REPORT TO THE AIEA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE FEBRUARY 2016

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Calendar Of Events & Activities

February 2016

9 Council Committee Meetings:
- Public Health, Safety & Welfare
- Parks, Community & Customer Services
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs

10 Council Committee Meetings:
- Budget
- Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability

11 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning & Planning
- Transportation

15 Presidents' Day Holiday

17 Honolulu City Council Meeting

March 2016

1 Council Committee Meetings:
- Public Health, Safety & Welfare
- Parks, Community & Customer Services
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs

2 Council Committee Meetings:
- Budget
- Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability

3 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning & Planning
- Transportation
- Business, Economic Development & Tourism

16 Honolulu City Council Meeting

25 Good Friday Holiday
Prince Kuhio Day Holiday

New 2016 Honolulu City Council Calendar can be found online at:
http://www.honolulu.gov/council

Honoring Emmie Anderson: One of the 100 Most Influential Filipinas in The World

The Honolulu City Council honored Aiea Resident Imelda "Emmie" Collado Ortega Anderson on her selection as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina in the World for 2015.

Bill 59 (2015), CD1, Relating to Complete Streets

Bill 59 (2015), CD1, relating to complete streets, just passed third and final reading at the Honolulu City Council on January 27th. This legislation allows the Department of Transportation Services to permit parklets and bicycle corrals on City streets where warranted. An example of a bicycle corral demonstration project in on Kailua Road fronting Lanikai Juice, where the street parking space is designated for several dozen bicyles, encouraging bicyclists to safely park and visit the neighboring businesses. Parklet demonstration projects have been exhibited on various streets in Kakaako, most recently in two parking spaces fronting Hank's Haute Dogs on Coral Street. Parklets, which are basically public outdoor spaces created by extending a platform over curbside parking to create a user-friendly area for pedestrians to sit and relax, have been incorporated into other major cities such as Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. The businesses are not allowed to use the parklet as an extension of their business, yet the existence of the parklets has been shown to increase business. These two Complete Streets components can help to make streets pedestrian and bicycle-friendly while accommodating all modes of transportation.

Healthy Tip of the Month: Protect Yourself from Mosquito Bites

1. **Wear insect repellent:** When used as directed, insect repellent is the BEST way to protect yourself from mosquito bites—even children and pregnant women should protect themselves. Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer lasting protection.
   a. **DEET:** Products containing DEET include Cutter, OFF!, and Skintastic.
   b. **Picaridin** (also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and Icaridin): Products containing picaridin include Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, and Autan outside the United States).
   c. **Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)** or **PMD:** The product Repel contains OLE.
   d. **IR3535:** Products containing IR3535 include Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition and SkinSmart.
2. **Cover up:** When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.
3. **Keep mosquitoes outside:** Use air conditioning or make sure that you repair and use window/door screens.

Adapted from Centers for Disease Control at: http://www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes/

Bill 23 (2015), CD1, FD1 Relating to the Transportation Surcharge

Bill 23 (2015), CD1, FD1 passed third and final reading at the Honolulu City Council and was signed into law by Mayor Caldwell on February 1, 2016. This bill extends the general excise tax (GET) surcharge of ½% to December 31, 2027, ensuring that the construction costs for the Rail project have a dedicated funding source. I supported Bill 23 because I believe that rail will provide a transportation alternative to many of us, it will provide catalytic opportunities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along the rail line including affordable housing, and it will integrate a truly multi-modal transportation system for our island home. Bill 23 also ensures that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will be able to award the final contracts this year and lock in the costs of construction, acquire reasonable financing terms, and assure timely completion of the project.

Resolution 16-25: Relating to Regulation of Drones

Councilmember Elefante introduced Resolution 16-25, which encourages the Hawaii State Legislature to enact unmanned aircraft systems legislation to address public safety and privacy issues. Several bills have been introduced this year in the State Legislature, including SB2172, SB2415, SB2965, HB1805, HB1979, and HB2114 to address safety and privacy concerns. This resolution was referred to the Honolulu City Council's Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee.