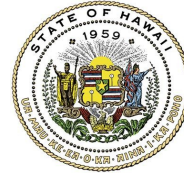


# Representative

## Gene Ward

Minority Leader Emeritus



2013

# March Report

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## Overwhelming Opposition to Great Lawn Mall



It was standing room only when the people of Hawai'i Kai packed Kamiloiki Elementary School last Thursday, March 21st, to share their concerns about Kamehameha Schools' proposed strip mall now called a "shopping village," on the "Great Lawn". Over 300 people attended the Townhall organized by Rep. Ward, co-sponsored by Sens. Slom and Thielen, Rep. Hashem, Councilmember Stanley Chang and the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board, the first time all East Honolulu elected officials hosted a joint meeting in recent years.

After briefings by Kamehameha Schools and Foodland, representatives of community organizations, including Hui 'Ilio Hawai'i, the Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui and the Outdoor Circle, members of the community had an opportunity to voice their concerns.

The land under the "Great Lawn" is zoned preservation by the City and County of Honolulu and any change in zoning would have to be approved by the City Council. **The take away from the meeting was an overwhelming majority of those in attendance wish to see the "Great Lawn" preserved as one of the last open spaces in Hawai'i Kai.**

Spontaneous post-meeting, unscientific polls were conducted by KITV and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and confirmed opposition to the proposal. The Star-Advertiser poll results released on Sunday, March 24th showed 50% in opposition, 21% "don't care," and 29% in support. KITV results reflect similar poll results conducted by Rep. Ward's office last Spring and in January.

**If you could not attend the meeting, please visit:**

<http://youtu.be/e-SZVCQJG5E>

Also, see Star-Advertiser article:

<http://tinyurl.com/cojz0j3>

And, Hawai'i Reporter article:

<http://tinyurl.com/cbjdcrp>

### KITV Poll

#### SURVEY

Should the open land across from Maunaloa Bay be developed into a mall with Foodland as possible tenant?

Yes. - 28% (305 votes)

No. - 69% (763 votes)

Undecided. - 4% (40 votes)

Total Votes: 1,108

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

### KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



#### - No Permits Filed -

As of March 22nd, 2013, no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi, according to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting.

### Question of the Month:

Do you support the designation of Kalaniana'ole Highway (from Hawai'i Kai Drive to Makai Pier) as a "Hawai'i Scenic Byway", based upon its scenic, natural, historic, archeological, and recreational qualities?

YES? NO?

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

## Update on the 2013 Legislature



Rep. Ward joined moderator Dan Boylan, Sen. David Ige, Rep. Sylvia Luke, and Richard Borreca, Political Columnist, Honolulu Star-Advertiser, to discuss the state budget, bills still alive, and predictions for the remainder of the legislative session, see: <http://youtu.be/WU9A2A3fz6U>

## HOSTING FAMILY OPPORTUNITY WITH EAST-WEST CENTER

The East-West Center (EWC) has asked the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Hawai'i like Rep. Ward to help them identify host families for high school students for one week in April. Seventeen female and 8 male students and 5 teachers (3 males & 2 females) will come from such countries as, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, as well as from Burma, newly opened to western interactions.

The hosting family would need to provide a room, either shared with an appropriate gender family member or private, time to converse and learn about one another and share "talk story" and experiences here on O'ahu. Transportation to and from the EWC each day Monday through Friday, April 15-19, and return to the EWC on Monday morning, April 22 would also be part of the commitment.

**If you feel you could provide such an experience for one of these international visitors, please contact Ms. Penny Higa, Program Officer at the EWC. Her office phone is: 944-7131; her fax is: 944-7070; and her email is:**

[HigaP@EastWestCenter.org](mailto:HigaP@EastWestCenter.org)

## 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)

## Call for Volunteers for the 6th Annual Earth Day Cleanup at Ka Iwi

**Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**



Water, gloves and trash bags will be provided. For more information, please call Rep. Ward's office, 586-6420.

## 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:

**COFFEE SUMMIT - Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Zippy's - Koko Marina Center**

**BEER SUMMIT - Thursday, April 4, 2013 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Kona Brewing Company pub - Koko Marina Center**

## HOW ONE MAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



On March 11th, Rep. Ward honored Mr. Jim Lally and his Wai'ale'ale Project on the House floor, for providing college scholarships for almost 20% of the students at Kauai Community College (<http://tinyurl.com/c2949jx>).

Over 230 non-traditional students have participated in the project since its inception in 2008. The program pays up to \$5,000 per year for tuition and other costs.

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