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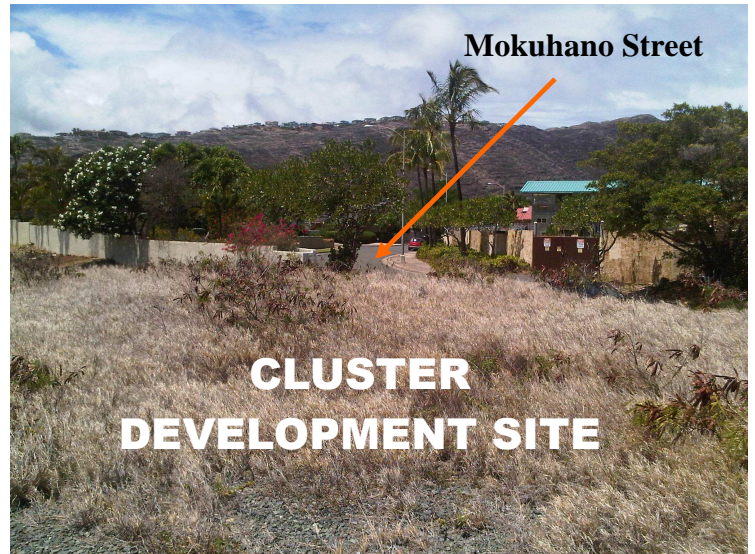
## Gene Ward



# 2010 SEPTEMBER Report

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# MOKUHANO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT Granted Conditional Approval



The Mokuhanohano Cluster Development has become a point of concern for many members of our community, particularly Kalama Valley residents who have been largely kept in the dark by what is taking place in their neighborhood at the end of Mokuhanohano Street.

public hearing or even a brief informational briefing before the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board.

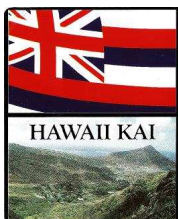
Conditional approval of the project has been granted by the city Department of Planning and Permitting without any

A townhall meeting for Kalama Valley and other interested residents is scheduled for October 20, 2010 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Kamiloiki Elementary School

For more information, please call (808) 586-6420.

## HAWAII KAI FARMERS ALERT:

Farmers' Negotiations Underway -  
Possible 25 X's Rent Hike



**KEEP THE VALLEY  
VALLEY!**  
**SAVE KAMILONUI FARMLANDS**

If you would like a bumper sticker to show your support, please contact Judy Nii at (808) 395-9811.

## KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



The Department of Planning and Permitting stated on September 29, 2010 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

## **JOBS WATCH**

Since the economic downturn in 2008 our biggest worry has been about jobs and when we're going to recover. The latest local unemployment figures show a decrease on all islands except Kauai:

	<u><b>July 2010</b></u>	<u><b>Aug. 2010</b></u>
Big Island	10.1%	9.8%
Maui	8%	7.9%
Molokai	14.8%	13.9%
Kauai	8.7%	8.7%
Lanai	7%	6.2%
Oahu	5.8%	5.6%
<b>STATE OF HAWAII</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>

\* Source: Hawaii Dept of Labor Statistics, August 2010; These rates are not seasonally adjusted.

## **TOWNHALL MEETINGS**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

- October 5th, **Future of the BOE Community Forum**, Hahaione Elementary School
- October 20th, **Mokuahano Cluster Development Info Briefing**, Kamiloiki Elementary School

## **Ward Interviews Former and Interim Department of Transportation Directors**



On September 22, Rep. Ward interviewed Brennon Morioka, Ph.D. (middle), outgoing DOT Director, and Mike Formby (right), Interim Director of the DOT. You can watch a video of the interview at [www.gene-ward.com](http://www.gene-ward.com).

## **CONSTRUCTION ALERTS**

- Did you know that most lane closures on Kalaniana'ole Highway are supposed to end at 3:30pm? Please contact us if you suspect lane closures beyond this time.

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## **Ward Interviews Kaiser High School Principal John Sosa**



On August 31, 2010, Representative Ward interviewed John Sosa, Principal of Kaiser High School. Learn more about Kaiser High School, and their development of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme by visiting [www.gene-ward.com](http://www.gene-ward.com) and clicking on the appropriate YouTube video.



Representative Ward congratulating new Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Recktenwald on September 2, 2010.

## **CONSTITUENT'S CORNER**

**Have any announcements for your neighbors in the community? Please contact us at 586-6420.**

- This office has been working closely with Councilmember Donahue's office to address your concerns with the play apparatus at Koko Head Neighborhood Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking new bids to repair the play apparatus, but due to budget cuts and funding priorities, no estimated time for completion is available.