

OCTOBER—DECEMBER 2019

Farewell Message from Executive Director Shawn Hamamoto



Aloha Friends,

It has been a profound privilege to serve as head of the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) over the past four years.

At this time I would like to convey my gratitude to all 33 neighborhood boards for participating in this grass-roots system of democracy to improve our communities.

What I enjoyed most was meeting so many dedicated community members across Oahu. It was very gratifying to work with everyone; and it is admirable that you care enough to volunteer your valuable time to address our local neighborhood issues.

Over the years it has been very fulfilling to witness our Neighborhood Board system grow and improve. While there is still more to be done, I believe the boards are on the right path to becoming more active and relevant in helping government make decisions.

Moving forward, I encourage everyone to continue to participate in this wonderful system; and hope you will encourage others to participate as well.

I wish you all the best!

Sincerely,

Shawn Hamamoto

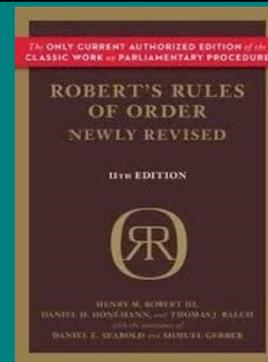
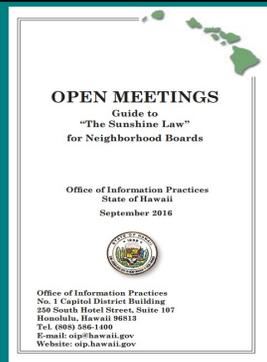
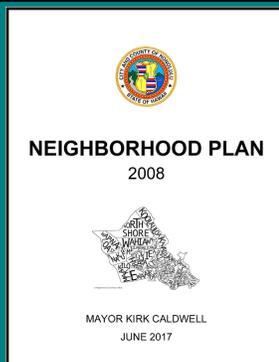
Meet the NCOs Newest Addition!



Meet Lindon Valenciano, the newest Neighborhood Assistant serving your community. Lindon joined the Neighborhood Commission Office in September 2019.

Lindon was born and raised on the island of Kaua'i on the west side in Hanapepe. He is a proud graduate of Waimea High School (Class of '04). In high school he joined the Hawai'i Army National Guard and was deployed after graduation and basic training. He has completed two tours while enrolled at University of Hawai'i at Manoa, where he recently graduated with a Bachelor's in Communication. He is excited to use his education and experience to assist the community and the Boards with their concerns about issues that may arise. Lindon will be attending the Palolo, Diamond Head, Kaneohe, Pearl City, and McCully Neighborhood Boards.

Neighborhood Board Rules and Procedures



Due to demand for Board Member training, the NCO developed an online training module that can be easily accessed on our website from the comfort of anywhere internet is available.

How well do you know the Neighborhood Plan, Sunshine Law, and Robert's Rules of Order?

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/nco/NEIGHBORHOOD_PLAN_Training_NEIGHBORHOOD_BOARDS_1.pptx

For more information or if any assistance is needed please contact us at 768-3710 or email Nco@honolulu.gov.

Please take the training to see if you can score 100%!

2020 Census Update from US Census Bureau



The U.S Census Bureau appreciates the support of the Neighborhood Commission Office and all the Neighborhood Boards across O'ahu. Every year, more than \$675 billion in federal funds are awarded to states, counties, and communities based on census data. Our communities deserve to get their fair share of federal funding. Census data guides local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals, and schools. Census data also affects your voice in Congress. The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, city councils, and voting districts.

The Neighborhood Boards have been instrumental in providing opportunities for the U.S Census Bureau Partnership Specialists outreach and raising census awareness across O'ahu. We continue to encourage our communities to apply for census jobs at 2020census.gov/jobs. We also ask different organizations to partner with us in promoting the census. You may contact the NCO to connect with your local U.S Partnership Specialist in O'ahu.

Neighborhood Board Posters

The NCO will be ordering new posters for each Neighborhood Board District. Be on the lookout for these posters in your community. Throughout the year, NCO visits public parks, recreation centers, shops, malls, community centers, churches, etc. all over the island to distribute these posters and flyers. If you would like a poster to put up in your community, please contact our office.



City of Honolulu
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Neighborhood Board No. 13
DOWNTOWN-CHINATOWN
DISCOVER Your Board, SHAPE Your Community

JOIN US THIS MONTH!

6:00 PM
every first Thursday
of the month

Hawaii Pacific University
Multipurpose Room 2
1 Aloha Tower Drive

Agendas and minutes online at www.honolulu.gov/nco

Get involved with community issues at your Neighborhood Board. Here you can directly engage with your local government representatives to improve your neighborhood.

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Board Vacancies

Please attend your Neighborhood Board meeting to become a member and get involved with your community. The only requirements are that your primary residence is in the neighborhood district and sub-district and must be at least eighteen years of age. Please contact our office if you have further questions regarding board vacancies and boundaries.

* List was last updated on 10/5/19

Neighborhood Board	Subdistrict/At-Large	Number of Vacant Seats
Hawaii Kai No. 1	Subdistrict 4	1
Kuliouou-Kalani Iki No. 2	Subdistrict 1	1
Kuliouou-Kalani Iki No. 2	Subdistrict 2	1
Kuliouou-Kalani Iki No. 2	Subdistrict 5	1
Kuliouou-Kalani Iki No. 2	Subdistrict 6	1
Kuliouou-Kalani Iki No. 2	Subdistrict 7	2
Kuliouou-Kalani Iki No. 2	Subdistrict 8	1
Waiialae-Kahala No. 3	Subdistrict 1	1
Kaimuki No. 4	Subdistrict 1	2
Kaimuki No. 4	Subdistrict 2	1
Palolo No. 6	Subdistrict 2	2
Manoa No. 7	Subdistrict 3	1
Manoa No. 7	Subdistrict 4	1
McCully No. 8	At-Large	1
Waikiki No. 9	Subdistrict 2	2
Makiki No. 10	Subdistrict 1	1
Ala Moana No. 11	Subdistrict 2	1
Nuuanu/Punchbowl No. 12	Subdistrict 1	2
Nuuanu/Punchbowl No. 12	Subdistrict 2	1
Nuuanu/Punchbowl No. 12	Subdistrict 3	2
Kaneohe No. 30	Subdistrict 8	1
Kaneohe No. 30	Subdistrict 12	1
Kaneohe No. 30	Subdistrict 13	1
Kailua No. 31	Subdistrict 4	1
Waimanalo No. 32	At-Large	1
Makakilo/Kapolei No. 34	At-Large	1
Mililani Mauka No. 35	At-Large	2

NCO Bulletin

NCO Outreach:

The NCO is continuing its efforts in increasing community awareness and participation with the Neighborhood Boards. We recently presented to the Koko Head Lions Club, held an informational booth at Honolulu Community College, and was featured on Tourism 101 with former Mayor Hanemann. If you would like the NCO to present or attend an event, please contact our office!



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"Aloha! I was honored to serve on both the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards, and have seen the positive role the boards can play in the community. They exemplify participatory democracy at its finest!"

-Mayor Kirk Caldwell
@MayorKirkHNL

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