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## ADC Board Community Meeting

I was able to work with the Chair of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Board of Directors to hold a community meeting in Whitmore Village so residents could comment on the permit process.

Following the August letters, I told ADC that many residents who received the letters were not engaging in illegal activities, but simply growing food to feed their families. ADC has since suspended its plans to clear the area and begun to create a process that will allow residents to continue gardening.



At the community meeting, ADC informed attendees that it currently allows a homeowner on Kauai to garden on 2,780 square feet of ADC land abutting the residence, and that a similar revocable permit would be provided to the affected homes in Whitmore Village. Permittees would be required to adhere to general terms and conditions, such as complying with county, state and federal laws and allowing ADC to inspect the area from time to time.

The ADC Board will discuss this item at a Special Meeting in Early December in Wahiawa. Pursuant to Sunshine Law, an agenda will be posted online six days prior to the meeting, so please track the agenda on the State of Hawaii's Calendar of Events website below.

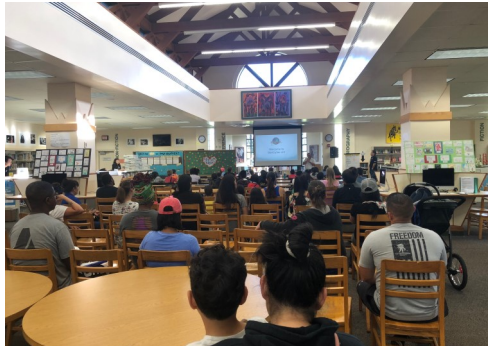
- <http://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/html/event>

ADC is leaving the comment period open until **Tuesday, November 27 at 9:00 am**. If you would like your comments provided to members of the Board please submit them by this deadline.

Finally, I ask you to remember that no residents are being evicted from their homes and that ADC's goal was to ensure public safety and health. At the request of seniors living in the Whitmore Circle Apartments, ADC began enforcement on Uwalu Circle to prevent illegal dumping, illegal activities, and trespassing on ADC lands. ADC was then directed by the Attorney General's Office to enforce the areas on Circle Mauka Street, Circle Makai Street, and N Circle Mauka Place. The intention was never to upset the community, but to uphold the law and prevent future complaints.



## *Leilehua Complex Hosts 1st GenCyber Jr. Camp*



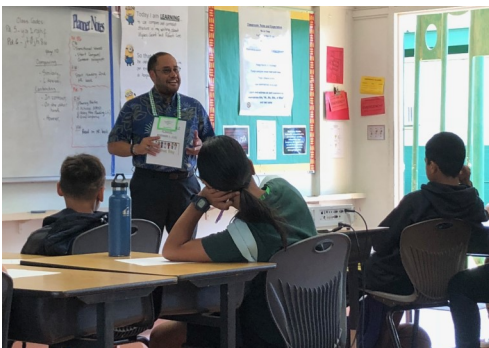
This week, Leilehua hosted the first ever GenCyber Jr. Camp for grade levels from 5 to 7. Thanks to the partnerships with the National Security Agency, the University of Hawaii, and the Department of Education, the GenCyber Jr. Camp is free to all students. The skills they learn over the three-day camp will help with building a workforce for the growing need in computer science and cybersecurity jobs. Whether they decide to enter the workforce or continue onto college, this program will help our students become globally competitive.

## *Community Day at Iliahi Elementary School*



Each year, the Lendlease Foundation chooses a project around the island that benefits local families. This year, I worked with the Foundation to host their Annual Community Day at Iliahi Elementary School. We gathered 30 volunteers who came together to power wash roofs, repaint walls, repair tables, and add hopscotch courts throughout the school.

## *Wahiawa Middle School Career Day*



I spoke at Wahiawa Middle School's Career Day to discuss the importance of participating in government and being a good citizen. Our students must remember that they should want the best for Wahiawa and Whitmore Village, and that their participation can really make a difference in our local community. Mahalo to Wahiawa Middle School for inviting me to speak with our keiki.