



**REPORT TO THE  
'AIEA-PEARL CITY-WAIPAHŪ  
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS  
COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE  
JULY 2020**



**Honoring and Remembering  
Senator Breene Harimoto**



Earlier this month, a memorial service was held at the State Capitol to honor and remember Senator Breene Harimoto. Senator Harimoto passed away on June 18, 2020, at the age of 66, following a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Senator Harimoto championed the concerns of his constituents for more than ten years, first as a Honolulu City Councilmember for four years and then as a State Senator since November 2014.

Perhaps more importantly than anything he accomplished in his career, Senator Harimoto was a remarkable human being who truly cared about others and treated everyone around him with kindness, compassion, and respect. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and although he would never refer to himself as such, he was also a mentor and hero. He was a humble man of faith, integrity, and one who always believed in hard work and doing what was right. Most notably, he was a visionary public servant and always tirelessly advocated for the people he represented. Although he will be deeply missed, his legacy will live on.

**We are community!**

Please continue your efforts to keep our families and communities safe by:

- 1) Washing your hands thoroughly;
- 2) Wearing a face mask;
- 3) Practicing social distancing; and
- 4) Staying home if you are feeling sick.

We all need to take care of each other. Please continue to do all you can to stay safe and healthy!

**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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HI 96813  
Ph: 768-5008  
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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

## Interest Free Home Down-Payments Available

The Department of Community Services (DCS), announces that qualified low-income and moderate-income households may be eligible for interest-free down payment loans to assist in the purchase of their new home.

Until June 30, 2021, there is \$1,000,000 available in Federal HOME funds for the loan program. Applications are currently being accepted from applicants' mortgage lenders for loans up to \$40,000. Eligible households are those earning 80% Average Median Income (AMI) or below, which is approximately \$80,600 for a family of two or \$100,700 for a family of four. Loans will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified O'ahu residents.

Interested O'ahu families are required to apply for this city loan through a mortgage lender after being approved for a first mortgage. There are no application costs. To qualify, applicants must provide five-percent of the purchase price as a down payment and complete an approved homeownership course. A home inspection is also required.

For more information, please contact the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Community Services, Loan Branch at (808) 768-7076 or visit [www.honolulu.gov/dcs](http://www.honolulu.gov/dcs).

## City Farm Relief Fund

The City Farm Relief Fund can provide up to \$10,000 in reimbursement of expenses to farmers and ranchers with \$2,000,000 or less in annual revenue and 50 or fewer employees. Eligible reimbursements include: rent, utilities, payroll, land lease, fertilizers, composts, and more.

You can apply at your partner credit union using the last four digits of your Hawaii State GET number.

If the last four digits of your Hawaii GET end in:

0000-2500, apply at Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union

2501-5000, apply at Hawaii State Federal Credit Union

5001-7500, apply at Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union

7501-9999, apply at Honoulu Federal Credit Union

If you are a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), you can apply through the City's Small Business Recovery & Relief Fund.

For more information, please visit the City's website at:

<https://www.oneoahu.org/small-business>.

Or you may also call 768-CITY. or you can email [covidresponse@honolulu.gov](mailto:covidresponse@honolulu.gov).

## Ho'āla Assistance Program

To support our residents who are enduring economic hardships related to COVID-19 or related business closures, the City and County of Honolulu COVID-19 Household Hardship Relief Fund Program, also know as Ho'āla, may be helpful.

Applicants should have no more than \$10,000 in liquid assets with an income at 100% AMI or below, which equates to \$96,400 a year for a family of two and \$120,500 a year for a family of four. Maximum assistance per household is \$2,000 per month, with an additional \$500 per month for childcare services. Eligible payments may include rent, mortgage, certain utilities, or payments to childcare providers recognized by the Department of Human Services.

Apply at [www.honolulu.gov/dcs](http://www.honolulu.gov/dcs). For assistance with your application, you may contact the Aloha United Way at 211 or the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement at 596-8155.

## Calendar Of Events & Activities

### August 2020

- 12 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 18 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Business, Econ Development & Tourism
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 19 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability
- 20 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning, Planning & Housing
  - Transportation
  - Public Safety & Welfare
- 21 Admissions Day Holiday

### September 2020

- 2 Honolulu City Council Meeting
- 7 Labor Day Holiday
- 15 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs
  - Business, Econ Development & Tourism
  - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 16 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Budget
  - Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability
- 17 Council Committee Meetings:
  - Zoning, Planning & Housing
  - Transportation
  - Public Safety & Welfare