



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

TOMMY WATERS  
CHAIR & PRESIDING OFFICER  
MATT WEYER  
VICE CHAIR  
RADIANT CORDERO  
FLOOR LEADER  
TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM  
ESTHER KIA'ĀINA  
SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO  
VAL A. OKIMOTO  
AUGIE TULBA  
ANDRIA TUPOLA

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INAUGURAL SESSION  
OF THE TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
STATE OF HAWAII

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
12 NOON

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The Councilmembers of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, assembled in the Council Chamber, City and County of Honolulu, and were called to order by Chair Tommy Waters, at 12:07 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers and Councilmembers-elect present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters –9.

### OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Mark Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii asked the elected Councilmembers to rise for the Oath of Office:

THE HONORABLE RADIANT CORDERO  
THE HONORABLE ESTHER KIA'ĀINA  
THE HONORABLE SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO  
THE HONORABLE AUGIE TULBA  
THE HONORABLE ANDRIA TUPOLA

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Mark Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii.

The Chair announced that there will be a short recess to record the Oath of Office.

### **RECESS/RECONVENE**

At 12:09 p.m., the Chair called for a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

### **MESSAGE OF ALOHA**

Aunty Vicky Holt Takamine delivered the Message of Aloha sharing the meaning and importance of aloha. She encouraged decision makers to embody the spirit of aloha with responsibility to serve the community with aloha.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

#### **ADOPTION**

#### **RESOLUTION 24-298**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 24-298 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 24-298 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Council Chair Tommy Waters thanked everyone and their families for being present and introduced the following special guests:

- Governor Josh Green
- Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke
- Mayor Rick Blangiardi
- Managing Director Michael Formby
- Kauai Mayor Derek Kawakami
- Kauai County Council Chair Mel Rapozo
- Kauai County Council Vice-Chair KipuKai Kualii
- Kauai County Councilmember Bernard Carvalho, Jr.
- Newly-elected Hawaii County Council Chair Dr. Holeka Inaba

Council Chair Waters' opening message touched on the following:

- The collaboration between the Governor, the Honolulu County Mayor, and the effective teamwork among the County Councils
- The groundbreaking effort to partner with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to build affordable housing in Kailua, Oahu
- The various property tax measures that were introduced to help homeowners
- Councilmember Cordero will Chair the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure and Transportation
- Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam will Chair the Committee on Budget
- Some of the issues the Council needs to work collectively on:
  - Opportunities in each district to support the Hawaiian community
  - Redevelopment of housing in Iwilei through public and private partnerships
  - Transit-oriented development around Aloha Stadium
  - A State and City partnership to protect clean drinking water
  - Addressing future fiscal challenges without compromising core services
  - Committee Chairs need to work with respective departments to find revenue-generating ideas without burdening working families

### MAHALO

The Chair thanked Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, Aunty Vicky Holt Takamine, and members of the Royal Hawaiian Band Glee Club.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Each Councilmember was called upon to introduce their special guests.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:32 p.m., Councilmember Weyer moved that the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero and there being no objections from the 9 members present, at 12:43 p.m., it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI  
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED:

January 29, 2025