Land Use Commission  
Dept. of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
State of Hawaii  
235 S. Beretania Street #406  
Honolulu, HI  96813

Honorable Members of the Land Use Commission:

I am unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Please allow me to submit this email urging denial of the development application for consideration.

We have lived in the Pikoiloa Subdivision of Kaneohe for 48 years, at this same address on Nakuluai Street. The clay-like soil that makes up our hillside subdivision cannot absorb much water. The recent almost freaky rains poured so much water on our property.

Attached is a photo, taken on February 19, 2018, at 2:42 p.m., of the rain water at the egress of the drain to show that the threat of damage to our home is real. The two egress points above the French drain are for swales that we installed shortly after we moved in in 1972. With the climate changing, they soon became inadequate, and we were fearful that every heavy rain would result in damage to our home. Thus, the French drain was installed in 2008. It is impossible to enlarge it. Note that the water seems “clear” rather than muddy. This is because the rain water did not have a chance to touch the soil at all, running across the grass before entering the drain.

With the changing climate, increasing downpours, and the possibility of development above our homes producing more runoff, we are afraid that the French drain may not be sufficient to protect our property.

Please do not rezone the conservation land nor allow more development of the Hawaiian Memorial Park.

Thank you for considering my plea.
Yours truly,

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LAND USE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:   Wednesday, January 22, 2020
TIME:   9:00 a.m.
PLACE:  Koolau Ballrooms & Conference Center
        45-550 Kionaole Rd, Kaneohe, Hi 96744

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

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

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers’ Union, Local
368, its 5000+ members and its 250+unionized contractors. The Laborers’ Union is the largest
construction union in the Nation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of Hawaiian Memorial Park’s petition to
amend the Conservation Land Use District Boundary into the Urban Land Use District for
approximately 53.45 acres of land. This amendment would allow the establishment of a 14.5
acre cultural preserve 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.

Hawaii LECET believes that Hawaiian Memorial Park has adequately addressed community
concerns and therefore supports its petition to amend the Conservation Land Use District
Boundary.