<u>Downtown - Chinatown Neighborhood Board - September 7, 2023</u>

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Last meeting: August 3, 2023

- 1. \$1 million in Capital Improvement Project funds was released to the Hawaii State Archives for general expansion, creation of new collections and community engagement spaces.
- 2. The Red Light safety program is now in effect and live for citations at all of these locations:

Vineyard Boulevard and Palama Street
Vineyard Boulevard and Liliha Street
Vineyard Boulevard and Nuuanu Avenue
Pali Highway and Vineyard Boulevard
Pali Highway and School Street
Likelike Highway and School Street
King Street and Ward Avenue
Kapiolani Boulevard and Kamakee Street
Beretania Street and Piikoi Street
McCully Street and Algaroba Street

- 3. This week, the Dept. of Health reported 842 new Covid cases with a 7-day average of 129 cases and 6 deaths. COVID-19 remains a top 10 cause of death in this country and has claimed the lives of more than 1.1 million Americans. I still strongly encourage you to get your shots and boosters. A new one should be available by the end of September. I also encourage you to wear masks again inside especially if you are at risk or live with someone who is. We're having a bit of a resurgence. The virus is still circulating.
- 4. Also, flu shots are now available.
- 5. Don't hesitate to call my office, 586-6130, with questions or concerns or email me at senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov