

Real Estate Branch

Aloha Condominium Owners and Other Interested Individuals,

The Real Estate Commission wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year! The Commission continues to appreciate your desire to educate and inform yourselves regarding condominium matters. In this first email of 2022, the Commission wishes to highlight the December 2021 Hawaii Condominium Bulletin, upcoming educational webinars, the Commission's virtual meetings, and a recap of the educational materials released in 2021.

If you missed an email, all of the prior topics covered in prior informational emails are available here.

December 2021 Hawaii Condominium Bulletin

The December Hawaii Condominium Bulletin has recently been published. The December bulletin covers topics such as virtual technology, dispute resolution via mediation and arbitration, and a reminder about the Commission's recent educational videos and seminars. A link to the December 2021 Condominium Bulletin in PDF can be reached here.

Community Associations Institute Hawaii Chapter (CAI) - Virtual Educational Event

CAI Hawaii is an organization that serves the educational, business, and networking needs of associations ranging from condominiums and cooperatives to planned community associations. The Condominium Education Trust Fund (CETF) partially subsidizes a select number of CAI Hawaii condominium educational events procured by the Commission for members of registered condominium associations. These educational events are open to anyone who wishes to attend, including directors, owners, property managers, attorneys, and the general public. Please contact CAI Hawaii for attendance fees.

CAI Hawaii has upcoming virtual Webinar educational events "Out With The Old, In With The New – Changes In The Way Association and Board Meetings Are Held" on Thursday, January 20, 2022, and "Meet The Experts" on Thursday February 17, 2022, both from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.

CAI Hawaii will also be hosting a live-in person seminar at the 14th Annual Hawaii Buildings, Facilities and Property Management Expo, titled "Why Deferred Maintenance Can Lead To Catastrophe" on Thursday, March 17, 2022, with further details to be released later. Visit CAI Hawaii's website and contact them for registration here. Please be aware that CAI Hawaii may change the contents, times, and dates of their educational events and host new events.

Hawaii Council of Community Associations (HCCA) - Educational Event

HCCA is a nonprofit that since October 1975 has provided educational and legislative efforts on behalf of condominiums, cooperative housing, and planned community associations. The Commission does not endorse the views or activities of HCCA and has not procured any contracts with HCCA. The Commission is merely CEB - January 2022

informing interested parties of their events. Please see their website at http://hawaiicouncil.org/ for more information.

HCCA has an upcoming virtual Zoom educational event, "Pitfalls of Condo Project Reviews & Impacts of Mortgage Lending Plus Delinquencies" on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Visit HCCA's seminar website here. Please be aware that HCCA may change the contents, times, and dates of their educational events and host new events.

Hawaii Real Estate Commission - Virtual Meetings

While the COVID-19 pandemic has created hardships and difficulties in conducting meetings, condominium boards must adhere to the requirements of board meetings. Many boards have chosen to avoid in person meetings and thereby conduct their publicly noticed meetings either via group telephone calls or via online video teleconference open to all members of the association. Similarly, the Hawaii Real Estate Commission has been impacted and has moved to virtual meetings covering real estate licensing, educational courses, and condominium issues until further notice.

Please view our 2022 public meeting schedule <u>here</u>. The Zoom link and call in telephone number to each meeting will be posted in that meeting's publicly listed agenda. Please find upcoming agendas and prior minutes and agendas <u>here</u>.

2021 Recapped

Did you miss any of the exciting 2021 educational releases? The Commission published a 15 part "Hawaii Condo Living Guide" video series, brochures on agricultural condos, a buyer's checklist, realities of condo ownership, a condo fact sheet, developer rights, duties, and obligations, legislative update, budgeting and reserve funding, and revised the brochure on obtain documents from the Bureau of Conveyances. The Commission also virtually held another Condorama on January 28, 2021. We look forward to another year serving the Hawaii condominium community.

If you found any of this information helpful, please spread the word and invite other interested parties to subscribe to the email list <u>here</u>. Also, please visit our website at http://www.hawaii.gov/hirec for assistance in answering any questions concerning the Hawaii Real Estate Branch and all licensing issues.

If there are any further questions, please contact our office at (808) 586-2643, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Hawaiian Standard Time.

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