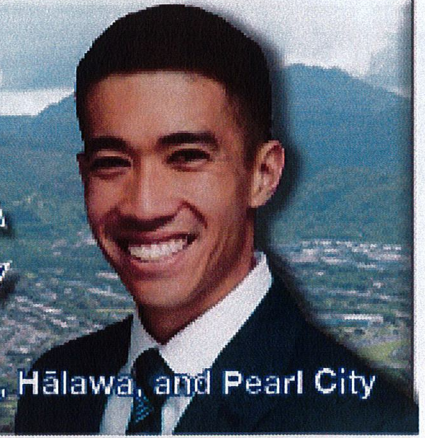


State Senator
**BRANDON
ELEFANTE**



Representing Senate District 16 - 'Aiea, Hālawā, and Pearl City

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Aloha!

I wish you and your loved ones a happy new year. I hope this new year will bring you and yours much joy, comfort, and happiness.

I look forward to working here at the state legislature this upcoming session to make positive changes in our communities. Please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns. Mahalo for your continued support.

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From left to right: Senator Elefante with office staff members Michael Greenough, Ashley Niibu, Jan Salcedo, and Kahu Kekoa Kordell during an office blessing

2023 Legislature

The Thirty - Second Legislature (2023) will convene on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 10:00 am** at the State Capitol. I am look forward to working collaboratively with my colleagues as we advocate for the betterment of all.

To kick off the start of the 2023 legislative session, Senator Elefante extends an open invitation to all constituents to come to the capitol for an informal meet and greet. We look forward to seeing everyone from **12 PM until 2 PM** for camaraderie and fellowship. Light refreshments will also be available.

Committee Assignments

Senator Elefante is Vice Chair of the Water and Land Committee as well as the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee.

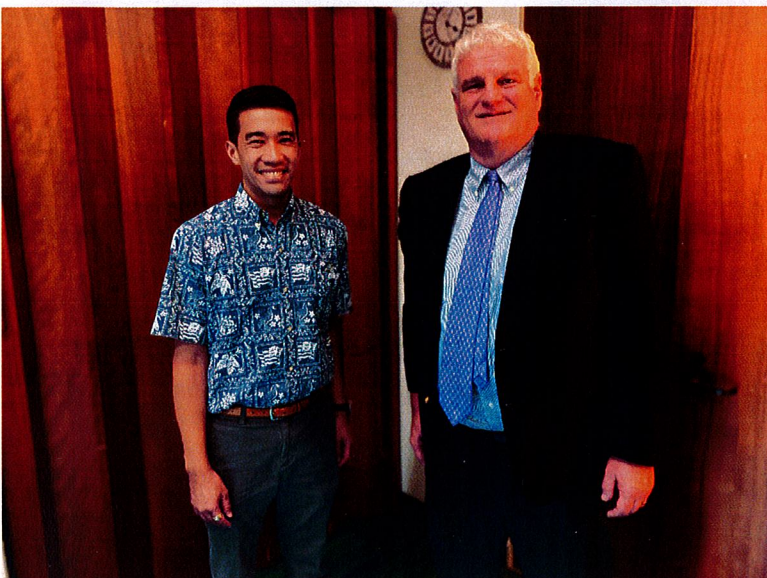
He is also a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Transportation and Culture and The Arts Committee.



Thank you to the Kam 'ohana from 'Aiea Heights and the Molina 'ohana from Kapolei and McAllen, TX for visiting the Capitol! These families learned about the history of the Capitol and the legislative process.

If you're interested in touring the capitol, feel free to contact the senator's office.

Standing in front of the USS Bowfin (SS-287), Senator Elefante, Capt. Chuck Merkel (USN ret.) and Capt. Peter Miller (USN, ret.) of the USS Bowfin and the Submarine Museum. \$20 million improvements featuring a state-of-the-art museum and an interactive, living memorial that include new interpretive signs for all of the outside exhibits, an outdoor play area for kids and a big "hull ring" that greets visitors at the campus entrance that compares the diameter of World War II submarines to today's much larger nuclear subs.



Chief Justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court Mark E. Recktenwald stopping by to discuss functions of the Judiciary branch and legislative priorities for the upcoming season. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Elefante looks forward to working with him and the Judiciary branch.



Councilmember Val Aquino Okimoto

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DISTRICT 8 | LOWER 'AIEA, MILILANI, PEARL CITY, AND PORTIONS OF WAIPAHU

Aloha!

I am Honolulu City Councilmember Val Aquino Okimoto and I am your newly-elected councilmember for District 8, which covers lower 'Aiea, Pearlridge, Waimalu, Newtown, Pearl City, Seaview, Crestview, Waipi'o Gentry, Mililani, and portions of Waipahu. I previously served in the State House of Representatives, from 2018 - 2022. Additionally, I live in Mililani and serve on the MTA Board of Directors.

I'm a local girl, born and raised on Kaua'i, and I am the proud daughter of two state employees. My mother worked at the State Department of Agriculture and my father worked as a fireman at the Kaua'i Fire Department. I was a scholar-athlete graduate of Kaua'i High School and obtained my BA in Accounting from Brigham Young University-Hawai'i. While in college, I spent time in the Philippines on a service mission. After graduation, I worked as an accountant before becoming a certified special education teacher for the Department of Education. I taught students at Makalapa Elementary and Highlands Intermediate schools for over a decade.

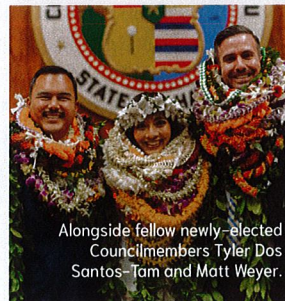
I value serving others and find passion in advocating for the community. As a mother of two daughters, I want to ensure that our current and future generations have the necessary social, economic, and environmental opportunities available to them so that they can continue to contribute to a better Hawai'i. My priorities include economic development, public safety, government transparency and accountability, infrastructure-strengthening, and community-building. I am humbled to be your District 8 Councilmember and I am looking forward to working with all of you to tackle important issues.

Mahalo,

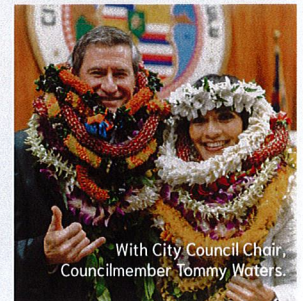
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Members of the Honolulu City Council with Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Gov. Josh Green, and Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke.



Alongside fellow newly-elected Councilmembers Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and Matt Weyer.



With City Council Chair, Councilmember Tommy Waters.



With Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke and Sen. Michelle Kidani.



With Sen. Donna Mercado Kim and Rep. Sean Quinlan.



On January 3, 2023, I was grateful to have been surrounded by my 'ohana during the Honolulu City Council Inauguration ceremony.

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Alongside my District 8 team during the Honolulu City Council Inauguration Ceremony. L-R Jame Schaedel, Eric Kamanu, Me, Jocelyn Roberts, Josh Koh, Aaron Wilson

The District 8 Team

Introducing our policy and constituent service team. A diverse team with years of policy experience, focused on serving the community as a whole and prioritizing constituent concerns and needs.

- Eric Kamanu**, Senior Advisor
- Jamé Schaedel**, Policy Director
- Aaron Wilson**, Constituent Relations Manager
- Josh Koh**, Digital Media Manager
- Jocelyn Roberts**, Community Liaison and Secretary to Councilmember Okimoto

To contact my office, please call **(808) 768-5008** or via email at valokimoto@honolulu.gov.

Committee Assignments

- Chair** – Committee on Public Safety
- Vice Chair** – Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture & the Arts
- Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
- Committee on Housing, Sustainability and Health
- Committee on Planning and the Economy
- Committee on Transportation

‘Aiea Christmas Parade

I was very grateful to participate in this year’s ‘Aiea Holiday Parade! It was wonderful to be out in the community with you and your ‘ohana, celebrating Christmas and the joyful holiday season! Mahalo for the warm welcome my team and I received. I look forward to seeing you at future events in our community and wish you a Happy New Year!



FREE Vaccinations!



Aiea Hongwanji

99-186 Puakala St, Aiea, HI 96701



January 20, 2023

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Vaccines Available:

- All COVID vaccines for ages 6mo & older
- Bivalent Boosters
- Monkey Pox
- Flu



COVID-19

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