MAYOR GOES ON OFFENSE

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Mayor Kirk Caldwell has stepped up his enforcement at the Waikiki pavilions on Kapiolani Beach Park, which have been plagued by homeless campers, crime and drug use, and says he is considering converting some of them into commercial enterprises to reclaim the public beach space.

Caldwell said he will follow a front-page story in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser this month on community frustrations over the public pavilions.

Because of recent poop breakdowns, the beach locations have become havens for homeless campers, panhandlers and substance abusers.

While Honolulu police can cite the city's code for homeless Manafort, they have no authority to move them from the beach area. They can only cite them on private property if there is evidence they are using illegal substances.

Mayor Caldwell said a new law enforcement effort will begin this month as the city considers some kind of permanent solution.

Police will continue to work with homeless services to help people off the streets.

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Celebrities

Use fame to protest Mauna Kea telescope

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When Gov. David Ige declared a cooling-off period amid the tense standoff between developers of the $1.4 billion Thirty Meter Telescope and the sacred mountain of Mauna Kea — a postponement of scheduled construction indefinitely extended by the contractors themselves — it invited a significant if tentative victory for a homegrown movement spearheaded by a local resident who has been raising awareness about the te

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PROTEST: Celebrities use social media for Mauna Kea

For as much as a face-to-face, die-in on the ground action in Hawaii has advanced the cause of protecting native spaces from outside development, the rapid growth of local, national and global support for the movement has galvanized support beyond the roads to movement in the halls of power. Celebrities who are now using social media to speak up for the environment also underpin the movement.

This week, for example, opponents of the Thirty Meter Telescope project have successfully used social media to draw attention to the issue. On Saturday, Parisien model and social media star Cara Delevingne posted a message on Twitter and Instagram, saying, “These mountains have a special connection to me. I’ve had a lot of special memories here. Our natural world is so fragile. We need to protect it.”

Other celebrities, such as American singer-musician John Legend, also used social media to draw attention to the issue. Legend posted a message on Instagram, saying, “I’m so sad to see the destruction of the environment. We need to stand together to protect our planet.”

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