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Aloha, why are we going thru this again?

The entire community is against this and successfully blocked the rezoning in 2009, what part of NO doesn't HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL understand?

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL TO DEVELOP ON
CONSERVATION LAND!

Their Texas owners only want to sell plots to make money, they do not care about this island or the people living here. If they need so much expansion, why did they sell so much of their land to create the Veteran's Cemetery? Because they are greedy and only care about money, that's why!

Are you going to rezone Punchbowl so they can bulldoze the rest of that crater rim to expand that cemetery?

Are you going to rezone Diamond Head so they can bulldoze that crater to build a cemetery?

This is not a request to build a telescope on a bare mountain that can be removed later, once HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL expands the cemetery they won't be able to remove the people buried there. Just because the Texas owners of HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL say they have to expand to sell plots, doesn't mean there is a public demand for those plots. The majority of funerals we have attended in the last 30+ years have been cremations where the ashes do not go to a cemetery!

We get a LOT of rain in Pikoiloa. There is not a Engineer on this planet that can guarantee the cemetery expansion plan won't cause mud flows and flooding into our neighborhood. We are now getting 100year rains every year, look at the Pali landslides and mud flows, the Likelike sinkhole, flooding on all neighbor islands as examples of how Engineering this expansion will NOT protect our neighborhood from mud flows and flooding, no matter how much the Texas owners of HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL pay Engineering companies to state otherwise!

Then there's the fact that our mountains of Pikoiloa are a living breathing forest of streams, trees, birds, and other animals. Who rezones rainforests already classified as conservation land to allow bulldozing and clear cutting these days? Everybody is complaining about how the Earth is losing rainforests and the climate change it causes. We are now being told to plant trillions of trees to offset global warming and climate change! But these greedy Texas owners want to bulldoze this entire rainforest. This island has thousands of acres of fields where sugar and pineapples were grown, those fields are not rainforests so they can buy that land and sell plots. Please do NOT rezone our mountain!

OR, please rezone our mountain to Protective Conservation Land so we never have to go through this process again!

With Sincere Aloha,
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Below is written testimony I submitted to the Land Use Commission of the State of Hawaii meeting at WCC on 3/6/2009;

Why are we even here?

How can there be a process to rezone Conservation Land?

If anything this 56.6 acres of land that SCI-Hawaii Memorial Life Plan LTD wants to rezone (Tax Map Key 4-5-33:01) should be rezoned to Protective Conservation Land so we never have to go through this process again.

46% of the land in Hawaii is zoned for Ag and most if it is not near any homes, why don't they use Ag land for cemetery expansion? They should have bought Mililani Memorial Park if their business plan required expansion, there are millions of acres of wasted Ag land over there!

I have lived on Oahu since 1964 and in Pikoiloa for 20 years.

I have seen a lot of growth since then, some acceptable, some unacceptable, all of it subject to zoning and engineering.

I remember how Salt Lake Crater and Red Hill were carved away to extend the H1 freeway, this was acceptable since it was a barren hillside with very little vegetation.

Does anybody remember why there is a huge dam at Hoomaluhia Park? It was built after people died in their homes downstream during heavy rains. Zoning and Engineering caused those deaths.

There have been a lot of floods in recent years. That valley in Hawaii Kai, duck lane in Kailua, Niu Valley Manoa Valley, and during the 47 day rain 2 years ago the house on Namoku St. was on the 6 o'clock news showing flood water running thru the back door and out the front door, that house is down the street from us.

They all have the common excuse, no one could have designed or engineered for these 100 year floods, proof that you can't engineer our mountain for 100 year floods. Everybody involved in this EIS has underestimated the rain in Pikoiloa. In the 20 years that I have lived here we have been getting more rain recently, we have had 100 year rains this year and 2 years ago, nobody can engineer for that, nobody can guarantee the we won't have flooding problems, but I can guarantee that we won't have additional flooding problems if the land is kept the way it is and zoned as protective conservation Land.

The Board of Water Supply is constantly warning us about water usage, I can guarantee that our mountain contributes water to the aquifer, I can also guarantee that this expansion plan will cause more runoff and reduce contribution to the aquifer, I find it interesting that nobody is concerned about this issue, our mountain has heavy vegetation as indicated in their petition for rezoning, proof that it is a rain forest that contributes to the Oahu aquifer.

Does anybody here golf? Ok but do you golf at Olomana? What a waste, a beautiful mountainside seen from many scenic outlooks scared for life, this is unacceptable.

Our house shakes 6 days a week at 130pm when Ameron uses dynamite on the other side of our mountain, thankfully the dump has been closed and we no longer have to put up with the sour smells, our mountain has been through enough abuse, enough already!

We the people of Kaneohe do not want our mountain scared forever.

State of Hawaii employees serve the community, not mainland companies.

The people that came before us had the knowledge and wisdom to classify this area as Conservation Land, it needs to remain that way.

Why are we even here?

The fact that a process exists to rezone conservation land is just wrong!

With Aloha,

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LUC Agenda Item IV

To consider Petition to Amend the Conservation Land Use District Boundary into the Urban Land Use District for Approximately 53.449 acres of Land at Kane’ohe, Island of O’ahu, State of Hawaii TMK (1)4-5-033:por 001

Aloha Esteemed Members of the Hawaii State Land Use Commission,

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC), Mokupuni (Island) of Kakuhihewa (O’ahu), and the Moku of Ko’olaupoko which encompasses the Ahupua’a of He’eia, Kaneohe, Kailua, Mokapu, Waimanalo, Kahaluu, Waihe’e, Kaalea, Waihole, Waikane, Hakipuu, and Kualoa, we offer testimony **in strong support** of the petition to **Amend the Conservation Land Use District Boundary Into the Urban Land Use District for Approximately 53.449 acres of Land at Kane’ohe, Island of O’ahu, State of Hawaii TMK (1)4-5-033:por 001**

The Hawaii State Aha Moku is the direct result of The Kapa’akai O Ka Aina vs. the Land Use Commission, Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii 2000. Its focus then, is the same focus now – “To develop appropriate lands within the area in a manner that is compatible with an open space character and sensitive to the sustained use of neighboring areas for traditional cultural practices” (No. 2-Findings of Fact); “to preserve and manage sustainable resources within the area to ensure their availability to future generations” (No 3-Findings of Fact), and “To protect fragile and sensitive areas and sustainable resources from overuse and degradation” (No 5-Findings of Fact).

We strongly support the recommendations of Trisha Kehaulani Watson, CEO of Honua Consulting, that 156 acres could be designated as a Conservation Easement where no development can ever occur but only the restoration of the landscape into a native forest. This would protect the Kawa’ewa’e Heiau complex that can be restored for Hawaiian cultural practices.

We are part of Ko’olaupoko and support the Ko’olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club who are now the cultural curators of Kawa’ewa’e Heiau.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku, coming out of the Kapa’akai Hawaii Supreme Court Case was formed by over 200 expert cultural practitioners, kupuna and generational descendants of the Hawaiian culture specifically to support the efforts of the people in the 46 moku of the Pae’aina of Hawaii. The President of the Ko’olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Kupuna Rocky Kaluhiwa and her late husband, Jerry Kaluhiwa were two of the authors of the Hawaii State Aha Moku bill, Act 288, SLH 2012. **We support this petition, and urge this Commission to Accept it.**

Respectfully yours,

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