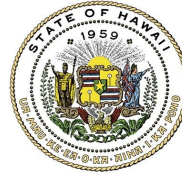


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Minority Leader Emeritus

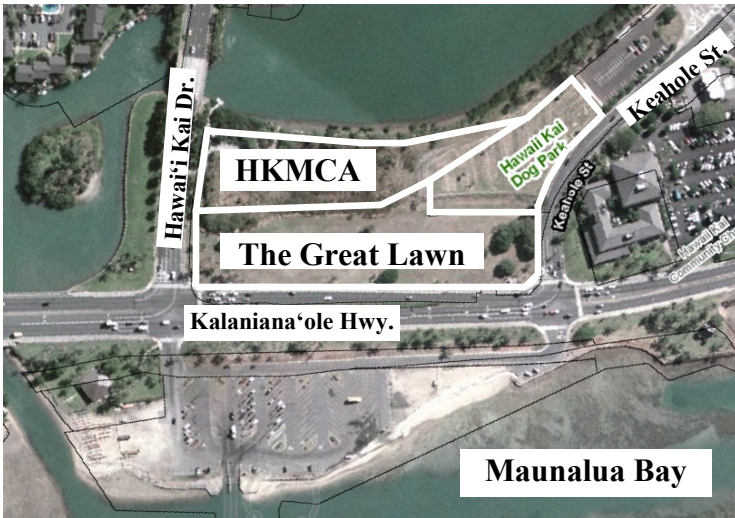


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## • Townhall Meeting on Strip Mall Called •



Did you know that the "Great Lawn" is separated into two parcels? The parcel closest to Kalaniana'ole Highway is owned by Kamehameha Schools (KSBE) and is the site of the proposed strip mall. The parcel mauka and on the marina is owned by the Hawai'i Kai Marina Community Association (HKMCA). The crane located on the mauka parcel will be utilized for marina dredging operations only.

### KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:

**- No Permits Filed -**



As of February 20th, 2013, no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi, according to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting.

It's time to stop referring to opinion polls and go directly to the people of Hawai'i Kai. Contrary to earlier expectations, *all indications are that Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate and Foodland are moving forward to construct a strip mall across from Maunalua Bay by requesting a change in the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan.* This plan guides all future development in our community and your input is needed.

Come to the Townhall Meeting organized by **Rep. Ward** and co-sponsored by **Senators Slom and Thielen, Representative Hashem, Councilmember Chang** and the **Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board**:

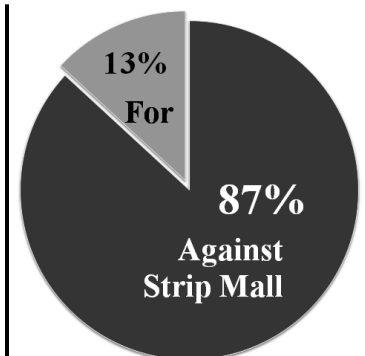
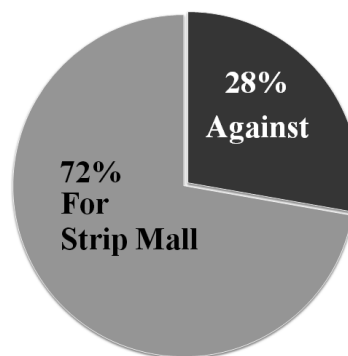
**DATE:** Thursday, March 21st, 2013

**TIME:** 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Kamiloiki Elementary School Cafeteria

Invited speakers include KS/BE, Foodland, and DOT.

### KSBE's Poll VS Rep. Ward's Polls



As indicated above, their polls and our polls are polar opposites.

### Question of the Month:

Do you support two left turn lanes from Kalaniana'ole Hwy on to Lunalilo Home Road to ease left turns into Koko Marina Shopping Center?

YES? NO?

Please call, fax, or e-mail your response and any suggestions on what should be done.

## ATTEND A "COFFEE SUMMIT" OR "BEER SUMMIT"

Rep. Ward continues to host his popular coffee and beer summits to hear your concerns and answer your questions. If you have an issue or problem he needs to know about, or you just want to stop by for a chat:

**BEER SUMMIT - Thursday, March 7, 2013 - 5:30-7:30 p.m.** - Kona Brewing Company pub - Koko Marina Center

**COFFEE SUMMIT - Tuesday, March 12, 2013 - 5:30-7:30 p.m.** - Zippy's - Koko Marina Center

## KUNG HEE FAT CHOY!



Happy New Year! On February 24th, Rep. Ward attended the Chinese New Year celebration and installation of new officers of the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawai'i and presented a certificate along with Rep. K. Mark Takai (right) to the new President of the Association, Ms. Barinna Poon (center), a resident of Hawai'i Kai. It is now the "Year of the Snake."

## Update on Bad Bills

Rep. Ward remains opposed to bills that will take more money out of your wallet.

**HB 149 - Relating to State Finances** - Increases the General Excise Tax from 4% to 4.5% effective January 1, 2014 (making the rate on O'ahu as much as 5.212%!)

**HB 75, HD1 - Relating to Antique Motor Vehicles** - Establishes a \$25 annual fee and 1¢ per pound weight tax on antique vehicles.

**SB 948, SD1 - Relating to Taxation** - Increases the tax burden on consumers that purchase items via the Internet.

Need a monthly update on what is going on in Hawai'i Kai? Call 586-6420 to sign up for Rep. Ward's newsletter.

## KAISER COMPLEX SCHOOLS MAKE HISTORY!



With the addition of Hahaione Elementary School as an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, the Kaiser Complex (Kaiser High, Niu Valley Middle, and Hahaione Elementary School) became the first public school complex in the State to offer the IB World School Programme grades K-12.

The IB Programme is a coveted status for schools around the world. The curriculum emphasizes the importance of international awareness and responsible citizenship for students. Its world class curriculum prepares students for college that includes speaking a foreign language before high school graduation.

Congratulations to Principal Cindy Giorgis, her faculty, staff and students at Hahaione Elementary for their hard work and dedication in earning their school this designation and making Kaiser a full IB complex. A heartfelt handshake to Mr. John Sosa, Principal of Kaiser High School, for being a prime mover to put the Kaiser complex of schools as the first IB Programme complex in the entire State of Hawai'i.

## The PLDC is Dead!

House Bill 1133 repealing the Public Land Development Corporation passed unanimously in the House of Representatives on February 14th, and now awaits a hearing in the Senate (And some of its children are alive in the House). **Stay tuned!**

## Constituent's Corner

### • Friends of Kaiser PTSA Spring Fest 2013:

Enjoy rides, games, food, farmer's market, craft fair, entertainment, white elephant tent, country store and more at Kaiser High School on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information contact the Friends of Kaiser PTSA at: [kellybird.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:kellybird.kelly@gmail.com)

### • Koko Head Elementary School Keiki Karnival:

Friday, March 15, 2013 - 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### • Curious About Hawai'i's Economic Forecast?

See Rep. Ward's interview of Economist Dr. Paul Brewbaker: <http://youtu.be/qSdDJL1qDWo>