REPORT TO THE WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE SEPTEMBER 2016

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Calendar Of Events & Activities

September 2016

5 Labor Day Holiday

7 Honolulu City Council Meeting

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

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

22 Council Committee Meetings:
- Zoning & Planning
- Transportation

October 2016

5 Honolulu City Council Meeting At Kapolei Hale

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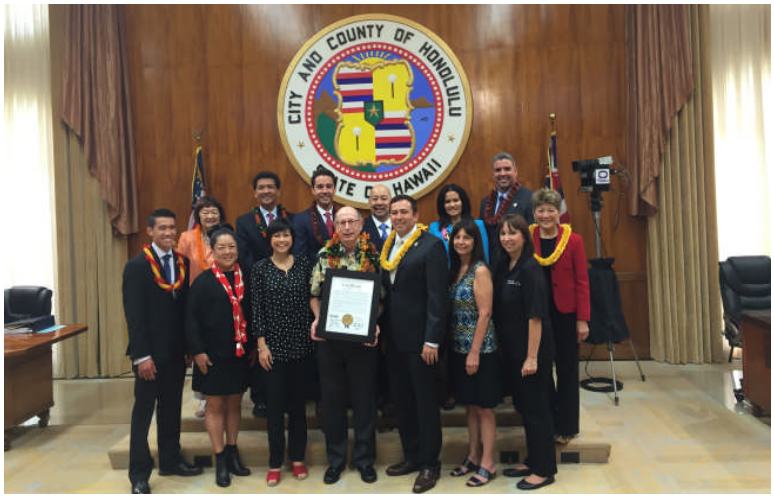
City Council Honors Jerry Rauckhorst on his Retirement From Catholic Charities Hawai'i



Councilmember Elefante and the Honolulu City Council recognized Jerry Rauckhorst on his retirement from Catholic Charities Hawai'i, where he served as CEO from 1995 to 2016.

City Council Honors Margaret "Mike" Ishihara on Her Retirement from Pearl City High School

Councilmember Elefante and the Honolulu City Council recognized Mike Ishihara upon her retirement after 45 years as a teacher and Student Activities Coordinator for PCHS. She was the last of the original PCHS faculty that had been at the school since it first opened in 1971.

Healthy Tip of the Month: When and How to Wash Your Hands

Keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It may seem like a small thing, but taking the time to wash your hands can prevent the spread of many diseases and conditions. If clean, running water or any other available water are both not accessible, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands.

Some ideal times to wash your hands are before handling or eating food, after changing diapers or using the bathroom, after feeding or petting an animal, after handling garbage, after you care for someone who is sick, or after blowing your nose or coughing. Here are five simple steps to keep your hands clean:

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap;
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Soap does not need to be antibacterial to be effective;
- **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. A hand way to time yourself would be to hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice;
- **Rinse** your hands well; and
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Adapted from the Centers for Disease Control website at:
http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html

Charter Commission Updates

At the November 8th General Election voters will see 20 proposed Revised Charter of Honolulu amendments on the ballot. The Revised Charter of Honolulu (RCH) is the framework for the legislative authority of the City and County of Honolulu, and amending it takes a majority of the voters, much like amending our State Constitution. The Charter Commission meets once a decade, approximately five years after the US Census. The Honolulu Charter Commission is an appointed board to study and review City government operations in the RCH. This time, the Charter Commission began its meetings in 2015 and will complete its review of all charter proposals and make its recommendations for the 2016 General Election ballot. Of the 158 proposals, the Charter Commission modified some proposal while combining others to come up with the final list of 20 proposed Charter Amendments.

To read about the Charter Amendments, as well as the discussions and original proposals, please visit the website at: http://www.honoluluchartercommission.org/

Resolution 16-200 Urging the City Administration to Establish a Work Program for Homeless

Councilmember Elefante introduced Resolution 16-200, which urges the City Administration to work with local non-profits and establish a work program for Oahu's homeless citizens. This program is modeled after the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico program called "There's A Better Way," which partners with a non-profit to provide working opportunities to its homeless population, connect them to services, and assist with more permanent employment. Resolution 16-200 was adopted by the Full City Council on September 7th.

Resolution 16-239, Relating to Drones

Councilmember Elefante introduced Resolution 16-239, which requests that the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) urge the Hawaii State Legislature to adopt regulations related to the use of drones, specifically as they relate to the collection, and possible misuse of personal information and broader privacy and safety concerns of our residents. In conjunction with this Resolution, Councilmember Elefante is working with the City Administration on a City Policy for operation of drones from City facilities, specifically parks. Resolution 16-239 was adopted by the Full City Council on September 7th.