



'Ewa Monthly Report for February 2019 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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



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Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

First and foremost, my warmest congratulations to **Ewa Makai Middle School 8th grade teacher Cynthia Tong**. Ms. Tong, who teaches social studies, was recently awarded the **Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence**. She is one of just five educators to receive this prestigious award this year. In addition to her teaching duties, Ms. Tong serves on the Hawaii State Teachers Association board of directors where she represents teachers from Leeward Oahu. I will be presenting an honorary certificate to Ms. Tong at an upcoming City Council meeting.

I would also like to congratulate the **James Campbell High School (JCHS) girls varsity soccer team** for an outstanding season. The Sabers advanced all the way to the championship match of The Queen's Medical Center/HHSAA Division I Soccer Championships before falling just short to Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama, 1-0. Our team played their hearts out and I enjoyed watching them battle against the Warriors to the very end. Go Sabers!

Congratulations are also due to the following **JCHS wrestlers** who captured OIA individual championships last weekend: **Jazmyn Enriquez (97)**; **Majesty Terukina (102)**; **Alizeih Villalpando (112)**; and **Austin Morris (220)**. I am looking forward to presenting honorary certificates to these outstanding athletes recognizing them for their accomplishments.

Mayor Caldwell is slated to submit his proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on March 1. The Council will review the proposed budget, make the necessary amendments, and pass a balanced budget by mid-June. If you have a suggestion for a Capital Improvement Project or any other improvement projects in our community, please feel free to contact my office at 768-5009 so that your suggestions may be considered for inclusion in the upcoming City budget.

In closing, 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. Mahalo!

JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER



The James Campbell High School girls varsity soccer team celebrates their 2-0 upset win over Aiea High School in the quarterfinal round of The Queen's Medical Center/HHSAA Division I Soccer Championships on January 31. The Sabers were the only OIA team to advance to the semifinal or final match.

75TH ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY



Councilmember Menor is pictured above with First Lady Dawn Ige and Senator Kurt Fevella at Ewa Elementary School's annual Lincoln Day Program on February 12. Councilmember Menor attends the program each year.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Illegal Fireworks

At the January meeting of Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23, a resident suggested that the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) conduct undercover stings that target the suppliers of illegal fireworks rather than only targeting people who are using them. Councilmember Menor submitted a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) requesting the HPD consider the resident's suggestion.

Acting HPD Captain Yamamoto contacted Councilmember Menor's office and indicated that it is difficult for HPD officers to initiate undercover purchases of fireworks as sellers operate in extremely tight knit circles. However, Captain Yamamoto also reported that HPD targets illegal fireworks in a variety of ways including the interception of container loads of illegal fireworks.

One'ula Beach Park Drones

Councilmember Menor was contacted by a resident who expressed concerns that fishermen who use drones to drop their fishing lines at One'ula Beach Park are creating a hazard for beach users. The resident asked under which jurisdiction this issue would fall and what possible actions the City Council could take.

Councilmember Menor submitted a RISR requesting more information on this issue. HPD Lieutenant Yamamoto contacted Councilmember Menor's office and reported that during a period that spanned from July 2018 through February 2019, there were no calls for service of reports regarding drone

usage in the One'ula Beach Park area. Physical checks of the area were also conducted and no illegal actions were observed.

Lieutenant Yamamoto further reported that the use of unmanned drones for recreational purposes is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration. Moreover, any violations of established rules or laws over the ocean or beachfront areas would fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard or the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

City Bus Service

Councilmember Menor was contacted by an Ewa resident who requested that the City establish a City bus route along Kapolei Parkway. The resident noted that Ewa Makai Middle School students who live in the Ewa Villages are forced to walk to Fort Weaver Road to catch the bus before walking back to Kapolei Parkway to reach campus.

Councilmember Menor submitted a RISR requesting the City consider the resident's request. City Department of Transportation Services Director Wes Frysztacki responded to the RISR and reported that City bus routes currently do not service the segment of Kapolei Parkway near Ewa Makai Middle School because this section of roadway has not yet been dedicated to the City. Existing bus routes will be modified to utilize Kapolei Parkway when these sections of Kapolei Parkway are dedicated to the City and will include integrated bus and rail service.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday - February 26, 2019

- Parks, Community Services, & Intergovernmental Affairs: 9 am
- Planning: 10:30 am
- Executive Matters & Legal Affairs: 1 pm

Wednesday - February 27, 2019

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

Thursday - February 28, 2019

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

Council Meeting

Friday - March 8, 2019

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, Millilani, 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
- 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 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

OUT 'N ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Councilmember Menor participated in a town hall event hosted by Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine on February 7 at Kapolei Hale to discuss a variety of concerns including illegal dumping, homeless encampments, and crime at One'ula Beach Park. Joining Councilmembers Pine and Menor were City Department of Design and Construction Director Robert Kroning, City Parks Department Deputy Director Jeanne Ishikawa, HPD officers, Ewa Weed & Seed Officers and other community stakeholders.