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Aloha Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Andria Tupola, Floor Leader Esther Kia'āina, and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

My name is Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, and I respectfully submit written testimony on every substantive item appearing on the October 7, 2026 Council agenda.

My testimony is grounded in three principles:

1. **Fiscal responsibility:** Public money must produce measurable public value.
2. **Accountability:** Decisions involving public resources, land, safety, and government authority must be transparent and defensible.
3. **Community first:** The needs of residents, particularly working families, underserved communities, and future generations, must remain central to policymaking.

I request that this testimony be entered into the official record and that my positions be considered when the Council votes.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

POSITION: SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO ACCURACY

I support approval of the minutes provided they accurately reflect the Council's proceedings, testimony, motions, votes, recusals, and actions. Accurate minutes are essential to public accountability and allow residents to trace how their elected representatives reached decisions. Any material inaccuracies should be corrected before approval.

II. APPOINTMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment of Cary Okimoto – Civil Service Commission

POSITION: SUPPORT CONFIRMATION, SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS AND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST REVIEW

I support confirmation if the nominee possesses the professional qualifications, impartiality, and commitment to merit-based public employment required of a Civil Service Commissioner. The civil service system exists to protect government hiring and employment decisions from political favoritism and ensure that public employees are evaluated fairly. I ask the Council to confirm that the nominee understands the importance of independent oversight, consistent personnel rules, and public confidence in government employment. The Commission's official information and governing framework are available through the [Honolulu Department of Human Resources](#).

2. Resolution Relating to the Appointment of Domineque Bonifacio – Neighborhood Commission

POSITION: SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO RESIDENCY, ELIGIBILITY, AND COMMUNITY-REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

I support the appointment if the nominee meets all applicable eligibility requirements and demonstrates a commitment to meaningful neighborhood participation. Neighborhood boards are an important connection between residents and City government, particularly in communities where residents face transportation, infrastructure, public-safety, and development concerns. The Council should ensure that the appointment strengthens representation and does not diminish the independence of neighborhood-level participation. I encourage the nominee to prioritize accessible meetings, timely communication, and documented follow-through on community concerns.

3. Reappointment of Dr. Richard Kebo – Ocean Safety Commission

POSITION: SUPPORT REAPPOINTMENT, SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE REVIEW

I support reappointment if Dr. Kebo's record demonstrates continued commitment to public safety, evidence-based policy, and effective oversight. O'ahu's ocean environment presents serious and recurring risks, including strong currents, hazardous surf, and changing weather conditions. The Commission should prioritize lifeguard staffing, rescue readiness, prevention, public education, and data-driven evaluation of drowning incidents. I encourage the Council to request an update on measurable safety outcomes, emergency-response capacity, and recommendations for reducing preventable ocean-related fatalities. Relevant information is available through the [Honolulu Department of Ocean Safety](#).

III. FIRST READING – PROPOSED LEGISLATION

4. Legislation Relating to Outdoor Playcourts

POSITION: SUPPORT

I support legislation requiring the preparation of information relating to outdoor playcourts because safe, accessible recreational facilities contribute to public health, youth development, and community well-being. Before committing public funds to new construction or improvements, the City should identify existing facilities, their conditions, accessibility, maintenance needs, and geographic distribution. This information would help the Council prioritize underserved neighborhoods and avoid spending money on facilities that cannot be maintained. I encourage the City to include ADA accessibility, shade, drinking water, lighting, and long-term maintenance costs in its assessment. The [CDC's Physical Activity Guidelines](#) provide an evidence-based foundation for investing in opportunities for physical activity.

5. Legislation Relating to Shared Micromobility Vehicles

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY CONDITIONS

I support updating parking regulations for shared micromobility vehicles, including bicycles and scooters, provided the legislation protects pedestrians and preserves accessible sidewalks. Improperly parked vehicles can obstruct wheelchair users, kūpuna, families with strollers, and individuals with visual impairments. The City should establish clearly designated parking areas, enforce obstruction rules, and require operators to respond promptly to complaints. Regulation should encourage sustainable transportation without transferring the consequences of poor fleet management onto pedestrians. The [Federal Highway Administration's pedestrian safety resources](#) provide a useful framework for protecting vulnerable road users.

6. Legislation Relating to Public Transit

POSITION: SUPPORT, WITH EMPHASIS ON ACCESSIBILITY AND SERVICE RELIABILITY

I support amendments related to public transit when they improve reliability, accessibility, and coordination between bus and rail services. Public transportation is essential for residents who cannot afford private vehicles, individuals with disabilities, students, kūpuna, and working families. The Council should evaluate any proposed changes based on ridership, travel times, operating costs, service frequency, and impacts on underserved communities. I encourage the City to publish performance data demonstrating whether the amendments improve service rather than simply changing administrative procedures. The [Honolulu Department of Transportation Services](#) provides relevant public-transit planning and performance information.

7. Legislation Relating to Real Property Taxation

POSITION: SUPPORT TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY; OPPOSE UNJUSTIFIED TAX INCREASES

I support responsible amendments to real property taxation that improve fairness, accuracy, and transparency. Property taxes directly affect homeowners, renters, small businesses, and the long-term affordability of living in Honolulu. Any proposed change should be accompanied by a fiscal analysis identifying the affected property classes, expected revenue, distributional consequences, and protections for eligible homeowners and vulnerable residents. I oppose changes that disproportionately burden local families without demonstrating a clear public benefit. The City should make its assessment methodology and applicable exemptions understandable to ordinary taxpayers. Relevant information is available through the [Honolulu Real Property Assessment Division](#).

IV. THIRD READING – BILLS

8. Bill 76 (2025) – Relating to Government Transparency

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

I strongly support legislation enhancing governmental transparency. Residents cannot meaningfully hold government accountable when public information is difficult to locate, delayed, or presented in ways that prevent meaningful review. Transparency should extend to expenditures, contracts, procurement, grants, departmental performance, and the implementation of Council-approved policies. I encourage the City to adopt accessible reporting standards, searchable public records, and clear deadlines for publishing information. The public's right to participate in government is supported by Hawai'i's open-meeting and public-records framework, including [HRS Chapter 92](#) and [HRS Chapter 92F](#). Transparency is not an administrative burden; it is a foundation of public trust.

9. Bill 77 (2025) – Relating to Budget Execution

POSITION: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED TO PRESERVE COUNCIL OVERSIGHT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

I oppose any budget-execution amendment that weakens the Council's ability to oversee appropriated public funds or permits material financial changes without adequate reporting and accountability. The legislative branch has a fundamental responsibility to review how public money is allocated and spent. Administrative flexibility may be necessary for efficient operations, but it must not become a mechanism for bypassing legislative intent. I ask the Council to require clear thresholds for administrative transfers, timely notification of significant changes, documented justifications, and public reporting. A government that can spend without meaningful oversight risks undermining the very trust it is supposed to protect. I encourage the Council to review the bill against the City's existing budget-control requirements and the public-accountability principles reflected in [HRS Chapter 37](#).

10. Bill 48 (2025) – Relating to Pedestrian Malls in Downtown Honolulu

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS

I support efforts to improve downtown Honolulu's pedestrian environment, provided the legislation protects public access, small businesses, emergency access, and the needs of residents and workers. Pedestrian malls can encourage foot traffic, improve the urban experience, and support local commerce, but their success depends on practical implementation. The Council should require clear standards for maintenance, sanitation, safety, deliveries, accessibility, and the use of public space. I encourage the City to evaluate outcomes through pedestrian counts, business participation, public-safety data, and resident feedback. Downtown revitalization must benefit the community rather than merely shift costs or inconvenience to surrounding neighborhoods.

11. Bill 37 (2026) – State Land Use District Boundary Amendment, Approximately 14.837 Acres in East Kapolei

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS

I support carefully planned urban development near transit infrastructure when it advances housing opportunities, reduces automobile dependence, and includes adequate public facilities. However, reclassifying agricultural land must be supported by a demonstrated public need and a transparent evaluation of infrastructure, drainage, traffic, and environmental impacts. The Council should require clear evidence that the proposed development is consistent with the East Kapolei Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan and that the land-use change will produce meaningful community benefits. Transit-oriented development should not be a blanket justification for converting agricultural land without evaluating alternatives and cumulative impacts.

12. Bill 38 (2026) – Expansion of the Transit-Oriented Development Special District

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

I support expanding transit-oriented development around Skyline stations when zoning changes are coordinated with affordable housing, transportation capacity, pedestrian safety, and public infrastructure. Higher-density development near rail can reduce reliance on private automobiles, but only if residents can safely access stations and essential services. The Council should require clear standards for affordable housing, parking management, drainage, sidewalks, and community facilities. The success of the rail investment should be measured not only by development activity but also by ridership, affordability, and improved mobility for residents.

13. Bill 39 (2026) – Rezoning Approximately 1,374.4 Acres in Kapolei and Honouliuli

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS; REQUIRE A COMPREHENSIVE CUMULATIVE-IMPACT REVIEW

I support thoughtful planning for East Kapolei but urge the Council to carefully examine the consequences of rezoning approximately 1,374.4 acres. This is a substantial land-use decision with potentially long-term effects on traffic, drainage, infrastructure, agricultural resources, public services, and surrounding communities. The Council should require a transparent explanation of the proposed zoning changes, projected development intensity, infrastructure costs, and consistency with adopted plans. The City must demonstrate that the public benefits outweigh the environmental and fiscal burdens. I urge the Council to avoid approving a large-scale land-use transformation without enforceable conditions and measurable implementation milestones.

14. Bill 42 (2026) – Lā'ie Corporation Yard and Refuse Convenience Center

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY PROTECTIONS

I support improving municipal waste-management infrastructure in Lā'ie if the project demonstrably improves service reliability and reduces the burden on residents. However, reclassifying approximately 8.188 acres from agricultural to urban use requires careful consideration of drainage, traffic, noise, environmental effects, and compatibility with surrounding land uses. The Council should require clear operating standards, appropriate buffers, public communication, and a documented explanation of why the selected location is necessary. Waste-management infrastructure is essential, but neighboring communities deserve meaningful protections and accountability.

15. Bill 43 (2026) – Rezoning at 66-009 Waialua Beach Road, Pa‘ala‘a Kai

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS; PROTECT NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER AND INFRASTRUCTURE

I support responsible housing opportunities in Waialua, but rezoning from the Country District to R-5 Residential must be evaluated against infrastructure capacity, neighborhood character, traffic, drainage, and the availability of essential services. The Council should ensure that the recorded unilateral agreement is enforceable and that the project does not impose disproportionate costs on existing residents. Housing development should be consistent with the community's long-term needs, not simply the maximum density permitted under a zoning designation.

16. Bill 52 (2026) – Use of Streets, Sidewalks, Malls, and Other Public Places

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH STRONG CIVIL-RIGHTS, ACCESSIBILITY, AND PUBLIC-SAFETY SAFEGUARDS

I support reasonable regulations that preserve public access, pedestrian safety, and the responsible use of shared public spaces. However, regulations must be applied consistently and must not unnecessarily criminalize poverty, peaceful assembly, or lawful public expression. The Council should ensure that enforcement policies are clear, proportionate, and accompanied by appropriate outreach and services. Sidewalk accessibility must be protected for wheelchair users, kūpuna, and pedestrians, while public-space rules should respect constitutional protections and avoid arbitrary enforcement. I encourage the Council to review the legislation against applicable state and federal civil-rights requirements and to publish enforcement data so the community can evaluate its actual effects.

V. RESOLUTIONS – BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES

17. HPD – Transfer of Up to \$300,000 for IDEMIA LiveScan and Biometric Workstation Replacement

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH PROCUREMENT AND DATA-SECURITY ACCOUNTABILITY

I support transferring up to \$300,000 to replace legacy LiveScan systems and upgrade biometric identification workstations if the expenditure is necessary to maintain operational reliability and manufacturer support. Accurate fingerprint and biometric systems are important to criminal investigations, identification, and public safety. However, the City should document the procurement process, compatibility requirements, cybersecurity safeguards, maintenance costs, and expected service life. The Council should also require appropriate protections for sensitive biometric information and ensure that the expenditure does not create unnecessary vendor dependency. Public safety and individual privacy must be protected together.

18. HFD – Transfer of \$16,624 to Match FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

I strongly support the transfer of \$16,624 to help secure federal grant funding for the Honolulu Fire Department. Leveraging federal resources allows the City to strengthen emergency-response capabilities while reducing the proportion of costs borne by local taxpayers. I ask the Council to confirm the grant's total value, matching requirements, eligible expenditures, and anticipated operational benefits. The City should continue prioritizing investments that improve firefighter safety, emergency readiness, and the protection of residents and property. FEMA's [Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program](#) provides the federal program framework.

VI. ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

19. Resolution 26-206 – Adoption of the 2025–2030 Climate Action Plan

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

I strongly support adopting a comprehensive Climate Action Plan with measurable implementation targets, transparent reporting, and community participation.

Honolulu faces substantial climate-related challenges, including sea-level rise, coastal erosion, extreme heat, flooding, and threats to critical infrastructure. Climate planning is not simply an environmental preference; it is a matter of public safety, fiscal responsibility, and long-term resilience.

I ask the Council to ensure that the plan includes:

- measurable greenhouse-gas reduction targets;
- annual progress reports;
- climate-resilient infrastructure investments;
- protection for vulnerable communities;
- renewable-energy and energy-efficiency strategies;
- sustainable transportation;
- coastal and watershed protection; and
- clear departmental accountability.

The [City's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency](#) provides the appropriate institutional framework. Federal climate science and projections are available through the [NOAA Sea Level Rise Viewer](#).

The Council should treat this plan as a binding management framework for measurable progress, not merely a statement of aspirations.

20. Resolution Accepting \$1,301.04 Travel Gift from the Haskell Foundation

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH TRANSPARENCY AND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST SAFEGUARDS

I support accepting the travel gift if the trip directly advances Honolulu's climate-resilience objectives and complies with all applicable ethics and gift-acceptance requirements. The City should disclose the purpose of the trip, the representative's role, the anticipated benefits, and any relevant relationships with the donor. Upon return, the representative should provide a brief public report identifying lessons learned and opportunities to apply the information locally. The value of the gift is modest, but the principle of transparency must apply regardless of dollar amount.

VII. INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY

21. He'eia Kea Valley Nature Park – Month-to-Month Rental Agreement with Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS

I support a rental arrangement that serves a legitimate public purpose and protects the long-term interests of He'eia Kea Valley Nature Park. However, the Council should confirm that the agreement includes fair rental terms, appropriate insurance, maintenance responsibilities, environmental protections, and clear termination provisions. Because the property is associated with a nature park, the City should ensure that the arrangement does not interfere with public access, cultural practices, or conservation objectives. A month-to-month structure can provide flexibility, but it should not substitute for clear accountability and appropriate oversight.

VIII. ZONING AND PLANNING

22. Resolution 26-171 – 1588 Ala Moana Mixed-Use Development

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS; PRIORITIZE AFFORDABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

I support mixed-use development near transit when it contributes to housing supply, walkability, and economic activity. However, a project of this scale must be evaluated based on its actual public benefits, not simply its architectural concept or projected investment.

I ask the Council to require:

- enforceable affordable-housing commitments;
- traffic and pedestrian-safety analysis;
- infrastructure capacity assessments;
- drainage and stormwater controls;
- construction-impact mitigation;
- adequate public access; and

- transparent monitoring of compliance.

The Council should also evaluate whether the project advances Honolulu's transit-oriented development goals and whether its benefits justify the demands it places on surrounding infrastructure.

23. Resolution 26-183 – Paullin Single-Unit Dwelling, 57-329 Pahipahi‘ālua Street, Kahuku

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

I support reasonable redevelopment of an existing residential property, particularly where the proposal includes decommissioning an existing cesspool. However, construction within the Special Management Area requires careful review of coastal impacts, wastewater management, drainage, and public resources.

The Council should confirm that the proposed individual wastewater system meets applicable state and county requirements and that the project will not increase pollution or threaten nearby coastal waters. I also ask that the City verify appropriate construction safeguards and compliance with the approved plans.

The [Hawai'i Department of Health's wastewater information](#) provides relevant context for cesspool conversion and wastewater-management standards.

24. Resolution 26-207 – Pohukaina Commons Affordable Rental and Mixed-Use Project

POSITION: SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING; REQUIRE ENFORCEABLE DELIVERY MILESTONES

I support affordable rental housing in Kaka‘ako and recognize the importance of projects that increase the supply of homes for local residents. However, amendments extending construction deadlines or modifying previously approved exemptions should be accompanied by clear evidence of progress and enforceable commitments.

The Council should request an updated construction schedule, financing status, affordable-unit breakdown, expected completion dates, and explanation for the requested changes. Affordable housing is urgently needed, but approvals must translate into actual homes rather than indefinite development timelines.

The [Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation](#) provides relevant information about state housing programs and project oversight.

IX. PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMY

25. Resolution 26-194 – Gift of Two Pregnant Mini Nigerian Does to the Honolulu Zoo

POSITION: SUPPORT

I support accepting the two animals, valued at \$3,370, provided the Zoo confirms their veterinary suitability, appropriate housing, and long-term care requirements. The Keiki Zoo can provide educational opportunities for children to learn about animal welfare, agriculture, and responsible stewardship. The Council should ensure that the gift does not create unfunded obligations and that appropriate veterinary care and animal-welfare standards are maintained.

26. Gift of Giraffe Exhibit Gate – \$12,565

POSITION: SUPPORT

I support accepting the gate installation if it improves the safety, functionality, and visitor experience of the giraffe exhibit. The Council should confirm that the installation meets applicable safety requirements and that the Zoo will not incur unexpected maintenance or replacement expenses. Gifts that improve public facilities without imposing disproportionate costs on taxpayers are worthy of consideration.

27. Gift of \$19,000 in Supplies, Equipment, and Food for Junior Lifeguard Programs

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

I strongly support accepting this gift from the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association. Junior lifeguard programs promote water safety, physical fitness, leadership, and emergency preparedness among young people. These programs can also help cultivate the next generation of ocean-safety professionals.

I encourage the City to continue investing in youth water-safety education, particularly in communities where ocean recreation is an important part of daily life. The Council should ensure that donated resources are distributed equitably and that the program's outcomes are evaluated through participation, training completion, and safety education metrics.

28. Gift of \$2,231 for ICLEI/Coalition for Green Capital Convening

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH POST-TRIP ACCOUNTABILITY

I support accepting the travel and lodging gift if the City's representative can demonstrate that the conference directly advances Honolulu's sustainability and financing objectives. The City should disclose the intended learning outcomes and provide a post-trip report identifying practical opportunities for local implementation. Publicly funded climate initiatives should benefit residents through measurable results, not merely professional networking.

29. Resolution 26-211 – UH West O'ahu Film and Media Production Facility

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

I strongly support urging the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents to advance the UH West O'ahu Film and Media Production Facility.

Hawai'i has a unique opportunity to strengthen its creative economy, develop local workforce talent, and retain more production-related spending within the State. A permanent production facility could support

education, workforce development, local production companies, and collaboration with the broader film and television industry.

I encourage the Council to support a development strategy that includes:

- local workforce training;
- internships and apprenticeships;
- opportunities for Hawai'i-based filmmakers;
- partnerships with public schools and UH programs;
- measurable local hiring goals; and
- transparent reporting on economic impact.

The [Hawai'i Film Office](#) provides information on the state's production industry and resources.

Investing in local creative infrastructure can help Hawai'i become not just a location where productions visit, but a place where local talent builds sustainable careers.

X. INTERNATIONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

30. Honolulu Liquor Commission – Agency-Specific Records Retention Schedule

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH RECORDS-ACCESS AND COMPLIANCE SAFEGUARDS

I support adopting an agency-specific records retention schedule if it improves consistency, legal compliance, and the responsible management of government records.

However, records retention must not become a mechanism for unnecessarily limiting public access or disposing of records subject to pending investigations, litigation, audits, or lawful preservation requirements.

I ask the Council to confirm that the schedule aligns with applicable state archives requirements, public-records obligations, and the City's established records-management procedures. Transparency and proper records preservation are essential to maintaining public confidence in regulatory agencies.

Relevant guidance is available through the [Hawai'i State Archives](#) and the [Office of Information Practices](#).

31. Resolution 26-201 – Mayor's Proposed Executive Reorganization of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts

POSITION: OPPOSE THE REORGANIZATION AS PROPOSED; SUPPORT INDEPENDENT COUNCIL REVIEW

I oppose approving the proposed executive reorganization without a comprehensive public explanation of its operational, financial, and policy consequences.

The Office of Culture and the Arts plays an important role in preserving Honolulu's cultural identity, supporting public art, and connecting residents with cultural programming. Changes to its organizational structure should be justified by demonstrated improvements in efficiency, accountability, service delivery, and community access.

I ask the Council to require a clear organizational chart, staffing analysis, budget comparison, explanation of the proposed authority changes, and evidence that the reorganization will strengthen rather than diminish the City's cultural responsibilities.

A reorganization should not be approved simply because it is administratively possible. It should be approved only when the public can understand why it is necessary and how it improves outcomes.

32. Resolution Submitted by Chair Tommy Waters – Rejecting the Mayor's Proposed Reorganization

POSITION: SUPPORT

I support the Council's proposed rejection of the Mayor's reorganization, pending a transparent and comprehensive review of its implications.

The Council has an important oversight responsibility when executive changes affect the structure, authority, and operation of public agencies. Rejecting the proposal at this stage does not have to mean rejecting future improvements. It means requiring the administration to provide sufficient evidence, public justification, and an accountable implementation plan before proceeding.

I encourage the Council and administration to work toward a structure that preserves cultural programming, protects institutional knowledge, and provides clear lines of accountability.

XI. BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

33. Tevitatonga Cadiente and Vaokehekehe Mataele v. City and County of Honolulu, Civil No. 1:24-CV-00022

POSITION: SUPPORT A REASONED SETTLEMENT ONLY IF THE TERMS PROTECT TAXPAYERS AND RESOLVE THE CLAIM RESPONSIBLY

I support resolving litigation when a settlement is legally justified, financially prudent, and preferable to the risks and expenses of continued litigation. However, the Council should receive sufficient information to understand the proposed settlement amount, the City's potential exposure, anticipated litigation costs, and the rationale for resolving the matter.

Where confidentiality is legally required, the Council should still ensure that its decision is supported by documented legal and financial analysis. Settlement authority should not be treated as a routine administrative formality. Taxpayers deserve assurance that public funds are being used responsibly and that the City has evaluated the risks of both settlement and continued litigation.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

34. \$4,000 Travel Gift from Fuzhou Municipal People's Government – Councilmember Radiant Cordero and One Staff Member

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH ETHICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND PUBLIC-BENEFIT CONDITIONS

I support accepting the travel gift if it complies with applicable ethics rules and serves a clearly defined public purpose for Honolulu.

International cultural exchange can create opportunities for education, tourism, economic cooperation, and mutual understanding. However, travel funded by a foreign municipal government requires particular attention to transparency, independence, and the avoidance of actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

I ask the Council to ensure that the purpose of the visit, anticipated meetings, funding arrangements, and any relevant diplomatic or economic objectives are publicly documented. Upon returning, the participants should provide a report identifying concrete benefits for Honolulu residents.

The [Hawai'i State Ethics Commission](#) provides guidance on gifts and ethical conduct for public officials.

The guiding principle should be simple: international engagement must serve the people of Honolulu, not merely the individuals traveling.

XIII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / EXECUTIVE SESSION

POSITION: SUPPORT ONLY WHEN LEGALLY NECESSARY AND PROPERLY LIMITED

I recognize the Council's authority to consult with legal counsel in executive session when permitted under Hawai'i law. However, confidential sessions should be limited to the specific legal matters authorized for closure. Policy decisions, public expenditures, and substantive legislative deliberations should remain in public session whenever legally permissible.

The public deserves transparency regarding the Council's decisions, even when certain legal discussions must remain confidential.

XIV. FINAL STATEMENT TO THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

The October 7 agenda demonstrates the extraordinary breadth of responsibility entrusted to the Honolulu City Council.

You are making decisions that affect:

- public safety;
- emergency response;
- housing affordability;
- public transportation;
- climate resilience;
- environmental protection;
- neighborhood development;
- government transparency;
- cultural preservation;
- taxpayer expenditures; and
- the long-term future of our island home.

These are not isolated administrative decisions. They are interconnected responsibilities that demand sound judgment, reliable evidence, and public accountability.

I encourage every Councilmember to ask three questions before voting:

- 1. What measurable benefit does this decision provide to the people of Honolulu?**
- 2. What are the financial, environmental, and social consequences if the decision is wrong?**
- 3. Will future generations consider this a responsible use of the authority entrusted to us today?**

I support government that is willing to innovate, invest, and build. But innovation must be accompanied by accountability. Development must be balanced with environmental stewardship. Public safety must coexist with civil rights. And every expenditure must be justified by a clear public purpose.

Our island has finite land, finite resources, and an extraordinary responsibility to future generations.

Let us govern accordingly.

Mālama the people. Mālama the ‘āina. Mālama the public trust.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Attachment would be in reference toward HPD resolution for equipment

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V. RESOLUTIONS – BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SAFETY w/ HPD & CPA

*A Citizen's Perspective on Training, Workforce Readiness, Facilities, Equipment, and
Community Partnership*

Prepared for	Honolulu City Council
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Program	Honolulu Police Department Citizens Police Academy — Class 38
Status	Preliminary executive report based on the published class agenda and participant observations shared to date

A practical case for investing before the emergency—not after it.

Executive Summary

This preliminary report presents observations and recommendations from my participation in the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Citizens Police Academy, Class 38. The class agenda documents a broad introduction to police operations, investigations, evidence recovery, officer safety, traffic enforcement, simulated court proceedings, community policing, and police accountability. The experience reinforces a central public-policy point: public safety depends not only on the work officers perform in the field, but also on the quality of their preparation, the condition of their training environment, the reliability of their equipment, and the strength of relationships between law enforcement and the public.

Based on observations shared to date, I recommend that the City Council ask HPD to assess and prioritize: (1) a safe and effective heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) solution for the gym/dojo and simulator training environment; (2) updated instructional computers and teaching technology; (3) an equipment-needs and replacement-cycle review covering recruits and serving officers; (4) a transparent analysis of recruit-class capacity, staffing, and the time required for new officers to become operational; and (5) continued support for community education such as the Citizens Police Academy.

These recommendations are not a request for unchecked spending. They propose evidence-based planning: identify the need, establish a baseline, compare options, estimate lifecycle costs, set measurable outcomes, and report progress publicly. The HPD transfer-of-funds item the participant identifies as Resolution 17 offers an opportunity to connect immediate equipment needs with long-term readiness; its exact text and fiscal details should be confirmed before a final submission.

Purpose and Scope

This executive briefing is based on the two pages of the Class 38 schedule provided and the participant's firsthand descriptions shared to date. It is preliminary—not an HPD audit, an official department position, or a verified cost estimate. Where additional department data is needed, the report recommends that HPD provide it.

What Class 38 Has Covered

The published schedule reflects a structured, multi-week introduction to HPD functions and public-safety responsibilities:

Training area	Topics reflected in the schedule
Department mission and organization	Welcome and orientation; mission and values; program overview; department history; organizational structure; communications; and the pathway to becoming a police officer.
Investigations and evidence	Criminal investigations; specialized services; domestic violence; narcotics/vice; central receiving; evidence recovery; fingerprints; and scientific investigation section staff.
Traffic and vehicle operations	Police vehicle operations; traffic safety; vehicle stops; the Criminal Justice System; vehicular homicide; and driving-under-the-influence enforcement.
Officer safety and practical skills	Mechanics of an arrest; use of force; control and arrest; simulator exercises; firearms familiarization; and Taser familiarization.
Courts, accountability, and community	Report writing; simulated court presentations with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; community policing; Honolulu Police Commission; Professional Standards Office; and peer support.
Field exposure and completion	A scheduled ride-along with patrol districts and a final Citizens Police Academy graduation session.

Observations and Opportunities

1. Training environment and heat management

The participant reports that the gym/dojo and shooting-simulator area relies on large fans for cooling and can feel excessively hot during use. This is a firsthand observation, not a measured environmental assessment. HPD should evaluate temperature, humidity, airflow, occupancy, and equipment heat load, then compare feasible HVAC or ventilation improvements. The review should consider recruit instruction, continuing training, instructor working conditions, equipment reliability, and the ability to conduct training safely and consistently.

2. Instructional technology

The participant believes classroom computer equipment could be upgraded. HPD should inventory the age, performance, compatibility, and support status of instructional computers and audiovisual systems. A phased replacement plan could prioritize equipment that limits scenario-based instruction, presentations, report-writing practice, or access to current training materials. Procurement should include maintenance, cybersecurity, warranties, and lifecycle costs—not only initial purchase price.

3. Safety equipment and lifecycle planning

The participant raises the need for adequate safety gear for both new and existing officers. Rather than estimating quantities without verified staffing and inventory data, HPD should provide an equipment matrix showing required items, current inventory, condition, assigned users, replacement schedules, and unfunded needs. The Council can then evaluate whether proposed funding addresses documented gaps and whether recurring replacement costs are reflected in future budgets.

4. Recruit pipeline and operational readiness

The participant reports that HPD conducts two recruit classes per year, with a class cycle described as approximately six and a half months, and expresses concern about the time between recruitment, academy

training, and deployment. These figures and their relationship to current staffing vacancies should be confirmed by HPD. The Council should request a workforce pipeline report showing authorized and filled positions, vacancies, academy seats, recruit attrition, graduation rates, field-training duration, time to independent assignment, and projected retirements.

5. Community education and trust

The Citizens Police Academy gives residents a structured opportunity to learn about department functions, operational demands, evidence practices, officer safety, and accountability. Maintaining and improving this program can support informed public participation and constructive dialogue. Its value can be evaluated through participant feedback, completion rates, community engagement, and opportunities for continued communication.

Recommendations for Council Consideration

1. **Request a facilities assessment.** Direct HPD, with City facilities personnel, to assess the gym/dojo and simulator area and present options for HVAC, ventilation, or other heat-mitigation improvements. Include measured conditions, safety considerations, capital and operating costs, and a proposed timeline.
2. **Commission an instructional-technology inventory.** Request a prioritized inventory of classroom computers, display systems, simulator-related technology, and instructional software, with a phased modernization plan and total-cost-of-ownership estimates.
3. **Require an equipment readiness and replacement plan.** Ask HPD to document equipment requirements for recruits and current personnel, inventory and condition, replacement cycles, procurement status, and critical shortfalls. Protect sensitive operational details while providing meaningful budget oversight.
4. **Review academy throughput and workforce metrics.** Request a report on recruit class frequency, capacity, completion, attrition, field-training timelines, vacancies, and time from application to operational assignment. Identify whether additional academy resources would materially accelerate readiness.
5. **Tie funding to outcomes and public reporting.** For major investments, establish baselines, milestones, responsible divisions, and periodic reporting. Potential measures include training-space availability, equipment serviceability, instructional downtime, recruit throughput, and participant feedback.
6. **Sustain community-facing education.** Consider support for the Citizens Police Academy and related community education, with clear goals for access, participant experience, and ongoing engagement.

Budget and Oversight Principles

- Needs before numbers: establish current conditions and operational impact before setting a funding target.
- Lifecycle value: consider installation, maintenance, utilities, training, warranties, and replacement—not only acquisition cost.
- Transparent procurement: document alternatives, purchasing method, and expected performance.
- Equity and safety: ensure recruits and officers across assignments have access to appropriate, serviceable equipment and safe training conditions.
- Measurable accountability: connect appropriations to defined deliverables and report implementation progress to the Council.
- Operational confidentiality: provide meaningful oversight while protecting sensitive law-enforcement information.

Conclusion: Invest in the People Who Protect Honolulu

My experience in Class 38 has provided a citizen's view of the breadth and complexity of police work. The agenda shows that effective policing draws on far more than patrol response: it depends on investigation,

evidence handling, communication, legal process, training, safety, and public partnership. Those functions require facilities and tools that are fit for purpose.

I respectfully ask the Honolulu City Council to view appropriate investment in HPD training, equipment, and community education as an investment in Honolulu's future. Funding should be disciplined, transparent, and tied to results. Delaying necessary improvements can also carry costs—in readiness, efficiency, workforce support, and public confidence. The goal is not spending for its own sake. The goal is a better-prepared department and a safer, more empowered community.

"Investing in the future of public safety means investing before the emergency—not after it."

Information to Add in a Final Revision

Before this report is treated as a final funding proposal, the following should be confirmed or added:

- Exact title, text, amount, and fiscal implications of the HPD transfer-of-funds item referred to as Resolution 17.
- HPD's current recruit class schedule, class size, graduation and attrition data, and time-to-deployment metrics.
- Current staffing authorizations, vacancies, and workforce projections, using official department figures.
- Facility measurements and a formal assessment of gym/dojo and simulator cooling conditions.
- An inventory and cost estimate for instructional computers and relevant training technology.
- An equipment needs assessment and replacement schedule for recruits and active officers.
- Additional participant notes from remaining sessions, ride-alongs, and the Police Commission session.

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