



Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam

House District 24



NEWSLETTER



Aloha neighbors,

December 2024

We are busy here at the Capitol gearing up for the 2025 Legislative Session. I am eager to dig into my new role as the House Committee Chair of Tourism and I hope to craft thoughtful legislation to manage tourism responsibly. If you haven't already please take a moment to complete the quick survey linked on the second page of this newsletter. Your input is important to me.

Have safe and Happy Holidays!

REP TAM AT WORK



Rep Tam and Rep Evslin with state legislator participants at the Stanford University's Hoover Institution US Global Leadership workshop. This program, focused on U.S. leadership on key international issues, offered an unparalleled opportunity to engage directly with some of the nation's foremost experts on foreign policy, emerging technologies, and national security.



Chef Meghan Ellis is the first Hawai'i resident and Native Hawaiian to compete on Hell's Kitchen Head Chef's Only.



Rep Tam with State Legislators at a banquet welcoming President Lai Ching-te of The Republic of China (Taiwan).

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



Help Rep Tam craft and advocate for the legislation that will support our community and quality of life. Please take a moment to complete the 2025 District 24 Survey which can be found online:

<https://forms.gle/QpK6g3acKSctdQE66>

If you would like a paper copy please call or write to my the office to request one. Contact information can be found at the bottom on this page.

ADVISORIES - WAIKIKI ROAD CLOSURES



December 8, 2024 Sunday
2:30 AM Roads Close
4:00 PM Roads Reopen



HONOLULU MARATHON Expected to have 15,000+ runners. It will start on Ala Moana Blvd., near Queen St., to Ala Moana Blvd., ewa bound, to Nuuanu Ave., to King St., to Kapiolani Blvd., to Piikoi St., to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waiialae Ave., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to Keahole St. to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., end at Honolulu Marathon finish/Kapiolani Bandstand. Roadways closed: 1)HI Freeway closed at Waiialae Ave. off ramp to Aina Koa Ave., 2)Kalaniana'ole Hwy., makai half closed for runners, between Aina Koa Ave. & Kawaihae St., mauka half converted to contra flow, 3)Kalaniana'ole Hwy., all lanes closed, between Kawaihae St. & Keahole St.,

December 12, 2024 Thursday
6:30 PM Lanes Close
7:30 PM Lanes Reopen

KAPAHULU-MOILIILI CHRISTMAS PARADE The event is expected to have 250 marchers & 5-8 vehicles. It will start at Kuhio Elementary School, to King St., to Beretania St., to end at Isenberg St., fronting the Old Stadium Park.

December 25, 2024 Wednesday
6:00 PM Lane closes
8:00 PM Lane reopens

CHABAD OF HAWAII CAR MENORAH PARADE sponsored by Chabad of Hawaii. This is a first amendment event and is expected to have 25-30 vehicles. It will start at Kaimuki High School, to Kapiolani Blvd., to Alapai St., to Beretania St., to Bishop St., to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Kapahulu Ave., to Kuhio Ave., to Namahana St., to Ala Wai Blvd., to Keoniana St., to Kalakaua Ave., and to end at King Kalakaua Park.

(All times approximate)

HOLIDAY PREP AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



If you need menu ideas or recipes for your holiday get together, check out the wide selection of cookbooks at the library. You can also browse magazines for your holiday entertaining using the Libby and PressReader apps. To use these apps, you'll need to set up an account using your library card.

Holidays can also be stressful. Our libraries (in-person and online) have a great selection of self-help books, memoirs, and fiction that can offer comfort and support during hard times. We're here to help you find what you need to ease the holiday blues



CONDO CORNER



Condominium: Special Assessments

If a condominium association does not have adequate reserves to cover large expenses or has unforeseen expenses, the board may impose a special assessment. Special assessments are extra fees assessed to all owners to pay for things like aging pipes and elevators. They may also cover natural disaster cleanup, unplanned price increases in insurance and building repairs, lawsuits, or unexpected structural failures. Special assessments are becoming more common as condominium projects age.

Condominium boards can fund a special assessment by taking out a loan, which generally requires unit owner approval. The cost of the loan will be reflected in higher maintenance fees for the loan term. If owners vote against financing, the board will typically levy a one-time special assessment on all units. This option is usually a larger immediate financial burden on owners than the longer loan period.

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