



Ewa Monthly Report for February 2016 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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

Happy Valentine's Day

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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

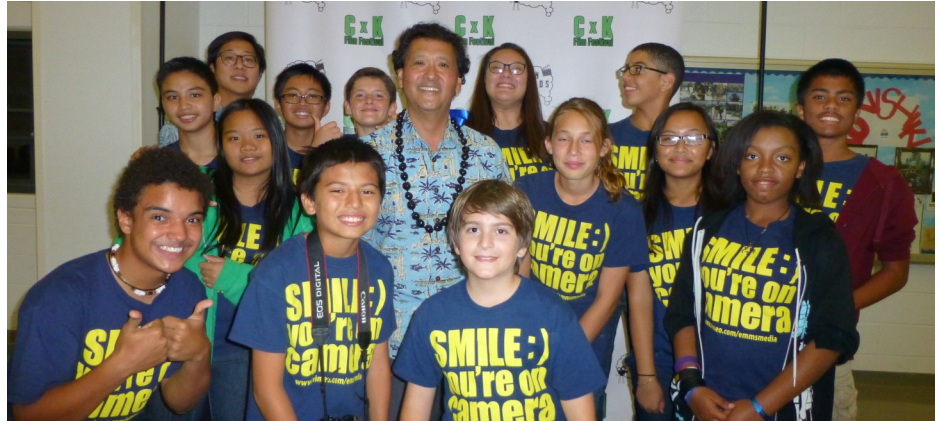
I have continued to work hard in trying to get the City to address the concerns of our community. I have also remained very involved in community activities.

EWA BEACH SKATE PARK

I have been extremely impressed with the community grassroots effort, led by students from James Campbell High School, to rehabilitate Ewa Beach Skate Park. The park, which had been a safe place for community members to gather, has fallen into a state of disrepair and is in desperate need of maintenance. The number one issue that needs to be resolved is the resurfacing of the current asphalt surface that has deteriorated over time. This has become a major safety hazard for the people who use the skate park and will need to be remedied. I have arranged a site inspection for this Saturday, February 13th at 10 am at the skate park. I have invited a number of people including officials from the Department of Parks and Recreation, State Representative Bob McDermott, Honolulu City Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine, and members of the community to join me on this site inspection. I have already informed Mayor Caldwell's Chief of Staff that I plan to include funds in the City budget for the rehabilitation of the park. The Mayor's office has assured me that if I am able to do so, the City administration will commence repairs in July. Thank you to all of the community members who brought this issue to my attention. I hope to see you on Saturday.

TRI-SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL

On March 4th at 5:30 pm, I plan to attend Ewa Makai Middle School's Tri-School Film Festival which will feature films created by students from Ewa Makai Middle School, James Campbell High



Councilmember Menor with Ewa Makai Middle School students at last year's, First Annual Tri-School Film Festival. This year's event will be held on March 4th.

School, and Kapolei High School. I attended the inaugural festival last year and was impressed with the quality of the films that were screened. In addition to the showcasing of student films, the students had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker Ryan Kawamoto. Mr. Kawamoto was selected as one of the "Top 100 Rising Asian American Filmmakers" by film database website IMDB.com. This year's event will be another great showing by our community's students and I encourage you to attend.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is recognizing outstanding members of the community by sending them congratulatory letters. I regularly read both the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* and the *MidWeek West Oahu Voice* community newspaper to keep track of the many accomplishments of the people in our community. Here are a few people to whom I recently sent letters: **Lori Arizumi** has been working hard to raise funds to complete the restoration of Ewa Community Church. **Katie Begley** had an article written about her exemplary work as a special education teacher at James Campbell High School. Ewa Elementary School student **Rizelle Mar** was selected as a finalist in the Toyota Hawaii Dream

Car Art Contest. Teachers **Ashley-Ann Fera, Rosemarie Bayari Holi, Erin Murakami, and Courtney Yamashiro** were awarded Investing in Education Grants. **Ewa Elementary School** was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Code.org. Many student-athletes from our community have also been honored for their accomplishments. James Campbell High School football players **Atapana Amosa, Myles Mikasobe-King, Nicholas Kernaghan, and Noah Esprecion** all received Star-Advertiser All State honors. Several volleyball players from James Campbell high school **Shayla Limatoc, Lese Lumas, Maiave Heaven, Keisha Schutt, and Waialana Taupule-Hole** received OIA Honorable Mention recognition.

If you know of any Ewa resident who is deserving of praise, please do not hesitate to contact me so my office can recognize them for their accomplishments.

In closing, 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. Also, log on to: www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii for more details about my activities as your councilmember.

Update on Community Concerns

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

West Loch Elderly Village

Councilmember Menor forwarded to the Mayor's office a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) on behalf of a resident of West Loch Elderly Village on Renton Road. The resident voiced concerns regarding a number of safety hazards and maintenance issues. One notable hazard is exposed electrical wiring around the property, which was caused by the poor installation of a lighting fixture. The pavement fronting one of the community's laundry rooms is uneven, posing a significant risk to the residents. The resident also requested that the City maintain the grass in the vacant land parcels that are adjacent to West Loch Elderly Village as the grass has grown to be several feet high in certain places. Two separate RISRs are currently pending assignment to the appropriate City department. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor these issues and will provide any necessary updates.

Hanakahi Street

Councilmember Menor also forwarded a RISR regarding the intersection of Hanakahi Street and Kuhina Street. The RISR requests that the stop sign line at this intersection be repainted for safety purposes. The work should be completed in the near future. Councilmember Menor will also be meeting with Department of Transportation Services Director Michael Formby tomorrow to push for implementation of traffic calming measures

on Hanakahi Street.

Ewa Beach Park

Councilmember Menor recently met with an Ewa Beach resident who raised concerns about unleashed dogs roaming freely around the park and entering private property without the owner's permission. Councilmember Menor has asked the Honolulu Police Department to look into this situation.

West Loch Fairways

Councilmember Menor forwarded a RISR on behalf of the West Loch Fairways Covenant Manager regarding sidewalks that needed repairs on Hamana Street and Maka'aloa Street. Repairs on both streets have been completed.

City Budget

Mayor Caldwell is expected to submit his budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 to the City Council in early March. The Council will review the Mayor's budget, make necessary amendments, and approve a balanced budget by mid-June. If there are any suggestions for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) or a community project, please contact Councilmember Menor as soon as possible so that the project can be considered for inclusion in the upcoming budget.

Bill 83

Bill 83 (2015) received a public hearing today and was approved by the Transportation Committee. This bill, which relates to the inspection of motor vehicles and mopeds, seeks to regulate the annual inspection of mopeds. This is intended to address community concerns regarding the noise created by uninspected mopeds.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

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

Thursday, March 3, 2016

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

Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Kapolei Hale, 1000 Uluohia Street
Conference Rooms A, B, & C

- 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
- 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 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 met with State Department of Transportation Deputy Director Ed Sniffen to discuss a number of Ewa concerns. One of the issues discussed was the possible relocation of a historical artesian well marker to a new, more visible location.

Councilmember Menor with UH-West Oahu Interim Chancellor Dr. Doris Ching at UH-West Oahu's Commencement Ceremony. The recently graduated class was the largest in school history.