



Ewa Monthly Report for October 2017

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Ewa, Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikale, Village Park, and Royal Kunia



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Message from Council Chair Ron Menor

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First and foremost, congratulations to the **James Campbell High School varsity football team** who defeated Leilehua High School 10-6 in the OIA Division I quarterfinal game. The Sabers will next play Kahuku High School in the semi-finals on Friday at 5 p.m. at Aloha Stadium. The team has had an outstanding season thus far and I look forward to cheering them on as they pursue the OIA and HHSAA championships.

I would also like to bring to your attention an event that will soon be happening in our community. On **October 24, West Oahu Economic Development Association** will be hosting the **15th Annual West Oahu Conference** at the Four Seasons Resort at Ko Olina. This event will feature informational presentations on topics that will affect the futures of all West Oahu residents. For more information, please email barbier@hawaiiantel.net.

I hope you find this newsletter informative. If you need further assistance, please contact me at 768-5009 or via email at:

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

JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Campbell's Tyrese Tafai, center, and teammates celebrate after Tafai's forced fumble during an OIA Division I quarterfinal matchup against Leilehua High School. The Sabers will next face Kahuku High School in the semi-finals on Friday evening at Aloha Stadium.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF HAWAII



On October 11 at Honolulu Hale, the City Council presented an honorary certificate to the American Red Cross of Hawaii in recognition of the organization's 100 years of service to the people of Hawaii. Pictured above is Chief Executive Officer Coralie Chun Matayoshi, holding the certificate, who represented the organization at the Council's presentation.

ACR-HAWAII CHAPTER



Chair Menor sponsored an honorary certificate recognizing The Association of Conflict Resolution - Hawaii Chapter for its efforts to promote alternative dispute resolution processes. Pictured in the front row from left to right is Owen Tamamoto, Lisa Jacobs, Tracey Wiltgen, Anne Smoke, and Jose Barzola. The certificate was presented at the Council's monthly meeting on October 11 at Honolulu Hale.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Rail Funding

During a Special Legislative Session that concluded on September 1st, the Hawaii State Legislature approved a \$2.4 billion measure that provides funding to complete rail construction to Ala Moana Center. The Legislature approved a three-year extension of the general excise tax (GET) surcharge to the year 2030 and implemented a 1.0% surcharge to the transient accommodation tax to be implemented in 2018 and continue until its expiration in 2030.

The funding measure includes a number of provisions designed to increase oversight and accountability of this project. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will be required to submit invoices to the State comptroller for review. The measure also includes funds for the Office of the State Auditor to perform a thorough audit of the past financial practices of HART. Finally, the State Senate and House will be allowed to appoint two non-voting members to the HART Board.

Governor David Ige signed the bill into law on September 5th. On September 6, the City Council voted 8-0 to approve the three-year extension of the GET Surcharge. HART also submitted its Recovery Plan to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) prior to the FTA's September 15 deadline.

The recovery plan details HART's financial plan for completion of the rail project. The approval of the plan by the FTA will enable the City to continue to receive necessary federal funding.

Hanakahi Street

Chair Menor recently followed up with the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) regarding the installation of speed humps along Hanakahi Street. DDC Director Robert Kroning indicated that the work order is currently being finalized with the contractor and the installation should be completed before the

end of the year. Chair Menor will continue to monitor the progress of this project and will provide any necessary updates.

Ewa Villages Irrigation

Chair Menor's office has received calls from constituents about inadequate irrigation in Ewa Villages. The issue is the result of a dispute between the mayor's administration and the Ewa Village Owners Association (EVOA). The City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) previously received several Notice of Violations (NOV) from the State Department of Health (SDOH) regarding the use of R1 recycled water for landscaping purposes in the Ewa Villages. All but one of these NOVs have been remedied.

In accordance with SDOH R1 Water Reuse Guidelines, the recycled water user must designate the Recycled Water Manager before the City can turn the irrigation system back on. Unfortunately, the City administration and EVOA have not come to an agreement regarding this designation. Chair Menor has urged the administration to resolve this issue expeditiously and to implement an interim plan to restore irrigation in the area until the dispute is resolved.

To date, DFM continues to take the position that until a Recycled Water Manager is designated by EVOA, the water cannot be turned back on. In the meantime, DFM is currently using City water trucks to water the medians along Renton Road as often as possible.

Concerned residents can contact Natalie Jones of DFM at 768-3343 for more updates.

Kapapapu Point Park

Chair Menor introduced Resolution 17-230 which proposes renaming West Loch Community Shoreline Park to its original name: Kapapapu Point Park.

At the Council's October 11 meeting, Resolution 17-230 was voted on and adopted.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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

Thursday, October 26, 2017

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

Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street

- 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

HAWAII JAYCEES



The City Council also recognized the Hawaii Jaycees on the 10th anniversary of the non-profit organization's Adopt-A-School Day Project which is dedicated to supporting local schools, youths, and educators through meaningful service projects. The honorary certificate was presented at the Council's October 11 meeting.