

Office of Representative Adrian Tam

August 2023

Aloha Neighbors,

I hope you and your families are staying safe and cool during this summer season. We were lucky this last hurricane, Calvin, was downgraded into a tropical storm, but this serves as a good reminder we should each have our hurricane kits and plans prepared. Hurricane season is still only at it's beginning and will last until November.

The school year is just around the corner! For those keiki headed back to school or across the ocean for college, your studies are a reason for celebration, representing your growth, opportunities for connection, and steps toward a brighter future.

Together with Senator Sharon Moriwaki we will be hosting Town Halls in the near future on topics ranging from housing and transportation to law enforcement issues -- stay tuned and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Governor Green's EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION RELATING TO HOUSING

Hawaii has the highest median home price, the highest cost of living, and has the highest level of housing regulations in the U.S. It takes three times longer to obtain a building permit in Hawaii than the national average. Residents are moving away and native Hawaiians make up 40% of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

On July 17th 2023, Governor Josh Green signed into act The Emergency Proclamation Relating to Housing. This proclamation creates a process to promote the expedient development of housing. Through suspending onerous regulations and modernizing proclamations, the proclamation aims to shorten development timelines, increase the supply of housing units, and make housing more affordable.

Learn more: governor.hawaii.gov/chiefhousingofficer/

For questions regarding this Emergency Proclamation and the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group, please contact the Governor's Office on Housing at:
gov.housing@hawaii.gov



AT-A-GLANCE INFORMATION



Timeline

The Proclamation will be in place for 12 months



Application Process

There is an application process detailed in the rules of the proclamation including a list of required information, maps, and documentation. Applications are reviewed by the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group and Lead Housing Officer for certification to proceed under the proclamation.



Build Beyond Barriers Working Group

The BBB Working Group is comprised of city, county, and state agencies that review or approve housing plans, permits, and related applications, and stakeholders. They will coordinate reviews and monitor the progress of projects certified under the proclamation and other projects currently in the housing pipeline, in addition to assessing the workload of housing regulatory agencies.



Public Input

Applications to the BBB working group must include a plan for public input and are required to hold at least one public meeting where public input is accepted and documented, one public notice which offers the public an opportunity to review and comment for thirty days, and a plan to consult with stakeholder groups regarding impacts to the environment and cultural resources.



Environmental and Cultural Impacts

Submitted plans should provide identification and analysis of impacts, including but not limited to environmental and cultural impacts, including impacts to traditional or customary practices, and alternatives considered.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Improvements Master Plan Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Published July 8, 2023

In 2011, the Hilton Hawaiian Village (HHV) Master Plan was designed as the next chapter of HHV's continuing dedication to support Waikiki as a premier visitor destination. The proposal is to expand the HHV Master Plan to include a 0.46-acre site along Ala Moana Boulevard (AMB). This expansion includes replacing existing structures at the site with the new AMB Tower, which will provide hotel lodging accommodations that will reflect Hawaii's rich heritage and cultural diversity in a contemporary form.

The AMB Tower will reinvigorate and revitalize Ala Moana Boulevard as the primary 'Ewa gateway to Waikiki, and enhance the Village experience for both Waikiki visitors and local residents.

The new tower will include a lobby area, porte cochere, ground floor retail accessible to pedestrians, landscaping, pedestrian walkways, food and beverage offerings, pool and recreation area, fitness center, and parking. The project is anticipated to produce new jobs through construction and operation.

The rendered photos to the left depict the view impacts of the proposed AMB tower from two view points. For more view renderings and to read the full report visit: https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/Doc_Library/2023-07-08-OA-FSEIS-Hilton-Hawaiian-Village-AMB-Tower.pdf

View No. 1: View from Fort DeRussy on the corner of Kalia Road and Paoa Place



BEFORE



AFTER

View No. 2: View from Ala Moana Boulevard and Hobron Lane Intersection (Looking East)



BEFORE



AFTER

August Events *in the district*

PLANNING FOR DISASTER

A seminar on disaster risk reduction and risk management

El Nino Weather conditions places Hawaii at high risk for natural disasters. It is important that residents of Hawaii prepare for natural hazards for the short and long term. This talk will cover natural hazard risk (hurricane and tsunami), how to gather your emergency supplies, emergency/evacuation planning and reducing the risk of damage to your property from a hurricane.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
1pm to 2pm
Free - Auditorium

SPEAKER: DENNIS HWANG IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM, A PART OF NOAA

Register online at www.waikikicomunitycenter.org/register or call 808-923-1802

Waikiki ArtsFest
August 5 & 6
9am - 4pm
Kapiolani Park Bandstand

OCEAN FESTIVAL WAIKIKI
August 18-27
dukekahanamokuoceanfestival.org

ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND

International Market Place
Thursday, August 3, 2023
12-12:45pm
Kapiolani Park Bandstand
Sunday, August 6, 2023
9-9:45am

Honolulu Police Department
District 6 Community Policing Team
Presents

ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS

Come learn about how to keep safe in cyberspace! We will be covering a variety of topics and have a focus on how to protect children and yourself from online predators.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023
10:30am - 11:30am (morning session)
5:00pm - 6:00pm (evening session)
WCC Auditorium - Free

Register to attend by calling WCC at 808 923-1802

Sunset Movie on the Beach
Saturday August 10
4:30-7pm
Queens Surf, Waikiki Beach
Featured film: Coco

More Arts & Cultural Events

HAWAII'S
Library Association
LOVE MY LIBRARY DAY
Saturday, August 5, 2023
10 am - 12 noon
Ala Moana Beach Park,

ISLAND CRAFTERS Market
2ND SUNDAYS
10AM - 4PM
ALA MOANA CENTER MALL LEVEL 2, MAUKA WING NEAR TARGET
ISLANDCRAFTFAIRS.ORG

- HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY
- EXCLUSIVE APPAREL
- MADE IN HAWAII ITEMS
- ISLAND SNACKS
- DESSERTS
- COLLECTIBLES
- WIN PRIZES!

Hawaii State Art Museum

First Friday
August 4, 6- 9 pm
Live performances in the outdoor Sculpture Garden.
Admission is free!

The Vibe
Friday August 11, 6 - 9 pm
In partnership with Dae Han Ensemble
Free, all ages welcome.

aloha HOME MARKET
Hawaii's Premier Pop-Up Market
Lucky we live Hawaii
ALA MOANA CENTER MARKET
PARKING AREA ON MALL LEVEL 2, BETWEEN MACYS AND ALA MOANA HOTEL
SUNDAY AUG. 27TH
9 AM - 2 PM
ART • FURNITURE
FOOD • HOUSEWARES
UNIQUE • HAND-CRAFTED
LOCALLY-MADE

Honolulu Museum of Art
Sunday August 20th, 10am - 2pm
Kamaaina Free Sundays at the Held the third Sunday of every month features creative activities for keiki of all ages, entertainment, and community-focused programming across the museum.

Condo Corner

This space is dedicated to provide information about condominium ownership, living and governance. Each month we will share information and updates about all things condominium!

What is the Real Estate Branch's Condominium Section???

They are a part of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Their primary mandate is to provide education to condominium owners and boards of directors.

Condominium Hotline: 808-586-2644

Email: hirec@dcca.hawaii.gov

Website: <http://www.hawaii.gov/hirec>

What can the Real Estate Branch Condo Section help me with?

- answer questions about requesting association documents
- provide educational materials about condominium governance
- direct you to mediation/arbitration providers

What the Real Estate Branch Condo Section CANNOT DO:

- give legal advice
- interpret laws/statutes
- take complaints

BE PREPARED!

Hawaii's Hurricane season has started
(June 1 - November 30)

BEFORE

- **Board up windows.** Tape DOES NOT prevent windows from breaking.
- **Trim trees & shrubs** around your home & **secure outdoor furniture & loose objects.**
- **Clear rain gutters & downspouts.**
- **Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.** Turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- **Avoid using the phone,** except for serious emergencies. Consider texting.
- **Ensure a supply of water** for sanitary purposes.
- **Prepare to evacuate** when directed to by local authorities. You will need to take your kit* with you, shelters do not provide any supplies, food, or water.

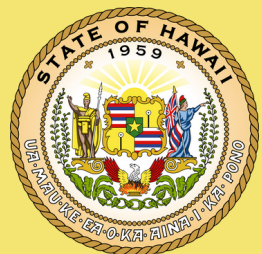
DURING

- **Stay indoors** away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- **Secure & brace exterior doors.**
- **Close interior doors & take refuge in a small interior safe room,** like a closet or hallway, on the lowest level of your home.
- The eye of the hurricane is deceptively calm and almost free of clouds with light winds and warm temperatures. **Do not go outdoors while the eye is passing;** the full intensity of the storm will reoccur in minutes.
- **Monitor your NOAA Weather Radio** & local radio stations for emergency information/updates.

AFTER

- **Continuously monitor TV** (if working) & radio for instructions.
- Authorities will announce when it is safe to go outside and/or to return to your home.
- When assessing damage, take photos to document for insurance purposes.
- **Be aware of hazards,** i.e. down power lines, broken gas lines, contaminated water, weakened structures, broken glass, etc.

More information can be found here: <https://www.honolulu.gov/dem/preparedness/build-kit.html>



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