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**Subject: Support for Request by Hawaiian Memorial Park for Boundary
Amendment**

Aloha Chair Jonathan Scheuer, First Vice Chair Nancy Cabral, and
Second Vice Chair Aaron Mahi,

My name is Rene Mansho and am expressing my support for the boundary amendment request by Hawaiian Memorial Park.

My family has appreciated the valuable memorial and funeral services over the past six decades, and we are hoping to continue to rely on their kokua for our future generations. Hawaii is such a unique and special place, and the beauty of our Windward region is a source of pride on how the environment has thrived through the years. That valuable open space is a treasured green belt that needs to be preserved through the efforts of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Ohana.

Putting on my community volunteer hat, I am in awe of the active financial and manpower support that the Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP) Ohana provides to a multitude of communities island wide. For the past 15 years, I coordinated the Aloha `Aina Earth Day and current monthly Going Green Recycling Community Clean Up Project, and HMP has been an environmental partner in providing lunch for all the volunteers at all of the events for the past 10 years. The communities really cherish their partnership.

Last year, I was part of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Project sponsored by WWII Medal of Honor recipient Woody Hershel Williams and the HMP Ohana, to honor veterans and the family members left behind by their heroes who died while serving in active duty. The families were very touched and thank me whenever I see them for "remembering them" over the years.

In fact, I have attended many funeral services at Hawaii Memorial Park and Borthwick Mortuary for our first responders policemen, firemen, ambulance and military personnel who died while still in active service, and I was so surprised that the services were being provided at no cost to the family, but as a gift of their appreciation for their service. What an amazing business to be able to offer that vital service.

More recently, I was asked to help the American Veterans of Hawaii with funeral arrangements for a 35-year old veteran who was murdered and had no family here, and was in need of a Buddhist memorial service. The HMP Ohana offered their assistance and once again a grieving family's needs were supported.

I have attended presentations and am impressed with their outreach efforts to address the residents' concerns regarding environmental and conservation impacts, Native Hawaiian cultural respect and preservation measures, and just being willing to sit and listen with the local neighborhoods.

Please allow Hawaii Memorial Park to continue their future plans to assist the families of Hawaii as they work to manage and maintain this valuable asset for our Hawaii families and the Windward community.

Sincerely,



Rene Mansho
Volunteer Coordinator for Going Green Recycling Community Clean Up