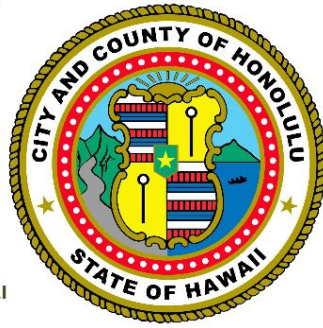




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December 28, 2022

**Honolulu City Lights Celebration
at Honolulu Hale**



Enjoying the Honolulu City Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony at Honolulu Hale on Dec. 3rd. Pictured with me from left to right are Councilmember-Elect Matt Weyer, CM Radiant Cordero, CM Esther Kia'āina, and CM-Elect Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and CM-Elect Val Okimoto.

The holiday season is alive at Honolulu Hale with the return of the 38th annual Honolulu City Lights celebration with Shaka Santa and Tūtū Mele greeting visitors. Inside, crowds can find the City and County of Honolulu Employee Christmas Tree exhibit in the Courtyard. This year's theme, *Kuleana*, showcases the missions of 25 city departments and agencies. Congratulations to the 2022 Honolulu City Lights *Best in Show* Awardees: Department of Parks & Recreation (1st Place), Honolulu Fire Department (2nd Place), and Honolulu Police Department (3rd Place). Another crowd favorite is the impressive showcase of wreaths in the Lane Gallery. The last day of the official Honolulu City Lights displays at Honolulu Hale is Saturday, December 30th at 10 p.m.

although the official celebration ends on Friday, the large outdoor displays and popular Christmas tree will be in place until Tuesday, January 3rd.

O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission to be Established: Commissioners being Sought



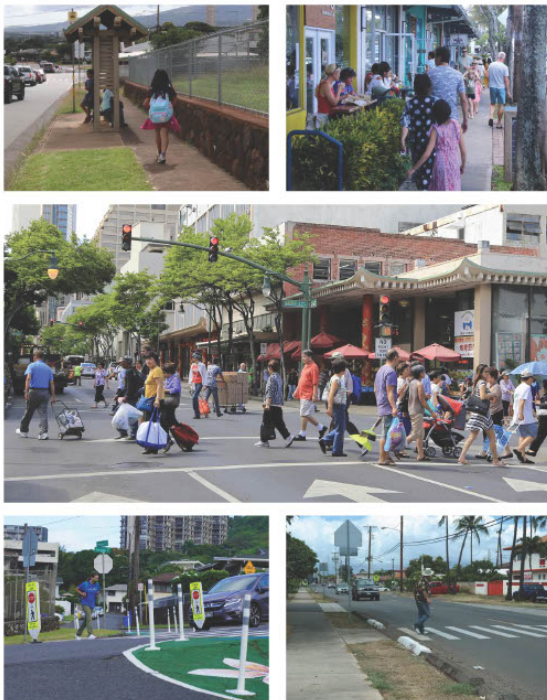
'Iolani Palace, Photo Credit: Society of Architectural Historians

After nearly 30 years, the City and County of Honolulu will become the final county in the State of Hawai'i to stand up a historic preservation commission. [Bill 44, CD1](#), which amends the current ordinance that established the Commission, became law as Ordinance 22-33 on November 22, 2022. The O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission has the potential to facilitate increased protection for historic and culturally significant sites by assisting the City with reviewing projects that may warrant further review, proactively identifying

historic properties, and planning and designing activities for City projects. To support the City Council’s efforts, the Mayor proposed [Resolution 22-279](#) to the City Council using his executive reorganization power under the City Charter to establish the commission in the Charter and give effect to Ordinance 22-33. Mahalo to my City Council colleagues and Mayor Blangiardi for our collective efforts to officially establish the O’ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

The Mayor is looking for qualified residents to consider serving on the O’ahu Historic Preservation Commission. Qualified candidates must have professional or educational experience in the following disciplines: architecture, history, archaeology, planning, architectural history, Hawaiian culture, anthropology, ethnography, or sociology. I encourage qualified candidates interested in serving to email a resume and cover letter to the City Managing Director’s office at mdoffice@honolulu.gov.

Final O’ahu Pedestrian Plan Approved




O A H U PEDESTRIAN P L A N

Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu



FINAL
July 2022

The City and County of Honolulu’s final [O’ahu Pedestrian Plan](#) was adopted by the full City Council via [Resolution 22-227](#) at the December 7, 2022, City Council meeting. The O’ahu Pedestrian Plan is a long term action plan to

create safe and accessible streets for O‘ahu residents to comfortably walk to their destinations.

The plan identifies 38 High Pedestrian Injury Corridors and 107 High Pedestrian Injury Locations throughout O‘ahu. These are streets or intersections that account for a disproportionate share of pedestrian injuries and fatalities on O‘ahu. Of these locations, several are located in District 3:

- Aulike Street and Ku‘ulei Road (Kailua)
- Kailua Road and Macy’s (Kailua)
- Kailua Road and Oneawa Street (Kailua)
- Kamehameha Highway and Pahia Road (Kāne‘ohe)
- Kamehameha Highway and Kahuhipa Street (Kāne‘ohe)

A full list of locations can be found on pages 18-20 of the plan. The plan indicates that many of the locations listed will receive improvements within the next five years. Safety improvements at the first 4 locations listed above are currently underway by the City.

The plan also highlights the City’s plans for walkway projects across the island. These projects are intended to fill the highest need sidewalk gaps on major streets and in school zones across O‘ahu, and account for about 20% of the \$2.6 billion cost to complete all missing walkways on inventoried City streets. Over 34 walkway projects or upgrades are located in District 3, and include parts of Hamakua Drive, Kailua Road, Ku‘ulei Road, Kainalu Drive, Kāne‘ohe Bay Drive, Mokulua Drive, and Kalaheo Avenue. A full list of walkway projects can be found on pages 39-43 of the plan.

Community Profile: Bonnie Kahape‘a-Tanner and the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy Celebrate 20 Years



On December 10, 2022, the Honolulu City Council recognized and honored Kāne'ōhe's Bonnie Kahape'a-Tanner for her hard work and dedication to the community and congratulated the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy for celebrating 20 years of providing educational and career pathway programs to the youth.

In 1999, Bonnie served as the watch captain on the canoe Makali'i's historic voyage to Satawal, Micronesia. This was a transformative experience for Bonnie, and it encouraged her to help open Hālau Kū Māna Public Charter School, launch the wa'a (canoe) Kānehūnāmoku – a 29 foot coastal sailing canoe based in Kāne'ōhe Bay, and start the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy with the goal of sharing, teaching, and giving youth and students of all ages, including Native Hawaiians in particular, an opportunity to practice and participate in the voyaging culture.

With Bonnie serving as the Executive Director and Captain, Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy began providing independent programming and educational opportunities to other private and public schools through classroom visits and on the ocean excursions aboard the Kānehūnāmoku canoe.

On November 18, 2022, the canoe Kānehūnāmoku and the Kānehūnāmoku

Voyaging Academy celebrated its 20th anniversary of sailing and providing students with educational opportunities by hosting a lū'au with supporters and the Kānehūnāmoku 'ohana. Congratulations to Bonnie and the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy!

2022 Year in Review: Councilmember Kia'āina Introduced/Co-introduced Legislation



- [Bill 38, CD2 \(2021\) \(Ordinance 22-3\)](#), Prohibits most commercial activities at City managed Waimānalo beach parks and rights-of-ways. Adopted on March 16, 2022.
- [Bill 44, CD1 \(Ordinance 22-33\)](#), Amends the ordinance establishing the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission, updates the professional composition and duties of the commission, and eliminates duties that are

unnecessarily duplicative of the State Historic Preservation Division.

Adopted on November 2, 2022.

- [Resolution 22-2](#), Requesting an update on the status of the City administration's action plan to address the needs of homeless people on O'ahu. Adopted on January 26, 2022.
- [Resolution 22-3, CD1](#), Requesting the City administration to provide an update to the Council on the status of the City's implementation of the recommendations from the Affordable Rental Housing report and Ten-Year Plan, and other efforts to address the affordable housing crisis. Adopted on January 26, 2022.
- [Resolution 22-97, FD1](#), Naming the Lanikai Bikeway for Cynthia Thielen and Ted Rodgers. Adopted on June 1, 2022.
- [Resolution 22-123](#), Creating an Annual Educational Campaign for the Home Tax Exemption. Adopted on July 6, 2022.
- [Resolution 22-125](#), Requesting Department of Transportation Services to develop a Lanikai Transportation Plan. Adopted July 6, 2022.
- [Resolution 22-207](#), Urging the City Administration and Liquor Commission to take action and restore public trust in the liquor commission. Adopted October 5, 2022.
- [Bill 14, CD2, FD1 \(2022\), \(Ordinance 22-13\)](#), Establishes the City's operating budget for fiscal year 2023. Adopted on June 1, 2022. I was able to secure
 - an archaeologist position within the Department of Planning and Permitting related to historic preservation,
 - funding for District 3 city park improvements,
 - funding for the establishment of a dog park in Kāne'ohe
 - funding for Feral chicken control on City owned property.
- [Bill 15, CD2, FD1 \(2022\), \(Ordinance 22-14\)](#), Establishes the City's capital budget for fiscal year 2023. Adopted on June 1, 2022. I was able to secure approximately \$30 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to fund the following programs:
 - Vacant or Abandoned Properties Improvements - \$12 million,
 - Affordable Housing for Pandemic Impacted Communities - \$10 million,
 - Home Ownership Assistance Programs - \$5 million, and
 - COVID Death benefits for Citizens of the Freely Associated States of Micronesia living on O'ahu that were otherwise ineligible for federal death benefits - \$2 million.
- [Bill 27, CD2 \(Ordinance 22-19\)](#), Authorizes outdoor dining services in certain public places. I proposed a CD1 amendment which authorized the

Department to establish and implement a pilot dining program for two years and provided an exception to bidding requirements. Adopted on July 6, 2022.

Advancing Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Protection Measures



Caption: *Waimānalo Beach, Photo Credit: Civil Beat*

After hearings on [Bill 41, CD1 \(2022\)](#) and [Bill 42, CD1 \(2022\)](#) in August and September 2022, I held an informational [briefing](#) as Acting Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee on November 17, 2022, to provide the public and the Councilmembers with additional information on sea level rise and its impacts on our shorelines and public resources, the state's response through Act 16 (relating to coastal zone management), and the City and County's response through Bill 41 (relating to shoreline setbacks) and Bill 42 (relating to the special management area).

The informational briefing included presentations from

- Dr. Chip Fletcher from the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa - [presentation](#)
- Justine Nihipali from the State's Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management Program - [presentation](#), and
- Matt Gonser from the City & County Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency and Liz Krueger from the City's Department of Planning and Permitting - [presentation](#)

The informational briefing provided background on the impetus of Bill 41 and Bill 42; the impact of these measures on shoreline property owners, including whether they can build, rebuild, or repair homes; the requirements that Act 16 impose on the City and County and how they have manifested in Bill 41 and Bill 42; and explanations of other provisions not required by state law. The impacts of these measures are important to our coastal communities in District 3 and elsewhere on O'ahu.

I look forward to having a robust discussion about potential amendments to these measures in the first quarter of 2023.

Portal Open for \$30 million in City grants for Non-Profits

\$30 MILLION IN RELIEF FOR NON-PROFITS

The City is accepting applications for relief for non-profits that have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

**Starting December 21, 2022, at 8 a.m.
First-come, first-served basis
until funds are exhausted.**

For more information and to apply, visit oneoahu.org/nonprofitreliefprogram.



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Non-profit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may now apply for financial relief from the City and County of Honolulu [here](#).

Eligible organizations are able to apply for as much as \$100,000 in funding and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. This funding may be used as working capital, as well as cover day-to-day expenses including rent or lease payments, mortgage payments, asset maintenance, utility expenses, payroll, and other expenses.

The Department of Community Services (DCS) hosted a webinar on December 12, 2022, for interested non-profit organizations to learn more about the relief program, which may be viewed [here](#). To view the eligibility criteria for the program, please click [here](#).

Cynthia Thielen and Ted Rodgers Lanikai Bikeway Signage Up



The Lanikai community received new signage reflecting the new name of the Lanikai Bikeway, named after Cynthia Thielen and Ted Rodgers. I was pleased to author [Resolution 22-97](#), which names the Mokulua Drive portion of the Lanikai Bikeway for Cynthia H.H. Thielen, and the 'A'alapapa Drive portion for Theodore S. "Ted" Rodgers, and was adopted by the full City Council on June 1, 2022. The signage was completed just in time for the Lanikai community's New Year's Day parade.

Community Outreach



On Nov. 28, I had the pleasure of talking to Ms. Pokipala's 11th Grade English students from Castle High School, where they discussed advocacy at the City, State, and Federal level. The conversation was engaging and informative as I was able to share my experiences in government and answer questions from students.

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 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](#), or call the City's information hotline at: (808) 768-CITY (2489).

Meet Team Kia'āina



Pictured from left to right: Gloria Palma, Kimberly Ryan, Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Roz Makāula, Jocelyn Leialoha M. Doane, and Jaren McCartney

My first two years serving on the City Council has been full of new experiences, the successful passage of meaningful legislation and resolution of community concerns, and the opportunity for my staff and I to build relationships within and amongst the people and communities of Kailua, Waimānalo, Kāne'ōhe and Āhuimanu. We send a warm mahalo nui loa for the privilege to serve you and look forward to continuing our work together in 2023. Enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season. Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Jocelyn Leialoha M Doane, Chief of Staff

Jocelyn was primarily raised in Mililani, and her 'ohana is most recently from Kaimukī, Kāne'ōhe, Mā'ili, and Hilo. She has fond childhood memories of spending time with her great grandmother at their family home on Mahalani Circle in Kāne'ōhe. Jocelyn is a proud graduate of Hawai'i's public school system from pre-school to graduate school, and she earned a law degree and an MBA from the University of Hawai'i. Before joining the District 3 office, Jocelyn was the Public Policy Manager at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs where she provided policy, legislative, lobbying, and legal advocacy services for over 10 years, with a focus on Native Hawaiian land claims, the public land trust, and protection of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. She most recently served as an administrator at the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Community Services, where she administered most of the City's homeless services, oversaw the City's special needs housing portfolio, and managed the awarding of federal and city funds for the creation of affordable housing. Jocelyn is grateful for holidays spent with 'ohana and hoa pili (close friends).

Roz Makāula, Senior Advisor

Roz is a kupa (native, long attached to a place) of Kailua, O‘ahu, and is grateful for the opportunity to give back to the people and places she loves. Roz’s ‘ohana have been avid paddlers with Kai Oni, Kailua, and Lanikai canoe clubs; parishioners of St. Anthony and St. John Vianney; youth sports coaches; and her father was the Fire Captain at Kailua Fire Department for more than 30 years. Prior to joining the Vice Chair’s office, Roz served as communications director and O‘ahu field liaison under U.S. Congressman Kaiiali‘i Kahele, and was the lead on communications and outreach efforts regarding the Red Hill water crisis. She also served as press secretary for U.S. Senator Brian Schatz and division manager of Constituent Services for Governor Linda Lingle. A graduate of Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama, Roz earned her BA in communications and MBA from Chaminade University of Honolulu. Holiday specials are a favorite of hers during this time of year, with the classic, *A Christmas Carol*, her annual must-see.

Jaren McCartney, Legislative Aide

Jaren grew up in ‘Āhuimanu and Maunawili, where his ‘ohana still maintains connections, and is grateful to now be working for the Council District 3 communities. Jaren has been working at the Honolulu City Council for the last 5 years, previously serving as a legislative aide to Councilmember Ann Kobayashi before joining Councilmember Kia‘āina’s office in January of 2021. Jaren is a graduate of Punahou Schools, where he is currently an assistant coach for the girls’ varsity basketball team. He also earned his BA in Political Science from Sonoma State University. Jaren’s holiday traditions include watching the movie *Elf* and getting together with extended family and friends.

Gloria Palma, Legislative Assistant

Gloria was born in Kailua and raised by her mom, grandma, and uncles in Enchanted Lake. She also has ‘ohana in Waimānalo and her ‘ohana intends to make Waimānalo their forever home in the near future. A Sacred Hearts Academy alumna, she graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law and joined Councilmember Kia‘āina’s office in August 2021. She has learned so much about her community during her time with the Councilmember, and is grateful for the people she works with every day. Christmas is her favorite holiday, and during the season, Gloria looks forward to catching *It’s a Wonderful Life* on television – one of her favorite holiday movies.

Kimberly Ryan, Office Manager

Born and raised in Honolulu, and the eldest of three girls, Kim is proud of her personal and professional roles as daughter, sister, AUNTY, friend, and gate-keeper to the Vice Chair. Kim has been serving the City Council as Councilmember Kia'āina's Office Manager for the past two years. For nearly 20 years, Kim worked at Aloha Airlines and is always surprised at how many Aloha Airlines employees also work for the City and County of Honolulu. Kim is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools – Kapālama and has spent time living in District 3 – on Apiki Street in Kāne'ohe. Kim also enjoys the holiday season as this is the time of year communities and families come together to enjoy one another.



Honolulu 311 App

The official citizen application for Honolulu, HI

Honolulu 311 is the official mobile application for the City & County of Honolulu, Hawai'i. Honolulu 311 provides a free, simple, and intuitive platform empowering people to report potholes, broken streetlights, cracked sidewalks, illegally dumping, vandalized/broken signs and more via your smartphone.

Types of Issues to Report:

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

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**



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.

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