

## Update on Community Concerns

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

### Homeless Encampment

At the February meeting of the Ewa Neighborhood Board, it was brought to Councilmember Menor's attention that there is a homeless family living out of their van across from 'Ilima Intermediate School on Fort Weaver Road. Councilmember Menor contacted the Mayor's Office of Housing to ask for assistance in helping to relocate this family. Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center followed up and made contact with the family to offer services. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this issue.

### Feral Chickens

At the West Loch Fairways Association's annual homeowner meeting, Councilmember Menor was asked by a resident to look into the feral chicken problem at West Loch Golf Course. The resident noted that there is one particular area where the chickens seem to roost during the evenings. Councilmember Menor has scheduled a site visit with the resident and Department of Enterprise Services Deputy Director Tracy Kubota to investigate this issue further.

### Ewa Villages - Ho'okea Subdivision

Bill 4, CD1, which was submitted by Councilmember Menor on behalf of constituents in the Ho'okea Subdivision of Ewa Villages has been reported out of the Transportation Committee and will be up for final reading at the next meeting of the City Council on March 16th at Honolulu Hale.

This bill would allow an exception to the law that restricts street parking within four feet of a driveway. Because the Ho'okea Subdivision was designed as affordable housing, the development was exempted from certain requirements such as the total distances

between homes. As a result, parking is extremely limited and residents have been ticketed for illegal parking.

Bill 4, CD1, which establishes this exception as a pilot project, will affect Halolani Street, Maliko Street, and Auwaha Street between Kamahoi Street and Maliko Street.

### 2016-2017 Budget

Councilmember Menor attended Mayor Caldwell's State of the City Address on February 29th at the Mission Memorial Auditorium. Mayor Caldwell's address previewed his plans for the final year of his term as well as his proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

One area that Mayor Caldwell intends to focus his efforts on is our City park facilities. He unveiled his two-pronged approach of caring for our City parks which is being called E Pāka Kākou, which means, "our parks together."

He is dedicating \$2 million above the current Capital Improvement Project budget for improvements to 24 park restrooms around the island. The first park that will have its bathrooms refurbished will be Aasing Community Park near Ewa Villages.

Secondly, he is allocating funds to restore damaged playground equipment at 16 City parks.

Mayor Caldwell's budget proposal will now be reviewed by the City Council. The Council will then make necessary amendments before passing a balanced budget by mid-June.

### Tree Trimming

Councilmember Menor forwarded a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) on behalf of State Representative Bob McDermott regarding City trees that require trimming on Kauiki Street. The RISR is pending assignment to the appropriate City department.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street  
Third Floor Council Chambers

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

### Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

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

**Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

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

**Thursday, March 31, 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](mailto: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, 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



## Ewa Monthly Report for March 2016 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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

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## Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

*Aloha Friends and Neighbors,*

The past month has been a busy one for my office. I continue to work extremely hard to ensure that the concerns of my district's residents are addressed, and to stay in touch with the community.

### CAMPBELL COMPLEX OF SCHOOLS

At the February meeting of the City Council, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine and I presented Honorary Certificates to the principals of the Campbell Complex for their accomplishments. **Principal Jon Henry Lee** of James Campbell High School has served as principal for just over a year. Currently, Campbell is one of only five Hawaii high schools that offers the prestigious International Baccalaureate Program. **Principal Christopher Bonilla** has been at 'Ilima Intermediate School for one year. 'Ilima students recently took part in a campus beautification project during which they repainted benches and the courtyard stage. **Principal Edward Oshiro** has been principal at Ewa Makai Middle School for six years. Ewa Makai Middle School was selected as a National Green Ribbon School in 2012. They were also named one of the "41 Most Innovative Schools in America." Ka'imiloa Elementary School **Principal Debra Hatada** has been at the school for 15 years. Ka'imiloa is the first Visible Learning School in Hawaii and became a 1-to-1 device school this year. **Principal Sherry Kobayashi** has been the head of Ewa Beach Elementary School for 10 years. In 2010, the school was designated a National Blue Ribbon School. Iroquois Point Elementary School **Principal Ofelia Reed** has been at the school for three years. Iroquois Point Elementary School is currently an authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Year Programme School. **Principal Paul Taga** is the newly hired principal of Keone'ula Elementary School. He brings with him 38 years of experience as a State of Hawaii Department of Education employee. Keone'ula Elementary School is home to a noteworthy program called K I C (Kids Initiating Change). **Principal Stanley Tamashiro** of Ewa



(Front from left) Principal Stanley Tamashiro, Principal Debra Hatada, Principal Ofelia Reed, Councilmember Menor, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine, Principal Edward Oshiro, Principal Sherry Kobayashi, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi. (Back from left) Campbell Complex Area Superintendent Heidi Armstrong, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Principal Christopher Bonilla, Principal Paul Taga, Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Principal Jon Henry Lee, Councilmember Joey Manahan.

Elementary School has been the school's principal for 13 years. Each year, students visit D.E. Thompson Village and West Loch Elderly Village to perform Christmas songs for the elderly residents. The students of Pohākea Elementary School, under the guidance of **Principal Judith Wong**, raised \$300 to contribute care packages to the Onemalu Transitional Housing Program at Kalaeloa. Principal Wong has been at the school for four years. **Principal Gary Yasui** has been the principal at Holomua Elementary School for six years. His students have greatly improved their Strive HI scores in both math and language arts. We also recognized **Heidi Armstrong**, Campbell Complex Area Superintendent.

### SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

I had the pleasure of attending the 31st Annual Leeward District Science and Engineering Fair which was held at Leeward Community College on February 24th. I was extremely impressed by the scope and thoroughness of the research projects that were presented by the students. The fair was organized by Milken Educator Award Winner Michael Sana whom we will be honoring at the City Council in April. The following students from James Campbell High School had projects featured in the fair and I recognized them with Certificates of Merit for their outstanding work: Campbell High School students **Aimee Bowen**, **Anne Platt**, **Christine Ramos**, **Darlene**

**Labador, Emil Agonoy, Shanice Brown, and Yuko Fukumoto.**

### LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION

On February 12th, I attended the 72nd Annual Ewa Elementary School Lincoln Day Celebration. This event has been held annually since 1944 when the "Lincoln, the Frontiersman" statue was unveiled. The statue was donated by a former Ewa teacher and principal. Many of the students' families were in attendance for the wonderful student performances. This is a longstanding event that I look forward to each year.

### WEST LOCH FAIRWAYS

Thank you to the West Loch Fairways Association for inviting me to its annual meeting to address the concerns of West Loch Fairways residents. I asked the Weed and Seed officers from HPD to join me in addressing public safety issues. The turnout was impressive and residents had the opportunity to voice their concerns and questions that the HPD and I were able to address.

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](mailto:rmenor@honolulu.gov). Also, log on to: [www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii) for more details about my activities as your councilmember.

## Ewa Makai Middle School Standouts



Ewa Makai Middle School's Mathcounts team received an award for "Most Improved DOE School" at a February 13th competition. The student's teacher, Ms. Justine Nakagawa, is pictured in blue.



## Ewa Beach Skate Park



At the January meeting of the Ewa Neighborhood Board, members of the community made clear that the skate park, which is located at Ewa Beach Community Park, is in dire need of repairs to accommodate the many skateboarders who use the park. At the meeting, a large group of James Campbell High School students and administrators put together a presentation detailing the safety hazards created by the deteriorated asphalt surface at the park. The students did an outstanding job of organizing an impressive grassroots effort to highlight this issue, including the collection of more than 1,100 signatures on an online petition.

In order to keep the momentum going, Councilmember Menor organized a community meeting at the skate park in February so that community members could meet with himself, State

Representative Bob McDermott, City Parks officials, and Ewa Neighborhood Board members to voice their concerns and to offer suggestions for future skate park improvements. (See above photos)

Given the need for repairs, Councilmember Menor is pleased to report that he had a meeting with Mayor Caldwell's Chief of Staff and informed him that he intends to include funds in the upcoming City budget for the resurfacing of the skate park which is the critical, immediate need for the park. The Mayor's office has made a commitment that, after the City Council approves the budget in June, the funds will be released and resurfacing work will commence this summer. Councilmember Menor will push for additional improvements to the skate park in the future.

## OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Councilmember Menor and Ewa Elementary School Principal Stanley Tamashiro at the school's 72nd Annual Lincoln Day Celebration on February 12th.



Councilmember Menor with Ewa Makai Middle School Principal Edward Oshiro, teacher, Mr. Ethan Toyota, and students at the Campbell X Kapolei Student Film Festival on March 4th at Ewa Makai Middle School.



Councilmember Menor invited the Weed and Seed officers from HPD to address the concerns of West Loch Fairways residents at the Association's annual meeting on February 16th.



Councilmember Menor and Senator Will Espero are pictured here with Ewa Beach residents Billy and Cely Villareal at the United Pangasinan of Hawaii Valentine's Dinner on February 13th.



Councilmember Menor was invited to serve as a panelist at the Secondary Student Conference which was held on February 27th at the Hawaii State Capitol. The annual conference was established so that students have a way to collaborate with State and City officials to identify, discuss, and solve major youth problems.



Councilmember Menor presented 2015 Miss Hawaii Filipina Chelsea Illoreta Guzman with an Honorary Certificate on February 28th at the Coral Creek Restaurant in Ewa.