



# 'Ewa Monthly Report for November 2018 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

'Ewa, 'Ewa Beach, Mililani, Waikēle, Village Park, and Royal Kunia



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## Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

### *Aloha Friends and Neighbors,*

I hope that all of you have a blessed and enjoyable upcoming Thanksgiving holiday with your families.

Congratulations to the **James Campbell High School varsity football team** that defeated Farrington High School in the OIA third place game, 42-26, which qualified them for the state tournament. I enjoyed cheering our team on at the stadium and look forward to seeing them play in the semifinals of the state tournament on **November 16, at 4:30 p.m. at Aloha Stadium.**

On November 3, I presented honorary certificates to three outstanding individuals at **Weed & Seed Hawaii's 2nd Annual Legacy Luncheon.** **Former United States Attorney Florence Nakakuni** and **retired Honolulu Police Department Sergeant John Kauwena'ole** were both recognized for the pivotal roles that they played in establishing and advancing Weed & Seed Hawaii. I also recognized local McDonald's Restaurants owner **Miles Ichinose** who has been a strong supporter of numerous community groups like Weed & Seed Hawaii. Weed & Seed has had an active and positive presence in the Ewa community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your City Councilmember. For more details about my activities as your councilmember, please log on to: [facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor](https://www.facebook.com/CouncilmemberRonMenor). If you are ever in need of assistance, you may contact me at any time at 768-5009 or via email at: [rmenor@honolulu.gov](mailto:rmenor@honolulu.gov).  
Mahalo!

### WEED & SEED HAWAII 2ND ANNUAL LEGACY LUNCHEON



*Councilmember Menor and Councilmember Brandon Elefante co-sponsored honorary certificates recognizing Weed & Seed Hawaii's Legacy Awardees which were presented at the organization's 2nd Annual Legacy Luncheon at Hawaii Okinawa Center on November 3. Pictured above from left are Councilmembers Elefante and Menor, retired Honolulu Police Department Sergeant John Kauwena'ole, former United States Attorney Florence Nakakuni, and Miles Ichinose.*

### JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



*(Left photo) James Campbell High School's Sky Lactaen carries the ball for a gain against Farrington High School on November 2 at Aloha Stadium. (Right photo) The Saber offense lines up against Farrington High School late in the game. The Sabers would go on to win, 42-26, securing their berth in the state tournament.*

## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The following is an update on several of the many community issues that Councilmember Menor has been addressing:

### Bill 54 (2018), CD2

At its October 3 meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to adopt Bill 54 (2018), CD2 which formally establishes an age-friendly program within the City and County of Honolulu. This bill further ensures that future City administrations will remain committed to implementing kupuna-friendly projects in an increasingly urban Honolulu environment.

Age-friendly programs were spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO) and supported around the country by the AARP. A Honolulu steering committee developed an age-friendly plan which was submitted by Mayor Caldwell and approved by the WHO and AARP. Honolulu is now the ninth city to have its age-friendly plan approved by these organizations.

Mayor Caldwell signed Bill 54 (2018), CD2 into law on October 11.

### Bill 64 (2018)

The Council is considering Bill 64 (2018) which will establish an expedited process to obtain building permits for one- and two-family dwellings. Local homeowners as well as building industry professionals have reported waiting up to a year to obtain building permits from the City. This has resulted in an island-wide situation where construction companies have been forced to lay off workers while waiting for permits. Moreover, homeowners are experiencing

lengthy delays to complete home improvement projects.

This bill will establish a one-time review process and will require the Department of Planning and Permitting to process building permit applications in less than 60 days upon acceptance of the application. Bill 64 (2018) will be considered for adoption at the Council's November 14 meeting.

### Holomua Elementary School

Councilmember Menor is pleased to report that traffic delineators have been installed near the entrance of Holomua Elementary School. The traffic delineators were requested by the Holomua Elementary School administration in an effort to increase pedestrian safety. The installation was completed on October 9.

### Geiger Road Repaving

At the October meeting of Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23, Board Member Aki alerted Councilmember Menor to numerous steel plates on Geiger Road between Kapolei Parkway and Kamakana Street. Board Member Aki requested that the City repave these sections of the road as the steel plates have made the road difficult to navigate.

Councilmember Menor submitted a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) requesting more information. It has been determined that the steel plates are not part of a City project but rather a Hawaii Gas project. Councilmember Menor has contacted Hawaii Gas for further clarification and to request that the steel plates be removed and the road be repaved.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Committee Meetings

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

#### Tuesday - November 27, 2018

- Parks, Cmty & Customer Svcs: 9 am
- Planning: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

#### Wednesday - November 28, 2018

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

#### Thursday - November 29, 2018

- Zoning & Housing: 9 am
- Transportation: 1 pm
- Public Health, Safety, Welfare: 2:30 pm

### Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street  
Third Floor Council Chambers

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

## Useful City Contact Information

- For concerns regarding refuse collection and bulky items:
  - ⇒ Wahiawa baseyard (Kunia Camp, Mililani, Waipio Acres) 768-3200
- 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 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

## NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY



Keone'ula Elementary School students are pictured above at the National Elementary Honor Society Ceremony which was held on the school campus on October 24. During the ceremony, each student received a Certificate of Merit prepared by Councilmember Menor.