



**REPORT TO THE  
‘AIEA-PEARL CITY-WAIPAHŪ  
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS  
COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE  
AUGUST 2020**



**Renaming Manana Community Park in Honor of The Late  
Senator Breene Harimoto**



*Councilmember Brandon Elefante with the late Senator Breene Harimoto on Opening Day of the State Legislature, January 16, 2019*

I introduced Resolution 20-190 to rename the Manana Community Park as the "Breene Harimoto Manana Community Park" to honor the late Senator Breene Harimoto. Located at 1310 Waimano Home Road in Pearl City, the park is a 14-acre community park that includes basketball and volleyball courts, a skate park, a multipurpose field, a softball field, and a multipurpose room. During the time that Senator Harimoto served as a Honolulu City Councilmember, he was instrumental in providing funding for the construction of the park facilities as well as programs for the neighborhood youth.

In addition to serving on the Hawaii State Senate for more than six years and four years on the Honolulu City Council, Senator Harimoto was the co-founder of the Pearl City Foundation, Executive Director of the Momilani Community Center, and served as the Chair of the State Board of Education, Chair of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board, and Vice Chair of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board. Senator Harimoto participated in other various community organizations such as the Lions Club International and the Friends of the Pearl City Library.

The renaming of the Manana Community Park to the Breene Harimoto Manana Community Park would appropriately recognize Senator Harimoto's long history of public service to the Pearl City and surrounding communities, and to the City and County of Honolulu as a whole.

Resolution 20-190 was referred to the Parks, Community Services & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for a hearing.

**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	768-5300
Tree Trimming	671-7151
Zoning Info	768-8058

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## We Are Still Working For You Honolulu Hale Closed until After Labor Day

Honolulu Hale is currently closed to the general public, however, you can still drop off real property tax payments. I want you to know that my office is still working for you! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance. There are several ways that you can contact us. You can call 768-5008, leave a message, and we will return your call within one work day. You can also email me at: [belefante@honolulu.gov](mailto:belefante@honolulu.gov).

Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, we have been working from home, and I have only been attending our City Council and Committee Meetings in person and have held other meetings virtually.

Our offices are being professionally deep-cleaned as I write this newsletter to you.

### New Transportation Projects in 'Aiea-Pearl City-Waipahū

I currently serve as the Acting Chair of the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Policy Board. One of the actions this committee comprised of elected State and County officials takes is approving the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP lists all surface transportation projects on O'ahu, and these projects are funded by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) dollars, sometimes with matching funds from the City or State.

Once the TIP is approved or amended, the projects in the TIP must get built by the responsible agency. Money gets reprogrammed by the OahuMPO Policy Board in something called a TIP amendment, and the Policy Board just approved a TIP Amendment for Federal Fiscal Years 2019-2022. Two projects may be of interest to people residing in Council District 8.

**Project OS46 Moanalua Freeway Highway Lighting Improvements – Halawa to H-3 Freeway Overpass** was approved for \$9.1 million in FHWA Funding, and the project will be done by the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

**Project OS9 Freeway Service Patrol** – was approved in an earlier TIP for \$4 million in FHWA funds. This is to operate rush hour roving services patrols on H-1, H-2, and Moanalua Freeway. The program costs approximately \$4 million a year to operate, and is at no direct cost to the driver of the disabled vehicle since clearing lanes of traffic during rush hour helps the freeway system run more efficiently. More on the Freeway Service Patrol can be found at [fsphawaii.com](http://fsphawaii.com).

More information on the TIP can be found at [www.oahumpo.org](http://www.oahumpo.org).

### Nomination of Kika Bukoski to The HART Board of Directors

Chair Ikaika Anderson and I introduced Resolution 20-196, nominating Keith "Kika" Bukoski to replace the expired term of Damien Kim on the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). Mr. Bukoski will replace HART BOD Member Damien Kim, whose term expired on June 30, 2019. As with all City Boards and Commissions, members serve past their term until a replacement is appointed and/or confirmed.

Resolution 20-196 was referred to the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee.

## Calendar Of Events & Activities

### August 2020

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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

### September 2020

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 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