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REGULAR MEETING
26TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to adjournment, the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Chair and Presiding Officer, Tommy Waters, at 10:22 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Kia‘āina acknowledged members of the City Administration, Mayoral appointees to the City Boards and Commissions, and community members and stakeholders present in the Council Chamber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Session Minutes as posted on the agenda be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-196 – COMMITTEE REPORT 277(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARY OKIMOTO TO SERVE ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 277(26) and Resolution 26-196 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Cary Okimoto (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the appointee for his service to the City and expressed appreciation for his continued willingness to serve on City commissions following his career in public safety. She acknowledged his contributions during critical leadership transitions within the Honolulu Police Department and commended his dedication and continued commitment to public service.

Committee Report 277(26) and Resolution 26-196 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-204 – COMMITTEE REPORT 279(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DOMINEQUE BONIFACIO TO SERVE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 279(26) and Resolution 26-204 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Domineque Bonifacio (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tulba expressed support for the appointee, highlighting his previous service as a district representative on the Honolulu Youth Commission from 2024 to 2026, during which he served as Vice Chair. He commended the appointee's continued commitment to public service and willingness to serve on the Neighborhood Commission following the completion of his term on the Youth Commission. Councilmember Tulba emphasized the importance of encouraging youth participation in civic engagement and community leadership.

Committee Report 279(26) and Resolution 26-204 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-422(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-204
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-213

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. RICHARD KEBO TO SERVE ON THE OCEAN SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Dr. Richard Kebo (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire, Billionaire Foundation and Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands (M-425[26]) (Support)
3. Racquel Achiu (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-213 to the Commiittee on Public Safety & Economy for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 57 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO OUTDOOR PLAYCOURTS.

FIRST READING
BILL 58 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SHARED MICROMOBILITY VEHICLES.

FIRST READING
BILL 59 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

FIRST READING
BILL 60 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Tupola moved that the first reading bills listed on the agenda pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified for Bill 57 (2026):

Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for increased transparency regarding the Department of Parks and Recreation's resurfacing projects across Council districts. She noted that constituents frequently inquire about the selection and scheduling of resurfacing projects, as well as when facilities were last resurfaced. Councilmember Tupola emphasized the importance of making this information available to the public and looked forward to further discussion in Committee.

The following individuals testified for Bill 58 (2026):

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Bryan Mick, Disability Communication and Access Board (M-417[26]) (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

The following individuals testified for Bill 59 (2026):

1. Dylan Armstrong (M-406[26]) (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-406[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Cordero clarified that Bill 59 (2026) was introduced to facilitate further discussion and refinement rather than to advance in its current form. She noted that she had initiated discussions with the Department of Transportation Services regarding the potential establishment of a program with clear guidelines governing the types and placement of advertising permitted on transit vehicles and within transit facilities, as well as the allocation of potential advertising revenues. Councilmember Cordero emphasized the importance of establishing appropriate restrictions to prevent unrestricted advertising on public transit vehicles and within transit facilities and looked forward to further discussion in Committee.

Councilmember Tupola noted that Bill 59 (2026) has the potential to provide significant benefits to the City's public transportation system if implemented effectively. She emphasized the importance of exploring sustainable funding opportunities to support the continued operation and maintenance of the City's mass transit and rail systems.

Councilmember Weyer expressed appreciation for the introduction of Bill 59 (2026) and the collaborative efforts to engage stakeholders in addressing potential community impacts. He emphasized the importance of exploring additional revenue opportunities to support public transit and alleviate the financial burden on working families, who currently bear a significant portion of transit costs.

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The following individuals testified for Bill 60 (2026):

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-414[26]) (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-414[26]) (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked Ms. Iwasa for her comments regarding Bill 60 (2026) and emphasized the importance of notifying property owners of changes to real property tax requirements that could affect their eligibility for tax benefits or result in unexpected financial burdens. She suggested amending the Bill to include provisions for eligibility screening and timely notification of changes to applicable requirements. Councilmember Tupola expressed hope that these amendments would improve communication between City departments and property owners and help prevent unintended financial consequences.

Bill 57 (2026) passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Bill 58 (2026) passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Bill 59 (2026) passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Bill 60 (2026) passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-405(26)	Testimony on Bill 57 (2026)
M-406(26)	Testimony on Bill 59 (2026)
M-414(26)	Testimony on Bill 60 (2026)
M-417(26)	Testimony on Bill 58 (2026)
M-425 (26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission

CANCELLED
BILL 76 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 24(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY.

CANCELLED
BILL 77 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 25(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BUDGET EXECUTION.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, Council Chair Waters announced that Bill 76 (2025) and Bill 77 (2025) posted on the Council agenda was cancelled and would not be considered.

THIRD READING
BILL 48 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 261(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN MALLS.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 261(26) be adopted and Bill 48 (2025) pass third reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Dylan Armstrong (M-413[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 261(26) was adopted and Bill 48 (2025), CD1 passed third reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

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Related communications:

M-413(26) Testimony on Bill 48 (2025)
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

THIRD READING
BILL 37 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 262(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAPS FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED AT KAPOLEI AND HONOULIULI IN ʻEWA, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 262(26) be adopted and Bill 37 (2026) pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (Oppose)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for the Bill, noting that the proposed rezoning involves several small parcels of land. She explained that the rezoning is intended to align these parcels with the previously approved Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan, particularly in areas near the rail line and the University of Hawaiʻi–West Oʻahu. Councilmember Tupola indicated that she would provide additional comments during the consideration of Bill 39 (2026).

Committee Report 262(26) was adopted and Bill 37 (2026) passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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THIRD READING
BILL 38 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 263(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL DISTRICT.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Committee Report 263(26) be adopted and Bill 38 (2026) pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Dylan Armstrong (M-412[26]) (General comment)
3. Cody Sula, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (Support)

Councilmember Tupola expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety in the East Kapolei Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan. While acknowledging the Plan’s proposed improvements to greenways, streetscapes, and community connectivity, she emphasized the importance of prioritizing pedestrian safety, particularly near the Keone‘ae (University of Hawaii [UH] West O‘ahu) rail station. She noted that the existing parking agreement with UH West O‘ahu is set to expire in 2031 and raised concerns regarding the City’s proposed parking facility across Kualaka‘i Parkway, where no pedestrian overpass is currently planned. Councilmember Tupola indicated that she was working with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and UH West O‘ahu to address these concerns and intended to propose additional pedestrian safety measures that could not be incorporated into the current Plan. She thanked the Department of Planning and Permitting for its work and reiterated the importance of prioritizing pedestrian safety throughout the Honouliuli area, particularly near schools and rail stations.

Committee Report 263(26) was adopted and Bill 38 (2026) passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-412(26) Testimony on Bill 38 (2026)
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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THIRD READING
BILL 39 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 264(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LAND SITUATED AT KAPOLEI AND HONOULIULI IN ʻEWA, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 264(26) be adopted and Bill 39 (2026), CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola acknowledged that the significant zone changes proposed under Bill 39 (2026), involving the rezoning of thousands of acres in her district, had raised concerns among community members. She noted that approximately 70 to 80 community members attended a public meeting in April 2025, during which concerns regarding D.R. Horton, the developer of Hoʻopili, were discussed and resolved. She indicated that she had met with the Department of Planning and Permitting on numerous occasions to discuss the preservation of agricultural lands and expressed confidence that the proposed zone changes represented the best approach moving forward. Councilmember Tupola clarified that the affected lands are not City-owned and that the Bills do not involve the transfer or exchange of City property with private developers. She explained that the lands are owned by multiple entities, including the University of Hawaiʻi–West Oʻahu, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, D.R. Horton, and other private landowners. She further noted that the proposed zone changes are intended to encourage higher-density development near rail stations to increase ridership while accommodating future community needs, including two elementary schools and a high school. Councilmember Tupola thanked community members for raising their concerns and expressed support for the proposed changes, emphasizing their anticipated benefits to the area.

Committee Report 264(26) was adopted and Bill 39 (2026), CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-419(26) Testimony on Bill 39 (2026)
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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THIRD READING
BILL 42 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 265(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED IN THE KOʻOLAU LOA DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA, LĀʻIE, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 265(26) be adopted and Bill 42 (2026), CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire, Billionaire Foundation and Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands (M-425[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 265(26) was adopted and Bill 42 (2026), CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

THIRD READING
BILL 43 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 266(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE LAND SITUATED AT PAʻALAʻA KAI, WAIALUA, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda and not considered:

Bill 43 (2026), CD1, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 266(26) be adopted and Bill 43 (2026), CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Racquel Achiu, North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27 (Support)
3. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (General comment)

Committee Report 266(26) was adopted and Bill 43 (2026), CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

THIRD READING
BILL 52 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 275(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, MALLS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 275(26) be adopted and Bill 52 (2026) pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Trevor Arbazua, WIA (Support)
3. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (General comment)
4. Jared Flores, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Support)
5. Calvin Hulihee (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked stakeholders for their efforts to address illegal commercial activities in Waikīkī. She expressed support for the proposed increase in penalties and emphasized the importance of effective enforcement to prevent repeat violations. She acknowledged the Honolulu Police Department's (HPD) efforts to provide enforcement data and suggested utilizing existing State laws to strengthen enforcement, including provisions imposing penalties for operating without a business license or conducting tour operations without the required licenses.
Councilmember Tupola encouraged HPD to explore the application of multiple enforcement provisions and coordinate with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to verify business licenses and address illegal operations. She

emphasized the importance of protecting legitimate businesses that comply with licensing requirements and offered to support additional enforcement efforts.

In response to Councilmember Weyer, Major Paul Okamoto from HPD stated that:

- The illegal activities involved organization operations, including individuals selling tours on behalf of other companies. The HPD prepared reports that were provided to Councilmembers and urged support for the Bill.

- The sale of fresh lei, fish, and vegetables is generally permitted throughout Oʻahu, except in certain designated areas, including Waikīkī and Chinatown.

- Approximately 100 peddling citations have been issued since 2024, with nearly all violations occurring in Waikiki and Chinatown. Approximately 50 percent of the citations involved repeat offenders, including one individual who was cited four times in a single year and a company that was received 13 citations within 16 months. The proposed increase in penalties could help deter repeat violations.

- The delivery of fish to a market for resale does not constitute peddling, and HPD does not issue peddling citations to individuals displaying signs requesting donations.

Committee Report 275(26) was adopted and Bill 52 (2026) passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-408(26) Testimony on Bill 52 (2026)
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-202 – COMMITTEE REPORT 256(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 256(26) and Resolution 26-202 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (General comment)

In response to Councilmember Tupola, Captain Arnold Sagucio of the Honolulu Police Department stated that the equipment would be distributed among nine locations, including Waiʻanae, as identified in his report, and noted that four additional units remained available.

Committee Report 256(26) and Resolution 26-202 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-203 – COMMITTEE REPORT 257(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 257(26) and Resolution 26-203 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire, Billionaire Foundation and Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands (M-425[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 257(26) and Resolution 26-203 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-206 – COMMITTEE REPORT 258(26)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025-2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 258(26) and Resolution 26-206 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire, Billionaire Foundation and Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands (M-425[26]) (General comment)
2. Dylan Armstrong (M-415[26]) (General comment)
3. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (Support)

Councilmember Tupola commended Dr. Fox for her dedication and expressed appreciation to the Division and other contributors for their efforts in developing the comprehensive Plan. She thanked Dr. Fox for her contributions and looked forward to continued collaboration on the Plan.

Committee Report 258(26) and Resolution 26-206 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-415(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-206
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-208 – COMMITTEE REPORT 259(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $1,301.04, TO THE CITY FROM THE HASKELL FOUNDATION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY TO ATTEND THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP IN-PERSON WORKSHOP FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2026, IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 259(26) and Resolution 26-208 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire, Billionaire Foundation and Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands (M-425[26]) (Support)
2. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (Oppose)

Committee Report 259(26) and Resolution 26-208 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-209 – COMMITTEE REPORT 260(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MONTH-TO-MONTH RENTAL WITH MRS. LEIALOHA "ROCKY" KALUHIWA, FOR UP TO THREE YEARS, WITHIN A PORTION OF HEʻEIA KEA VALLEY NATURE PARK, KANEʻOHE, HAWAIʻI, TAX MAP KEY NO.: (1) 4-6-016:032.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 260(26) and Resolution 26-209 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-425[26]) (General comment)
2. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (General comment)

In response to Councilmember Weyer, Jocelyn Doane, Deputy Director of the Department of Enterprise Services, stated that she would forward his request for an update on previous discussions regarding the status and suitability of transferring the subject parcel to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to the Administration and the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services.

Committee Report 260(26) and Resolution 26-209 were adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communications:

D-581(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-171, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 267(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR AN INTERIM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-TRANSIT PROJECT FOR THE 1588 ALA MOANA MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 267(26) and Resolution 26-171, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Amado Sanchez, Group Builders (M-411[26]) (Support)
2. Carol Ching (Oppose)
3. Ray Bragado, UNITE HERE Local 5 (General comment)
4. Bryson Momma, UNITE HERE Local 5 (General comment)
5. Benjamin Sadoski, UNITE HERE Local 5 (M-411[26]) (Oppose)
6. Pablo Legatasia, UNITE HERE Local 5 (General comment)
7. Jean TeoGibney, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Oppose)
8. Lydia Agustin, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Oppose)
9. Sam Kim, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-411[26]) (Support)
10. Benjamin Wang (Support)
11. Lorna Woo, Hawaii LECET (Support)
12. Kainoa Philpotts, Philpotts Interiors (M-411[26]) (Support)
13. Timothy Yee (M-411[26]) (Support)
14. Keith Emerson, Island Flooring (M-411[26]) (Support)
15. Roy Nakamura (General comment)
16. Calvin Hulihee (Oppose)
17. Arnell Villanueva (M-411[26]) (Support)
18. Hans Koch (M-411[26]) (Support)

19. Gerald Nakashima, Park Lane Ala Moana (M-411[26]) (Support)
20. Kris Lewis, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Oppose)
21. Shelby Billionaire, Billionaire Foundation & Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands (M-425[26]) (Oppose)
22. Dylan Armstrong (M-411[26]) (General comment)
23. Jared Flores, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Oppose)
24. Francisco Guiterrez (Support)
25. Sean Newcamp, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
26. Caeleb Reyes, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
27. Matthew Mehau-Chung, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
28. Randall Aoki, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
29. Bobby Nicholson, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
30. Cassie Sun, UNITE HERE Local 5 (Oppose)
31. Jason Terwilliger, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
32. Davion Smith, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
33. Duane Bautista, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (Support)
34. Cody Sula, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (Support)
35. Chris Deuchar, Form Partners (Support)
36. Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson (Oppose)
37. Jason Okazaki (M-411[26]) (Support)
38. Pane Meatoga III, Operating Engineers Local 3 (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the testifiers and acknowledged the differing perspectives on the proposed development, emphasizing the importance of balancing housing needs with community benefits. She expressed appreciation for the community benefits outlined in the Resolution and stressed the need to incorporate traffic and pedestrian safety improvements into large-scale developments. She highlighted the project's potential to provide housing opportunities and generate local employment, particularly during construction. Councilmember Tupola encouraged continued discussions regarding future hotel operations, including opportunities for union participation and local employment. She stated her support for the Resolution, citing its anticipated community benefits and potential to support local families and workers.

Councilmember Weyer expressed support for the proposed Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T) project, noting that the additional height and density allowances would increase housing opportunities, including affordable units beyond inclusionary zoning requirements, without taxpayer subsidies. He emphasized the urgent need to address the housing crisis, citing reports indicating that high housing costs contribute significantly to household and childhood poverty and that Oʻahu is projected to face a shortage of approximately 14,000 housing units by the end of 2027. While acknowledging that a single development could not resolve the housing crisis, he stressed the importance of expanding housing opportunities and addressing existing

land use policies and regulatory frameworks that make luxury housing more financially feasible than affordable housing. Councilmember Weyer emphasized the need to provide safe housing supported by adequate infrastructure, prevent displacement, and establish policies that encourage the development of genuinely affordable units. He expressed appreciation for the shared commitment among stakeholders to address housing needs and encouraged continued collaboration toward meaningful solutions and reiterated his full support for the project.

Councilmember Cordero expressed support for the project and thanked those involved in the discussions. She highlighted the project's potential to generate local employment opportunities during construction and future hotel operations, provide housing options for households at various Area Median Income levels, and support infrastructure improvements, including enhanced pedestrian and transit safety. She emphasized the project's anticipated community benefits and encouraged councilmembers to support the measure.

Committee Report 267(26) and Resolution 26-171, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-411(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-171
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-183, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 268(26)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING AND DECOMMISSION OF AN EXISTING CESSPOOL; AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING WITH LANAIS, TWO-CAR CARPORT, OPEN ONE-CAR PARKING AREA, ROCK GARDEN, IN-GROUND SWIMMING POOL, AND INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN KAHUKU, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 268(26) and Resolution 26-183, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 268(26) and Resolution 26-183, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-207, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 269(26)

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 23-83, CD1, TO UPDATE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION, INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE AN UPDATED LIST OF EXEMPTIONS FROM THE HAWAIʻI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S MAUKA AREA RULES, AND EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE POHUKAINA COMMONS AFFORDABLE RENTAL AND MIXED-USE PROJECT IN KAKAʻAKO, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 269(26) and Resolution 26-207, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam expressed support for extending the project deadline, acknowledging the challenges of obtaining necessary approvals and securing financing under current economic conditions. He emphasized the project's importance in addressing affordable housing needs, noting that it would provide 625 apartment units for households earning between 30 and 100 percent of the Area Median Income. He highlighted the project's potential to expand affordable housing opportunities in the urban core and expressed hope that the Council's action would demonstrate its commitment to supporting housing developments.

Committee Report 269(26) and Resolution 26-207, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-416(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-207
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-194 – COMMITTEE REPORT 270(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TWO PREGNANT MINI NIGERIAN DOES (FEMALE PYGMY GOATS), INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND VET SCREENINGS, VALUED AT $3,370, TO THE CITY FROM MEADOW GOLD DAIRIES VIA THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE KEIKI ZOO AT THE HONOLULU ZOO.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 270(26) and Resolution 26-194 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 270(26) and Resolution 26-194 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-421(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-194
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

At this juncture, Council Chair Waters announced that he would take up the next three items together as they related to gifts to the City.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-195, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 271(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF A GATE INSTALLATION, VALUED AT $12,565 FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE GIRAFFE EXHIBIT AT THE HONOLULU ZOO.

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-205, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 272(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF VARIOUS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND FOOD, VALUED AT $19,000, TO THE CITY FROM HAWAIIAN LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN SAFETY TO SUPPORT THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM, THE O‘AHU JUNIOR GUARD CHAMPIONSHIP, AND THE STATE JUNIOR GUARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-212, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 274(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING AND RELATED EXPENSES VALUED AT $2,231.00, TO THE CITY FROM ICLEI — LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY USA FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY TO ATTEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY USA AND COALITION FOR GREEN CAPITAL FLAGSHIP NATIONAL CONVENING IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, FROM OCTOBER 4 TO OCTOBER 8, 2026.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 271(26) and Resolution 26-195, as amended to the CD1; Committee Report 272(26) and Resolution 26-205, as amended to the CD1; and Committee Report 274(26) and Resolution 26-212, CD, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 271(26) and Resolution 26-195, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 272(26) and Resolution 26-205, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 274(26) and Resolution 26-212, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-211, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 273(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAIʻI BOARD OF REGENTS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVANCE THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAIʻI–WEST OʻAHU FILM AND MEDIA PRODUCTION FACILITY PROJECT.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 273(26) and Resolution 26-211, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young, CARES (M-409[26]) (General comment)
2. Irish Barber, Hawaii Film Alliance (M-409[26]) (Support)
3. Rick Galindez, Hawaii Studio Group (Support)
4. Walea Constantinau, Office of Economic Revitalization (General comment)

Councilmember Tulba highlighted the passage of Bill 59 (2023) and the enactment of Act 188 by the Hawaiʻi State Legislature earlier this year as significant steps toward establishing a film studio complex. He emphasized the proposed complex's potential to diversify the local economy, strengthen the film industry, and create employment opportunities for local residents. He expressed hope that the Council's action would represent another step toward the development of the proposed complex.

Councilmember Weyer acknolwedged the efforts of stakeholders and community partners in advancing the proposed film studio complex and strengthening local film production capacibilities. He emphasized the project's potential to diversify the local workforce, create employment opportunities, and provide creative career pathways for young residents, allowing them to pursue their interests while remaining in Hawaiʻi. Councilmember Weyer reiterated his support for the project and encouraged continued collaboration to advance its development.

Committee Report 273(26) and Resolution 26-211, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-409(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-211
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-144 – COMMITTEE REPORT 276(26)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENCY-SPECIFIC RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 276(26) and Resolution 26-144 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 276(26) and Resolution 26-144 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-201, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 278(26)

RESOLUTION REJECTING THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 26-201, CD1, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 278(26) and Resolution 26-201, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Resolution 26-201, CD1 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola. Councilmember Nishimoto explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individual testified:

Jennifer Santos, Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (General comment)

Resolution 26-201, CD1 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 278(26) and Resolution 26-201, CD1, FD1, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-410(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-201
M-425(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

CR-280(26) Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Tevitatonga Cadiente and Vaokehekehe Mataele v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., CIVIL NO. 1:24-CV-00022 (U.S.D.C.)

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Balance of Committee Reports, as listed above, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

The Balance of Committee Reports was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-216

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $4,000.00, TO THE CITY FROM THE FUZHOU MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT FOR COUNCILMEMBER RADIANT CORDERO AND ONE STAFF MEMBER TO ATTEND THE 2026 MARITIME SILK ROAD INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL TOURISM FESTIVAL IN FUZHOU, FUJIAN, CHINA.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Resolution 26-216 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock (M-424[26]) (Support)
2. Kaulana Lee, Hawaiʻi Republican Party (Oppose)

Councilmember Weyer expressed support for the Resolution and clarified that his support should not be interpreted as an endorsement of geopolitical positions or policies that may conflict with those of regional allies. He emphasized the importance of maintaining positive relationships and open dialogue with countries throughout the Pacific, despite differing policy perspectives. Councilmember Weyer referenced previous Council visits to the Philippines, South Korea, and other Pacific nations, highlighting the shared values and mutual interests that strengthen regional relationships. He reiterated that his support for the Resolution reflected participation in a cultural event rather than an endorsement of broader geopolitical policies.

Councilmember Tupola highlighted Honolulu's sister city relationship with Fuzhou, China, which was established in 2021, and noted the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding involving the Mayors of both cities, ʻIolani School, and another school to establish a sister school relationship. She shared her experiences from visits to Fuzhou

emphasizing that the purpose of these visits was to promote mutual learning and collaboration, including the exchange of technologies and practices related to landfill management. Councilmember Tupola clarified that her visits were unrelated to geopolitical concerns and emphasized that the proposed cultural exchange would provide an opportunity to strengthen the existing sister city relationship.

Councilmember Weyer clarified that his earlier comments specifically referenced the Maritime Silk Road International Cultural Tourism Festival and acknowledged the historical and political implications associated with the Maritime Silk Road. He emphasized that his remarks were intended to reaffirm the Council's continued support for its regional partners, particularly the Philippines, rather than to express concerns about participation in the cultural event.

Resolution 26-216 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Tulba wished Council Chair Waters a happy birthday.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 1:01 p.m., Councilmember Tupola moved that Council stand adjourned until Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina and there being no objections from the 9 members present, it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

CHADD KADOTA
Acting City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED: