

# REPORT TO THE PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE JANUARY 2020

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# **Serving on The National League of Cities**



Councilmember Elefante is pictured here with Los Angeles City Councilmember Joe Buscaino. Councilmember Buscaino is the incoming president of the National League of Cities, and Councilmember Elefante will be serving on its Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

## **Council District 8 Staff Here to Serve You!**



My staff and I wish you a Happy 2020 and we are here to serve you! Pictured left to right: Councilmember Elefante; Secretary, Jan Salcedo; 'Aiea Aide, April Coloretti; Transportation Committee Clerk, Jessica Myers; Senior Advisor, Mary Schmidtke; Pearl City Aide, Tricia Riopelle; and Waipahū Aide, Dion Mesta.

# **Happy New Year!**

Mahalo for putting your faith and trust in me and allowing me to serve as your Honolulu City Councilmember for the past five years. I wish a Happy 2020 to all of you and look forward to accomplishing great things for our communities in the new year.



#### 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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Council District 8 serving the communities of Lower 'Aiea, Pearlridge, Waimalu, Newtown, Pearl City, Seaview, Crestview, Waipio Gentry, and portions of Waipahū

# **Electrifying TheBus Fleet**



Councilmember Elefante attended the unveiling of a new electric bus for TheBus. The City is moving towards electrification of its bus fleet, and this vehicle was the first one in this effort.

### TheBus Route 53 New Weekend Stops on Kuala Street in Pearl City

We have new Saturday and Sunday bus stops on TheBus Route 53 that began in December. On Saturdays and Sundays, when Route 53 runs exclusively between Pacific Palisades and Pearl City, the regular route will provide service to the retail corridor along Kuala Street instead of Waiawa Road.

Four new bus stops for the <u>weekend Route 53 only</u> will be added on Kuala Street at the following locations:

- 1. Mauka-bound on Kuala Street, far-side of Walmart entrance
- 2. Mauka-bound on Kuala Street, far-side of Makolu Street
- 3. Makai-bound on Kuala Street, far-side of Makolu Street
- 4. Makai-bound on Kuala Street, far-side of Pearl City Gateway entrance (HEA Stop IDs have not yet been assigned to these stops)

As a result of these added new weekend bus stops, service to the following bus stops will be discontinued **for the weekend Route 53 only**:

- 1. Westbound on Kamehameha Highway, far-side of Acacia Road (Stop #492)
- 2. Eastbound on Farrington Highway, far-side of Waiawa Road (Stop #679)

I am excited that TheBus will provide weekend service for the community, the shoppers, and merchants along Kuala Street. This will be an opportunity to evaluate seasonal ridership and direct public transportation resources to a heavily transited corridor. Transfers from other routes to reach Kuala Street on Route 53 can be made at TheBus Stop westbound on Kamehameha, far-side of Waimano Home Road (Stop #491) from Routes A, 40, 42, and 51 on weekends only. There will be no weekday service to Kuala Street.

For more information, call (808) 848-5555 or go to www.thebus.org.

# Calendar Of Events & Activities

#### January 2020

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 21 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Business, Econ Development & Tourism
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 22 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability
- 23 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning, Planning & Housing
    - Transportation
    - Public Safety & Welfare
- 29 Honolulu City Council Meeting

#### February 2020

- 4 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Business, Econ Development & Tourism
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 5 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability
- 6 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning, Planning & Housing
    - Transportation
    - Public Safety & Welfare
- 17 President's Day Holiday
- 19 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 25 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Business, Econ Development &
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 26 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability
- 27 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning, Planning & Housing
  - Transportation
  - Public Safety & Welfare