



# Ewa Monthly Report for August 2016 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Ewa, Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikale, Waipahu, Village Park and Royal Kunia



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## Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

### Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

At the City Council's monthly meeting on August 3rd, I had the pleasure of recognizing Mental Health America of Hawaii and the work of the Pono Youth Program.

Mental Health America of Hawaii is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote wellness, prevent mental illness, reduce stigma, and improve the care of those with mental illness. In collaboration with the State Department of Health, Mental Health America of Hawaii's Pono Youth Program developed the Hawaii Bullying Prevention Toolkit as a resource for parents, teachers, and students to prevent bullying in Hawaii.

I hope you find this monthly report informative. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. If you need assistance, please contact me at 768-5009 or via email at: [rmenor@honolulu.gov](mailto:rmenor@honolulu.gov). Also, log on to: [facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor](http://facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor) for more details about my activities as your councilmember.



At the City Council's monthly meeting on August 3rd, Councilmember Menor presented an honorary certificate to Mental Health America of Hawaii recognizing the organization for developing the Hawaii Bullying Prevention Toolkit. Pictured in the front row are (L to R) Maureen Ikeda, Pono Youth Program Manager Mara Pike, Mental Health America of Hawaii Executive Director Trisha Kajimura, and CJ Rice. Bullying is a widespread concern about which the City Council has focused its attention. The Council approved Resolution 14-145 FD1, which was introduced by Councilmember Menor, requesting that the Mayor's administration develop an anti-bullying policy to protect children who participate in City programs.

## OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Councilmember Menor recently volunteered at a beach clean-up event at Ewa Beach Park. The event was organized by Ewa Beach resident Krystyn Llacuna who is standing to the left of Councilmember Menor. Councilmember Menor's son Andrew (rear, in red shirt) also volunteered at the event. Councilmember Menor is wearing his green Ewa Emergency Preparedness Fair t-shirt. Councilmember Menor has been a supporter of Emergency Preparedness Fair every year.



Councilmember Menor and U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono attended the blessing ceremony at Kunia Village on August 9th. Councilmember Menor represents Kunia and supported this project. Due to the efforts of Hawaii Agriculture Research Center and federal funding, 82 renovated or new homes will be available at affordable rental rates to low-income farm workers. The 82 homes are slated to be completed by February 2017. This project has been in the works for six years. Councilmember Menor is pleased that it has finally come to fruition.

## Update on Community Concerns

The following are a few of the many concerns that Councilmember Menor has been working on in his district:

### Ewa Beach Skate Park

Since it was brought to his attention, Councilmember Menor has worked diligently to facilitate the much-needed repairs to the skate park at Ewa Beach Community Park.

Director Robert Kroning of the City Department of Design and Construction has notified Councilmember Menor that the planning and design process of this project is already underway. Director Kroning further indicated that the repair work should be completed by the end of the year. Councilmember Menor will continue to closely monitor this issue.

### Holomua Elementary Traffic Safety

In response to traffic safety concerns raised by Holomua Elementary School Principal Gary Yasui and the school community, Councilmember Menor has submitted several Request for Investigation and Service Reports (RISR) asking the City to investigate a number of issues including: the possible installation of illuminated school crossing signs on Keaunui Drive; the installation of crosswalks where Keaunui Drive intersects with Maana Street, Kolowaka Drive, and Kaukolu Street; re-painting the curbs red in bus loading zones and the parking lot entrance on Laupai Street; and the possible removal of the makai crosswalk at the intersection of Keonekapu Street and Keaunui Drive.

This area is highly congested during school drop off and pick up times and the

safety of the students in the area is a top priority. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this situation.

### Ho'owalea Intersection

Councilmember Menor previously submitted a RISR regarding the driving hazard at the T-intersection at Ho'owalea Place and Ho'owalea Street. The City Department of Transportation Services conducted a traffic investigation at the time and concluded that additional measures were not necessary.

Despite the Department's findings, Councilmember Menor, in response to concerns raised by his constituents, will ask the department to consider painting the curbs red and installing safety devices to increase safety at this intersection.

Councilmember Menor also plans to conduct a site visit with a traffic engineer from the Department of Transportation Services in the near future.

### Ewa Villages Passive Park

During meetings with the Ewa Villages Owners Association Board, a number of issues regarding the passive park adjacent to Renton Road and Pepper Row were brought to Councilmember Menor's attention.

Councilmember Menor is following up on a number of these issues including: the replacement of "No Parking" signs that were stolen; the possible installation of concrete barriers around the park to prevent illegal parking on the grass; and the feasibility of allowing the community to set up a temporary trailer office on the vacant land behind the Ewa Station Post Office.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Committee Meetings

Council committee meetings will be held at Honolulu Hale, Room 205, as follows:

#### Wednesday, August 17, 2016

- Public Works, Infrastructure, & Sustainability: 1 pm

#### Tuesday, August 23, 2016

- Public Health, Safety & Welfare: 9 am
- Parks, Cmty & Customer Scvs: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

#### Wednesday, August 24, 2016

- Budget: 9 am

#### Thursday, August 25, 2016

- Zoning & Planning: 9 am
- Transportation: 1 pm
- Business, Econ Dev & Tourism: 2:30 pm

### Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street  
Third Floor Council Chambers

- Morning Session: 10 am
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 pm

## Useful City Contact Information

- For concerns regarding refuse collection and bulky items:
  - ⇒ Pearl City baseyard (Waipahu, Ewa, Waipio Gentry, Royal Kunia, Halawa to Makakilo, Kapolei): 455-9644
- To dispose of household trash and residential waste material: 226-2996 (Ewa Convenience Center)
- To report an abandoned vehicle: 733-2530
- To report a pothole: 768-7777 (City street) or 536-7852 (State road) or email: [www1.honolulu.gov/dfm/road/pothole.htm](http://www1.honolulu.gov/dfm/road/pothole.htm)
- To file a complaint with the City's complaint office: 768-4381 or email: [complaints@honolulu.gov](mailto:complaints@honolulu.gov)
- To report sidewalks that are cracked or uplifted: 768-8159
- For concerns regarding park maintenance: 675-6030
- For concerns regarding bus and handivan operations: 768-8300
- For concerns regarding motor vehicle registration and drivers' licensing: 532-4324 or 532-4325
- Barking dogs: HPD (911) or the Hawaiian Humane Society (946-2187)
- Crowing roosters: 799-7791
- For complaints regarding public trees: 971-7151
- For complaints regarding satellite city halls: 532-7747
- For permits at City campgrounds: 768-3440
- For updates/ traffic advisories on Honolulu's rail transit project: 566-2299

## OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Councilmember Menor recently attended the Hoakalei Ho'ike food truck event. The proceeds from the event benefited the Ewa Weed & Seed Program. Pictured here from (L to R) are Weed & Seed Program Director Gale Bracerros, Anson Perez, Councilmember Menor, Dawn Balecha, Ewa Neighborhood Board Chair Mitch Tynanes, HPD Officer Roland Pagan, and Ernesto Yoro.



Councilmember Menor is pictured here with Ewa Beach resident Michael Kitchens. Mr. Kitchens created the Stolen Stuff Hawaii Facebook page which aids Hawaii residents in tracking down their stolen property. Mr. Kitchens, a former police officer, created the page in 2014 after his brother-in-law's vehicle was stolen. The page now boasts 54,000 followers.