands Designation for O‘ahu



On May 26, I urged the state’s Land Use Commission to reject the City and County of Honolulu’s recommendations for Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Designation for O‘ahu so that the City Council can do a better job at outreach and modifications.

In my letter, I stated, “As the Councilmember representing Council District 3, which includes many small farms, I am concerned about the impacts to my constituents, including Waimanalo farmers and kuleana landowners who have raised concerns about IAL designations. Many have expressed that they were not provided sufficient notice, informed on how to opt out before the City submitted its recommendations, clear

information on the consequences of such a designation, and/or guidance on the opt out process.” To view my full letter, please click [here](#).

\$250,000 for Bayview Dog Park



My office continues to work with the Department of Environmental Services, the Department of Parks and Recreation, Corporation Counsel, and the owners of Bayview Golf Course on the establishment of a Bayview Dog Park. My amendment for \$250,000 for the park was included in the City's CIP Budget which passed on June 6. The funds can be used for planning, design, construction, and inspection for sustainable park facility improvements for the community. It my hope that a transfer of lands to the Department of Parks and Recreation can occur soon so that improvements for the park can be undertaken.

Kailua Boat Ramp – Longer-Term Fix Still in the Works



Mahalo to the Blangiardi Administration for their commitment to helping to fix the Kailua boat ramp! At the end of April/beginning of May, the City's Department of Design and Construction (DCC) and contractors were on site to help fill the hazardous pukas in the boat ramp. While this effort was to address a short-term fix, I will continue to work with DCC and the Department of Parks and Recreation on a long-term fix with the \$2 million secured by former Councilmember Ikaika Anderson during last year's CIP budget.

Honolulu's First-Ever Climate Action Plan

One Climate One O'ahu

Accelerating O'ahu's clean energy future for our **communities** | 'āina | **economy**

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**CLIMATE
ACTION PLAN
2020-2025**



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THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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The City Council approved the Honolulu's first ever 2020-2025 Climate Action Plan (CAP) on June 6. The climate action plan is a science-based, community-driven strategy for O'ahu to combat climate change and eliminate fossil fuel emissions—the root cause of

global warming. The CAP lays out a detailed list of programs, policies, and actions that our island can take, alongside state and federal actions, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 45 percent over the next five years and put us on the path to carbon neutrality by 2045. For further information and to provide comments, please click [here](#).

Congratulations 2021 Graduates!



60th Anniversary of Pali Lanes



Celebrating 60 years of Pali Lanes serving the community and letting the good times roll!

Community Outreach



Good riddance to the abandoned boat on Kaneohe Bay Drive. Mahalo to the City officials who broke down the boat for disposal!

One of the most important jobs as your Councilmember is to make sure that you are able to reach me with your inquiries or to share your concerns. You can either email me at 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, illegal dumping, vandalized/broken signs and more via your smartphone. Please note that this app serves as a tool for residents to request City services 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](#).

You can also call the City's information hotline at: (808) 768-CITY (2489).



Honolulu 311 App

The official citizen application for Honolulu, HI

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Types of Issues to Report:

Abandoned Property	Parking Issues
Broken/Vandalized Signs	Parking Meter
Broken Street Lights	Broken/Missing
Clogged Catch Basin	Stored Property Violation
Construction Runoff	Storm Water Pollution
Drug Activity	Stream Maintenance
Flooding	Submit a Crime Tip
Gamehouses/Gambling	Taxi Complaints
Gang Activity	Traffic Infractions
Graffiti	Tree or Plant
Homeless Concerns	Maintenance
Illegal Dump Site	Other
Noise	

How to File a Report

- 1) Download Honolulu 311 from Google Play or Apple App Store
- 2) Create an Account
- 3) Submit a Request and Attach a Photo

***You have the option to remain anonymous**

Submit your request.



[Request a Service, Report an Issue, and Help Improve your Community](#)

Once submitted, your request is reviewed by the appropriate City Department and the work is assigned or scheduled.

Estimated times to complete vary by request

If you sign up for an account, the City will send you updates as work is completed on your request.

Honolulu City Council Communications Office