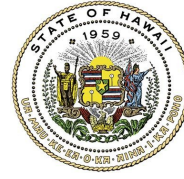


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Funding Released for Kaiser High School



Governor Abercrombie released \$480,000 for the design of a new girl's athletic locker room facility at Kaiser High School to meet gender equity requirements. Rep. Ward and his fellow Hawai'i Kai legislators fought hard to keep funding in place during the 2012 legislative session.

Constituent's Corner

• Kaiser High School Foundation Annual Dinner

KHSF will hold its annual dinner at the Hawai'i Prince Hotel on Sunday, November 18, 2012. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Honorees include alumni: Peter Kim, Leslie Kobayashi, educator Nanette Umeda, community member Jane Onaga, and new Kaiser High School Varsity Football Coach Rich Miano. For more information, please contact the Kaiser High School Foundation at KHSFoundation@gmail.com. Come be a Kaiser booster!

Update on Keahole Street Right Turn Lane



The new right turn lane doesn't seem to be working very well. Rep. Ward contacted the DOT to request some remedial actions such as a double white line leading from Keahole St. on to Kalaniana'ole Hwy. It was also requested that the current solid white line be extended so traffic coming from Koko Marina could not quickly enter the right lane until almost Hawai'i Kai Dr. The director was also asked to consider installing plastic upright yellow barriers such as those seen at the Vineyard off-ramp on H-1 during the morning commute.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



- No Permits Filed -

As of August 22nd, no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi, according to the City Department of Planning and Permitting.

'GREAT LAWN' STRIP MALL UPDATE:



In late July, Kamehameha Schools reported that they had hired OmniTrak to conduct a survey of Hawai‘i Kai’s “willingness to consider a new commercial location in Maunaloa.” As of August 22, 2012, results of this survey have not been shared with Rep. Ward.

Unfortunately, Foodland has apparently stated that an alternative Foodland store in Kalama Valley “is not conveniently located for most Hawai‘i Kai residents.” We disagree.

Despite massive community opposition to a strip mall on the ‘great lawn’ at Maunaloa Bay, KS does not appear willing to participate in a townhall meeting to answer questions from the community until they have evaluated the results of their OmniTrak survey. Stay tuned.

There Ought to be a Law... (or maybe less laws?)

Rep. Ward is committed to serving our neighbors in Hawai‘i Kai and encourages you to submit your concerns and suggestions relating to statewide and community issues. Please fill out the attached form and submit to Rep. Ward’s office via fax at (808) 586-6421 or e-mail: repward@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Community concerns may also be submitted 24/7 by visiting Rep. Ward’s website at www.gene-ward.com.

Keawawa Wetland “Workday”



Rep. Ward participated in a “workday” at the Keawawa Wetlands in Hawai‘i Kai on Saturday, August 18, 2012. Volunteers helped clear brush and improved the habitat for the endangered Hawaiian Moorhen. Future “workdays” are tentatively scheduled for September 15 and 22, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. For more information, contact the Livable Hawai‘i Kai Hui at (808) 864-8081 or at hawaiikaihui@aol.com.

Hawai‘i Kai Chamber of Commerce Legislative Update



On August 2, 2012, Rep. Ward provided a legislative update on the 2012 Legislative Session to the members of our very own Hawai‘i Kai Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Janayhe Self (on Rep. Ward’s left) is President of the Hawai‘i Kai Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on how to join the Hawai‘i Kai Chamber of Commerce, please visit: <http://www.hikaicoc.com>.