



## REPORT TO THE PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE NOVEMBER 2019



### Honoring Leeward CC's Kathleen Cabral



At the November Honolulu City Council Meeting, Councilmember Elefante presented an Honorary Certificate to Leeward Community College's Kathleen Cabral on receiving the National Council of Marketing & Public Relations District 6 Communicator of the Year Award.

### Pearl City Library Celebrates 50 Years!



Councilmember Elefante presented the Pearl City Library with an Honorary Certificate in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He is pictured here with area elected officials, Pearl City Community Association members, along with the artists and students who painted the multi-panel mural in the library.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day is a great time to celebrate the many blessings in your life. It's also a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving. Enjoy your time with your family and friends!

*Brandon*

#### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530
City Concerns	768-4831
HART Hotline	566-2209
Illegal Dumping	831-6714
Potholes	768-7777
Refuse Pickup	768-3200
Senior Citizen Info	768-7700
Street Light Repair	768-3500
Tree Trimming	671-7151
Zoning Info	768-8058

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## Urging The State to Make Affordable Housing More Accessible

The City Council just adopted Resolution 19-266, which I introduced to urge the State of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to amend its rules relating to the state assisted housing program. This legislation requests that the HHFDC reduce its Area Median Income (AMI) requirements for 201H projects down to 100% AMI, so that units at 100% AMI and below get the available government funding, exemptions, and subsidies. This income limit translates to a family of four earning \$99,000 or less annually.

Too many local families are not able to afford affordable housing. If the State HHFDC amends their rules and provides more units at the lower income of 100% AMI, more families will be able to qualify for assistance with the high cost of housing in Honolulu.

It is important to note that all taxpayers subsidize 201H housing units because these subsidies reduce the cost of the units for developers and allow them to build the badly needed affordable housing units. Policymakers on all levels of government should be focusing our precious taxpayer dollars, fee waivers, tax credits, and subsidies on providing assistance to those who need it the most.

## Requesting Dedicated Groundskeepers for Each Community Park

Council Chair Ikaika Anderson and I co-introduced Resolution 19-276, which urges the city's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to hire dedicated groundskeepers for each community park. According to DPR, community parks are those that are approximately 10 acres in size and serving approximately 10,000 people in residential areas around the island.

In a move towards efficiency, DPR shifted towards a maintenance program that included roving groundskeeper crews who were responsible for multiple parks. The resolution was introduced with the thought that a staff member on site would improve the maintenance of our parks and reduce vandalism.

Resolution 19-276 was sent to the December 4 Full Council Meeting for a final vote .

## Foodland Farms Opens in Pearl City



At the grand opening of Foodland Farms Pearl City, Councilmember Elefante presented an Honorary Certificate to Ms. Jenai Wall, Foodland CEO, to commemorate the new store.

## Calendar Of Events & Activities

### November 2019

- 6 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day Holiday
- 12 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Business, Econ Development & Tourism
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 13 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability
- 14 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning, Planning & Housing
  - Transportation
  - Public Safety & Welfare

### December 2019

- 6 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day Holiday

