

Update on Community Concerns

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

Ewa Beach Community Park

Councilmember Menor forwarded a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) on behalf of a concerned Ewa Beach resident regarding individuals who are frequenting Ewa Beach Community Park and drinking alcohol at all hours of the day, including the early morning. These individuals have had several confrontations with area homeowners who have requested that the individuals keep their dogs out of the homeowners' yards. Several residents have contacted HPD regarding this issue but have not received a response as of yet. Councilmember Menor requested that HPD take immediate action to investigate this issue and increase the overall HPD presence in the area. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this situation.

Hazardous Trees on Old Fort Weaver

Councilmember Menor was contacted by a resident on Old Fort Weaver Road who voiced concerns regarding a number of trees that were growing onto properties and getting extremely close to several homes. It was discovered that the trees were on private property and it would be up to the property owner to maintain these trees. The property owners were contacted and are currently working to finalize a date for maintenance

crews to trim these trees. Councilmember Menor will provide any needed updates on this issue.

Opaehuna Street Tree Maintenance

Councilmember Menor forwarded a RISR on behalf of an Ewa resident who was concerned about an overgrown Eucalyptus tree behind his property. The resident expressed concerns that the larger branches and debris from the tree could harm people using the nearby bike path as well as cause significant property damage. The RISR was forwarded to the Mayor's office and is pending assignment to the proper City department. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this situation and will provide further updates.

Hanakahi Street Widening

Councilmember Menor's office was contacted by State Representative Bob McDermott on behalf of Ewa Beach residents regarding the possible widening of the Hanakahi Street exit onto Fort Weaver Road in the townbound direction. The residents stated that the traffic backup in this area is caused by the lack of a dedicated right hand turn lane. The residents also believe that the City set back would allow for the installation of a full right turn lane. Councilmember Menor forwarded a RISR on behalf of the residents and it is awaiting assignment to the proper City department. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this situation.



Mahealani Sims-Tulba, Councilmember Menor, and Augie "T" Tulba at the Ewa Beach Lions Club Christmas Parade on December 19th.

Councilmember Menor with members of the James Campbell High School marching band.



(L to R) Grand Marshal Richard Quiamzon, Ronald McDonald, and Councilmember Menor.

Councilmember Menor with members of the Ewa Beach Sabres football team.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Honolulu Hale, Third Floor Council Chambers

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

Committee Meetings

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

- Budget: 9 am
- Pub Works, Infra & Sustainability: 1 pm

Thursday, February 11, 2016

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

Useful Contact Info

- For concerns regarding refuse collection and bulky items:
 - ⇒ Wahiawa baseyard (Kunia Camp, Mililani, Waipio Acres): 768-3200
- Where 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
- To file a complaint with the City's complaint office: 768-4381 or email: complaints@honolulu.gov
- To report sidewalks that are cracked, uplifted or obstructed: 768-8159
- For concerns regarding park maintenance: 675-6030
- For concerns regarding bus and handi-van operations: 768-8300
- For concerns regarding motor vehicle registration and drivers' licensing: 532-4324 or 532-4325
- Barking dogs: HPD (911)
- 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



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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! I have maintained a hectic

schedule continuing my active involvement in community activities.

Ewa Makai Middle School

In November, I joined the students, faculty, and staff of Ewa Makai Middle School to recognize the 2015 Strive HI Incentive and Service Award Program recipients. The Ewa Makai PE Department, consisting of teachers Gregg Akena, Jan Combs, and Scott Yorimoto, received the Team Excellence Award of Merit for their work to integrate technology into their lessons. Head Custodian Carlos Dias was the recipient of a Sustained Superior Performance Award. And while I attended Ewa Makai's awards assembly, I presented Principal Ed Oshiro with an honorary certificate commending Ewa Makai Middle School for being selected as one of the 41 most innovative schools in America. I'd like to offer my warmest congratulations and thank these wonderful educators and staff for the important work they do with our children.

UH - West Oahu

I would like to recognize outgoing UH-West Oahu Chancellor Rockne Freitas who retired after 23 years working for the University of Hawaii. Chancellor Freitas had been the head of the West Oahu campus since 2013. During his tenure, student enrollment grew and the West Oahu campus was reaccredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for a seven year term that will last through 2022. A warm mahalo and best wishes to Chancellor Freitas as he begins this next chapter of his life. I would like to also congratulate Dr. Doris Ching who became interim Chancellor on January 1st. Best of luck to Dr. Ching as she takes on this important new role.

Inaugural Sakada Day

I was fortunate to participate in the inaugural Sakada Day at the Hawaii State



Councilmember Menor, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, and Pat Menor at the City's Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Honolulu Hale.

Capitol. Sakadas were the original workers brought from the Philippines to work in the plantation fields of Hawaii. Sakada Day will serve as a celebration of the significance of the arrival of the first Sakadas. I joined other City Councilmembers in sponsoring honorary certificates that recognized living Sakadas for their courage, hard work, and sacrifice. It was a wonderful inaugural event and I look forward to participating in many Sakada Days in the future.

Memorial for Former Ewa Neighborhood Board Member

On a more somber note, I presented an honorary certificate to the family of the late Ariel De Jesus. Ariel unexpectedly passed away on November 8th and our community is a lesser place without him. Ariel was an extremely active and vocal member of our community. One of Ariel's proudest accomplishments was his completion of the Reserved Auxiliary Police Program. He also served on the Ewa Neighborhood Board and at one time was the Board's Chairman. He was a fixture in the community and he will be greatly missed.

West Loch Bike Path

On January 11th, I joined Mayor Kirk

Caldwell to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and West Loch Fairways Community Association regarding a segment of the West Loch Bike Path. Under the agreement, the City will now assume maintenance and responsibility for the nearly 100,000 square foot easement. The agreement resolves a longstanding dispute between the City and the Association regarding ownership of the bike path segment which led to restrictions on the use of the area by bicyclists given liability concerns. The resolution of the dispute, which I pushed hard for, will ensure public access to the entire stretch of the bike path.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve you and your families. As always, if you have any concerns to share or need assistance, please contact me at 768-5009. I can also be reached via email at: rmenor@honolulu.gov. You can also log on to: www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii for more on my latest activities as your City Councilmember.

OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



West Loch Fairways Association Secretary John Rogers, Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Councilmember Menor holding the newly signed Memorandum of Agreement regarding the West Loch Bike Path at a press conference held on the bike path on January 11th.



Councilmember Menor and James Campbell High School Band Boosters officer Janine Pataray at the school's December 12th Winter Concert. The band had a great year of performances in 2015 and will be traveling to Japan to perform in March of this year.



Councilmember Menor presented an honorary certificate to Head Custodian Carlos Dias at the Ewa Makai Middle School awards assembly on November 13th. Mr. Dias was the recipient of a Strive HI Sustained Superior Performance Award.

(L to R) Councilmember Menor with PE teachers Gregg Agena, Jan Combs, and Scott Yorimoto who received the Strive HI Team Excellence Award of Merit for their work to integrate technology into the classroom at Ewa Makai Middle School.

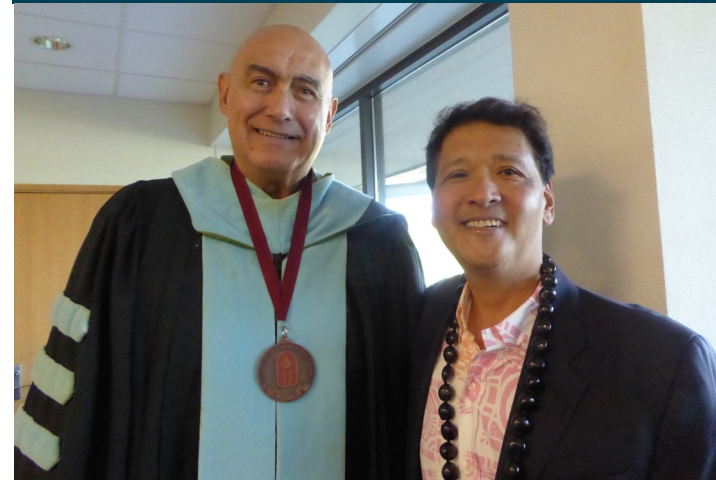


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Councilmember Menor was invited as a guest performer to play the drums at Ewa Makai Middle School's Winter Concert on December 11th.

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Councilmember Menor with outgoing UH-West Oahu Chancellor Rockne Freitas at UH-West Oahu's Fall Commencement Ceremony on December 12th. The Fall graduating class was the largest ever in the history of the school.



Councilmember Menor and University of Hawaii Wahine basketball coach, Laura Beeman at the Boy Scouts Aloha Council Leadership Breakfast on December 7th. Coach Beeman served as the keynote speaker.



Councilmember Menor and Pat Menor joined the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Ewa Beach at their Christmas luncheon on December 20th.



Councilmember Menor with Executive Director Kiran Polk at the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce Christmas luncheon.



Councilmember Menor waving signs at the Drive Safe 4 Ewa holiday traffic awareness campaign on Fort Weaver and Old Fort Weaver Road on December 21st.



Councilmember Menor with members of the Ewa Beach Community Tennis Association at their annual Christmas Tennis Tournament on December 5th.