



**REPORT TO THE
PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD
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**Calendar Of
Events & Activities**

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

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

City Council Honors Resurrection of The Lord on Its 20th Anniversary



Councilmember Elefante and the Honolulu City Council recognized Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church in Waipio Gentry on its 20th Anniversary.

Ready 2 React Preparedness Event



On Saturday, July 30, dozens of city, state, federal, and non-governmental agencies converged at Pearlridge Center for Ready 2 React, which draws the largest collection of emergency vehicles and equipment of any Oahu event. Pictured with Councilmember Elefante are Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Senator Breene Harimoto, Pearlridge Center General Manager Fred Paine, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Representative Gregg Takayama, and Representative Sam Kong.

Healthy Tip of the Month: It's A Noisy Planet! How to Protect Your Hearing

Sounds surround us. We enjoy many of them—like music, the sound of the waves crashing on the shore, and conversations with friends. But loud or long-lasting noises—from engines, power tools, and even headphones—can permanently damage your hearing. Noise is too loud when:

- You have to raise your voice to be understood by someone standing nearby
- The noise hurts your ears
- You've got a buzzing or ringing in your ears, even temporarily
- You don't hear as well as you normally do until several hours after you get away from the noise

If you're around noises at this level, you can do the following three things to protect your hearing:

- Turn down the sound
- Avoid the noise (walk away)
- Block the noise (wear earplugs or earmuffs)

Adapted from the National Institutes of Health Newsletter at:

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/Jan2015/Feature2>

Sign Up to Receive Nixle Alerts on Your Phone Or Email

Ever wonder if there's a traffic accident or a storm alert? Perhaps you hear fire truck sirens and you want to know if there's really a large fire near you?

Sign up for Nixle Alerts on your cell phone or on your email: <http://local.nixle.com/register/>

Nixle provides an open communication forum that connect public safety, municipalities, schools, businesses and the communities they serve.

Police Commission Appointments

At the August 3 Full Council Meeting, the Honolulu City Council appointed two people to the Police Commission. Loretta Sheehan was appointed to a term that ends on December 31, 2019, replacing Helen Hamada whose term ended on December 31, 2014. Max Sword was reappointed to the Police Commission for a second five year term that ends on December 31, 2020.

For more information on the Police Commission, please see their website at:

<http://www.honolulupd.org/departments/index.php?tab=tabs-5>

Charter Commission Updates

At the November 8 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 referred to the Parks, Community & Customer Services Committee.