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LAND USE COMMISSION  
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Subject; Hawaii Memorial Park Expansion Proposal

Pohai Nani residents live below the Hawaii Memorial Park and will be directly impacted by future construction and changes. I represent the views of many of my Pohai Nani residents.

I wish to speak against the approval for a change of zoning for a small area within the the Park from Conservation to Urban.

1. This area was designated a conservation area some years ago in order to protect the landscape from erosion, and flooding. This reasoning still remains for the area as a conservation area.
2. The proposed EIS is seeking more space for burial purposes for hopefully the citizens of Hawaii. I have not determined any limitation to Hawaii residents only. The Hawaii Business Magazine in 2016 published an article indicating that ground burial is and has become an outdated method of burial. Cremation or "paddle out" services are increasingly common and popular. In addition, alternative areas are still available elsewhere.
3. Space. Oahu is an island with limited land available for burial purposes. Burial customs must adjust and change.
4. The proposed EIS does not address the issue of global warming. The containment measures for waterflow, the threat of flooding has reached far greater degrees. In short, it seems that containment is beyond the realm of the possible.
5. The proposal describes a period of construction of about 16 months. This construction will involve grading and removal of soils and plants and construction of some new buildings to service the sites. Huge construction equipment will be involved and the original terrain will be reconstructed and changed. Construction alone can impact the endangered damsel fly though space has been added. The construction activity could well impact the Hawaiian Heiau sites. Simply the heavy vehicle travel and the dirt can impact the air quality. Risk too is the land itself which has preserved and protected will be destroyed. The risk is real.

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Sincerely,



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Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion Project  
Kaneohe District, Oahu, Hawaii  
(1) 4-5-033 por. 0001 (Private Property)

Dear Sir,

I am responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) of August 30, 2018 and published for the subject project with intent to solicit public review and comments on the project. I also understand that a petition was submitted to the Land Use Commission by the Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd. to reclassify the boundaries of the State Land Use Conservation District into the State Urban District of about 53.5 acres of their private property covering Tax Map Key No. (1)-4-5-033: por. 001. This will allow the petitioner to expand their cemetery to 28 acres for a 30,000 in-ground burial and cremation inurnment site on their current 80 acres of cemetery operations. The remaining 25 acres of the petitioned 53.5 acres will be used for internal roadways, 150-foot buffer between the homes of the neighboring community and the proposed cemetery, the

construction of retention walls to prevent the rapid flow of storm waters, and the isolation and protection of a recently discovered Hawaiian Damselfly seepage habitat.

I am also aware that due to concerns, complaints and opposition to the initial 2007 and 2009 HMP Cemetery expansion plans, the current revised and down scaled 2017 DEIS HMP Cemetery Expansion Project has compromised and addressed the environmental and cultural impacts of the earlier proposals. I would like to comment that as a Hawaiian cultural practitioner and an environmental educator who has worked to conserve and restore the natural and cultural resources in Kailua (Kawainui-Hamakua wetlands and in Maunawili Valley), on Kaho'olawe Island and other places, I was opposed to the HMP 2007-2009 cemetery expansion plans. In the late 1990's with the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club and with then City Councilman Steve Homes, I assisted in restoring Kawa'ewa'e Heiau because of its relationship origins to Ali'i Olopana who also founded Pahukini and Holomakani heiau in Kailua.

I am pleased that the HMP Petitioner incorporated into the DEIS HMP Cemetery Expansion Project the recommendations to designate 130 acres as a Conservation Easement and 14.5 acres as a cultural preserve for a total of approximately 145 acres where no urban type of development can occur in perpetuity but only preservation, conservation and restoration projects can occur, such as, removing alien invasive foliage and replacing with Hawaiian endemic and indigenous trees and vegetation. This also includes a 2,000-foot buffer zone between the Pohai Nani Retirement Facility and the proposed cemetery burial ground. It is significant that an entry pathway can be from the proposed cemetery roadway thus avoiding the current entry to Kawa'ewa'e Heiau from Lipalu St.

As current residents at the Pohai Nani Good Samaritan Retirement Community in Kaneohe since March 2017, my wife Clara Burrows and I (Charles K. Burrows) support the petition for the HMP Cemetery Expansion Project to have the LUC reclassify the conservation zoning to urban zoning on their 53 acres property providing that the FEIS uses the Best Management Practices in its development and that the community, environmental and cultural concerns are adhered to.

We will with the Pohai Nani resident community follow the process towards the development of the final EIS and participate in the LUC's public hearing to offer further responses and input.

As the current chair of the Pohai Nani Green Team, I will be recommending that the Pohai Nani Green Team and/or Ka Hui o Pohai Nani (Resident Association) submit a written statement with justified reasons to support or oppose the HMP Cemetery Expansion Project.

When the Land Use Commission makes its decision to approve or disapprove the HMP cemetery expansion petition at a date in 2019, then the Pohai Nani Green Team could take the following actions:

\*If the petition is not approved by the LUC, then it will remain at the current conditions. I will recommend that the Pohai Nani residents and administration support the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club morally, monetarily and physically in the efforts to malama (care for) Kawa'ewa'e Heiau with HMP.

\*If the petition is approved by the LUC, I will recommend that the Pohai Nani Green Team take the lead with the Pohai Nani Administration and Ka Hui o Pohai Nani to have a partnership with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and the HMP to malama part of the property (number of acres to be determined) adjacent to Pohai Nani to construct walking trails, remove alien invasive trees and plant Hawaiian endemic and indigenous trees and plants which the Pohai Nani Green Team is currently doing at Pohai Nani as part of its environmental sustainability concept landscape plan.

Our mahalo and appreciation for the planning that has been done by HHF, the advisory consultants and Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd. to develop this latest DEIS HMP Cemetery Expansion Project.

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