

# COUNCILMEMBER Charles K. Djou



City Council • District 4

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## IT MAY BE THE YEAR OF THE PIG, BUT THE CITY IS WRONG TO ASK FOR MORE TAXES

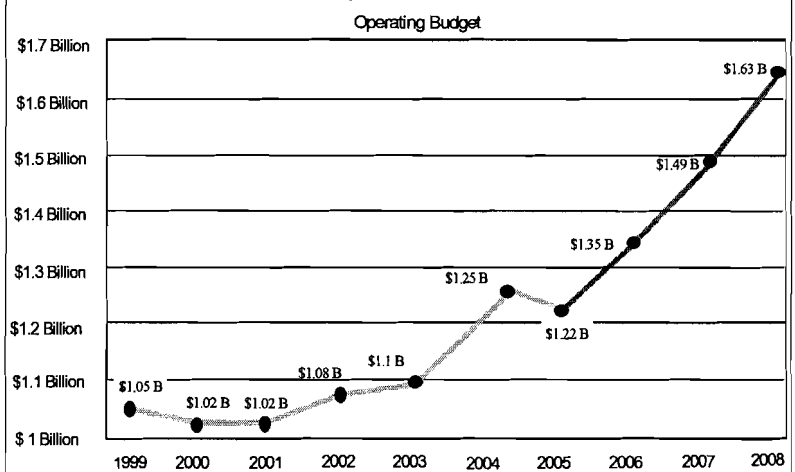
On February 28, the Hannemann administration released plans for the largest budget in Honolulu history, asking authority to spend over \$2.36 billion. It also asks authority to borrow a record setting \$724 million in capitol improvement projects for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Along with increased spending and increased borrowing, the Hannemann budget also calls for sewer fees to increase 15% from \$45.44 to \$56.81 per household and an increase to commercial, industrial and hotel/resort property tax rate from \$11.97 to \$12.50 per \$1,000 of valuation.

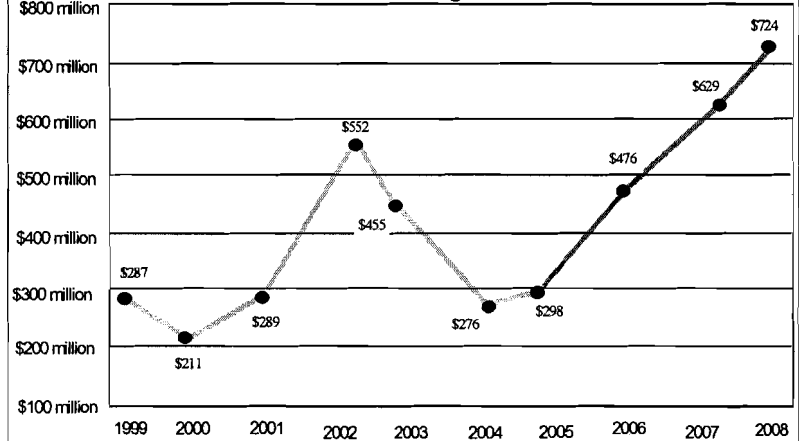
Councilmember Djou feels that the people of Honolulu have been taxed too much for too long and it's time to say enough is enough. Over the past 4 years, the city has doubled the vehicle tax, doubled sewer fees and implemented the largest tax increase in Hawaii history by

adding a ½ percent increase to the General Excise Tax. To this end, Councilmember Djou has once again introduced again legislation to put a cap on budget increases and spending in the City.

CITY BUDGET, FROM FY 1999 TO 2008



CIP Budget



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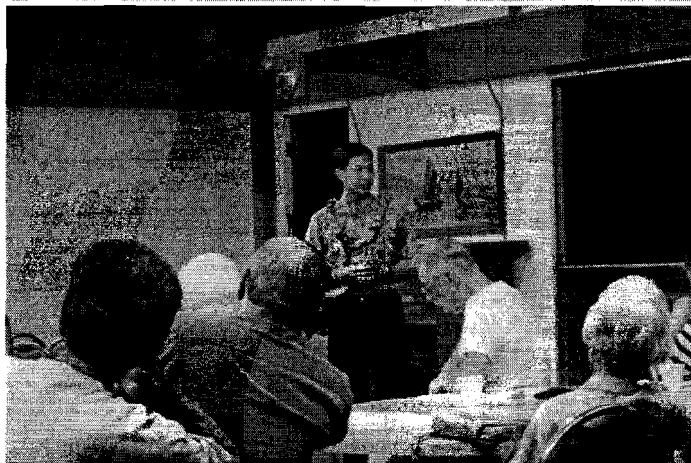
Councilmember Djou on the radio! Listen and call in every Tuesday morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. to KHVH 830 AM where Councilmember Djou takes your calls during the Rick Hamada morning radio show. KHVH Phone No. 521-8383

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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU IN THE COMMUNITY**



On March 7, Councilmember Djou spoke at the Spinnaker Isle Residents Association Meeting at Koko Isle.



At the City Council meeting on February 21, the Council recognized East Honolulu resident Margaret Marcus for her community contributions.

**STRONG ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION NEEDED FOR RAIL PROCUREMENT**

On March 7, Councilmember Charles Djou introduced legislation prohibiting companies with a criminal record of bribery or corruption from being awarded Honolulu's multi-billion dollar mass transit contract.

The momentum to introduce this legislation comes from the discovery that several major transit manufacturing companies are under investigation or have been convicted of bribing local municipal officials. Some of these companies are poised to bid for the multi-billion dollar mass transit system. Councilmember Djou notes there's an enormous incentive and an incredible pay off for corruption with a multi-billion dollar government project like rail. Furthermore, Councilmember Djou says that to avoid even the appearance of impropriety the City must establish a policy that it will not deal with companies that have engaged in past corrupt practices.

**WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?**

- ABANDONED VEHICLES: 733-2530
- ANIMAL NUISANCE: CALL POLICE AT 9-1-1
- BULKY ITEMS REMOVAL: 523-4685
- BUILDING PERMITS: 523-4505
- CITY INFORMATION: 523-4385
- CITY COMPLAINTS: 523-4381
- CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: 527-5091
- CRIME STOPPERS: 955-8300
- GRAFFITI HOTLINE: 527-5180
- NOISE COMPLAINTS: CALL POLICE AT 9-1-1
- SANITATION COMPLAINTS: 586-8000
- STREET LIGHTING: 564-6113
- TREE TRIMMING: 971-7151
- TRAFFIC SIGN DOWN: 523-4472



**Reminder:** The next full City Council meeting will be held on March 14, 10 a.m. on the third floor of **Honolulu Hale**. The next Regular Committee meetings will be on March 27, 28, 29 also at Honolulu Hale.