



**REPORT TO THE  
WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD  
COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE  
JULY 2016**



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**Calendar Of  
Events & Activities**

**July 2016**

- 4 Independence Day Holiday
- 6 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 13 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability
  - Zoning & Planning
- 19 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Public Health, Safety & Welfare
  - Parks, Community & Customer Services
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 20 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget

**August 2016**

- 3 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 19 Statehood Day Holiday
- 23 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Public Health, Safety & Welfare
  - Parks, Community & Customer Services
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 24 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability
- 25 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning & Planning
  - Transportation

**READY 2 REACT  
SATURDAY, JULY 30  
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.  
PEARLRIDGE CENTER  
UPTOWN AND TOYS 'R' US  
PARKING LOT**

**City Council Honors T&C Surf on 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



Councilmember Elefante and the Honolulu City Council recognized T&C Surf on their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in business. Pictured with the Councilmembers are Ryan Sugihara, Vice President and Adam Borrello, International Licensing Manager.

**Join Us At The Ready 2 React Preparedness Event**

On Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pearlridge Center Uptown as well as the Toys 'R' Us parking lot, dozens of city, state, federal, and non-governmental agencies will converge for Ready 2 React, which draws the largest collection of emergency vehicles and equipment of any Oahu event.

Now in its fourth year, this event will bring preparedness experts together with the public to help prepare residents for emergencies or disasters that may affect Oahu. Meet the experts in emergency response and emergency preparedness so your family will be better prepared for the next disaster. First-responders and preparedness experts will include the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management, Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Emergency Services Department (Ocean Safety and Emergency Medical Services), American Red Cross, Hawaii National Guard 93rd Civil Support Team, FEMA, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Ready 2 React is being coordinated by the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management in conjunction with your Aiea-Pearl City Legislators as part of the Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall Meeting series.

## Healthy Tip of the Month: How To Support Those You Know

Chances are we all know someone who needs support, but you may be uncertain how to help them. Here are five things you can do to support someone when they need help:

- 1) Offer emotional support, understanding, patience, and encouragement;
- 2) Engage your friend or relative in a conversation, and listen carefully;
- 3) Point out realities and offer hope;
- 4) Invite your friend or relative out for a walk, outing, or other activity; and
- 5) Remind your friend or relative that with time and treatment, things will get better.

Adapted from Mental Health Kokua June Newsletter at <http://www.mentalhealthkokua.org/>

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## Bill 35: Real Property Tax Credit for Low Income Homeowners

Bill 35, CD-1 (2016) passed the Full Council on July 6, 2016. This legislation allows for any household making less than \$60,000 a year to pay no more than 3% of their income in real property taxes. Previously, the ordinance allowed for no more than 4% of their income in real property taxes, but if the homeowner was over the age of 65, they would pay no more than 3% of their income in real property taxes.

This legislation assists people who have seen their home's valuation climb in the hot real estate market, but who do not necessarily have the income stream to pay \$3.50 per \$1,000 in value. For example, if you owned a home that was now worth \$1 million, rather than paying \$3,500 annually in real property tax, you could pay no more than \$1,800 annually in real property tax if you met the \$60,000 annual income limit.

For more information, visit the Budget and Fiscal Services Website at:

[http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/bfs/2017\\_Tax\\_Credit\\_Information\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/bfs/2017_Tax_Credit_Information_Brochure.pdf)

Or you may call the tax relief section at 768-3205.

**Tax relief applications for the 2017-2018 tax year are due on September 30, 2016.**

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## Bill 27: Incentives for Accessory Dwelling Units

Bill 27, CD-2 (2016) passed the Full Council on July 6, 2016. This legislation provides financial incentives to stimulate the creation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in order to increase the number of affordable housing units. Examples of fees waived are wastewater facility charges, grading permits, grubbing permits, stockpiling permits, planned review fees, and building permit fees. The fee waivers are only in effect until June 30, 2018.

For more information on ADUs, please see the Department of Planning and Permitting's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at: [http://www.honoluludpp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/construction/ADU\\_FAQ\\_Final.pdf](http://www.honoluludpp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/construction/ADU_FAQ_Final.pdf)

A general, 10page guide on ADUs is available at:

<http://www.honoluludpp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/construction/ADU%20Instructions.pdf>

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## Councilmember Elefante Chairs Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

Councilmember Brandon Elefante is now chairing the committee on Public Health, Safety, and Welfare. The committee meets once a month on a Tuesday at 9 a.m. Councilmember Elefante said he is honored and privileged to chair the committee that he previously served as its vice chair. He is looking forward to discussing legislation related to the subject matter committee. The PHSW committee covers subjects such as Police, Fire, Fire Code, Emergency Medical Services, Ocean Safety & Lifeguard Services, the Medical Examiner, Emergency Management, Public Health, Public Nuisances, and Housing Matters as they relate to affordable housing, rental assistance, special needs housing, and the Section 8 Program.