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Letter of Testimony

LAND USE COMMISSION AGENDA

JULY 19, 2017—2 P.M.

JULY 20, 2017 – 8:30 A.M.

**Maui Arts 7 Cultural Center, Morgado Meeting room
One Cameron Way, Kahului, Maui, Hawai'i 96732-1137**

July 17, 2017

Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic, Development & Tourism
State of Hawai'i
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804

Attn: Mr. Daniel E. Orodener

RE: A94-706 KA'ONO'ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Dear Commissioners:

Related to this agenda item, I write in support of development by Pi'ilani Promenade North, LLC and Pi'ilani Promenade South, LLC ("Project Site"), and about my knowledge of the lack of any traditional cultural practices on the Project Site.

My paternal great-great grandfather arrived in Hawai'i in about 1840. My family has owned Kaonoulu Ranch since 1916. I grew up on the Ranch and have lived there most of my life. I know the Ranch land well. Before he purchased the Ranch, my grandfather, Harold ("Pop") Waterhouse Rice and his family, lived in the Spreckelsville and Makawao area.

At one time, the Ranch spread over 10,000 acres. Throughout the years, ranch workers included those of Hawaiian, Portuguese and Chinese descent. My grandfather was fluent in Hawaiian. The portion of the Ranch that is now the 75-acre Project Site was sold in approximately 2005.

I began working on the Ranch when I was seven or eight years old. I am currently 79-years old. Cattle, horses and pigs were raised on the Ranch. The Project Site was used almost exclusively

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for cattle grazing, although any activity in that area was limited because the climate was extremely dry. The area is also very rocky.

In early 1942, the military began using Ranch land for training exercises, including firing weapons, beach assaults and mock combat. After World War II ended, clean-up activities continued for unexploded ordinance. The clean-up efforts continued until 1946 or 1947.

Since my family has owned the Ranch, there have been grass fires throughout the property, including the Project Site. Large tractors from the Ranch and elsewhere were used to construct firebreaks. After my grandfather granted an easement, large equipment was also used to install a 36-inch waterline across the Project Site from the northeast corner to the southwest corner. This was a major construction project.

The only trails that I have ever seen on the Project Site were either cattle or deer trails. In 1994, a rock with a petroglyph was located on the Project Site. The archeologist indicated that it could have been a trail marker, but also said that there did not appear to be any intact remnants of trails in the area of the petroglyph. The archeologist's conclusion is consistent with my own knowledge and observation – I have never seen or heard about any human trails across the Project Site.

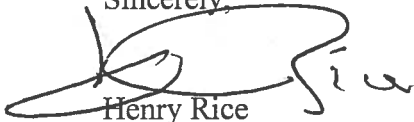
I have never seen or heard of anyone gathering anything from the Project Site, or requesting permission to gather anything from the Project Site.

I have never heard of any stories about the Project Site.

I have never seen or heard from anyone (including my grandfather) that traditional cultural practices occurred on the Project Site.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Rice". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail extending to the right.

Henry Rice