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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FIRST WIND GROUP'S
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A
PLANNED SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY IN PEARL CITY
AND WAIAWA**

WHEREAS, increasing local renewable energy productions greatly benefits Hawaii's economy, energy sustainability, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, utility-scale solar energy facilities can generate clean energy at significantly lower cost and with less environmental impact than conventional generation; and

WHEREAS, First Wind Solar Group has executed a purchase power agreement with Hawaiian electric to develop a 20-megawatt utility-scale solar energy generation facility known as "Mililani South Solar I"; and

WHEREAS, First Wind Solar Group has also been selected by HECO to develop two (2) other solar energy projects near Mililani, including the 15-megawatt "Mililani South Solar II" and the 47-megawatt "Waiawa Solar.", and

WHEREAS, these three (3) solar energy projects will save O`ahu residents approximately \$200 million on electricity over 20 years through federal tax credits if the projects are completed by 2016; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 supports First Wind's Mililani I, Mililani II and Waiawa Special Use Permit for solar energy projects, providing that the property is used for energy generation and remain in agricultural zoning, that the projects support compatible agriculture uses, and that the solar energy equipment is decommissioned and removed within 12 months of the conclusion of operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii; members of the Hawaii State Legislature; the Director of the Department of Agriculture; the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; all City Council members; the City and County of Honolulu Departments of Planning and Permitting; First Wind Solar Group; Castle & Cooke; all members of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; and all neighborhood board chairs.

Adopted by Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 at its regular meeting of November 25, 2014, by a unanimously vote of 9-0-0.

