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MAHALO TO THE 'EWA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Aloha,

The "Get Ready 'Ewa Beach" Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 24th was a success. Thank you to all who attended and worked hard to make the event so fun and effective! But our work is not yet done – the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee ('Ewa EPC), formed by your neighbors, has a continuing plan to help our community become as disaster-ready as possible.

To ensure that the plan is all-inclusive, one of their first steps will be to evaluate the preparedness level of every street in 'Ewa Beach. Everyone has a different set of skills to bring to the table, whether it's medical expertise, construction, or outreach.

The fair showed what we can achieve when we all come together. Partnerships have been made with dozens of local, state and federal organizations to get preparedness resources into our community. This will include hands-on training events and seminars throughout the area. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming preparedness opportunities near you.

The 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee is looking for volunteers to spread the word and inspire others to get prepared. For more information about how to get involved, please contact 'Ewa EPC at GetReadyEwaBeach@gmail.com or call 682-0111.

FREE TRAININGS IN 'EWA BEACH TO BECOME AN EPISODIC RED CROSS VOLUNTEER



American Red Cross
Hawaii State Chapter

The American Red Cross will offer trainings for those interested in helping their communities in a disaster.

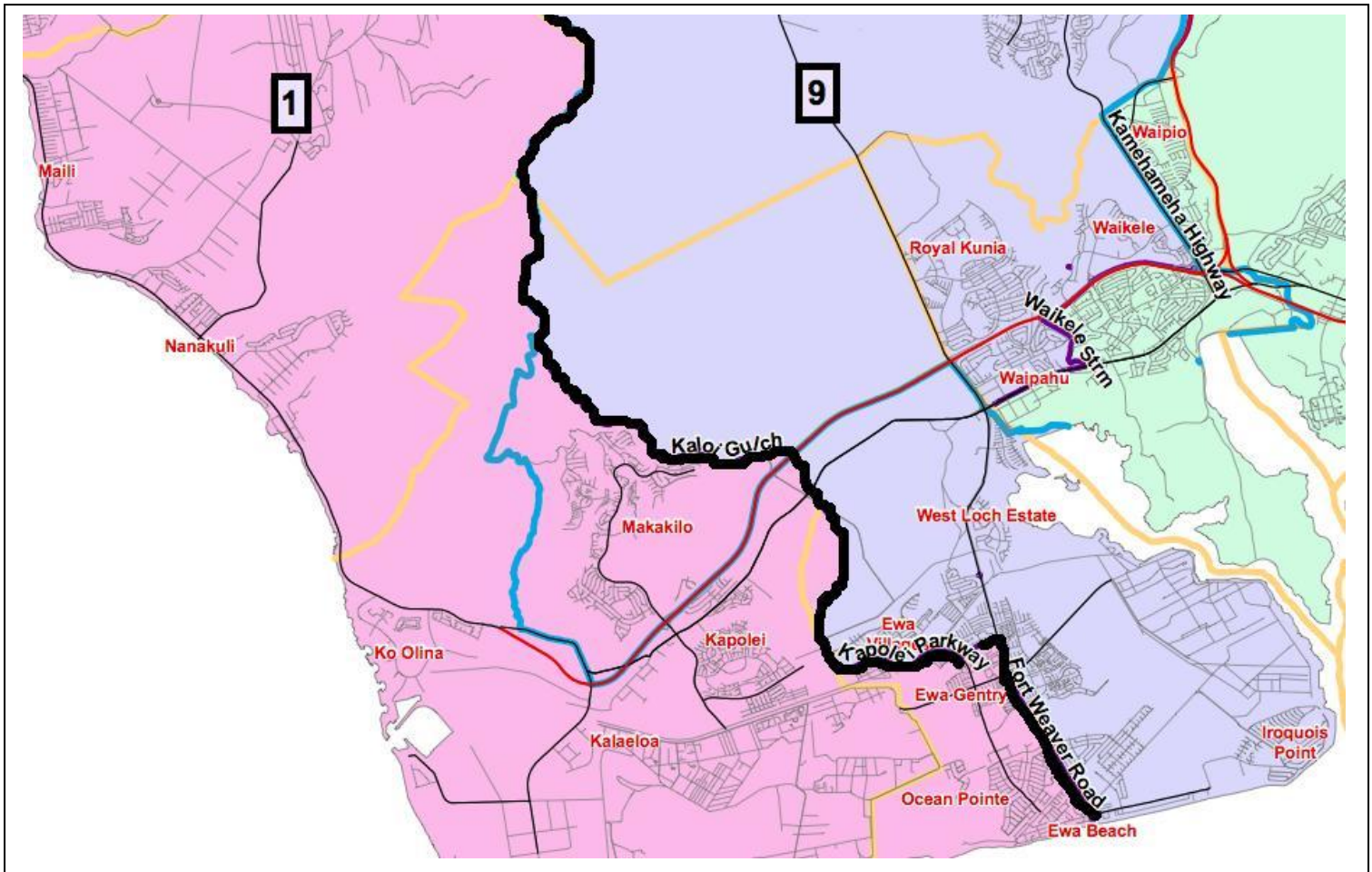
Trainings will cover: Disaster Services, Shelter Operations, Shelter Simulation, and Disaster Assessment Basics.

Participants must be age 18 or older and attend both days for certification: October 22 and 29 (Saturdays), 9am to 4pm at Asing Park, 91-1450 Renton Road.

To register, please call Jessie Koziel, Disaster Coordinator at (808) 739-8113.

2011 CITY REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION:

DO YOU SUPPORT DIVIDING ‘EWA BEACH INTO TWO CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS?



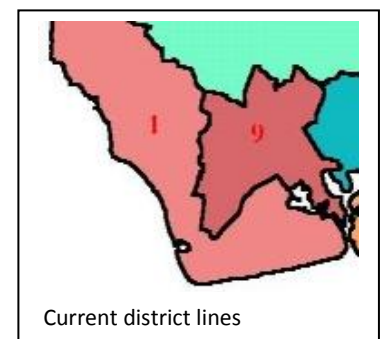
Proposed plan for City Council districts – outlined area will become District 1 and District 9

City Council District 1 grew in population significantly between 2000 and 2010. The latest Census figures show that the ‘Ewa Gentry area grew the most of any area in the state – an almost 360% increase.

To reflect population growth in City Council representation, the 2011 City Reapportionment Commission was faced with the task of redrawing district lines.

One proposal, illustrated above, would divide ‘Ewa Beach along Fort Weaver Road and Kapolei Parkway. Ten years ago, ‘Ewa Beach leaders were adamantly against dividing ‘Ewa Beach because they felt it would weaken the area’s power on the City Council.

Rep. Pine would like to know what you think about the Commission’s decision to divide ‘Ewa Beach.



To share your opinion on this proposal, please call 586-9730 or email Rep. Pine at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.

REZONING UPDATE: KEONE‘ULA ELEMENTARY & ‘EWA BEACH ELEMENTARY



A Grandfather Clause created in 2007 allowed students from certain areas to attend either ‘Ewa Beach Elementary or Keone‘ula Elementary. Enrollment levels at Keone‘ula have since risen to above capacity, so school officials have devised a plan to ensure that every student can get the best possible opportunity to learn.

Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, students who live in the grandfathered area southwest of ‘Ewa Beach Elementary will automatically attend that school. Please see the attached map for more details.

The one exception to this new rule is that sixth-graders who will complete their sixth-grade year in

school year 2012-2013 will be allowed to remain at Keone‘ula.

Principals of the two schools hosted a meeting on September 15th to inform area families of the changes, and noted that future zoning decisions will be dictated by the economy and area populations.

The meeting addressed possible solutions to growing population challenges, as ‘Ewa Elementary is currently in need of two classroom facilities and Keone‘ula is in need of five. Some options included continual rezoning for ‘Ewa Beach Elementary and Keone‘ula Elementary periodically, building additional classrooms, adding a third wing of ‘Ewa Makai Middle School to include a sixth grade, and converting Ilima Intermediate to a middle school for sixth- to eighth-graders.

TEN YEARS LATER: REMEMBERING THOSE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11TH



James Campbell High School Navy JROTC Color Guard during the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Centennial of Naval Aviation Open House



Rep. Pine with the James Campbell High School Navy JROTC Color Guard unit

The Naval Air Museum Barbers Point hosted a Special Tenth Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony as part of its Centennial of Naval Aviation Open House. The ceremony honored members of the HFD, HPD, Federal Fire, the military and the airline. James Campbell High School’s JROTC Color Guard Unit also participated in the event.

Representative Pine and other legislators presented a certificate to the Naval Air Museum recognizing the 100 years since witnessing the growth of naval aviation into a primary component of America’s national defense.

“REP. PINE’S INBOX” LAUNCHES



Representative Pine’s office receives many phone calls, emails and letters on a daily basis from constituents with questions and concerns about things happening in the community and the State Capitol.

To make communicating even easier and more effective, we recently launched “Rep. Pine’s Inbox”, a video series in which Rep. Pine responds to your questions and concerns and sends out via email each week.

If you have a question for Rep. Pine or a concern about something in the district, please contact our office. If you are not yet on our mailing list, you can join by phone at 586-9730 or by emailing a request to reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.

NEW SAFEWAY LOCATION BREAKS GROUND

After the closure of Star Market and the Kalaeloa/Barber’s Point Commissary, ‘Ewa Beach was in great need of new grocery locations.

The new Safeway location broke ground this month and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.

Safeway will be an anchor store at Laulani Village, at the intersection of Ft. Weaver Road and Keaunui Drive across from Hawai‘i Prince Golf Course.



Rep. Pine met with Safeway representatives to discuss development plans earlier this year

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Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate in surveys, email a request to be added to the list at:

reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov

Once you are on the list, you will receive updates on community and legislative events and notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance.

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