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Aloha Ron,

I have mailed today, Oct. 23, 2109, hardcopies of my comments to the DEIS HMP Cemetery Expansion Project, to your HHF Planners Office and to Scott Derrickson at the LUC.

I'm attaching what I have sent as a backup for your review and files.

I appreciated your mailing me a hardcopy of the DEIS HMP Cemetery Expansion Project which I have shared with others at Pohai Nani.

We have had two educational and information presentations at Pohai Nani for the residents here as well as in the neighboring community. Having Scott and Trisha giving an overview of the DEIS HMP Cemetery plan and having a Q&A hopefully would result in more responses to the DEIS. We from this community are looking forward to the final EIS and a public hearing at the LUC on this issue.

Mahalo,
Chuck "Doc" Burrows

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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.

Dr. Charles K. and Clara Burrows, Pohai Nani residents

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