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To Ron Sato, HHF Planner

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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 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 The Hawaii Business Magazine in 2016 published an article indicating that ground burial is and has become an outdated method of burial.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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Never be afraid to sit awhile and think. - Lorraine Hansberry

Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And, we are all mortal.

~ John F. Kennedy