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FEBRUARY 2019 UPDATE**

Honolulu City Council Appoints New Member



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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Full Council 9 am

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Parks 9 am

Planning 10³⁰ am

Executive Matters 1pm

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Budget 9am

Public Works 1pm

Thursday, Feb. 28

Zoning and Housing 9 am

Public Safety 1 pm

Over the years the Honolulu City Council has had to appoint members to occasional Council vacancies and on Tuesday, February 5, Council Member Ikaika Anderson and his colleagues continued that tradition by officially appointing Michael D. Formby to fill the vacant District 4 (Waikiki to Hawaii Kai) seat during a Special City Council Meeting. The Hawaii Supreme Court recently ruled the November 2018 election results for this district invalid.

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that 350 absentee mail in ballots were collected after the 6pm deadline and should not be counted. Hawaii's election laws require that all mail-in ballots must be received by and in the hands of the Honolulu City Clerk

at the close of polls on Election Day, which is 6 p.m.

The Hawaii Supreme court stated that these 350 absentee votes were collected after this deadline from the United States Postal Service airport facility and should not be tallied with the official count. The court also stated that these absentee ballots were mixed in with other ballots making it impossible to determine how many votes went to each candidate.

As a result of the courts' ruling, the city will hold a special election conducted by mail to be held on Saturday, April 13. Only two names will appear on the ballots, Tommy Waters and Trevor Oza-wa.

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According to the office of the City Clerk, ballots will be first mailed to military and overseas voters on February 27 and then ballots are expected to be in voters' mailboxes from Waikiki to Hawaii Kai after March 21. Residents can also vote in person at Honolulu Hale from April 1-13, excluding Sunday. The office of the City Clerk will be open on April 13 at Honolulu Hale to accept any Election Day registrations and to allow those that reside in

Council District 4 to vote. Council District 4 includes about 66,000 registered voters — more than the population of Kauai County but less than the population of Maui County.

In the interim period Mr. Formby will serve as the Councilmember for Council District 4 until a special election is held on Saturday April 13.



City's Free Vehicle Junking Service

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson would like to remind residents that the city Department of Customer Services' can accept your unwanted vehicles as junk. The city has been offering the service for free in an effort to help reduce the number of vehicles abandoned on city streets that soon become heavily vandalized eyesores.

An estimated 3,089 abandoned and derelict vehicles were removed from city streets in 2018. That figure represents a 57 percent increase from 2017, when the city removed 1,971 abandoned and derelict vehicles left on public property.

The junking program, however, will not relieve previous owners of any financial responsibility such as car loans, criminal charges or citations. Information on junking a vehicle is available online at honolulu.gov/csd.

The following is the process to junk a vehicle for free:

- Print and fill out the vehicle junking form
- Remove the vehicle license plates
- Bring the form, plates, registration and title to a [Satellite City Hall](#)
- Follow the directions provided and the vehicle will be picked up and processed for disposal at no cost to the owner

Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Luncheon

Councilmember Anderson and his colleagues on the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) hosted a legislative luncheon for members of the Hawaii State legislature to discuss various issues of importance to all the counties of Hawaii. It was a productive opportunity to work in collaboration with the State House and Senate to pass legislation that will benefit all residents of each county.

Each legislative session, the HSAC represents the collective voice of all four county councils, develops and submits a package of vetted and approved bills by all four county councils on measures to help maximize the effectiveness and performance of the county governments to improve the quality of life for all Hawaii residents.

Hawaii State Association of Counties consists of the councils and mayors of each of the four counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and City & County of Honolulu. HSAC advocates for county programs and services and represents the county governments before the Hawaii State Legislature, administrative agencies and the federal government. Its executive committee is composed of a councilmember from Kauai County Council, Hawaii County Council, Maui County Council and Honolulu City Council.

Some of the measures included in the 2019 HSAC Legislative package are:

- Consolidate the application forms for motor vehicle driver's licenses and civil identification cards
- Provide taxpayers who hire either a senior or an individual with a disability a non-refundable tax credit for the six-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer
- Return of limited liability protection for county lifeguards. The counties seek to ensure civil liability protection for county lifeguards against

It is HSAC's hope that our State legislators will carefully consider each of these bills in a collaborative manner. It is only by working together that we will be able to improve each of our communities.



Real Property Tax Payment Information

Payments for the City and County of Honolulu's second installment of real property taxes for the 2018-2019 tax year are due by Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Tax bills have been mailed to all property owners or agents servicing their accounts.

Property owners who have not received a bill are advised to immediately call (808) 768-3980, or go to www.honolulupropertytax.com, or visit the Real Property Tax Collection Section, Division of Treasury, on the first floor of Honolulu Hale.

Payment can be made by:

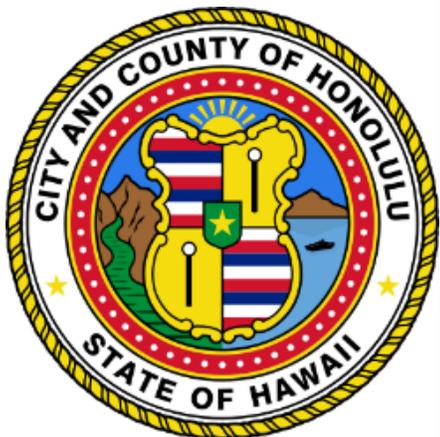
-Mail: Payment must have a post office cancellation mark on or before the "DUE DATE."

-In person: Pay with cash or check only by visiting the Real Property Tax Collection Section, Division of Treasury, located on the first floor of Honolulu Hale or with your original tax bill at any Satellite City Hall location.

-Curbside Drop Box: Located outside Honolulu Hale (black/gray box).

-Electronic Payment: Pay with MasterCard/Visa or Discover credit or MasterCard/Visa debit card online at www.hnlpay.com, or by telephone at (877) 309-9117.

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City Council Honors RYSE

The Honolulu City Council was proud to honor and recognize Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE) for their tremendous service to our communities. In June of 2018, this first-of-its-kind homeless shelter geared towards young adults ages 18 to 24 opened at the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center in Kailua.

This shelter currently serves 10 men and 10 women on its campus in Kailua and aims to provide these homeless youth with a safe haven empowering them to make positive change. In Hawaii, young adults ages 18 to 24 are one of the fastest growing groups of people falling into homelessness and require unique housing and social services support.



In the short time since its creation RYSE has raised almost \$1 million in funding, with most of that revenue being generated through annual fundraising events. This organization is also generously supported by the Castle Foundation, Aloha United Way, the City and County of Honolulu through the grant-in-aid process, as well as by a number of faith-based and civic organizations. RYSE has also established an endowment at the Hawai'i Community Foundation and the goal is to grow the endowment to a \$5 million principal, with interest from the fund to be used for operations.

The Honolulu City Council appreciates all the great services RYSE provides for our communities and extends its aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

With Alan Kekoa Texeira