



Representative Gene Ward



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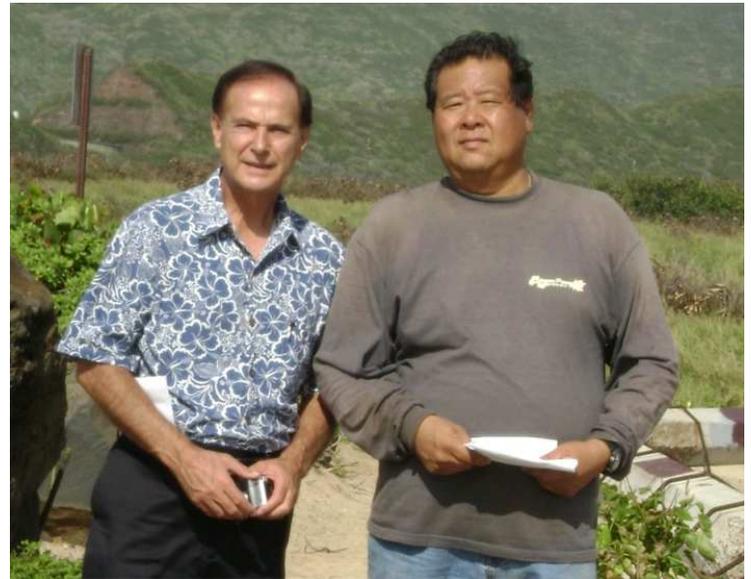
MOKUHANO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT *Community Info Briefing Held*



Representative Ward sponsored a community info briefing on the proposed Mokuhano Cluster Development on October 20, 2010. David Tanoue, Director of the city's Department of Planning and Permitting briefed the audience on the current status of the development, and clarified the details of the project's conditional approval.

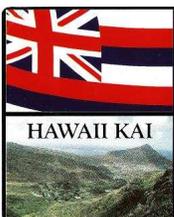
Concerned citizens asked questions and shared their concerns about the project. If you would like to stay informed about this important development, please contact my office at (808) 586-6420.

IN MEMORIAM *"Mr. Ka Iwi" - Kevin Mashima*



Kevin Mashima, 56, of Kunia, a caretaker of Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline and Makapu'u Lighthouse Hiking Trail, passed away. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Lillian, one brother and one sister. "Mr. Ka Iwi" was a strong advocate for the preservation of natural and cultural resources along the Ka Iwi coast and throughout the State.

HAWAII KAI FARMERS ALERT: Farmers' Negotiations Continue with Kamehameha Schools



**KEEP THE VALLEY
VALLEY!**
SAVE KAMILONUI FARMLANDS

If you would like a bumper sticker to show your support, please contact Judy Nii at (808) 395-9811.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



The Department of Planning and Permitting stated on October 25, 2010 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

ELECTED VS. APPOINTED BOE FORUM HELD

A Townhall Forum discussing the future of the Board of Education was held on October 5, 2010.

BOE Chair Garrett Toguchi represented those that support an elected Board of Education. Catherine Payne, of Hawaii's Children First, and former principal of Farrington High School represented those that support an appointed Board of Education. A video of the Forum will be posted soon.

The forum was jointly sponsored by the offices of Representative Ward and Senator Slom.

WARD APPOINTED TO HOUSE INVESTIGATION TEAM

Representative Ward has been appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on a Joint Legislative Investigative Committee established via concurrent resolution last session.

The purpose of the committee is to investigate the Department of Budget and Finance's handling of the State's investment in student loan auction rate securities.

The first meeting was held on October 11, 2010 where rules of the committee, and organizational and procedural matters were discussed.

JOBS WATCH

Since the economic downturn in 2008 our biggest worry has been about jobs and when we're going to recover. The latest local unemployment figures show a decrease on all islands except Kauai:

	<u>Aug. 2010</u>	<u>Sep. 2010</u>
Big Island	9.8%	9.5%
Maui	7.9%	7.8%
Molokai	13.9%	12.8%
Kauai	8.6%	8.6%
Lanai	6.3%	5.5%
Oahu	5.6%	5.3%
STATE OF HAWAII	6.6%	6.3%
NATIONAL	9.5%	9.2%

** Source: Hawaii Dept of Labor Statistics, September 2010; These rates are not seasonally adjusted.*

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WARD INTERVIEWS DR. EMOGENE YOSHIMURA



On September 30, 2010, Representative Ward interviewed Dr. Emogene Yoshimura of the Koko Crater Equestrian Center. Learn more about Dr. Yoshimura and the Koko Crater Equestrian Center by visiting www.gene-ward.com and clicking on the appropriate YouTube video.

2010 REAL WORLD DESIGN CHALLENGE



On October 4, 2010, Representative Ward attended Governor Lingle's ceremony opening the Real World Design Challenge in Hawaii. The Real World Design Challenge is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment.

CONSTITUENT'S CORNER: MORNING COMMUTE TRAFFIC ALERT!

We have been informed that the possibility exists that delays will occur westbound on Kalaniana'ole Highway beginning November 1st, Lane closures will be from 7pm to 5am. Any delays may affect the morning commute. Any questions call DOT at 587-2160.