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I am against the pay raises for the mayor, his managing director and the city council at this time. They have not fulfilled their campaign promises which included resolving the homeless problems, eliminating taxes of food and medical care relieving the high property taxes, but have succeeded in raising their wages.

1. They have increased city expenses due to poor planning per article from Hawaii News Now.

.HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - A large portion a freshly paved road in Windward Oahu is about to be ripped up again. The reason: poor planning.

Last summer, the city spent nearly a quarter-million dollars to repave part of Aulua Road, not realizing the Board of Water Supply would be coming in a few months later and tearing much of it up again.

The fresh layer of asphalt is only a few months old. But it's already been defaced with red and white spray paint. It's the work of construction crews, that will soon rip through the pavement to replace half century old water pipes that run underneath.

Board of Water Supply officials say it's a \$15 million project nearly seven years in the making. Despite all that planning, word of the work apparently never made it to Honolulu Hale.

2. The extremely expensive rail and the aloha stadium are unlikely to be used

3. They have approved buses in areas where there are already no parking spaces available for residents

4. Raises at this time contribute to inflation which has resulted in the Fed increasing interest rates in attempt to lower inflation which is likely to result in recession at the end of this year or next year. Perhaps raises could be considered at a time when the economy is improving .

5. The increase in property taxes which they have not alleviated, will result in increase rents and increase the homeless problems.

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