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KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 23, 2019

To: Chair and Members
Land Use Commission

From: Leialoha Kaluhiwa, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Alice P. Hewett, Immediate Past President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Re: Proposed Expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery – SUPPORT



Aloha, Chair and Members of the Commission:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for the proposed expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery.

In past years, our members have debated the proposed expansion and deliberated over changes made to mitigate potential impacts of the project, particularly on Kawaewae Heiau and drainage issues for the neighboring community.

Because we feel the company has made good-faith efforts to address these concerns, and because our members are concerned that the existing capacity of the cemetery is approaching its limits, our members voted to support the expansion.

We should also note that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, at its 2018 convention held on Kauai, passed a resolution in support of the cemetery expansion and preservation of Kawaewae.

We are committed to working with Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery on its efforts to preserve the heiau.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana'o.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2018 – 37

SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KAWA‘EWA‘E HEIAU CULTURAL PRESERVE AS PART OF THE HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL PARK CEMETARY PLAN AND THE EXPANSION OF THE CEMETARY TO PROVIDE BURIALS SPACES FOR ISLAND FAMILIES

WHEREAS, Kawa‘ewa‘e Heiau is located on Kawa‘ewa‘e ridge in the ‘ili of the same name, in the ahupua‘a of Kāne‘ohe; and

WHEREAS, the heiau is believed to have been built by Chief Olopana as a Kū heiau centuries ago, and subsequently also used as an agricultural heiau dedicated to the god Lono; and

WHEREAS, during his visits to the Ko‘olaupoko moku, Chief Olopana stopped at Kawa‘ewa‘e Heiau to rest and to receive requests for help or judgment on various matters in the region; and

WHEREAS, the site is legendary as a wahi kapu where Olopana and Kamapua‘a met in conflict in ancient times; and

WHEREAS, after the great epidemics of the 19th century, when many of the people who cared for this heiau were stricken with fatal illnesses, there came a time where there was no one left to mālama this wahi kapu; and

WHEREAS, in addition, following the death of Kamehameha I and due to the influence of Ke Ali‘i Ka‘ahumanu, the people were forbidden to follow the teachings of the priests; and

WHEREAS, in modern times, with the emergence of western society in island communities, the heiau complex lands fell into other hands and were used for cattle grazing and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, nearby residents of the Pikoiloa tract re-discovered the heiau in the 1990s and began efforts to clear and raise awareness of its presence; and

WHEREAS, both the Ko‘olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club have given of their service and time to mālama this wahi kapu over the years; and

WHEREAS, the property was acquired by Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery in 1983 as a potential area for development of burial spaces; and

WHEREAS, the landowners have subsequently decided that, as part of the cemetery's proposed expansion, a cultural preserve should be established to incorporate Kawa'ewa'e heiau complex; and

WHEREAS, the landowner has begun meetings with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club to plan for establishment of the cultural preserve, including the setting aside of 100 Native Hawaiian burial spaces; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the expansion area would be placed into a conservation easement managed by the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust to preserve the cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the cultural preserve would be placed under the management of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club for cultural and educational purposes that would benefit the club and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, this cultural preserve would be included as part of the cemetery's plan to expand burial spaces available to the general public in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, this project becomes a model whereby private companies and Hawaiian Civic Clubs can work cooperatively to develop ways to give the management of lands and cultural resources to kūpuna, Hawaiian practitioners, and Hawaiian communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 59th Annual Convention in Kalapaki, Kaua'i, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of 'Olepau, this 17th day of November 2018, supporting establishment of the Kawa'ewa'e Heiau cultural preserve as part of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery plan and the expansion of the cemetery to provide burials spaces for island families; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu City Council, the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, as well as the President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all other County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of 'Olepau on the 17th day of November 2018, at the 59th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Kalaniki, Kaua'i.


Annelle C. Amaral, President



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DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2019
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Kaneohe Bay View Golf
Course

**TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEM IV: A17-804 HAWAII MEMORIAL LIFE
PLAN, LTD. (Oahu)**

TO THE HONORABLE JONATHAN SCHEUER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS
OF THE LAND USE COMMISSION:

The Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368 represents 5000+ members across the State of Hawaii and is largest construction union in the Nation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of Hawaiian Memorial Park's petition to expand its cemetery and establish a cultural preserve on 53.45 acres within the petitioned area. This project will benefit the community not only by establishing a cultural preserve in partnership with the Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club, but will also protect 156.5 acres of privately-owned conservation land by placing it in a conservation easement with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust to ensure no further development. Additional benefits from this project include implementation of storm mitigation measures for this area, protection of cultural sites by securing the area through fencing, and providing an adequate minimum 150-foot buffer between the homes and cemetery.

The Hawaii Laborers' Union believes that Hawaiian Memorial Park has adequately addressed community concerns and therefore supports its petition to amend the Conservation Land Use District Boundary and acceptance of their final Environmental Impact Statement.

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**Subject: Support for Final EIS for Boundary Amendment from Conservation to Urban
A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd. Oahu**

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 Life Plan, Ltd., mainly due to their active support for on-going valuable community service projects.

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 16 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 11 years. The communities really cherish their partnership. In fact new organizations contact me to get on our schedule- Aikahi Elementary School, Kawananakoa Middle School and Nuuanu Congregational Church Earth Day have joined us.

Last month, I helped to coordinate the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument 1-Year Anniversary, 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, the Royal Hawaiian Band insists on being a part of this annual ceremony.

While most folks do not know that free funeral services at Hawaii Memorial Park and Borthwick Mortuary are offered for our first responders policemen, firemen, ambulance and military personnel who died while still in active service, it is a priceless gift for families.

Last year, 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.

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. They will continue to be good neighbors and exemplary stewards of the land.

Sincerely,

Rene Mansho

Rene Mansho
Volunteer Coordinator for Going Green Recycling Community Clean Up



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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2019
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Kaneohe Bay View Golf Course
Bay View Banquet Hall
45-285 Kaneohe Bay Drive
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

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