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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, Floor Leader Kiaʻāina, and all Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I am submitting my public comments and requested positions on the agenda for the Honolulu City Council's Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

I ask that this correspondence be included in the public record and that my comments be considered on each corresponding agenda item.

My approach is straightforward: I support proposals that produce measurable public benefits, protect our communities, and responsibly use taxpayer resources. I oppose proposals that shift private costs onto the public, create enforcement duties without adequate staffing, or promise results without a credible implementation plan.

A bill or resolution should not receive support simply because its stated goal sounds positive. The Council must also examine who pays, who benefits, who is responsible, how the measure will be enforced, and whether the City has the resources to carry it out.

Below are my positions and requests, organized by the November 5 agenda.

1. Approval of September 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

POSITION: OPPOSE, the minutes Do NOT accurately reflect the proceedings.

The minutes are the official record of the Council's actions and should accurately capture motions, votes, referrals, and material procedural events. I ask members of the public to have a meaningful opportunity to identify errors before approval. Such as, forcing me to write a paper testimony after already emailing the entire honolulu city council, and none of my emails are in the records or reflected in the minutes. Furthermore, I was not called to testify unless i filled out a form or if the Chair saw me raise my hand, and by video footage you can clearly see Pikachu attempting to testify multiple times, but not being allowed to. Accuracy in the public record is not a formality; it is the foundation of accountability. What is the point of emailing you; if its never on the record or reflected in the minutes? Do you know how long it takes to fill out one of your forms multiplied by every single agenda item? It's a complete waste of time, if none of the city council members respond and do double the paperwork in the year 2026! You're also wasting paper, ink, and people's time.

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2. Resolution 26-213 — Reappointment of Dr. Richard Kebo to the Ocean Safety Commission

POSITION:SUPPORT.

Ocean safety is a critical public responsibility, particularly for an island community where residents, visitors, and ocean users face changing conditions across beaches and coastlines. I support qualified commission members who bring relevant experience and a willingness to address practical safety issues.

Before confirmation, I ask the Council to ensure the public record reflects the nominee's relevant qualifications, attendance, contributions, potential conflicts, and understanding of the needs of communities beyond the heavily visited beaches. Ocean safety resources and public education must reach rural and underserved coastlines as well.

3. Resolution 26-235 — Appointment of Anthony J. Baldomero, Jr. to the HART Board of Directors

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT.

The Honolulu rail project requires competent oversight, transparency, financial discipline, and a willingness to confront difficult questions. Board members must be able to evaluate cost, schedule, ridership, safety, construction impacts, and the long-term financial obligations that taxpayers and transit users will inherit.

I ask the Council to make the nominee's qualifications, relevant transportation or governance experience, potential conflicts, and expectations for board service clear in the public record. A board appointment should be based on demonstrated ability to provide independent oversight—not simply the ability to fill a seat.

4. Resolution 26-238 — Appointment of Ualani Davis to the Commission on Culture and the Arts

POSITION: SUPPORT.

Honolulu's cultural and artistic resources should represent the diversity, history, and lived experiences of our island communities. I support qualified individuals who understand that public art and cultural programming should not be limited to the most visible or well-funded neighborhoods.

I ask the Council to confirm the nominee's relevant experience and commitment to broad community participation, including Native Hawaiian cultural perspectives, local artists, and communities outside urban Honolulu.

5. Resolution 26-240 — Appointment of Keola Rapozo to the Commission on Culture and the Arts

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support a commission that values cultural integrity, public access, and meaningful representation. The Council should examine the nominee's qualifications, experience, potential conflicts, and ability to serve the public interest.

I also ask that the commission's work include practical opportunities for local artists and cultural practitioners across O'ahu, not merely projects concentrated in a few established districts.

6. Resolution 26-241 — Appointment of Jamie Young to the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission

POSITION: SUPPORT.

The Grants in Aid program should help organizations deliver meaningful services to residents, especially communities facing significant social and economic challenges. Advisory decisions must be grounded in fairness, transparent evaluation, measurable outcomes, and responsible stewardship of public money.

I ask the Council to ensure the nominee understands nonprofit accountability, grant evaluation, community needs, and the importance of preventing conflicts of interest. The public should be able to understand how organizations are evaluated and how funded projects are assessed after awards are made.

7. Resolution 26-242 — Appointment of Brandy McDougall to the Commission on Culture and the Arts

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support qualified commission members who can help preserve and strengthen the cultural identity of Honolulu. I ask that the nominee's qualifications and relevant experience be clearly presented and that the commission continue to include community voices, local artists, and Native Hawaiian cultural perspectives in its work.

8. Resolution 26-215 — Overt Video Monitoring for the 2026 Honolulu Marathon

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, WITH STRONG PRIVACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS.

Public safety at a major event is a legitimate objective. However, authorization to use overt video monitoring must not become an open-ended justification for surveillance beyond the event or its specific public-safety needs.

The Council should require a clear written policy addressing:

- The exact locations and purposes of each camera.
- Which agency or personnel may access recorded footage.
- How long footage will be retained.
- When footage may be shared with other agencies.
- The circumstances under which footage may be used for unrelated investigations.
- How cameras will be removed, disabled, or repurposed after the marathon.
- How the public will be informed if cameras remain in operation.

The agenda identifies a proposed CD1 and a Department of Emergency Management draft. I ask the Council to ensure that the final authorization contains enforceable limits, not simply assurances. The

City should publish a post-event accounting identifying which cameras were removed, which remain in use, and the reason for continued operation.

A temporary event-security measure must not quietly become permanent public surveillance.

9. Bill 61 (2026) — Affordable Housing Real Property Tax Exemption

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH TRANSPARENCY AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS.

I support tax policy that encourages the creation and preservation of genuinely affordable rental housing. However, a tax exemption is a public benefit provided at the expense of potential public revenue. Residents deserve to know what they are receiving in return.

I support the concept of aligning the exemption with the period a qualifying project remains subject to its affordable-housing agreement or restrictive covenant, rather than allowing an arbitrary expiration to undermine long-term affordability.

I ask the Council to require annual public reporting that identifies:

- Each participating property and project.
- The amount of property tax revenue exempted.
- The number of affordable units maintained.
- The income levels and affordability terms applicable to those units.
- The duration of the affordability commitment.
- Any compliance violations and resulting cancellation of the exemption.

The City must be able to demonstrate that the tax benefit produces an actual public housing benefit. A property should not receive an ongoing public subsidy while failing to honor its affordability commitments.

10. Bill 57 (2026), CD1 — Outdoor Playcourts

POSITION: OPPOSE THE BILL IN ITS CURRENT FORM; REQUEST A COMPREHENSIVE PARKS ASSET REPORT INSTEAD.

I support transparency about the condition of outdoor recreation facilities. I do not support creating a narrow reporting mandate that risks elevating outdoor play courts above the many other park facilities that residents depend on.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has formally submitted opposition to Bill 57. That concern deserves serious consideration. Playgrounds, comfort stations, lighting, pools, walking paths, fields, courts, and basic park maintenance all contribute to public health and community safety.

A report focused on one category of facility could create additional administrative work without addressing the larger maintenance problems facing our parks.

Instead, I ask the Council to pursue a comprehensive, publicly accessible parks asset and maintenance report covering:

- Facility condition and safety inspections.
- Repair backlogs and estimated repair costs.
- Maintenance schedules and staffing levels.
- Accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Lighting, restrooms, playgrounds, courts, pools, and other amenities.
- Geographic distribution of maintenance needs.
- Capital improvement priorities and funding sources.

The objective should be better parks for everyone, not another isolated reporting requirement. I ask the Council to listen to its own Parks Department and revise or reject the bill in its present form.

11. Bill 58 (2026) — Shared Micro mobility Vehicle Parking

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH ENFORCEMENT, ACCESSIBILITY, AND OPERATOR ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS.

Shared bicycles and scooters can provide transportation options, but they must not create obstacles for pedestrians, wheelchair users, kupuna, parents with strollers, or people with mobility impairments.

I support reasonable parking rules, provided the City places clear responsibility on the companies operating these services. The City should not become the unpaid cleanup crew for private operators.

I ask the Council to ensure the final measure includes:

- Clearly designated parking locations.
- Accessible pedestrian pathways and curb ramps.
- Prompt removal of improperly parked or abandoned devices.
- A reliable public complaint and reporting process.
- Operator responsibility for retrieval and relocation.
- Meaningful penalties for repeat operator violations.
- Public reporting of complaints, response times, and repeat problem locations.

The City should also disclose the personnel and enforcement costs associated with the measure. If companies profit from operating on public streets and sidewalks, they should bear the reasonable cost of keeping those spaces safe and accessible.

12. Bill 55 (2026), CD1 — YMCA of Honolulu, 401 Atkinson Drive, Waikīkī Rezoning

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO PUBLIC-BENEFIT AND INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW.

The proposed rezoning would change the property from high-density mixed-use zoning with a 350-foot height limit to an A-2 Medium Density Apartment District with a 150-foot height limit.

I recognize the importance of the YMCA and its community-serving mission. I also recognize that zoning decisions have long-term consequences for surrounding neighborhoods, housing opportunities, infrastructure, and public access.

I ask the Council to make clear what the rezoning will accomplish for the public and whether the proposed change protects the YMCA's community-serving role.

Before final approval, the Council should evaluate:

- The existing and proposed uses of the property.
- The effect on the YMCA's programs and community services.
- The proposed development and its compatibility with surrounding properties.
- Traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, and transit access.
- Infrastructure capacity and construction impacts.
- Any affordable housing or other public benefits associated with the proposal.
- Whether the zoning change is necessary to accomplish the stated project objectives.

I support community-serving institutions, but zoning changes must be justified by a clear public benefit and a transparent development plan.

13. Bill 53 (2026), CD1 — Relating to Shopping Carts

POSITION: STRONG OPPOSITION. PLEASE VOTE NO ON BILL 53 IN ITS CURRENT FORM.

I understand that abandoned shopping carts can obstruct sidewalks, create hazards, and negatively affect neighborhoods. I do not support theft or the abandonment of private property. However, the Council must distinguish between addressing a real problem and creating an enforcement policy that shifts private business costs onto taxpayers and vulnerable residents.

This bill raises serious questions about responsibility, fairness, enforcement capacity, and whether the proposed solution addresses the actual cause of the problem.

First, why are major retailers not being required to demonstrate that they have taken reasonable steps to prevent carts from leaving their properties?

Retailers should be asked to evaluate and disclose the use of practical loss-prevention measures, including:

- Wheel-locking systems and perimeter controls.
- Magnetic or other cart-security technology.
- GPS or asset-tracking systems where appropriate.
- Secure cart corrals and designated collection areas.
- Retailer-funded retrieval contractors.
- Improved cart identification and recovery procedures.

I am not claiming that any one technology is guaranteed to solve the problem. I am asking why the Council is considering criminal penalties before requiring a serious evaluation of prevention measures that the businesses themselves can implement and fund.

Second, why should the public be expected to absorb the enforcement costs of a private retailer's inventory-control problem?

The Council should require retailers to provide actual figures showing how many carts are lost, the cost of replacement, what prevention systems have been tested, and why those systems were rejected or considered insufficient. The public should not be asked to accept claims about costs being passed to consumers without also examining the private industry's responsibility to prevent those losses.

Third, the enforcement burden is a major concern.

On October 16, 2026, Hawai'i Public Radio reported that HPD had more than 400 vacancies in uniformed positions. Chief David Lazar announced that 100 officers would be reassigned to patrol beginning November 1, while the department was also dealing with overtime pressures. HPD's reported overtime budget was approximately $6.8 million per quarter, and the department exceeded that budget by $6 million in the preceding quarter.

That is not a department with unlimited capacity to take on additional enforcement duties. 【turn803712search2】

The October 23, 2026 Hawai'i Public Radio report on Bill 53 also described the existing cart-identification process: officers may need to contact a retailer representative and wait for that representative to come to the scene to identify a cart. The report further noted that retailers sometimes do not want damaged or questionable carts returned. 【turn803712search1】

The Council must explain how the proposed law will work in practice. Who identifies the cart? Who establishes ownership? Who determines whether possession is unlawful? Who handles the investigation, evidence, citation, prosecution, and court proceedings? How much officer time will each incident require? What additional funding and personnel are being provided?

A law that creates a new offense without a realistic enforcement plan risks becoming another unfunded mandate.

Fourth, I am concerned about the disproportionate impact on people experiencing homelessness or severe economic hardship. A criminal charge, substantial fine, or possible jail sentence does not address the underlying lack of secure storage, housing, or access to basic necessities. It may make it even harder for a person to obtain housing or stabilize their circumstances.

The October 23 report described concerns from Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center that criminal penalties could burden people already experiencing significant hardship. Those concerns should not be dismissed. 【turn803712search1】

I ask the Council to consider whether a storage program, retailer-funded retrieval system, outreach response, or other preventive approach would produce better results at lower public cost.

Finally, I ask why the Council is prioritizing a new criminal enforcement program without first demonstrating that existing public nuisance, litter, and obstruction rules are being consistently enforced and that the City has the resources to enforce another law.

My request is simple: reject Bill 53 in its current form. Require retailers to present a prevention and retrieval plan, require a fiscal and staffing impact analysis from HPD and the Prosecuting Attorney, and evaluate noncriminal alternatives before imposing new penalties on the public.

A private business should not be able to transfer its loss-prevention responsibilities to the taxpayers and then ask the City to criminalize the consequences.

14. Bill 40 (2026), CD1 — One-Time Real Property Tax Remission for Qualifying Affordable Housing Purchasers

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH ANTI-ABUSE AND TRANSPARENCY SAFEGUARDS.

I support practical efforts to help qualifying households purchase affordable housing. Homeownership can provide stability and help local families remain in Hawai'i.

However, the Council should ensure that the tax remission reaches the intended buyers and does not become an unnecessary windfall for investors, speculative purchasers, or households that do not meet the program's intended purpose.

I ask for clear eligibility requirements, verification of qualifying affordable housing status, owner-occupancy conditions where appropriate, anti-resale or recapture provisions where legally permissible, and public reporting on the number of households assisted and the total revenue remitted.

The City should report the program's actual cost and demonstrate that the benefit is reaching local households who need assistance.

15. Bill 11 (2026), CD1 — Reporting of Affordable Housing Incentives

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT.

The public deserves to know what affordable housing incentives the City provides, how much those incentives cost, and whether they produce the promised housing.

Tax exemptions, fee waivers, zoning incentives, public land arrangements, and other development benefits represent public resources. The Council should be able to evaluate whether those benefits produce housing that is genuinely affordable and remains affordable for the promised period.

I support public reporting that identifies the project, developer, incentive provided, estimated public value, number of affordable units, affordability terms, compliance status, and any missed commitments.

The report should be understandable to ordinary residents and accessible online. It should also allow the public to compare the value of the incentive against the housing actually delivered.

16. Resolution 26-222 — Up to $210 Million in Junior Series Wastewater System Revenue Bonds

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL AND PROJECT TRANSPARENCY.

Wastewater infrastructure is essential to public health, environmental protection, and responsible development. I recognize that the City must maintain and improve its wastewater system.

However, authorizing up to $210 million in additional bonds is a significant financial decision. The Council should not treat borrowing authority as a routine administrative matter.

I ask for disclosure of the intended projects, expected borrowing costs, repayment schedule, debt-service coverage, interest-rate assumptions, and anticipated effect on wastewater rates.

Residents should be able to see which infrastructure needs are being addressed and how the City will measure whether the investment improves system reliability and environmental performance.

17. Resolution 26-225 — Up to $205 Million in Senior Series Wastewater System Revenue Bonds

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO THE SAME FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

This resolution authorizes up to $205 million in senior series wastewater revenue bonds. Combined with Resolution 26-222, the two resolutions authorize up to $415 million in wastewater system revenue bonds.

That is a substantial borrowing authorization. The Council should provide residents with a consolidated explanation of the total financing plan rather than asking the public to evaluate the two resolutions in isolation.

I request a public accounting of:

- The projects financed by each bond series.
- The total expected debt service.
- The effect on wastewater rates.
- The projected useful life of the infrastructure.
- The financial assumptions and risks.
- The process for monitoring project completion and expenditures.

I support necessary wastewater improvements, but ratepayers deserve transparency and proof that borrowing is being used efficiently.

18. Resolution 26-219 — Gift of Two Benches and Plaques at ʻĀina Moana Park

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support this gift honoring the ʻOhana of Lily Kwan and the ʻOhana of Clara Kwan. Public spaces benefit from community generosity and opportunities to recognize families and loved ones.

I ask the Parks Department to ensure the installation is accessible, properly maintained, and does not create additional hazards or obstruct pedestrian pathways. The City should also make clear whether any ongoing maintenance costs will be incurred.

19. Resolution 26-223 — Gift of a Bench and Plaque at Sandy Beach Park

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support accepting this community gift in memory of the Family of Serm Chongchua. I ask that the City ensure the bench is appropriately placed, accessible, and maintained without creating an unreasonable future maintenance burden.

20. Resolution 26-224 — Gift of Twelve Tennis Nets at Patsy T. Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support accepting the twelve tennis nets from USTA Hawaii Pacific Inc. This is a direct recreational benefit to the public and helps support community use of an important regional park.

I ask the Parks Department to ensure the nets are installed properly, maintained, and made available for public use under fair and transparent facility policies.

21. Resolution 26-200 — Department of Transportation Services Agency Rail Safety Plan

POSITION: SUPPORT, WITH CONTINUING PUBLIC OVERSIGHT.

A comprehensive rail safety plan is essential to safe and reliable rail operations. The agenda identifies this plan as addressing federal requirements under 49 CFR Parts 673 and 674 and Hawai'i Department of Transportation standards.

I support compliance with applicable safety requirements, but approval should not end public oversight.

I ask the Council to ensure that the City continues to report on safety performance, incident response, emergency coordination, employee training, system reliability, and corrective actions. Residents should have access to meaningful safety information without compromising protected security details.

The public must have confidence that safety is treated as an ongoing operational responsibility, not merely a document approved by the Council.

22. Resolution 26-226 — Subsurface Easements to Humuhumu Services, LLC, Including Barbers Point Beach Park and West O'ahu Roads

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO STRICT PROTECTION OF PUBLIC LAND AND ACCESS.

This resolution concerns non-exclusive subsurface easements involving portions of Barbers Point Beach Park and multiple public road corridors in Honouliuli and 'Ewa.

I recognize that utility and infrastructure improvements can provide important public benefits. However, any use of public land—especially park property—must be evaluated carefully.

The City should disclose the easement area, compensation, construction schedule, restoration obligations, insurance and liability protections, and the long-term rights being granted.

I ask the Council to ensure:

- Public beach and park access remains protected.
- Construction does not unnecessarily disrupt park users or nearby residents.
- The company is responsible for damage, restoration, and maintenance associated with its work.
- The City has inspection and enforcement authority.
- Compensation reflects the value of the public property interest.

- Any promised community benefits are specific, measurable, and enforceable.

The agenda identifies multiple road corridors as well as Barbers Point Beach Park. Residents in West O'ahu deserve a clear explanation of the project's purpose, construction impacts, and public benefits.

Public land is held for the public. Any private use must be justified and protected by enforceable terms.

23. Resolution 26-228 — AIDS Memorial and Community Memory Site at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support accepting the proposed AIDS Memorial and Community Memory Site from Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation. Remembering those lost to HIV/AIDS, recognizing the people and families affected, and preserving community history are meaningful public purposes.

I ask the City to work with the foundation and affected communities to ensure the memorial is accessible, respectfully maintained, and protected as a lasting public space.

The memorial should be supported by thoughtful community engagement and should honor the people whose lives and experiences it represents.

24. Resolution 26-218, CD1 — Special Management Area Permit, 47-347 Lulani Street, Kāne'ohe

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO SMA FINDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS.

The proposal involves demolition of existing structures and construction of a new three-story single-unit dwelling, attached garage, and related improvements.

I recognize that property owners have legitimate interests in maintaining and improving their properties. However, Special Management Area approvals require careful consideration of coastal resources and the applicable environmental and land-use standards.

I ask the Council to ensure the record supports the required findings and addresses drainage, runoff, construction impacts, shoreline and coastal-resource protections, and any applicable flood or hazard concerns.

Approval should be based on the actual project plans and the applicable legal standards, not assumptions that a residential project has no broader impacts.

25. Resolution 26-220, CD1 — Special Management Area Permit for Two Single-Unit Dwellings in Kailua

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW.

The proposal includes demolition of existing structures and construction of two single-unit dwellings, garages, an in-ground swimming pool, and related improvements.

I ask the Council to examine the project's drainage, stormwater management, wastewater arrangements, construction impacts, and consistency with applicable SMA requirements.

The Council should ensure that the project does not increase runoff or create avoidable impacts to neighboring properties or coastal resources. The public record should identify the conditions imposed and how compliance will be monitored.

26. Resolution 26-221, CD1 — 84-253 Farrington Highway, Waiʻanae: Dwelling, ADU, and Individual Wastewater System

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO WASTEWATER AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

This item is especially important to West Oʻahu residents. The proposal includes a single-story dwelling, detached three-car garage, accessory dwelling unit, parking, and installation of an individual wastewater system.

I support responsible housing opportunities, including accessory dwelling units, but wastewater infrastructure and public health cannot be treated as afterthoughts.

I ask the Council to ensure that the individual wastewater system has the required approvals and is appropriate for the site conditions. The record should address soil suitability, system capacity, maintenance responsibilities, groundwater protection, drainage, and any potential effect on neighboring properties or coastal resources.

Waiʻanae and neighboring communities have legitimate concerns about wastewater infrastructure, cesspools, groundwater, and coastal health. The City should apply the same careful scrutiny to wastewater proposals in West Oʻahu that it would expect anywhere else.

I request that all required environmental and wastewater approvals be documented before construction proceeds.

27. Resolution 26-230, CD1 — Kapolei Parkway Lots 2–5 Affordable Rental Housing Project

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH STRONG AFFORDABILITY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PUBLIC-LAND ACCOUNTABILITY CONDITIONS.

I support the development of affordable rental housing in Kapolei. The agenda identifies this as a project involving City-owned land at 91-683 Wakea Street and an application by KP52 Developer, LLC under HRS Chapter 201H-38.

The project has been described in the public discussion as providing approximately 737 affordable rental units and eight manager units, with affordability commitments extending for at least 73 years. Those figures and the precise affordability terms should be confirmed against the final project documents before approval.

A project of this size can make a meaningful contribution to housing supply, but the Council must also examine whether the surrounding infrastructure can support it.

I ask the Council to require clear public information on:

- The number of units and affordability levels.
- The length and enforceability of affordability restrictions.
- The allocation of units by income category.
- The developer's obligations and performance requirements.
- Water, wastewater, drainage, road, and utility capacity.
- Traffic and transportation impacts.
- School, emergency-service, and other community infrastructure considerations.
- The public value of the exemptions being requested.
- Construction timelines and accountability for delays.

Affordable housing must remain affordable in practice, not just in the project's marketing materials. The public should be able to track the number of units delivered, their actual rents, and whether the affordability commitments are honored over time.

I support moving forward with this project if the final terms protect the public interest and the City can demonstrate that the infrastructure and affordability commitments are adequate.

28. Resolution 26-236, CD1 — Urging Return of Bellows Air Force Station Lands to the People of Hawai'i

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT.

I support the Council urging the United States to return the lands utilized by Bellows Air Force Station to the people of Hawai'i.

The future of these lands should be considered through a process that respects Native Hawaiian interests, local community needs, environmental protection, public access, and long-term stewardship.

I ask the Council to make clear that the return of these lands should not simply result in a new round of private development or the transfer of control from one institution to another without meaningful community participation.

The people of Waimānalo and the broader community deserve a genuine voice in determining the future of these lands. Any future plan should recognize the cultural, environmental, recreational, and historical significance of the area.

I support this resolution and encourage continued advocacy for a transparent process that places the long-term public interest first.

29. Resolution 26-229 — Gift to HPD Specialized Services Division, Canine Unit

POSITION: SUPPORT.

I support accepting the $3,141.82 gift for the Honolulu Police Department Specialized Services Division, Canine Unit.

Specialized K-9 teams can provide valuable public-safety services. I ask HPD to ensure that donated funds are used for the stated purpose and that the department maintains appropriate training, veterinary care, equipment, and animal-welfare standards.

As a participant in HPD's Citizens Police Academy Class 38, I have seen the importance of training, preparation, and teamwork across specialized units. Public confidence requires both effective service and responsible treatment of the working animals who support that service.

30. Resolution 26-227 — $3,000 Travel Gift for the AAMVA Region 4 Meeting

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT.

I support professional development and coordination among motor vehicle administrators and law enforcement officials when the training provides a clear benefit to City operations and residents.

Before accepting the travel gift, I ask the department to identify the intended City representative, the meeting's relevance to the employee's responsibilities, and the expected operational benefit.

The City should also disclose any travel costs not covered by the gift and provide a brief post-event report identifying useful information, training, or practices brought back to Honolulu.

A donated trip should still serve a legitimate public purpose and comply with applicable ethics requirements.

31. Resolution 26-250 — $4,080 in Gift Cards for the 2026 City Employee Awards Program

POSITION: CONDITIONAL SUPPORT.

I support recognizing City employees who provide dedicated public service. Employee recognition can help morale and acknowledge the people who keep City services operating.

However, gifts involving public employees should be transparent and handled consistently with applicable ethics requirements. I ask the Council to ensure that the source of the gift, selection process, distribution criteria, and any relevant conflict-of-interest considerations are documented.

Recognition should be fair and should not create the appearance that a donor is purchasing special access, influence, or favorable treatment.

32. Resolution 26-247 — Relating to Officers of the Honolulu City Council

POSITION: SUPPORT, SUBJECT TO TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.

The selection of Council officers is an internal governance matter, but leadership positions carry significant responsibility for public access, meeting procedure, agenda management, and the integrity of the Council's work.

I ask all members to exercise their responsibility with transparency, fairness, and respect for public participation. The public should be able to understand how leadership decisions are made and how those decisions affect the Council's ability to serve the people of O'ahu.

33. Committee of the Whole / Executive Session & HRS-92 Sunshine Law

I understand that the Council may enter executive session when legally authorized under Council Rule 12.A and HRS Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4) to consult with its attorneys on matters involving the City's or Council's legal powers, duties, privileges, immunities, or liabilities.

I ask that executive sessions be used only when the statutory requirements are met. When the legal basis for confidentiality no longer applies, the Council should provide as much information as legally permissible so residents can understand the outcome and any resulting public action.

34. Announcements and Adjournment

I encourage Council members to use announcements to inform residents about upcoming hearings, community meetings, public services, and opportunities to participate in local government.

I also ask the Council to continue improving the public's ability to follow agenda items, locate supporting documents, submit testimony, and understand what action was taken.

A broader request: Establish a City Council Public Access and Testimony Assistance Room

Beyond the individual agenda items, I am again asking the Council to consider establishing a public-facing assistance service modeled on the State Legislature's Public Access Room (PAR).

The current testimony process can be unnecessarily difficult for residents who want to participate meaningfully in multiple agenda items. For this meeting, I had to enter and submit 27 separate testimony entries. That is a significant administrative burden for a member of the public who is attempting to research the issues, prepare substantive comments, and participate in the democratic process.

I understand that separate agenda items may require separate testimony records. My request is not to eliminate the public record or combine distinct agenda items in a way that compromises the record. My request is to make the process easier to navigate.

I ask the Council and City Clerk to evaluate a Public Access and Testimony Assistance Room or equivalent service with the following features:

1. **In-person assistance:** A staffed public help desk where residents can receive assistance navigating agendas, locating legislation, and submitting testimony.
2. **Simplified multi-item submission:** A process that allows residents to prepare testimony for multiple agenda items in one organized session, with the system generating the appropriate separate submissions.
3. **Reusable contact information:** A secure way for a resident to enter contact information once and reuse it for multiple submissions, without repeatedly retyping the same information.
4. **Clear submission receipts:** A consolidated confirmation showing each agenda item, submission status, and date and time received.
5. **Public access to supporting documents:** Assistance locating bills, resolutions, committee reports, amendments, department testimony, fiscal information, and meeting records.

6. **Accessibility and language assistance:** Practical help for residents with disabilities, kupuna, people with limited computer access, and residents who wish to participate in ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi or other languages.
7. **Privacy and public-record guidance:** Clear explanations of what information becomes public, what information is required, and how residents can avoid unnecessarily disclosing personal information.
8. **Public education:** Basic guidance on how to read an agenda, identify the correct committee, submit written testimony, register for oral testimony, and follow a measure through the legislative process.

This is not a request for special treatment. It is a request for better public service.

Residents should not need to be experienced lobbyists, attorneys, or technology specialists to participate in local government. A well-designed assistance service would help residents, neighborhood boards, nonprofit organizations, and community advocates participate more effectively while improving the quality and organization of the public record.

I encourage the Council to ask the City Clerk for a written evaluation of the cost, staffing, technology, and feasibility of this proposal, including whether a pilot program could be established for a limited period.

Closing request to the Council

I ask each Council Member to consider the positions above on their merits and to ensure that the public record reflects not only the number of people who testified, but the substance of the concerns raised.

Please do not mistake opposition to a particular bill for opposition to the problem it seeks to solve. Residents can support safer streets without supporting unnecessary criminal penalties. We can support affordable housing while demanding infrastructure and enforceable affordability commitments. We can support public safety while insisting on privacy protections and realistic staffing plans.

The responsibility of the government is not simply to pass legislation. It is to make sound decisions that can actually be implemented, funded, enforced, and measured.

For our people, for our future, I ask the Council to put practical results ahead of political talking points, public accountability ahead of convenience, and the long-term interests of our communities ahead of short-term solutions.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. Please include this correspondence in the public record and ensure that the relevant comments are associated with their respective agenda items.

Respectfully,

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