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Cast your vote in the 2017 Neighborhood Board Elections

To vote online: www2.honolulu.gov/nbe

The Honolulu Neighborhood Commission Office will be mailing passcodes to approximately 226,000 eligible voters who may cast ballots online for contested seats in the 2017 Neighborhood Boards elections.

Voters may use the passcodes to cast ballots online via their computers or mobile devices from Friday, April 28 to Friday, May 19, 2017.

During this voting period, the city will also make computers available to the public to use to vote in the election at these locations:

- Kapolei Hale conference room A, 1000 Ulu'ohi'a Street (Monday thru Friday)
- Kapalama Hale, Suite 160, 925 Dillingham Boulevard (Monday thru Friday)
- The KEY project in Kahalu'u at 47-200 Waihe'e Road from 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Any public library on Oahu within the Hawaii State Public Library System (see library

hours)

The NCO strongly encourages voting online as it saves paper and keeps costs down, however you may request a paper ballot if you are unable to vote online.

To request a ballot by mail, voters may call the Ballot Request Hotline at 768-3763 no later than Monday, May 15, 2017, 4:30 p.m. your full name, address, and last four digits of your Social Security Number. Returned ballots must be postmarked by Friday, May 19, 2017 and received by the NCO no later than Friday, May 26, 2017.

Online voting closes at 11:59 p.m. on May 19, 2017. Election results will be announced shortly after voting concludes. Newly elected board members will assume office on July 1, 2017.

Candidate profiles and photos are posted online at <https://www2.honolulu.gov/nbe/candidateprofiles.php>.

Message from the Executive Secretary



Aloha,

As we draw near to the beginning of our voting cycle for the 2017 Neighborhood Board Elections we would like to remind everyone to participate by voting in this year's elections. Neighborhood Boards serve the community but is only effective when it is a true representation of the people. Please visit the NCO website for more information and to view the profiles of all current candidates.

We look forward to growing with you and your community.

Shawn Hamamoto,
Executive Secretary



Neighborhood Board Rules and Procedures Quiz

How well do you know the Neighborhood Plan, Sunshine Law, and Robert's Rules of Order?

<http://www2.honolulu.gov/cchsurvey/>

Take the quiz to see if you can score 100%!

NCO Spotlight – James Skizewski, Public Relations

Tell us about yourself growing up. Where were you born, what schools did you go to, what did you study in college?

I was born in downtown Honolulu. I attended Kuhio Elementary right near UH Manoa. Getting to listen to the marching band practice while in my various after school activities was unforgettable. Washington Middle School was a melting pot of urban Honolulu that eventually opened the door for me to attend Damien Memorial High School where I played a variety of sports and participated in several clubs. After graduating from Damien I went on to the University of Hawaii at Manoa where I studied Political Science and Sociology. Hawaii is home and wherever I travel two things are never far from my mind: surf and local kine grindz.

What do you enjoy most about the work that you do?

The people and the various issues that are brought forth at the meetings. Getting to meet the various community members from across the island is one of the best aspects of our work here at the NCO. The lengths at which board and community members go to improve their community epitomizes the spirit of our island. Secondly, being able to hear and examine issues that each community faces and the differences from one community to the next is another aspect that I enjoy. The way that each community differs in their desires and needs helps me continue to expand my perspective of the people and communities of Oahu.

What did you do for work before joining the NCO?

Before joining the NCOhana I worked at a small family winery in California. After studying at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and working at the Hawaii State Legislature I felt the need to explore the world around me. It was a drastic change from the island that I love so much. Working at the Mauritson Family Winery in Healdsburg, California was the challenge I was looking for and it will be an experience I value for the rest of my life. Learning about the passion and commitment that is needed in your product is something I continue to emphasize at the NCO.

What led you to the NCO?

I have always had an interest in the neighborhood boards since I was a child. My mother attended countless meetings voicing her thoughts on ways to improve the community. The chance to work at the NCO was something that I couldn't pass up, especially as I was returning home to Oahu.

Tell us something about yourself that not many people would be able to guess?

Something that people may not know about me that has greatly impacted my life was growing up with a special needs sibling. Growing up with and helping guide a sibling with special needs has provided me with a sense of patience and appreciation for life that I value greatly. My sister Jennifer is the one of the best things that has ever happened to me. Her positive attitude and ability to stay positive in the worst of situations is something that I strive to maintain on a daily basis. Having her in my life is truly a blessing that I will be forever thankful for.

Board Spotlight – Chair Kathleen Pahinui, North Shore NB



Where were you raised and where did you go to school?

I was raised in Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a degree in Anthropology. I moved to Hawaii on a whim just before my 30th birthday – I was very tired of the cold, wet Chicago weather.

You have been a part of the North Shore Neighborhood Board for some time now. What do you enjoy most about the work the Board does?

We offer a voice for the community to bring their concerns to our elected and government officials. Being out in the country, it is not easy to have access to City and State officials. The Board provides that opportunity. When we can help a resident with an issue or cause – when we can give them encouragement and support and see their concern resolved, that's an amazing accomplishment.

How does the North Shore Neighborhood Board differ from other Neighborhood Boards?

Each board is a unique representation of their community – our board represents the diverse interests of the North Shore and the desire to retain our identity as a rural community. Our main focuses center around the environment, tourism, development, traffic, illegal vacation rentals, parks, recreational opportunities for our keiki and adults, and too many fees and taxes.

After being involved with so many board meetings (your own as well as other neighborhoods), is there one meeting/ board that stands out more than others? Why?

In my first stint as Chair, the Turtle Bay expansion was a major issue for our community. We had a presentation at a meeting where we had about 400 people show up. Jack Johnson helped set up speakers outside the room so those who could not get in, could hear what was being said. A great aspect of that meeting was that everyone was very respectful in what was a very emotional issue.

What do you enjoy to do when you are not dealing with board business? What do you for work?

I enjoy reading and activities with my husband. Currently I work as an Information Officer for the Board of Water Supply for the City and County of Honolulu. I have been in some aspect of marketing / communications for all of my career and this position offers me the opportunity to serve the community on a larger scale. My greatest sense of satisfaction came from when I worked with other community members to get the Waialua Beach Road Bike Path and Aweoweo Beach Park built. These two community amenities provide continual access to outdoor recreation for Waialua and Mokuleia.

Every board chair has a unique way of running their boards. How would you describe your leadership style?

I do my best to treat everyone fairly and try to provide as many viewpoints on issues that come before our board. Listening to the community and trying our best to resolve their concerns is the most important responsibility we have as board members.

To what do you attribute this?

Jimmy Awai and Peggy Paty were two community members I greatly admired and try to emulate. They always treated everyone with respect, were gracious to all, listened to their concerns, and were very effective in resolving issues / getting things accomplished. I am very honored to have served with them on different boards.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NEWS

What's been going on across the island?

- Industrial Hemp Pilot Program House Bill (discussion ongoing in State Legislature)**
- Shower Tree Removal and Replacement in Niu Valley**
- Kunia Village Affordable Agriculture Housing Development**
- Relocation of Oahu Community Correction Center (OCCC) (discussion ongoing)**
- Sunset Memorial Solution Forthcoming (discussion ongoing in State Legislature)**
- Kuahea Street Land Movement Concerns**
- Petition to Allow Dogs on Leashes at Nu'uuanu Valley District Park**
- Board Support for Wailua Intermediate and High School Innovation Center**
- Hale Makana O Maili Affordable Housing Project**
- All Mail Voting (discussion ongoing in State Legislature)**
- Secondary Access Road for Waianae House Bill (discussion ongoing in State Legislature)**

NCO HELPFUL TIPS

Monthly Mailout Packet

The NCO continues to support increasing community involvement through the board and its committees.

To assist in managing the budget of the neighborhood boards, it is suggested that the board and its committees coordinate a single monthly mailout to include all expected committee meetings.

The NCO understands that there may be unforeseen circumstances and will assist, as much as possible, to ensure each board complies with the State Sunshine Law.

Testimony

Section 2-14-118 (c) states that the boards shall afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral testimony on any agenda item at the time the board takes up the agenda item.

However, testimony should be germane, or relevant, to the topic of discussion and may be subject to a time limit. Testimony may also be submitted to the board via the NCO website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nco-testimony-form.html>.

General comments and concerns should be directed to the relevant board chairs.

New Faces in the NCO



Dylan Whitsell Neighborhood Assistant

Dylan is a native of Maryland. He spent time living in Washington D.C. and graduated high school in Northern Virginia in 2008. In 2010, Dylan moved to Tokyo, Japan to start his university education and later graduated with a degree in International Affairs. He spent a few years working in Seoul, South Korea before returning to the U.S. Dylan is still relatively new to Hawaii and is excited to learn more about local politics and culture with the City.



Felipe M. Pacquing II Neighborhood Assistant

Felipe is a former attorney and prosecutor from Manila, Philippines. As a private practitioner he handled criminal and civil cases and served as counsel to several corporations. He also served as a legal consultant with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and as a senior consultant with the Chairman of the Committee on Dangerous Drugs in the House of Representatives of the Philippines. He also taught law subjects during the early part of his career as a lawyer.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, April 27, 2017	Voter passcodes mailed out to all eligible voters. Any Oahu resident who has voted in the 2016 State elections is eligible to vote for the 2017 Neighborhood Board elections. Visit the NCO website for more information.
Friday, April 28, 2017	Voting period begins. Vote at www2.honolulu.gov/nbe . Voting sites with computer access will be available at Kapolei Hale, Kapalama Hale, the KEY project, and any public library on Oahu.
Friday, May 19, 2017	Online voting ends at 11:59 p.m.
Thursday, June 1, 2017	Neighborhood Board elections results shall be released no later than Thursday, June 1, 2017. Visit www.honolulu.gov/nco for future updates.

NCO Trivia

There are 33 active boards numbered 1 through 36. What numbers are the inactive boards and what areas do they cover?

Send your answer to: nco@honolulu.gov Subject line: NCO Trivia

The first person to send in the correct answer will receive a mystery prize!

NCO BULLETIN



A Fond Farewell

We are proud to announce that former Neighborhood Assistant Sharon Lee Baillie has joined the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Housing to serve as the new secretary for Executive Director Marc Alexander. Sharon will be sorely missed by both NCO staff and neighborhood board members.



Career Opportunities

We are actively looking for community-minded, positive, and personable individuals to join us at the Neighborhood Commission Office. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving the communities of Oahu please send a resume in to nco@honolulu.gov or call us at 768-3710 with any questions.



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"Aloha! I was honored to serve on both the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards, and have seen the positive role the boards can play in the community. They exemplify participatory democracy at its finest!"

-Mayor Kirk Caldwell
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