



# 'Ewa Monthly Report for March 2019 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

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## Message from Councilmember Ron Menor

Congratulations to each student who submitted a final research project for the **34th Leeward District Science & Engineering Fair**. Students had the opportunity to showcase their research projects at Leeward Community College's education building on March 1. The winning projects will go on to compete at the 2019 Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair.

Each year, I am so impressed by the quality of the projects that are submitted. As I have in the past, I prepared Certificates of Merit which were presented to the following James Campbell High School students: **Nikayla Harris; Chaz-Lynn Nakamura; Mya Spicher; Alliah Munoz; Kymia Tagami; Kariann Camacho; Demylene Barit; Reina Abegayle Pagtakhan; Christian Rafanan; Rose Lourdes Sario; Lori Garcia; Mark Mori; Zoey Salvador; Julia Rae Barbasa; Jewel Garcia; Jericho Dayap; Charlise Limjoco-Ragasa; Maili Garcia; Emily Fermin; Maria Sophia Cabrera; Zariah Lamar; Caleb Mantanona; Taryn Kamai; Austin Jacob Pastor; Gabriel Fikani; Kamomikea Logsdon; Gemmy Alegre; and Nicholas Rothstien.**

I would also like to congratulate former board member **Rodney Boucher** who will be honored at the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast this Saturday. It will be my pleasure to present an honorary certificate to Mr. Boucher in recognition of the work he has done in promoting public safety in our communities.

Finally, congratulations to **James Campbell High School Principal Jon Henry Lee** who has been nominated for the prestigious **Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award** which is sponsored by Island Insurance Foundation. Principal Lee will be recognized at an awards ceremony along with 13 other outstanding public school principals on March 30.

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://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!

### 34TH LEEWARD DISTRICT SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



Pictured above are several students whose projects were recognized at the 34th Annual Leeward District Science & Engineering Fair Awards Ceremony on March 8. The project of James Campbell High School's Alliah Munoz, far left, received Honorable Mention in this year's fair.

### LOOK ALL WAYS



Councilmember Menor delivered remarks at Mayor Caldwell's press conference to announce the City's "Look All Ways" pedestrian initiative on February 20. The easel at left depicts the stencil that will be installed at 20 locations where pedestrian accidents have occurred. The City Council also adopted Resolution 19-32 sponsored by Councilmembers Menor and Elefante requesting the Mayor to organize an island-wide pedestrian safety conference.

## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### City Budget

The City Council is currently in its first round of hearings concerning the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Councilmember Menor will be submitting several district budget requests including repairs to the Leeward Bike Path and the installation of speed tables on Kuhina Street.

If you have a suggestion for a Capital Improvement Project or any other improvement projects in our community, please feel free to contact Councilmember Menor's office at 768-5009 so that your suggestions may be considered for inclusion in the upcoming City budget.

### Illegal Vacation Rentals

Councilmembers Menor and Joey Manahan introduced Bill 85 (2018) to address illegal vacation rentals. There are over 10,000 vacation rentals on Oahu and thousands are operating illegally. The proliferation of illegal vacation rentals is a major problem that requires immediate and effective action by the City. It reduces the inventory of badly-needed affordable rentals and can negatively affect the character of neighborhoods.

Bill 85 would hold hosting platforms like Airbnb and VRBO accountable for facilitating illegal transactions. It requires the platforms to share data about the vacation rentals with the City's enforcement team. It establishes strong fines and penalties. Bill 85 also empowers residents to assist City officials in identifying and reining in illegal activity.

Bill 85 (2018) will be heard at the March 18 special meeting of the Committee on Planning.

### Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility

Resolution 18-266 was passed out of the Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology, and Sustainability on February 26. This resolution urges the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of

Health to reject the approval of a single wall tank upgrade at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and to support the secondary containment tank upgrade alternative option, or if secondary containment is determined to be infeasible, to support the relocation of the fuel tanks away from the aquifer. Resolution 18-266 was adopted at the City Council's March 8 meeting.

### Look All Ways

On February 20, Councilmember Menor joined Mayor Caldwell, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), AARP Hawaii, MADD Hawaii, and the Honolulu Bicycling League to announce "Look All Ways," a seven-point initiative meant to increase the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. The initiative will include the installation of physical safety measures, the development of the Oahu Pedestrian Plan, roving DUI enforcement by HPD, and the new "Look All Ways" public service announcement campaign that will air on local television and radio stations.

In conjunction with "Look All Ways," Councilmember Menor submitted Resolution 19-32 which requests that the City administration work with the City Council to develop a pedestrian safety conference which would bring together government officials, traffic safety experts, law enforcement, and other interested stakeholders. Resolution 19-32 was adopted at the March 8 meeting of the City Council.

### Varona Village

Councilmember Ron Menor continues to push for the redevelopment of Varona Village. A development agreement is currently being negotiated between the City and the developer who was selected to oversee the redevelopment of Varona Village. This is a high priority for Councilmember Menor and he will closely monitor the progress of the project.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Committee Meetings

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

#### Monday - March 25, 2019

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

#### Wednesday - March 28, 2019

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

#### Thursday - March 28, 2019

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

### Council Meeting

#### Friday - April 17, 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, Milliani, 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](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

## 34TH LEEWARD DISTRICT SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



Students from James Campbell High School, Kapolei High School, Waipahu High School, and Pearl City High School posed for a group photo at the Leeward District Science & Engineering Fair on March 8 at Leeward Community College.