

## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The following is an update on several of the many community issues in which Council Chair Menor has been involved:

### Varona Village

On February 3rd, a representative from Chair Menor's staff attended a Varona Village Community Potluck Meeting that was organized by Varona Village supporter, Agnes Malate. Chair Menor is pleased to announce that the Request for Proposals (RFP) has been posted by the City and now awaits proposals from developers under a competitive bidding process. The deadline for proposals to be submitted is March 31st and the City hopes to have selected a prospective developer after the end of the evaluation period on May 30.

This is a significant step forward in the effort to redevelop Varona Village for its residents. Chair Menor will continue to monitor this issue and will provide necessary updates.

### Bus Pass Program

Council Chair Menor organized a meeting between City transportation officials and school administrators to discuss the feasibility of a program that would allow West Oahu students to use their school-issued ID cards as bus passes to participate in off-campus educational activities. Meeting attendees included James Campbell High School Principal Jon Henry Lee and Vice Principal Shayne Greenland, Kapolei High School Principal Elden Esmerelda, Department of Transportation Services Acting Director Mark Garrity, Department of Transportation Services Deputy Director Jon Nouchi, City Transit Director Eileen Mark, and State of Hawaii Department of Education representative Kristy Nishimura.

The proposed program was modeled after a similar program that has been implemented in Nashville, Tennessee and would give students access to educational opportunities like internships, job shadowing, and would also make possible collaboration between schools with different learning academies.

Several principals including Vice Principal Greenland and Principal Esmerelda will be traveling to Nashville in March and will bring back more information on this program. Chair Menor will continue to support the implementation of programs that benefit area students.

### Ewa Beach Skate Park

At its January 25th Council meeting, the

City Council voted to adopt Resolution 17-30 for the City to accept as gifts, materials for the construction of two skateboarding obstacles from the Association of Skateboarders in Hawaii (ASH). Now that the City has adopted this resolution, construction of the new obstacles to be installed at the Ewa Beach Skate Park at Ewa Beach Community Park is slated to begin on February 18th. The construction of the two new obstacles should be completed by the first week of March. Once the obstacles are completed, the City will be able to move forward with the planned resurfacing project.

ASH is looking for both skilled and unskilled labor volunteers who would be interested in helping with the construction of the two obstacles. If you would like to volunteer, please contact ASH at 230-9086 or Chair Menor's office at 768-5009.

This project is progressing well and Chair Menor will continue to push for its completion.

### West Loch Bike Path

On January 26th, Chair Menor conducted a site visit with members of Hawaii Bicycling League member Daniel Alexander, Executive Director Chad Taniguchi, and West Loch Fairways board member John Rogers who raised a number of concerns about the conditions of the West Loch Shoreline Bike Path. Mr. Rogers pointed out a number of issues including: the lack of adequate maintenance of the landscaping in the area; the need for resurfacing of the bike path in certain areas; an area of the path that is covered in mud due to poor drainage; and the need for repairs to the metal bridge on the path.

Chair Menor has submitted a Request For Investigation and Service Report (RISR) asking the City to address these concerns. He will provide any future updates.

### Kuhina Street Bus Stop

Chair Menor is pleased to report that the City will begin its project to replace the bus stop shelter at Fort Weaver Road and Kuhina Street later this month as part of the City's Bus Stop Site Improvements Project. The shelter had been vandalized numerous times and was in need of replacement.

Construction is slated to begin in the third week of February and could be finished by the first week of March. Chair Menor will follow up to make sure that this project is completed.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**  
Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street  
Third Floor Council Chambers

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

### Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

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

### Wednesday, March 8, 2017

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

### Thursday, March 9, 2017

- Zoning & Housing: 9 am
- Business, Econ Dev, & Tourism 1 pm
- Transportation and Planning: 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: 768-8118
- 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)
- 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 February 2017 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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

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## Message from Council Chair Ron Menor

### Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year! In the time since my last report, the City Council has remained busy in its commitments to serving the people of Oahu.

On January 3rd, four of my colleagues and I were sworn in for a second term of service on the City Council. After the inauguration ceremony, the Council voted unanimously to pass Resolution 16-318 which nominated new officers for the City Council. Under this resolution, I was nominated to serve as Chair, Councilmember Ikaika Anderson was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair, and Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine was nominated to serve as Majority Floor Leader.

I am grateful for the trust that my colleagues have placed in me.

On December 7th, I had the privilege of attending the Pearl Harbor 75th Commemoration Ceremony. It was such an honor to be able to recognize survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor and thank them for their sacrifices on behalf of our country.

I would also like to congratulate **Ewa Makai Middle School Vice Principal Geri Martin** who was recently selected by the National Association of Secondary School Principals as Hawaii's 2017 Assistant Principal of the Year. This award is given to middle school and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for their students while also demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession. I was pleased to present her an honorary certificate at the City Council's January 25th meeting.

In closing, I hope that you find this report informative. As always, I 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: [facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor](http://facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor) for more details about my activities as your councilmember.



On January 3rd, the Honolulu City Council held its inauguration ceremony in the Council Chambers at Honolulu Hale. Newly re-elected members of the City Council were sworn in and the Council voted to select its newest leadership group. (Front row L to R) Councilmember Ernie Martin, Councilmember Joey Manahan, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Chair Menor, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine, and Councilmember Brandon Elefante. (Back row L to R) Councilmember Trevor Ozawa and Councilmember Ikaika Anderson.

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



The City Council presented an honorary certificate to community policing group Ka Laulima Ho'omalua at the Council's monthly meeting on January 25th. The neighborhood watch group, which works in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department's Community Policing officers, was honored for its efforts to create safe neighborhoods in West Oahu, including Ewa and Ewa Beach.

## EWA MAKAI MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ED OSHIRO

Described as an open-minded and transformational leader, Ewa Makai Middle School Principal Edward Oshiro retired at the end of 2016 after more than 40 years as an employee of the State of Hawaii Department of Education.

Principal Oshiro's resume as a Department of Education employee is extensive. He spent the first 20 years of his career as a science teacher at Radford High School before focusing his attention on being a school administrator. In addition to his most recent post as the principal of Ewa Makai Middle School, he previously served as the vice-principal of Waipahu High School and the principal of Waikele Elementary School, Waipahu Intermediate School, Aiea Elementary School, and Makaha Elementary School.

Principal Oshiro has been the principal of Ewa Makai Middle School since the school was established in 2011 and, under his leadership, the school has flourished. Since its establishment, Ewa Makai Middle School has been touted as one of the most technologically advanced schools in the state. Over the last five years, the school has done its utmost to retain that designation. Just last year, Ewa Makai Middle School was named one of the "41 Most Innovative Schools in America" by the educational website, Noodle.com, due to its work to

continually implement technology into the school's curriculum. Moreover, Ewa Makai Middle School has excelled in numerous academic areas with the school receiving full accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges through the year 2021.

For his dedication to his students, Principal Oshiro has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations. In 1987, he garnered three diverse awards. He was selected to the 1st edition of the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," and received the Outstanding Teacher Award, and the Scott Schuman Award which is presented by the Honolulu Quarterback Club to the outstanding amateur coach of the year for the state. In 2014, he was selected from a group of 13 other exemplary school administrators to be the recipient of the 10th Annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award. Another one of his impressive accomplishments is the Leeward District Principal of the Year Award which he received in 2015.

Principal Oshiro is a shining example of an outstanding leader in our area schools and he will be sorely missed. Congratulations to Principal Oshiro for his successful career as an educator.



Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine and Chair Menor presented an honorary certificate to Principal Ed Oshiro at Kapolei Hale in recognition of the outstanding work done by the principals of the Campbell Complex of Schools.



The City Council presented honorary certificates to former Ewa Makai Middle School Principal Ed Oshiro and Vice Principal Geri Martin at the Council's monthly meeting on January 25th. Principal Oshiro was honored on the occasion of his recent retirement and Vice Principal Martin was recently named the 2017 Hawaii State Assistant Principal of the Year.



Chair Menor congratulated Principal Oshiro at a surprise retirement party held in his honor on January 28th in the Ewa Makai Middle School cafeteria.



Students and faculty members of Ewa Makai Middle School thanked Principal Oshiro for his years of dedicated service at a special assembly held in the Ewa Makai Middle School cafeteria.

## OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



(L to R) Councilmember Joey Manahan, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Chair Menor, and Councilmember Brandon Elefante attended the Pearl Harbor 75th Commemoration Ceremony on December 7th.



At the Pearl Harbor 75th Commemoration Ceremony, survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor stood and were recognized by those in attendance for their service and sacrifice.



Chair Menor addressed the crowd at an appreciation luncheon hosted for veterans by the Kalaeloa Veteran's Initiative. The annual luncheon was held at Barber's Point on December 17th.



Chair Menor conducted a site visit of the West Loch Shoreline Bike Path with members of the Hawaii Bicycling League on January 26th. He is pictured here with (L to R) Daniel Alexander, Hawaii Bicycling League Executive Director Chad Taniguchi, and West Loch Fairways board member John Rogers.



Chair Menor and other West Oahu legislators were on hand to congratulate the newest graduates of UH-West Oahu at the school's Fall 2016 Commencement Ceremony on December 10th.



Chair Menor is pictured here with West Loch Fairways resident John Rogers and his wife, Eileen, at the Hawaii Bicycling League's Annual Members Dinner and Fundraiser which was held on January 28th at the Waikiki Aquarium. Mr. Rogers was honored as the Volunteer of the Year.