

District 2 Community Network

Who We Are

The District 2 Community Network is a collection of community residents and leaders in or associated with Honolulu City Council District 2 who have long been engaged in civic discourse and governance in our area and statewide. We have organized to gather direct information about the candidates running to represent District 2 on the Honolulu City Council, to share that information and our views with our community friends and neighbors, and to consider public endorsements of positions or candidate(s).

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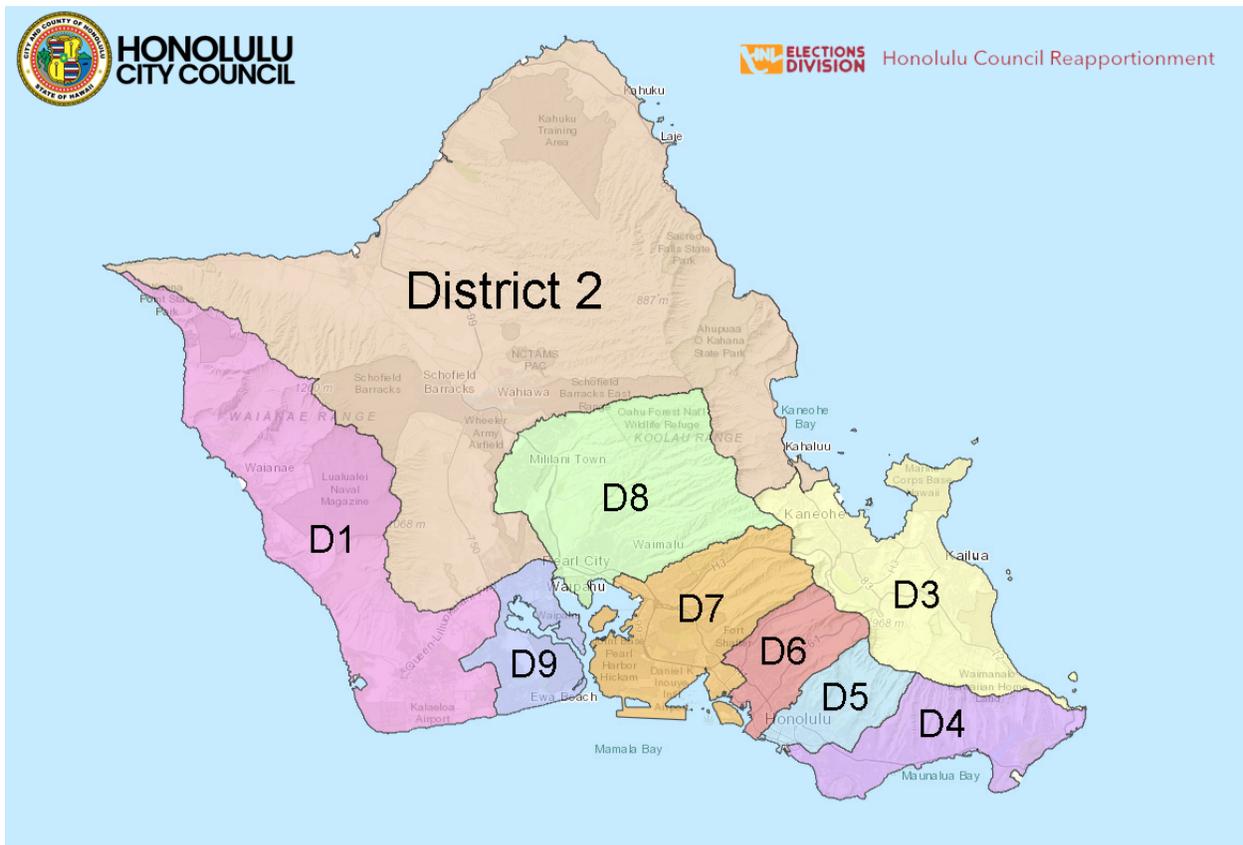
Mission Statement

We envision leadership for Honolulu City Council District 2 that recognizes residents, local families, and future generations as the highest priority in developing and implementing City laws, policies, and services for our extraordinary and unique region.

We will support leadership for our region that:

- promotes sustainable, resilient, inclusive, self-reliant communities;
- is rooted in Hawaiʻi's indigenous wisdom and ahupuaʻa practices, and preserves and revitalizes cultural resources, traditions, and practices;
- acknowledges the carrying capacity and limits of our infrastructure and natural resources, and promotes nature over development;
- understands that sustainability focuses on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, that sustainability implies equilibrium and limits, and that never-ending growth is not sustainable, especially on an island;
- protects and enhances a clean, beautiful, and healthful environment;
- protects and enhances public land, open spaces, parks, and public access;
- promotes environmental and social justice, prioritizing public over private economic interests;
- solves inter-agency coordination challenges to respond to urgent community needs on climate issues such as flooding, erosion, sea level rise, ecological impacts, and acts immediately on the climate emergency;
- promotes disaster preparedness, distributed energy, and emergency services;
- advances locally owned sustainable agriculture, cooperative food processing enterprises, and neighborhood food security;
- supports housing that is attainable for local families and working residents;
- can advance concrete solutions to mental health, houselessness, public health, and criminal justice issues in our community;

- embraces social justice issues, understands the challenges facing sexual and gender minority communities, recognizes the civil rights of LGBTQIA individuals, and commits to a safe and inclusive community for all;
- promotes a diversified economy based on liveable wages for workers and that promotes locally owned businesses that primarily serve the needs of the local community, substantially reduces reliance on tourism, and prohibits commercialization of public resources and recreational areas;
- understands complex governance issues, knows how to successfully navigate federal-state-county relationships and laws, has a track record of public service leadership, and recognizes the potential statewide impact of the role and office of a City Councilmember;
- ensures effective implementation, accountability, and alignment with O’ahu’s General Plan and the applicable sustainable community and development plans; promotes and understanding of and adherence to the principles of the Oahu Watershed Management Plan.
- advances strict adherence to City and County ordinances and rules;
- does not engage in pay-to-play or any type of quid-pro-quo conduct, is not beholden to major donors and/or developers, and supports publicly funded elections;
- The leadership of Council District 2 will be at the forefront of these issues.



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