



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

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
HOMELESSNESS & PARKS**

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Scott Nishimoto
Matt Weyer

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
2:30 P.M.

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Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks Agenda
Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-205 – RENAMING PEARL CITY DISTRICT PARK POOL.** Renaming the Pearl City District Park Pool at Pearl City District Park to the “Ken Suenaga Pearl City District Park Pool” in recognition of Coach Suenaga’s 59-year legacy of mentorship and advocacy, his service in the United States Army, and his significant contributions to his community and the City and County of Honolulu.

2. **RESOLUTION 25-211 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) 6-foot Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, “Donated by the Family of Costy & Betty Tarletsky,” valued at \$2,521.67 from Bruce Tarletsky, to be installed at Makapu‘u Beach Park. (Transmitted by Communication D-595)

3. **RESOLUTION 25-212 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) 6-foot Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, “Donated by the Family of Ron Libkuman,” valued at \$2,849.51 from Linda Clark, to be installed at Lē‘ahi Beach Park. (Transmitted by Communication D-596)

4. **RESOLUTION 25-213 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) 6-foot Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, “Donated by the Family and Friends of Cher Nalani Sullivan,” valued at \$3,669.51 from Elina Grugier-Bell, to be installed at Sandy Beach Park. (Transmitted by Communication D-598)

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 25-213 (Submitted by Councilmember Tupola) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0628/8/12/2025 9:49 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends the resolution title to read as follows:

ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF ONE HIGH-BACKED
TRADITIONAL BENCH, PREPARATIONS OF THE GROUNDS, AND A

BRONZE PLAQUE WITH AN INSCRIPTION TO READ, "DONATED BY THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CHER NALANI SULLIVAN," VALUED AT \$3,669.51 FROM ELINA GRUGIER-BELL TO BE PLACED AT SANDY BEACH PARK.

- B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause and the BE IT RESOLVED clause:
1. Identifies the letter dated July 25, 2025 as Departmental Communication 598 (2025); and
 2. Adds a reference to a subsequent letter dated August 11, 2025 (Departmental Communication 629 (2025)), which corrects the stated inscription of the bronze plaque and amends Departmental Communication 598 (2025).
- C. Replaces the original Exhibit A (Declaration of Gift form dated May 14, 2025) attached to the resolution with the revised Exhibit A (Declaration of Gift form dated May 21, 2025) attached to Departmental Communication 629 (2025).
- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Related communication:

D-629 Department of Parks and Recreation, submitting an amended Declaration of Gift form for Resolution 25-213.

5. **RESOLUTION 25-214 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) 6-foot Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, "Donated by Girl Scout Troop 873," valued at \$3,119.51 from Marie Muir, to be installed at Mākālei Beach Park. (Transmitted by Communication D-599)
6. **RESOLUTION 25-215 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) 6-foot Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, "Donated by the Family of Mike and Nancy Rawlins," valued at \$2,621.67 from Michael Rawlins, to be installed at Sandy Beach Park. (Transmitted by Communication D-600)

7. **RESOLUTION 25-216 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) 6-foot Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, “Donated by the Family of Malana,” valued at \$2,621.67 from William Byerley, to be installed at Kapi’olani Regional Park, Ponī Moi Triangle. (Transmitted by Communication D-601)

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 25-216 (Submitted by Councilmember Tupola) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0629/8/12/2025 11:13 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends the resolution title to read as follows:

ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF ONE HIGH-BACKED TRADITIONAL BENCH, PREPARATIONS OF THE GROUNDS, AND A BRONZE PLAQUE WITH AN INSCRIPTION TO READ, "DONATED BY THE FAMILY OF MALANA," VALUED AT \$2,621.67 FROM WILLIAM BYERLEY TO BE PLACED AT THE KAPI’OLANI REGIONAL PARK, PONI MOI TRIANGLE.

- B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause and the BE IT RESOLVED clause:

1. Identifies the letter dated July 25, 2025 as Departmental Communication 601 (2025); and
2. Adds a reference to a subsequent letter dated August 11, 2025 (Departmental Communication 630 (2025)) that amends Departmental Communication 601 (2025).

- C. Replaces the original Exhibit A (Declaration of Gift form dated May 14, 2025) attached to the resolution with the revised Exhibit A (Declaration of Gift form dated May 21, 2025) attached to Departmental Communication 630 (2025).

- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Related communication:

D-630 Department of Parks and Recreation, submitting an amended Declaration of Gift form for Resolution 25-216.

8. **RESOLUTION 25-220 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of one (1) Hi-back traditional bench, preparations of the grounds, building of forms and pouring of cement, and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, “Donated by the Family of Joe and Gladys Esposito,” valued at \$2,819.51 from Martin Esposito, to be installed at Kailua Beach Park. (Transmitted by Communication D-605)
9. **RESOLUTION 25-225 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR).** Accepting a gift to the City of cash in the amount of \$3,000 from Friends of Honolulu Parks & Recreation for the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") to use towards community benefit projects and to purchase related items like, but not limited to, refreshments, awards, prizes, supplies, equipment, contractual and other support services, transportation and clothing, such as t-shirts and visors for DPR programs and/or events. (Transmitted by Communication D-614)
10. **RESOLUTION 25-185 – RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** Urging the City Administration to create a residential relocation assistance program, including a dedicated full-time equivalent position, to assist residents with relocation needs arising from City-funded housing projects, which shall be placed within the Department of Community Services or a more appropriate City department as determined by the Mayor.
11. **BILL 20 (2025) – RELATING TO FUNDS.** Amending Chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, by adding a new article that creates and establishes a special fund to be known as the “Down Payment Loan Assistance Revolving Fund” to assist prospective homebuyers who reside in the City, do not own real property, and have an annual income at 120 percent or below of the area median income for the City as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Consecutive referral: HHP, BUD; Bill passed first reading 2/26/25)
12. **BILL 39 (2025) – RELATING TO AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.** Addressing fire-resistance rated construction and requirements for affordable rental housing projects by amending Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021. (Bill passed first reading 4/16/25; Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services postponed action 5/1/25)

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 39 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Weyer) –
The CD1 (OCS2025-0504/6/13/2025 6:34 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends SECTION 2 of the bill by amending the proposed amendment to ROH Section 32-3.2(c)(8) by providing that combustible piping may be used only in affordable rental housing projects that are not constructed of heavy timber construction and that do not use a single water supply and distribution system for domestic water and fire sprinkler systems.
 - B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.
13. **BILL 53 (2025) – RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** Addressing requirements for the construction of new affordable rental housing projects by amending Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021. (Bill passed first reading 8/6/25)

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

14. **MĀ'ILI WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY REVIEW**

- Department of Emergency Management
- Honolulu Fire Department
- Honolulu Police Department
- Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
- Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization
- Hawai'i State Department of Education

Related communication:

M-406 Presentation submitted by Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization

15. **KALAELOA PARKLANDS INTERIM DIRT RACETRACK STATUS AND COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS – PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.**

Related communications:

D-633 Department of Parks and Recreation, submitting presentation on Kalaeloa – 7 Properties/400+ Acres

M-407 Presentation submitted by Mr. Li Cobian

M-408 Presentation submitted by AAC Asbestos Analytical & Consultants

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If the need arises with respect to any item on this agenda, then pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the Committee may consult in a closed meeting with its attorneys in executive session on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Tupola'.

ANDRIA TUPOLA, Chair
Committee on Housing, Homelessness &
Parks