



# Ewa Monthly Report for April 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,*

Since last month, I have stayed extremely busy working to address the concerns of the residents in my district and spending a great deal of time out in the community interacting with my constituents.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

On April 12th, the City Council held its annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony at Honolulu Hale. I am glad that I was able to attend this important event and present honorary certificates to the many organizations that are involved in addressing the serious problem of sexual assaults in our community.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

#### ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's administration recently introduced Bill 27 (2016). This bill would waive certain fees for homeowners who wish to create an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on their property. The overarching purpose of the bill is to encourage the construction of ADUs which could increase Oahu's affordable rental inventory by nearly 20,000 units. The bill also has a provision that would refund the fees that have already been paid by homeowners who have already successfully applied for ADU construction permits. These incentives are important because there is a dire need for affordable rentals on Oahu.

My office was instrumental in making ADUs a reality for Oahu homeowners. I introduced the first bill authorizing ADUs in the City and County of Honolulu.

### ILLEGAL DUMPING

Bill 24 (2016) CD1, which seeks to curb illegal dumping, has been reported out of the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare Committee which I chair, and will be up for public hearing at the April 20th City Council meeting. The bill would impose a maximum civil fine of \$2,500 on individuals caught illegally dumping bulky items.



*Councilmembers Menor and Kymberly Marcos Pine with students from James Campbell High School's culinary arts program and their teacher, Julie Morihara-Itagaki. The students prepared a meal that was served after a school tour on April 1st.*

### AREA SCHOOL VISITS

Pohakea Elementary School held their Family Discovery Night earlier this month. The event's theme was, "Let's Learn and Explore Together." The students and their families participated in Science/STEM workshops in classrooms and engaged in hands-on activities. It was great to see so many families learning and exploring with each other.

I was also invited to take a tour of the facilities at James Campbell High School. In addition to getting a close look at the facilities, I enjoyed a special lunch that was prepared by the students of James Campbell High School's culinary program. Not only was the food delicious, but some of the food items were actually grown on campus by the school's Agriculture/Natural Resources Learning Center.

This program, which is one of only 29 similar centers in Hawaii's public high schools, is the number one ranked learning center based on an evaluation by the state Department of Education. The students grow a large variety of fruits and vegetables on a two acre patch on the campus and are exposed to topics such as sustainability and aquaponics. All of the students grow, tend, and harvest the plants that are grown there. Derek Chow started the program in 1992 and it has become so successful that Chef

Alan Wong regularly inspects the farm's produce and even featured a butter lettuce that was grown at the school on his tasting menu.

### EWA BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE

This coming Saturday, Ewa Beach Little League will hold its opening day ceremony at Ocean Pointe District Park. This is an annual event that I always look forward to attending.

### JCHS STANDOUTS

James Campbell High School students **Jordan Cook** and **Karizz Roxas** used advanced techniques to win a cooking competition at Kapolei High School. Their classmate, **Darryl Vincent, Jr.**, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Congratulations Darryl! Another Campbell standout, **Boogie Mattos**, was selected to the OIA West Division I Boys Varsity Soccer First Team. Boogie has been an All-Conference selection for the past four years, and a First Team selection for the past three years.

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/CouncilmemberRonMenor](https://www.facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor) 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 in his district:

### Feral Chicken Control

Councilmember Menor organized a meeting with officials from the City Department of Enterprise Services at the West Loch Golf Course to address Craig Wortham's concerns about feral chickens in the area. The chickens were found to be roosting in a large patch of shrubbery adjacent to the golf course.

At Councilmember Menor's urging, these shrubs were cut down to two feet last week to displace the chickens that were using the growth as a roosting area. The shrubs cannot be trimmed any further as they prevent erosion in the area.

### West Loch Fairways Repaving

Councilmember Menor forwarded a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) on behalf of the West Loch Fairways Site/Covenant Manager who wanted an update about plans to repave various streets in the community. The City Department of Design and Construction has indicated that the following streets will be repaved between May and June of this year: A'awa Drive, Ae'ae Place, Ae'ae Street, Aipo'ola Place, Aipo'ola Street, Akeke'e Place, Anaunau Street, Apuu Place, Apuu Street, Apuu Way, Auholoa Street, Haiea Place, Halimoa Place, Haloko Place, Hamana

Street, Hamoula Street, Maka'aloa Street.

### Hanakahi Street Crosswalk

Councilmember Menor forwarded a RISR on behalf of a constituent who raised concerns regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Hanakahi Street and Kaunolu Street. The resident, who regularly attends the Ewa Neighborhood Board meetings, noted that this intersection has a high volume of traffic and is adjacent to Ka'imiloa Elementary School and numerous bus stops. The Department of Transportation Services will be conducting a traffic investigation of the area. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this situation and provide necessary updates.

### City Budget Update

The City Council continues to review and amend the City budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Councilmember Menor has requested funds for several important improvement projects for Ewa Beach. These projects include the repaving of A'awa Road, the construction of traffic calming devices along Hanakahi Street, and the resurfacing of Ewa Beach Skate Park. Councilmember Menor has also requested funding for the Ewa Beach Weed and Seed Program.

The second round of budget amendments is due on April 22nd. There will then be a public meeting on May 10th to discuss these proposed amendments.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Committee Meetings

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

#### Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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

#### Wednesday, April 27, 2016

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

#### Thursday, April 28, 2016

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

### Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street  
Third Floor Council Chambers

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

## OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



(Left photo) Councilmember Menor conducted a site inspection with West Loch resident Craig Wortham and his wife to address a feral chicken problem at West Loch Golf Course. (Right) Councilmember Menor with Complex Area Teacher Carol Young at Pohakea Elementary School's Family Discovery Night on April 1st.

## JCHS Agriculture/Natural Resources Learning Center



Councilmembers Menor and Kymberly Marcos Pine, and Kurt Fevella with teacher Derek Chow during a school tour on April 1st. Mr. Chow is head of James Campbell High School's Agriculture/Natural Resources Learning Center. Here he is showing the butter lettuce that has been featured on Chef Alan Wong's tasting menu.

## 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 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