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**MAY 2017 UPDATE**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, May 2**

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 <sup>30</sup> am
Executive Matters	1pm

**Wednesday, May 3**

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

**Thursday, May 4**

Zoning and Housing	9 am
BEDT	1 pm
Trans & Planning	2 <sup>30</sup> pm

**District 3 Staff**

- Paulyne Anakalea  
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Senior Advisor
- Andrew Malahoff  
Senior Legislative Aide
- Francisco Figueiredo  
Communications
- Alan Kekoa Texeira  
Community Director



**Taiwan Exchanges**

I was honored to accept an invitation from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu to spend in a week in Taiwan with City legislators from across the country to attend a series of meetings, tours and conferences that focused on transportation, city governance, culture, trade and tourism. This trip was paid for by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and provided a rare opportunity to interact with our counterparts in the Taiwan government, observe current projects and facilities and learn from their best practices to be utilized here at home. It was also an opportunity to rekindle and maintain our close friendship with Taiwan and perpetuate the sister city affiliation between Kaohsiung and Honolulu set in place since 1962.

Of great interest for me on this trip was Taiwan's approach to public transportation, the security and logistics to operate such a large system in comparison to our procedures at home in Hawaii. We were able to meet with the Mayor of Taoyuan City, Wen-Tsan Cheng to tour and observe their high speed rail system which makes it possible to go from North or South Taiwan to the opposite end & back within one day. We also toured the Taipei Metro system that services 2 Million people daily in ridership and looked at current security measures including an upgraded ridership control center consisting of 7,000 cameras over the entire system.

We also visited YouBike Co., Ltd and met with its Chief Executive Officer Vicky Yang. YouBike, or more officially the Taipei Bike Sharing System, is a large network of bicycle rental kiosks that provides numerous bicycle parking stations around train stations and tourist destinations throughout the city to complement the Taipei Metro and public bus systems.

On this tour, we were able to meet with the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), the department in charge of formulating and implementing economic policy. With the acceleration of liberalization, globalization and technological innovation around the world, Taiwanese companies like companies in Hawaii, face the same challenges in fighting for global market share. We were able to compare our own policies with the various economic policies and measures the MOEA implemented to help industries reinforce their competitive advantage.

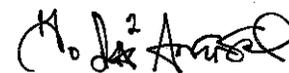
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Of mutual interest, we discussed Hawaii's clean energy initiatives in regards to Taiwan's goal to become nuclear-free and 20% renewable energy by 2025. Taiwan's current renewable energy use is at about 4%.

We also met with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to discuss exchange programs and tourism. Taiwan hosts approximately 10 Million total visitors annually and is the 7th largest source of foreign students to the United States. We discussed the Pacific Islands Leadership Program, an ongoing educational partnership between Hawaii's East-West Center and the MFA designed to empower and educate young leaders from across the pacific region.

An interesting concept to learn of was the environmental protection practices and procedures employed at the Tzu Chi Recycling Center of the Nei-hu Environmental Protection and Education Station. Volunteers are utilized to make blankets from plastic beverage bottles, roughly 100K blankets annually, are sent worldwide to communities in need. The interesting and creative aspect is many of the volunteers working at the recycling center are kupuna in their later years. Taiwan has found that the Tzu Chi recycling point/station is the best nursing home for their elderly population. Many come to volunteer to help contribute back to their communities, to interact with others and receive care and attention instead of watching television all day at home. Volunteering at the Recycling Center provides a purpose and helps to make them feel peaceful, that life is worth living and they are happy to work here every day. The elderly recycling volunteers are appreciated for their efforts in recycling and applauded for their dedication in caring for the environment. A program such as this could have great benefits for our kupuna at home.

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### Honolulu City Council District 3 Capitol Improvement Projects

The following projects are part of City Council District 3 and are listed in City's Operating Budget (Bill 25,) or Capital Improvement Budget (Bill 26). The Operating Budget is used to operate the City and County of Honolulu. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are funded through city issued general obligation or revenue bonds. CIP projects include construction of new buildings, major renovations of existing buildings, and major repair or maintenance projects such as roads, bridges, and sewers.

Mangrove Eradication Project	\$800,000
Visitor Census and Carrying Capacity Study for Windward Oahu	\$150,000
Additional Honolulu Police Personnel for Special Enforcement District	\$65,000
Windward Area Dog Park	\$100,000
Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant allocation for solids handling system improvements	\$305,000
Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant Tunnel Pump Station/Treatment Plant Upgrades	\$102,000/\$301,000
Kamehameha Highway Wastewater Pump Station Forcemain Improvements	\$10,500,000
Kaneohe/Kailua Sewer Tunnel	\$6,000,000
Maunawili Wastewater Pump Stations and Forcemains	\$900,000
Sewer Relief and Rehab Projects	\$102,000
Recreation Park District 4 Improvements (Kailua, Kaneohe, and Waimanalo)	\$2,000,000
Inoaole Stream Bridge rehabilitation on Hihimanu Street	\$2,535,000
Waimanalo Beach Park Play Apparatus	\$150,000