



'Ewa Monthly Report for August 2018 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

'Ewa, 'Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikēle, Village Park, and Royal Kunia



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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Congratulations to the **Holomua Elementary School First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Team** that competed in the 2018 FLL Razorback Invitational in Arkansas. The team collected 3rd place in the Gracious Professionalism category.

On July 31, I was pleased to participate in the unveiling and lei draping ceremony for the Kamehameha III statue at Thomas Square. The ceremony commemorated an event of great historical significance and gave the public an opportunity to enjoy beautification of the park by the City.

I also attended the **14th Culinary Arts Summer Program Appreciation Luncheon** at James Campbell High School (JCHS). I commend Weed & Seed for creating a culinary program under the guidance of Roy's Ko Olina Executive Chef Darryl Shinogi in which students acquire skills that will enable them to be successful. As always, I presented Certificates of Merit to each of the students who completed the program this summer.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your City Councilmember. For more details about my activities as your councilmember, please log on and follow:

www.facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor. If you are ever in need of assistance, you may contact me at any time at 768-5009 or via email at: rmenor@honolulu.gov. Mahalo!

KAMEHAMEHA III STATUE UNVEILING



(Left) Dancers from Halau Kawai'ulaokalā, under the direction of Kumu Hula Keli'ihō'omalū Puchalski performed at the unveiling of a statue of Kamehameha III at Thomas Square. The ceremony was held on the 175th commemoration of Sovereignty Restoration Day. *(Top right)* At the July 31 ceremony, leis were draped from the 12-foot bronze statue that was sculpted by Thomas Jay Warren. *(Bottom right)* Councilmember Menor, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, and Councilmember Ikaika Anderson are pictured above holding a traditional ho'okupu, or gift, that was laid at the foot of the statue.

CULINARY ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



James Campbell High School students who participated in the Culinary Arts Summer Program hosted an appreciation luncheon for supporters of the program. The students prepared a delicious meal under the guidance of Roy's Ko Olina Executive Chef Darryl Shinogi.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The following is an update on several of the many community issues that Councilmember Menor has been addressing:

Pu'uloa Beach Park Restroom

At the July meeting of Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23, board member Kurt Fevella requested that Councilmember Menor look into installing a roof on the restroom at Pu'uloa Beach Park. Councilmember Menor submitted a Request For Investigation and Service Report (RISR) requesting the City to follow up on this issue. Councilmember Menor hopes to receive feedback from City officials in the near future.

West Loch Golf Course

Councilmember Menor was contacted by a constituent who was concerned about abandoned vehicles being stored at West

Loch Golf Course. The resident indicated that multiple people had mentioned that it was beginning to look like a junkyard.

Councilmember Menor submitted a RISR requesting the City to address the constituent's concern. The Department of Customer Services (DCS) responded to the RISR and reported that the storage of abandoned vehicles at the golf course was a temporary solution to the problem of vehicles being abandoned by members of the military who had left the island. Fortunately, the issue was resolved. DCS reported that, as of July 17, all 59 abandoned vehicles that were being stored at the golf courses at West Loch and Ewa Villages had been removed. The temporary fencing in these areas will also be removed once the lots have been cleaned.

KEAHUMOA PLACE GROUNDBREAKING



On July 30, Councilmember Menor joined Governor David Ige, center, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, fifth from left, and other stakeholders at the groundbreaking and blessing ceremony for Keahumoa Place, a new affordable rental community that is being built in east Kapolei. The project will provide 320 affordable rental units. Most of these units will be offered to residents whose incomes are at or below 80% of the Area Median Income and for whom affordable housing is an urgent need.

EWA BEACH SKATEPARK



An Ewa Beach skateboarder took advantage of a newly installed obstacle at Ewa Beach Skate Park on July 28. The Association of Skateboarders in Hawaii (ASH) donated and installed two new obstacles to complete the renovation of the skate park. More than 50 local skateboarders descended on the park after the final obstacles were installed.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday - August 28, 2018

- Parks, Cmty & Customer Svcs: 9 am
- Planning: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

Wednesday - August 29, 2018

- Budget: 9 am
- Public Works, Infrastructure, & Sustainability: 1 pm

Thursday - August 30, 2018

- Zoning & Housing: 9 am
- Transportation: 1 pm
- Public Health, Safety, & Welfare: 230 pm

Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

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:
 - ⇒ Wahiawa baseyard (Kunia Camp, Mililani, Waipio Acres) 768-3200
- 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 or uplifted: 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) 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