

October 22, 2018

Mr. Ronald A. Sato, AICP, Senior Associate  
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Dear Mr. Sato:

I am writing to you in regards to the Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion Project. I live on Ohaha Street and will be directly affected by this expansion. I oppose the project because of several concerns that I have about the expansion. My main concerns are: the noise and dust that will be stirred up during your grading of the hillside and then filling in the trenched areas with soil and rocks to make it flatter and more suitable for burying the deceased, flooding and run off, and destruction of the natural flora and fauna and green space of this beautiful hillside which is deemed Preservation and Conservation land.

I own 2 plots in Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery – 1 of which I chose to have my parents interred in (both my mother and father are buried there now) and the other is vacant. I also own 4 plots at Mililani Memorial Park which are also vacant. I know longer have use for my 5 vacant plots since my husband and I choose to be cremated upon our passing. I have several relatives and friends who also have plots at Hawaiian Memorial Park who also wish to be cremated and NOT interred into the ground. I honestly cannot remember when was the last time that I attended a funeral where there was a body on view then interment into the ground. I have several questions to HHF:

1) You say that there is a need for more land to bury our deceased and that is why you need to expand the cemetery and destroy our hillside. **Has your company and Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery considered the number of people who own plots and don't plan to use it for themselves and want to sell them to others who may want to bury someone who is not cremated? Did you send out a letter to those who own plots currently not used and ask them what they plan to do with their plots?**

2) I understand that there is a limit as far as how many bodies/cremated remains can be buried in one plot at Hawaiian Memorial Park. **If I wanted to put 10 urns in a burial plot (plus or minus a casket), whose management decision would it be to allow that? What are the "rules" for the number of urns that can be placed into one plot (with or without a casket)?**

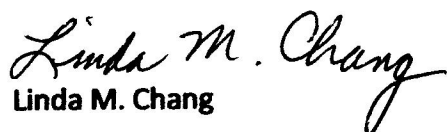
3) My husband has COPD and often needs nebulizer treatments when he starts wheezing badly or has shortness of breath. This is exacerbated by dust, dander, pollen, vog, and respiratory illnesses. **How do you plan to control the dust and tree, grass, and weed pollen that will be disturbed and will be dispersed by the wind? We actually live downhill from the proposed expansion area and are very much concerned about my husband's respiratory condition and how it will be affected by the construction.**

4) I'm really worried about the possibility of water overflowing from the proposed "retention ponds" that I understand you will be putting in. This is, as I understand, supposed to prevent water run off down the hillside and flooding. The wai will flow where it naturally wants to go. Kane'ohe and in particular, this hillside where you plan to expand the cemetery, is lush and green for a reason – it rains a lot! Dengue fever is a concern with any potentially stagnant bodies of water.

**What guarantees do I have from you that my home and the homes immediately below this expansion area will NOT be flooded and will NOT be in danger from water run off when it rains? Further, what are you going to do to control the mosquitoes that you will be "incubating" in these ponds? If flooding or a landslide should happen, will I be compensated for any damage that occurs?**

I look forward to your responses to my questions. You can address your responses to:  
Ms. Linda M. Chang; 45-431 Ohaha Street; Kane'ohe, HI 96744.

Mahalo for your time,

  
Linda M. Chang

Cc: Mr. Scott Derrickson, Land Use Commission