

# Representative Gene Ward



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Report

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Report to the People of Hawai'i Kai



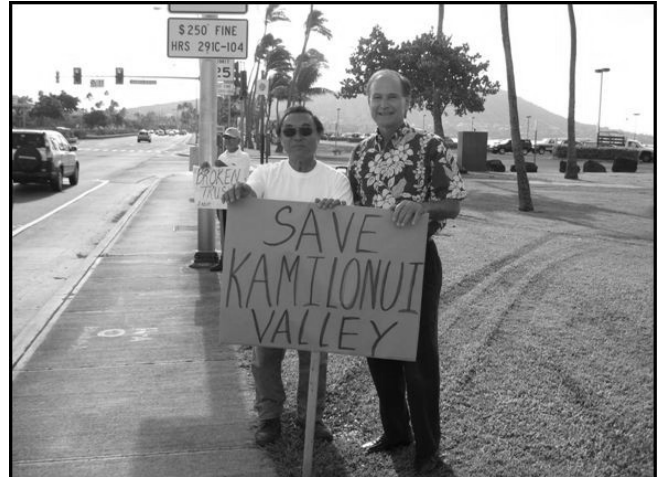
### SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!

Concerned residents attended a public hearing hosted by the Department of Education on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Kaiser High School Cafeteria. Over 400 community members participated in the hearing, showing their support to keep all Hawai'i Kai schools open.

"It would be completely unfair, unorthodox, and borderline unethical for the Board of Education to ramrod a school closure as one of its last acts of business before they are overshadowed by the appointed board," Rep. Ward said.

A Final Draft of the Consolidation Study of Kaiser Complex Elementary Schools will be submitted by the Superintendent with her recommendations to the Board of Education no later than January 15, 2011. The Board will make the final decision as to whether a school should be closed or not.

For the latest information on this important issue, and a copy of Rep. Ward's "Top 10 Reasons to Keep Hawai'i Kai Schools Open," please visit [www.gene-ward.com](http://www.gene-ward.com).



### SAVE OUR FARMERS!

Farmers continue their negotiations with the Kamehameha Schools against a possible 2800% lease rent increase. Farmers rallied along Kalaniana'ole Highway from November 13-15 to inform the community about their struggle.

School officials continue to reject a study written for the farmers by Dr. Sabry A. Shehata, Ph.D. The study is similar to one written by Dr. Shehata for 220 Kona coffee farmers on the Big Island.

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### KA IWI WATCH UPDATE

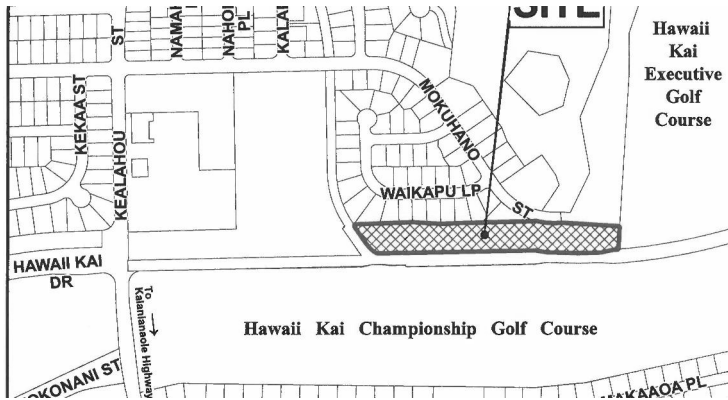
- No Permits Filed -



The Department of Planning and Permitting stated on January 3, 2011 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

## SAVE OUR FARMERS (CONTINUED)

Kamehameha Schools now denies accepting the previous study written for the Kona coffee farmers, and wants to move towards arbitration with the Kamilonui Valley farmers. You can show your support for the farmers by e-mailing the school at [ksinfo@ksbe.edu](mailto:ksinfo@ksbe.edu).



**MOKUOHANO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT:** After conducting a community information briefing on October 20, 2010, the city's Department of Planning and Permitting continues to work closely with the developer to address issues listed in the conditional approval.

A recent open records review of the cluster unit permit application revealed that the developer has not submitted revised plans to the Department of Planning and Permitting.

**MAUNALUA BAY:** Due to budget cuts and staff shortages statewide, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is unable to adequately maintain and improve current infrastructure and facilities without funding support from the Legislature.

Several boaters concerns were relayed to DLNR regarding the state of the Maunalua Bay Launch Ramp Facility.

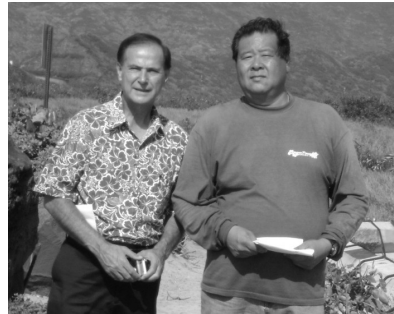
Rep. Ward will include a Capital Improvement Project request for improvements to the Maunalua Bay Launch Ramp Facility during the 2011 session.

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*You're Cordially Invited to:  
 Opening Day of the Hawai'i State Legislature  
 Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
 Please join us in Room 318 at Noon for light refreshments!*

## FOURTH QUARTER FLASHBLACKS



(left) Rep. Ward honored the memory of "Mr. Ka Iwi," Kevin Mashima who passed away in September 2010. Mr. Mashima served as caretaker of the Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline.

(right) The House Chief Clerk's Office annually decorates a tree for the holidays. This year's theme was "Hawai'i Five-0."



(above) Sen. Slom and Rep. Ward participate in the Hawai'i Kai Christmas Parade.



(left) Rep. Ward interviews Mr. Bob Clark, President of the Hawai'i Kai Marina Community Association, and Board of Directors member Mr. Carl Johnsen in December.

(right) Elected House Minority Leader by his colleagues, Rep. Ward interviews freshmen Republican Representatives Riviere, Fontaine, and Johanson in December.



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