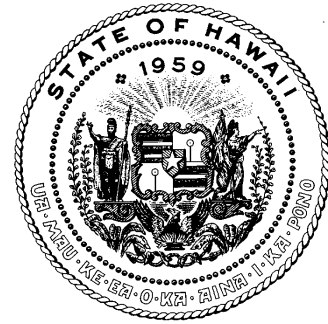


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Informational Meeting In Ewa Regarding the Planned \$100 Million Kroc Center

Ewa Beach, HI: Hawaii is one of the first national applicants to be awarded a Kroc Center from Joan Kroc the widow of Ray – founder of McDonald’s. The visionary center is to be a gathering place for children, youth, families and senior citizens providing opportunities for under-served youth, families and individuals to develop their potential through vigorous and rich participation in education, recreation, the arts and other activities. The center open to members and the general public, has been described as “a gift for generations to come.”

Some of the features highlighted in the plans of the center could include: Gymnasium, Swimming Pools, Recreation Ball Fields, Challenge Course & Rock Climbing Tower, Indoor Skate Park, Fitness Area, Life Enhancement & Family Support Programs, Theater for the Performing Arts, Teaching/Mentoring Area and Computer Lab, and an Internet-Based Library. Located just northwest of Ewa Villages, it could be open by 2010.

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