



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to give support to the proposal for Kamalani Academy, a charter school that will be in Wahiawa.

I lived in Wahiawa for eight years when I was Sr. Pastor of Wahiawa United Methodist Church. During that time I joined the Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua, and I am now president of that Rotary Club. Even though I no longer live in Wahiawa I stay connected to that community through Rotary and other civic groups.

Ms. Laumatia gave a presentation to our Rotary Club this week, and I was very impressed. The Board members have impressive credentials, the curriculum is an integrated curriculum that promotes connections between different subjects, joy of learning, problem solving, and will prepare students for life in our technical culture.

We were satisfied that Board Chairperson, Ms. Ku'uipo Laumatia, who has an MBA, has a plan that is fiscally sound.

I believe there are many children and youth in Wahiawa who will benefit from this educational opportunity, and I urge you to give approval and support for Kamalani Academy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Frances M. Wiebenga*

Rev. Dr. Frances M. Wiebenga, President  
Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

*The Spirit-filled Body of Christ*

To: The Hawaii Public School Charter Commission  
Re: The Kamalani Academy

Commission Members,

I would like to express my support for the application for charter approval of the Kamalani Academy.

I believe many of our Wahiawa youngsters could benefit from the educational project of the academy with its emphasis on Hawaiian culture and learning through the arts. Few of my parishioners can afford to send their children to private school, having another style of public education available to them would be a valuable opportunity. I would certainly encourage parents to consider Kamalani.

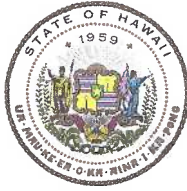
Please feel free to contact me for further conversation.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Richard McNally, ss.cc.

Pastor

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
Wahiawa, Hawaii



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
**SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ**

February 1, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this in support of Kamalani Academy School's request for approval to operate as a public charter school. They propose to operate as a tuition-free, arts-integrated curriculum school using various forms of art to stimulate creative thinking and strategies.

Apart from the traditional teaching methods, arts integration is also known as whole child learning through active movement, involvement and group work. Because the curriculum includes drama, visual arts, music and dance, it enables students to express themselves in a way that appeals to them and not be limited to conventional learning.

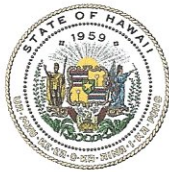
Experience has been that arts immersion learning also resulted in students having increased self-confidence and the ability to communicate effectively because it encourages students to collaboratively solve creative challenges and also helps to develop social skills from a young age.

I hope a favorable consideration could be given Kamalani Academy's request for approval to operate as a public charter school as it will allow parents the opportunity to choose an option aside from conventional learning to an arts-integrated curriculum for their children.

Sincerely,



Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
District 22



## OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS R. OSHIRO

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February 4, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Marcus R. Oshiro, and I am the Representative of the 46<sup>th</sup> District (Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Launani Valley) of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii. I am urging your support for the establishment of Kamalani Academy as a Charter School in Wahiawa, Central Oahu.

Wahiawa is an ethnically diverse community that faces the daunting challenges of the twenty-first century. No longer can our residents rely on the pineapple plantation as the primary source of employment in the region. To survive, our citizens must have the necessary skills to compete in the marketplace.

Education is key to Wahiawa's survival. It is imperative that our youth learn the skills they will need to obtain good-paying jobs. Only by supporting the education of our youth can we protect and preserve Wahiawa's unique way of life for generations to come.

The establishment of a Charter School in Wahiawa, Central Oahu, will provide our citizens with an alternative to the traditional public school experience. Modeled after the highly successful Doral Academy of Nevada, a 5-star, accredited arts integration charter school, Kamalani Academy will utilize the teaching of arts as the basis for learning – where academic mindsets of the students will include drive with traits of mastery and persistence, a sense of belonging, and an intrinsic value for learning. . . strategies for learning, such as variety, visualization, and creative problem solving.

Accordingly, I urge your support for the establishment of Kamalani Academy as a Charter School in Wahiawa, Central Oahu.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-6700.

Very Truly Yours,

REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS R. OSHIRO  
46<sup>th</sup> District (Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Launani Valley)

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

College of Education  
Institute for Teacher Education

January 14, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing with enthusiastic support for the developing partnership between the University of Hawaii's College of Education, Institute for Teacher Education, and Kamalani Academy. There are many fruitful ways a collaboration between the two could support one another. For example:

- 1) Faculty members who are arts educators, actively involved in the professional development of both pre-service and in-service teachers may be available to support the professional development of Kamalani faculty through workshops, classroom demonstrations, and/or coaching.
- 2) Teacher candidates at the College of Education study under the mentorship of an experienced teacher. As the Kamalani classroom teachers become proficient as arts integrators, they will become excellent mentors for emerging teachers who are just beginning to study ways to actively engage children through culturally responsive pedagogy. In return, teacher candidates support classroom learning by providing tutoring, co-teaching, lowering the student-teacher ratio, and creating an environment where reflective practice spurs ongoing development. What's more, Kamalani can begin influencing the practices of new teachers who will become prospective faculty at Kamalani.
- 3) UH faculty who are interested in researching the influence of the arts in a child's learning might engage Kamalani administration, teachers, families, and students to contribute to the body of evidence supporting arts education and arts integration partnerships. By participating in such research, the Kamalani community will learn more about itself.

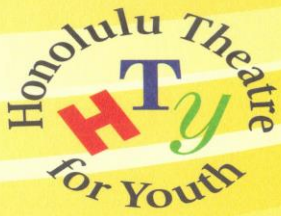
Kamalani Academy has the potential to become a great community resource beyond the boundaries of its own walls. Before that, its administration and faculty will be learning and growing as it defines its identity and develops its pedagogy. It is my personal hope to be a part of that journey.

Please contact me if you have further questions,



Jamie Simpson Steele  
Assistant Professor of Performing Arts Education  
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January 9, 2016

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Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission  
Regarding the proposed Kamalani Academy

Dear Commission:

The possibility of an Oahu-based, arts integrated charter school is not only an exciting idea, but one that would be, I believe, very welcomed. I truly hope Kamalani Academy blooms. Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY) supports the endeavor, dedicated as we are to engaging young people in, through and about theatre. As a potential partner in the endeavor, HTY could offer the new school field trips to the theatre, providing Kamalani Academy students the opportunity for regular interaction with professional theatre performances. More than simply visits, however, we would embrace a more collaborative partnership through which HTY staff might provide arts-based and arts-integrated learning experiences for the students, collaborative teaching experience with Kamalani teachers, and professional development workshops and training for teachers.

HTY has a rich history of collaborating with fellow arts organizations, schools and other organizations that recognize the power of arts learning experiences for children. We know that having additional institutions dedicated to such a mission will only better our community and HTY as well.

We look forward to engaging in further conversation with the proposed school and their planners and advocates about future possibilities. Please feel free to contact me for further information about HTY and our support, if desired.

Aloha,

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Daniel A. Kelin, II  
Director of Drama Education

**Hawai'i  
Arts  
Alliance**



*A member of the  
Kennedy Center  
Alliance for Arts  
Education Network*

January 13, 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of developing a community partnership with Kamalani Academy and its work as an arts integrated charter school.

Hawai'i Arts Alliance, founded in 1980, is the only statewide nonprofit for all the arts that belongs to the national Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network, a major program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. In addition to representing 145 organizations and 700 individuals with a combined statewide membership of over 35,000, Hawai'i Arts Alliance is one of six named partners in the ARTS First Partners. ARTS FIRST is a network of organizations whose mission is "to work collaboratively to create the conditions and culture that promise a comprehensive high-quality arts education – learning in, about, and through the arts – for every student in Hawai'i." In support of this work, the Hawai'i Arts Alliance works directly with classroom teachers, art educators and students to achieve these outcomes through its professional development workshops and its work as local partner for Turnaround Arts, a signature program of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The Alliance looks forward to the registration and participation of Kamalani Academy staff in our professional development offerings such as our ARTS FIRST Institute.

I can be reached at 808-533-2787 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Lei Ahsing  
Education Director



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#### *Place-based education*

*When we understand our  
connection to land,*

*When we accept responsibility for  
our actions to the land and sea,*

*When we are accountable for our  
own learning,*

*When we strive to become  
stewards.*

*When we appreciate history and  
the importance of language and  
culture,*

*We kindle the light of hope within  
ourselves to spark enlightened  
pathways for future generations  
whose journey towards global  
sustainability is forever more.*

*H. Lee, Jr.*

March 4, 2016

Hawaii State Charter School Commission  
1111 Bishop St., Suite 516  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha,

Established in 1993, the Pacific American Foundation (PAF) is a national 501c (3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with the mission to “*improve the lives of Pacific Americans through service with dignity, courage, humility, and competence.*” PAF’s goal is to influence systemic change in the educational system that preserve and perpetuate traditional indigenous ways of knowing for emerging Pacific Century leaders, college career readiness, culturally responsive research, evaluation and assessment, economic and community partnership development.

PAF is submitting this *Letter of Support on behalf of Kamalani Academy, an Integrated Arts Pubic Charter School*. Kamalani Academy will enhance our public education system and communities served by providing added benefits of excellence, rigor and multidisciplinary integration through important approaches honoring the role of Hawaii’s diverse cultures.

Historically, King David Kalakaua preserved our Hawaiian language, and hula through the integrated arts. Today, we experience a global impact of this cultural legacy of Aloha. Problem-based learning aligns to performance-based competencies exemplified across our traditional culture and the arts. Indigenous ways of knowing and doing shall bring to the heart and soul of Kamalani Academy students the humanities and their contribution to our place called mother earth -- Honua. Nestled in the ahupua’a and moku of East Oahu, students will be able to integrate the arts with sciences in preparation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Pacific Century.

In addition, Dr. VerlieAnn Malina-Wight, PAF Board Chairman has personally committed to Kamalani Academy her in-kind professional services as a Strategic Visioning Elder to contribute her 50 years of international, national, state education experiences. We look forward to working with Kamalani Academy by leveraging resources to collectively impact our communities towards sustainable prosperity, wellness, education and culture-based values and practices through all of the integrated arts. *Maika’i loa!*

*Me ke aloha pumehana,*

Herb Lee, Executive Director





Hawaii State Charter School Commission  
1111 Bishop St., Suite 516  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha,

The Waikīkī Hawaiian Civic Club (WHCC) is a chartered member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs since 1964. WHCC is dedicated to the promotion and perpetuation of traditional native Hawaiian values and practices and has a long history of involvement in diverse areas including native health, education, and the environment. It has also been involved with several Hawaiian language immersion projects relating to native language and cultural practices.

We are writing to express our support for the Kamalani Academy charter school application, of which cultural diversity is an important component. The Civic Club has worked with the Hawaiian Studies Faculty at the University of Hawaii-Manoa and foster families in conducting workshops in imu, fish, and salt preparation, taro cultivation, and uses of the coconut and kukui plants. Our community service has included events at the Royal Mausoleum, Mauna Ala, providing toiletries to various groups, and awarding educational scholarships. The Club will continue with these kinds of activities, educating the public in Hawaiian practices and culture and contributing to the community. We look forward to partnering with this new school in providing its students with cultural experiences like these.

If there is anything else you would like to know regarding our interest in supporting and working with Kamalani Academy, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Letoto-Ohata  
President  
Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club  
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Honolulu, HI 96848-1711

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The Mana'olana Foundation, Inc.  
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808-206-5946

February 3, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

On behalf of The Mana'olana Foundation, we are pleased to offer our support and community partnership with The Kamalani Academy and its work in the arts integration public charter school program.

Founded on the core principles of Hope, Faith, Charity, The Mana'olana Foundation strives to inspire a sense of self-reliance to all Native Hawaiians through a set of programs designed to enable individuals to reach their personal goals and dreams. Our belief is that through education, partnerships, community involvement and financial assistance, every Native Hawaiian can reach his or her full potential and become productive members within their community and society.

It is our vision to make it possible for every Native Hawaiian across the globe to achieve his/her dreams. Our Philosophy is 'IMI 'IKE – To seek knowledge; and to inspire action. Other goals include helping Native Hawaiians develop self-confidence while learning strategies and skills that will lead them to a future of promise and possibilities. Our priorities include a tailored approach which offers specific solutions to specific problems through a combination of education assistance, vocational and life skills training, employment skills, and counseling and mentoring. The Foundation programs are tailored to the individual and challenges each person to take action to achieve his/her dreams.

We look forward to a long and lasting partnership with Kamalani Academy and strive for mutual cooperation for the benefit of others.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Brad Kellaway  
Board of Directors



February 19, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased and excited to learn about the Kamalani Academy and its vision to launch an arts integrated charter school. I am writing to you in hopes of developing a community partnership that would support Kamalani Academy's mission and objectives.

Founded in 2002, HI FusionED is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that connects K-12 educators with local professionals from industry and academia to co-develop science and technology enrichment activities for students. We leverage integrated technology and our network of community partners to develop project-based, culturally responsive approaches and professional development and training. We also provide consultation services based on Design Thinking methodologies to help schools transition towards student-centered learning environments. HI FusionED programs target underserved communities, prioritizing diversity in all our initiatives.

Through our extended network, we have been able to offer schools the following multidisciplinary learning activities:

- Robotics
- 3-dimensional computer aided design
- Maker movement consultation and support
- Hydroponic and aquaponic food production
- Design Thinking based consultation and training for administrators, staff, faculty and students
- Jr. Engineering activities for PreK and Kindergarten (introduction to electronics, coding and renewable energy technologies)

We look forward to learning more about Kamalani Academy and to explore the opportunity to join you on this incredible journey.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn N. Fujioka", is written over the printed name.

Lynn N. Fujioka, President

Dear Board Chair Ku'uipo Laumatia, thank you for your presentation about Kamalani Academy as the guest speaker at the Wahiawa Lions Club's Feb. 3, 2016 meeting.

We were pleased to learn more about your Board's plan for the proposed new arts immersion charter school in the Wahiawa area.

Tonight, Feb. 3, 2016, the Wahiawa Lions Club Board of Directors voted unanimously to support your plan.

The Wahiawa Lions Club wishes you well in your efforts to bring Kamalani Academy into reality.

Aloha, Don Robbins

Wahiawa Lions Club President





## WAHIAWA-WHITMORE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 WHITMORE COMMUNITY PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jeanne Ishikawa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of six (6) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Alésia Au, Tom Bauer, Joseph Francher, Dean Harvest (arrived at 7:08 p.m. and departed at 7:16 p.m.), Jeanne Ishikawa, Lei Learmont, Robert Lormand, and Silvia Manley-Koch (arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:** Linda Marie Nunes.

**Vacancies:** None.

**Guests:** Captain Timothy Rapoza (Honolulu Fire Department); Acting Lieutenant Dennis Ono (Honolulu Police Department); Lori Kunioka (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); First Deputy Attorney General Russell Suzuki (Governor David Ige's representative); Heidi Tsuneyoshi (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office); David Cho (Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's Office); Representative Marcus Oshiro; Captain Ramee Opperude (US Army); Kuuipo Laumatia, Steve Davidson, Martha Evans, Jarom Laumatia, Dr. Verlieana Wright, Dr. Francine Palama, Krystal Fenton, Blaine Fergerstrom, and Manuele Laumatia (Kamalani Academy); Daniel Hallman (Wahiawa Pineapple Run); Lee and Hector (Taqueria El Ranchero); Joseph Acosta and Phil Acosta (ALEA Bridge); Stanley Perpignan (Hope, Inc.); Malia Ikeda (Wahiawa Community Business Development); Nestor Muyot (Whitmore Community Association); Doug Aton (Wahiawa Community Business Association); Videographer (DVDmodo); and Stephen Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### **FIRST RESPONDER MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** — Captain Timothy Rapoza reported the following:

- **January 2016 Fire Statistics:** There were 0 structure fires, 0 wildland/brush fires, 1 nuisance fire, 0 cooking fires, and 9 activated alarms. There were 62 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle collision with pedestrian, 11 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 0 mountain rescues, 0 ocean rescues, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- **Hiking Safety Tip:** HFD often responds to hikers who are lost or injured. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife, list the following safety tips:
  - Inform others about the plan to hike and to notify others with the name and location of the trail and the expected time to return from the hike. This information will give rescuers accurate information on where to start the search.
  - Plan the hike to include sufficient daylight.
  - Take a fully charged cell phone when going on a hike as HFD relies on phone contact when trying to locate a lost hiker or obtain any information regarding an injured hiker. If capable, HFD will use the phone's global positioning system (GPS) to obtain a general location.
  - When hiking, stay on the trail. Most accidents happen when hikers leave the established trail and disregard warning signs. Staying on the trail greatly reduces the chances of having a serious fall or getting lost. For more information, visit [www.dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation](http://www.dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **North Shore:** Francher asked if the Wahiawa Fire Station is involved in HFD activities occurring at the North Shore. Captain Rapoza answered in the affirmative.
2. **Hazardous Material Incident:** A community member asked what the hazardous material incident was. Captain Rapoza noted that he did not have that information.

At 7:04 p.m., Koch arrived at the meeting; **seven (7) members were present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) — Acting Lieutenant Dennis Ono reported the following:

- Total Calls for Service: There was a total of 4,082 calls for service.
- More Information: For more information about HPD, visit [www.HPD.org](http://www.HPD.org) or contact Sergeant Eli Walters for Community Policing Information at 723-8708.
- Safety Tip: Before leaving the residences, remember to lock the windows even if the residence will be vacant for a short time.
- Neighborhood Security Watch: The Wahiawa Community Policing Team is looking for volunteers interested in starting or joining an existing Neighborhood Security Watch. For more information, contact 723-8710.
- Traffic Safety Tip: With the elderly population growing, observe how elderly parents drive and consider if it is still safe for them to drive.
- Homeless near Freeway: Regarding the question about a homeless individual's activity of panhandling near the off-ramp of Kamehameha Highway, the individual's personal property was seized as evidence.
- Homeless Individual at Wahiawa Shopping Center: Regarding the question about the homeless individual at the Wahiawa Shopping Center, the individual was cited for drinking alcohol and was arrested on the account of three (3) active warrants.

At 7:08 p.m., Harvest arrived to the meeting; **eight (8) members were present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Homeless: Learmont asked if there has been any concerning incidences relating to the homeless. Acting Lieutenant Ono answered in the negative.
2. Karsten Thot Bridge: Resident Nestor Muyot commented about homeless individuals who cross the street unsafely near Karsten Thot Bridge and asked if HPD could do anything about the issue. Acting Lieutenant Ono answered that the homeless individuals may be residing on private property near Karsten Thot Bridge and therefore HPD does not have the authority to evict those individuals. Acting Lieutenant Ono added that motorists are normally at fault for hitting pedestrians in pedestrian incidences.
3. ALEA Bridge: Executive Director Joe Acosta from ALEA Bridge noted that he is a liaison with HPD regarding homeless advocacy. Executive Director Acosta noted that HPD will go through procedures to observe who is at fault regarding pedestrian incidences near Karsten Thot Bridge. Acting Lieutenant Ono suggested and will relay the advice that the contractors for Karsten Thot Bridge construction project could install more lighting fixtures around Karsten Thot Bridge.
4. Wahiawa Public Library: Chair Ishikawa read an email from the management of the Wahiawa Public Library, stating the problems they are encountering with the homeless population fronting the entrance to the library, on the California Avenue side near the bus stop. The library is requesting the bus stop be removed due to problems with individuals sitting or lying in front of the doorway, blocking the entranceway, leaving trash including alcoholic bottles, incidences of defecation, etc. The email also cited the noise from TheBus and TheBus stop announcements are heard through the windows located near the bus stop. The library cited that the Wahiawa Transit Center a half-block down the street so the bus stop fronting the library is unnecessary.. Acting Lieutenant Ono noted that HPD will monitor the situation. Executive Director Acosta noted that he speaks with the individuals near Wahiawa Public Library whenever possible.

At 7:16 p.m., Harvest departed from the meeting; **seven (7) members were present.**

## MONTHLY REPORTS

Board of Water Supply (BWS) — No representative was present; however, a BWS report was provided which Francher read:

- January 2016 Main Breaks: There were no main breaks for January 2016.
- Free Seed of the Month Program: BWS and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden will offer visitors free xeric dry seed or seedling of the month at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. The garden can be visited on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to receive a complimentary seed packet and an information sheet about the plant's origin, care, and interesting facts. For February 2016, visitors will received bird of paradise/crane follower seeds. Visitors will receive one (1) packet per household while supplies last. The garden is located at 99-1268 Iwaena Street.

- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops: BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden continue to offer Saturday workshops that highlight the concept of xeriscaping. These workshops offer creative ideas to help maintain a water efficient and attractive landscape while reducing the outdoor water use and reliance on harmful chemical pesticides. A full listing of xeriscape workshops is available at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Upcoming workshops include: Economical Aquaponics and Xeric Critters craft on Saturday, February 13, 2016; Benefits of Companion Gardening on Saturday, February 27, 2016; and Xeriscape 101 and Bokashi Composting on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

United States (US) Army — Captain Ramee Opperude reported the following:

- Lightning Forge: The 25th US Army Infantry Division thanks the local community for support and patience while the Division executed Lightning Forge. The exercise was a success.
- Proposed Power Plant on Schofield: The US Army has completed its environmental review of the Schofield Generating Station Project and announced its decision to proceed. The joint project between the US Army and Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) involves the US Army leasing land to HECO, for HECO to construct, own, operate, and maintain the plant. The plant will provide power to all of HECO's Oahu customers. For more information, visit, [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant).

United States (US) Navy — No representative was present; no report was provided.

## PRESENTATIONS

Wahiawa Pineapple Run Update — Dan Hallman reported the following:

- Wahiawa Pineapple Run Description: The 41st annual Wahiawa Pineapple Run will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 starting at 6:00 a.m. The route will be 10 Kilometers (K) or 6.2 miles long. The run will start and end at Kaala Elementary School. Parking will be available at the empty lot in Whitmore. Cost for registration of the run will be \$45 and will increase to \$60 on Saturday, May 14, 2016.
- Wahiawa Pineapple Run Progress: Permits and insurance applications have been processed and approved. Organizers of the run are anticipating about 800 to 1,000 runners to participate in the run. 20,000 flyers about the event have been posted throughout the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Maximum Participant Capacity: Chair Ishikawa asked for the maximum participant capacity the event could hold. Hallman answered that up to 2,500 runners could participate at the run.
2. Wahiawa Pineapple Festival: Lormand noted that in 2017, the Wahiawa Pineapple Festival would be held in conjunction with the Wahiawa Pineapple Run. Chair Ishikawa commented that many, many years ago, the Wahiawa Pineapple Festival used to be a weeklong event.

Group Living Facility at 360 California Avenue — Stanley Perpignan from Hope, Inc. presented the following: Group Living Facility Proposal: Hope, Inc. is proposing the operation of a 22 bed facility at 360 California Avenue for treatment of adult individuals suffering from diseases of addiction or mental health.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. About Hope, Inc.: Chair Ishikawa asked for more information about Hope, Inc. Perpignan answered that Hope, Inc. is a local homeless service provider that provides services such as outreach, day treatment, rehabilitation, and medical management. The group living facility at 360 California Avenue will be the first inpatient facility in Hawaii.
2. Patients: Learmont asked how the facility gathers patients. Perpignan answered that patients are sourced from various sources that asks for Hope, Inc.'s services. Bauer asked if patients will be housed permanently. Perpignan answered that the facility will be used for treatment and will be a 90 days step down program where patients will be treated for at the maximum of four (4) months.
3. Funds: Bauer asked how Hope, Inc. is funded. Perpignan answered that Hope, Inc. is both a non-profit and for profit entity. 90% of the funds are sourced from the insurance from clients.
4. Facility: Koch asked and Perpignan answered that the 360 California Avenue property was designed to be a treatment facility for 22 inpatients with 24 hours a day staffing. Perpignan added that patients cannot leave the program at-will.
5. Website: Koch asked and Perpignan answered that Hope, Inc.'s website is [www.hopehi.com](http://www.hopehi.com).
6. Project Timeline: Francher asked and Perpignan answered that the facility's open house will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016 and will start accepting patients shortly after.

7. Staffing Qualifications: Au asked and Perpignan answered that the qualifications for staff of the facility will vary by their degrees and experiences. Perpignan added that the floor staff will have at least an associate's degree.
8. Medical Staffing: Chair Ishikawa asked and Perpignan answered that there will be two (2) nurses staffed at the facility at all times and doctors will be on a rotation schedule. Chair Ishikawa asked if Wahiawa General Hospital will be partnering with Hope, Inc. with the facility work. Perpignan answered that Hope, Inc. is expecting to be able to work with the entire community.
9. Individuals without Insurance: Learmont asked what would happen to individuals who require treatment, but do not have the insurance. Perpignan answered that individuals without insurance will not be rejected from the facility. Hope, Inc. will work with those individuals so that the proper insurance resources can be obtained.
10. Funding Continued: Chair Ishikawa asked and Perpignan answered that Hope, Inc. is both nonprofit and for profit and some agencies in the umbrella of the organization are for profit. Perpignan answered that there are three (3) nonprofit entities within Hope, Inc. in Hawaii and the facility in Wahiawa will be nonprofit.
11. Cultural Programs: Dr. Palama asked and Perpignan answered that the facility will provide a holistic training approach for patients and will apply a Hawaiian based recovery program. Perpignan added that more information about the treatment program will be available at the open house.

Kamalani Academy — Kuuipo Laumatia, Principal Martha Evans, and Steve Davidson circulated a packet and presented the following:

- Kamalani Academy Fundamentals: Kamalani Academy will be a public charter school that will operate under a charter with the State Charter Commission. Tuition will be free and will be governed by an independent body. Kamalani Academy is serviced by an Educational Management Organization (EMO) and is partnered with Academica Nevada.
- Arts Integration Focus: Kamalani Academy will focus on the diversity cultures and will be an arts integrated public charter school. The curriculum is modeled after Pomaika'i Elementary School. Students will be able to construct and demonstrate an understanding through art form and engage in a creative process.

Question, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kindergarten to Eighth (8th) Grade: Francher asked and Laumatia answered that Kamalani Academy will be servicing from Kindergarten to Eighth (8th) Grade, but plans to extend teaching to up to the twelfth (12th) Grade.
2. Start of Service: Koch asked and Laumatia answered that Kamalani Academy is expected to start teaching classes in August 2017.
3. Disabilities Students: Koch asked if there will be accessibility of services for disabled students. Laumatia answered that Kamalani Academy will meet the requirements to 504 Plan regarding disabled students.
4. School Funding: Koch asked and Laumatia answered that a fee is provided to Academica Nevada and the income the school receives is from the allocation per student. Laumatia answered that an audit is done annually and the school will be open for enrollment for military family children.
5. Disclosure: Au noted that she assisted with Kamalani Academy by referring them the organizations to talk to for their Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
6. Lease: Francher asked and Laumatia answered that Kamalani Academy will be leasing the property from the Our Lady of Sorrows church and the issue was discussed in the past.
7. Influence: Chair Ishikawa asked Laumatia what influenced her into organizing the efforts to bring a public charter school to Wahiawa. Laumatia answered that she lived in Wahiawa and commented about the challenges in finding an academia that would accommodate the needs for her children. Steve Davidson added that a public charter school allows parents who cannot afford to send their children to a private school a chance for their children to receive a similar educational experience.
8. Students: Francher asked and Laumatia answered that in 2017, Kamalani Elementary School is looking to approve 250 students for the school year and looking at students from Kindergarten to Sixth (6th) Grade.
9. Curriculum: A community member asked if there is a website with details of the school's curriculum. Laumatia answered that the school's curriculum would be listed on the Hawaii Charter Commission's website.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:



62nd Annual Kunia Orchid Show: Chair Ishikawa announced that the 62nd Annual Kunia Orchid Show will be held at Leilehua High School from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016; and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2016.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative — Lori Kunioka reported the following:

- Group Living Facility: The Land Use Ordinance (LUO), does not prohibit a group living facility from sharing its access drive with other houses or zoning lots. The request is reviewed by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) as part of its evaluation of a CUP to allow a group living facility. The evaluation includes the adequacy of its access and other supporting infrastructure. If the address of the drive is adequate, then this may not be an adverse issue, but will need to be reviewed by the specific circumstances associated with the request, site, and the surrounding neighborhood. There is no record of a CUP having been issued to allow a group living facility at 1770 California Avenue; but there is an existing use permit which authorizes five (5) single-family dwellings on the zoning lot. An adult residential care home licensed by the State may operate with up to eight (8) residents, in addition to a resident manager, as a single-family dwelling use.
- Wahiawa District Park Handicap Parking Sign: A sign request has been submitted to replace the vandalized and faded handicap parking sign at Wahiawa District Park.
- Wahiawa District Park Ceiling Fans: The replacement ceiling fans for the Wahiawa District Park have been ordered and are awaiting shipment and installation.
- Unpaved Road Portion of Iliwai Drive: The City re-inspected Iliwai Drive and documented the additional depressions. The City will monitor the depressions and determine a plan of action as required.
- Carport at 1515 Royal Palm Drive: Inspection of the carport at 1515 Royal Palm Drive revealed that the carport is occupied and a notice of violation has been issued.
- Sinkhole at Loko Drive: A work order was sent to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) for the repair of the sink hole on Loko Drive.
- Bus Shelter in Front of Wahiawa Shopping Center: The bus shelter in front of Wahiawa Shopping Center will be removed by June 2016.
- Parking Meters on Center Street: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) does not have plans to install parking meters on Center Street.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Traffic Calming Request for Dole Street: Francher requested for traffic calming measures on Dole Street.
2. Bus Stop near Wahiawa Public Library: Chair Ishikawa asked for DTS to consider the removal of the bus stop near the Wahiawa Public Library and raised the concern of the amount of trash in the area.
3. No Parking on Uuku Street: Chair Ishikawa said she's received complaints requesting more enforcement of the "No Parking" signs at Uuku Street. Walkers complain they have to walk in the street. The requestors are also asking for more "No Parking" signs on Uuku, starting from the intersection of Glen Avenue up to California Avenue.
4. Crosswalk Request: Resident Nestor Muyot requested a crosswalk near the bus stop at Kulia Street. Ishikawa commented about the request being denied by DTS in the past.

Council Chair Ernie Martin — Heidi Tsuneyoshi circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Pine Street: Pine Street is a privately owned street.
- City's Budget: The City's Budget will be up for first hearing in March 2016.
- ALEA Bridge: Council Chair Martin's Office supports ALEA Bridge and their service to the community.
- Wahiawa Community and Business Association (WCBA) Annual Installation Dinner: Council Chair Martin emceed and attended the WCBA annual installation dinner that was held at Dot's on Thursday, January 21, 2016.
- 28th Annual Nikkei Civic Association Sakura Matsuri: Council Chair Martin attended the Wahiawa Nikkei Civic Association 28th Annual Sakura Matsuri.
- Cherry Blossoms Planted at Helemano Plantation: Council Chair Martin met with representatives from the Hawaii Cherry Alley Committee during the planting of cherry blossoms at Helemano Plantation. Susanna Cheung founded Helemano Plantation.
- Wahiawa Center for Community Health Check Award from Hawaii Pacific Health System: Council Chair Martin supports and congratulates Wahiawa Center for Community Health for their check award from Hawaii Pacific Health System at the Wahiawa Medical Building. Wahiawa Center for Community Health

began by the late US Senator Daniel Inouye, with a planning grant application which was awarded to Wahiawa and completed in August 2012.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Pine Street: Au asked if Pine Street will remain a private road. Tsuneyoshi noted that the construction occurring at Pine Street is under allowable use and to voice any concerns about the use of the road to DPP.
2. Island Power Project: Au commented about the Island Power project being three (3) stories tall and being built behind the Pine Street. Tsuneyoshi answered that a precise location of the project needs to be identified for the review of the permit. Representative Marcus Oshiro asked if the project is referring to the micro units development. Tsuneyoshi answered in the affirmative. Representative Oshiro raised a concern about traffic congestion.
3. Vehicle Collisions at Walker Avenue: Au raised a concern about the frequency of motor vehicle collisions occurring at Walker Avenue.
4. Two (2) Holes on Waena Street: Au commented about there being two (2) holes on Waena Street by the park side of the road.

Governor David Ige's Representative — First Deputy Attorney General Russell Suzuki circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Super Ferry: Governor Ige supports the idea of a Super Ferry and recommends that a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and proper protocols be observed if reviewed again.
- Preschool Open Doors (POD) Program: The last day to sign up for the Preschool Open Doors program with PATCH is on Thursday, March 31, 2016. For more information, visit [www.patchhawaii.org](http://www.patchhawaii.org).
- Hawaii State Hospital Ground Breaking Ceremony: The Hawaii State Hospital held its ground breaking ceremony on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Construction for a new hospital is on its way. \$150 million in lump sum is budgeted for the design and decommission of the hospital.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. State Office in Wahiawa: Francher asked for more information about a State Office being constructed in Wahiawa. First Deputy Attorney Suzuki answered that the building that Francher is referring to would be under the Hawaii State Judiciary and would need to be referred to them.
2. Homelessness: Learmont commented about the State's budget and asked if funding for the homeless problem will be allocated for Central Oahu.

Representative Marcus Oshiro — Representative Oshiro reported the following:

Representative Oshiro stated he did not have a report but is open to questions. He said he would follow up on the concerns no left turns entering Tamura's Market.

He also announced his next Town Hall Meeting: The next Town Hall meeting will be at the Wahiawa District Park Hale Koa Room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries: Bauer requested more information about medical marijuana dispensaries. Representative Oshiro noted that on Friday, April 15, 2016, eight (8) medical marijuana dispensaries in the State will be announced. Representative Oshiro noted his concerns about the process of applying to become a medical marijuana dispensary and noted his opposition towards a bill that allows nurses to issue certificates for individuals who are approved to take medical marijuana. Representative Oshiro added that for a vendor to dispense medical marijuana, the vendor has 60 days to disclose their intent to the Department of Health before retail sales or 30 days before the vendor starts to grow medical marijuana. Learmont noted her opposition to medical marijuana development in Wahiawa.
2. Medical Marijuana Vendor: Au asked and Representative Oshiro answered that some landowners may have an idea who leased land to medical marijuana vendors, but commented about there being possible strict confidentiality agreements.
3. Hawaii State Hospital: Chair Ishikawa commented about a bill in the City's budget to fund the State hospital. Hawaii State Hospital: Representative Oshiro commented that the State Hospital was failed to be funded and violated the rights of those who were incarcerated to be cared for by the State.
4. Weed and Seed Program: Tsuneyoshi asked and Representative Oshiro answered that medical marijuana dispensaries may conflict with the Weed and Seed program policy in the future.

5. Increase in the General Excise Tax (GET): A community member asked for more information about upcoming proposals for the increase in GET. Representative Oshiro noted that there are several bills relating to the GET including increases for Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), long term care, fuel tax for repairs to the highway. Representative Oshiro added that the State is working on improving the State procurement system to improve how federal funds are spent.
6. Smoke-Free Apartments: Lormand asked what would happen to smoke-free apartments if an individual is prescribed medical marijuana. Representative Oshiro noted that restricting the smoking of medical marijuana may conflict with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) policies.

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz — David Cho reported the following:

- Hawaii 3-to-6 Program: Senate Bill (SB) 3099 relating to the establishment of the Hawaii 3-to-6 program that appropriates funds for an after school program for students grade K-12. SB3099 was passed out of the Senate Committee of Education is to be heard in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Funding for program is as followed:
  - Phase 1: \$9,000,000 will be allocated for fiscal year 2016 to 2017 for middle schools.
  - Phase 2: \$11,000,000 will be allocated for fiscal year 2017 to 2018 for high schools.
  - Phase 3: \$1,000,000 will be allocated for fiscal year 2018 to 2019 for elementary schools.
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects: Kaala Elementary School was awarded \$377,000 for repairs and maintenance.
- Karsten Thot Bridge Hotline: For the Karsten Thot Bridge Hotline, contact 518-5176.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Hawaii 3-to-6 Program: Chair Ishikawa asked and Cho answered that the “3-to-6” signifies the time students are out of school.
2. Funds: Francher asked and Cho answered that the Department of Education (DOE) would be in control of the funds for the Hawaii 3-to-6 program.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS — There was no report at the time.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 25, 2016: **Francher moved and Koch seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of Monday, January 25, 2016. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (Aye: Au, Bauer, Francher, Ishikawa, Learmont, Lormand, and Manley-Koch; Nay: none; Abstain: none).**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bauer reported a remaining balance of \$180.26. The report was filed.

Chair's Report: Chair Ishikawa noted that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Conference of Chairs will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Call for Disclosure by Board Members who have Attended Meetings: Learmont and Au attended the cherry blossom planting at Helemano Plantation. Learmont noted that she attended the Wahiawa Health Center check presentation ceremony.

Proposed Development at 360 California Avenue: **Learmont moved and Bauer seconded to support the the proposal to establish a group living facility at 360 California Avenue to provide special treatment housing for adult individuals suffering from the diseases of addiction or mental health in the A-2 Medium Density Apartment District. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (Aye: Au, Bauer, Francher, Ishikawa, Learmont, Lormand, and Manley-Koch; Nay: none; Abstain: none).**

Kamalani Academy: **Au moved and Lormand seconded to support the proposal to develop Kamalani Academy, a charter school based on the Creative Arts, on the property of the Former Our Lady of Sorrows School Located at 1403-A California Avenue.**

Discussion Followed: Motion: Francher asked if the motion is to support the concept of the plan or to support the proposal of the development of the school at the location. Chair Ishikawa noted that the motion implies both the location and concept of the school.

**The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (Aye:** Au, Bauer, Francher, Ishikawa, Learmont, Lormand, and Manley-Koch; **Nay:** none; **Abstain:** none).

**Moped Resolution: Learmont moved and Au seconded to adopt the resolution requesting the Honolulu City Council and the Hawaii State Legislature to enact laws that reduce excessive moped noise.**

Discussion followed:

1. Excessive Moped Noise Ban: Learmont noted that there should be a ban on excessive moped noise.
2. Enforcement: Chair Ishikawa raised a concern about how the resolution will become enforceable.
3. Resident Complaints: Au commented about residents' with health issues various complaints about excessive moped noise.

**The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 3-3-1 (Aye:** Learmont, Lormand, and Manley-Koch; **Nay:** Bauer, Francher, and Ishikawa; **Abstain:** Au).

Committee Reports

- Education: Koch noted that Spring Break will be from Wednesday, March 16 to Thursday, March 24, 2016. Leilehua Project Graduation will be on Saturday, March 5, 2016. There will be a plantation fundraiser on Saturday, March 12, 2016.
- Military: There was no report at the time.
- Transportation: Francher noted that the next Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) will be on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.
- Water: There was no report at this time. Lormand requested for more information regarding the Ku Tree Reservoir.
- Hawaiian Affairs: There was no report at the time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting: The next Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26 regular meeting will be on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wahiawa Recreation Center's Hale Koa Building.
- "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day" Poster Contest 2016: The "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day" poster contest has begun and is open to all students, kindergarten through high school. Posters should depict the Hawaii tradition of placing a flower lei on each gravesite at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Memorial Day, in honor of our servicemen and women. Deadline to submit artwork is Friday, March 4, 2016 to the DPR, Kapolei Hale, 1001 Uluohiwa Street, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707. Call 768-3003 for more information.
- 88th Annual Lei Court Selection Event: The 88th Annual Lei Court Selection Event will be on Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at McCoy Pavilion, Ala Moana Regional Park. This event is free and open to the public. Contestants will display their Kumuhana o ka Lei (skills of lei making), Kulana Lei (poise and personality), 'Olelo Pelekane and 'Olelo Hawai'i (speaking skills in both English and the Hawaiian language), and Hula 'Auana (modern hula). Once selected, the Lei Court presides over the Lei Day festivities and are the City's Ambassadors of Aloha at various public events.
- Last Friday at Dot's Restaurant: Last Friday at Dot's Restaurant will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 and will host live band entertainment on the last Fridays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Three (3) live bands will be featured. Call 622-4115 for more information.
- AARP Provides Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service: There will be Free in-person tax preparation services, provided by AARP, from Wednesday, February 3, 2016 to Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Wahiawa Public Library; Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Movie Night at the Wahiawa Public Library: "Kid-Friendly Movies" are shown every Tuesday night at 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Wahiawa Public Library. Teen movies and family movies are also shown. Contact the library at 622-6345.
- The People's Open Market: The People's Open Market at Wahiawa District Park is held on every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Relley Araceley, Neighborhood Assistant  
Finalized and Reviewed by: Jeanne Ishikawa, Chair



**From:** [J. Koerte](#)  
**To:** [Commission Mail](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support -- Kamalani Academy  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:39:45 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent of two children who are currently fourth-graders at Mililani 'Ike Elementary School. I am submitting this e-mail to express my support for Kamalani Academy. I am hopeful that Kamalani's application will be approved, giving families a choice in quality public education. I feel that:

1. Kamalani will be a much-needed alternative to Mililani Middle School.

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's Act 167 addresses the negative impact of the middle school's multi-track system on the students' quality of education; however, the Act's planned construction of additional classrooms and transition away from multi-track is not expected to be complete until several years from now. At a community meeting that I attended in January 2016, I believe Senator Dela Cruz stated that projected completion is the year 2021.

Mililani community families who oppose multi-track, but cannot afford private school, have no other real option than to send their children to the middle school.

2. Kamalani will be a welcomed alternative way of learning, with arts integration.

I am sure that many parents, like me, will find this curriculum to be an exciting opportunity for their child's education.

I believe that Kamalani will be an excellent educational option which is sorely-needed, especially for the Mililani community.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration of this letter.

Regards,

Jana Koerte

[Redacted Signature]