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Written Testimony before the

STATE LAND USE COMMISSION

June 9 and 10, 2020

**RE: A17-804, Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, LTD.**

Chair Scheuer and Members of the Land Use Commission:

Trees for Honolulu's Future is a non-profit organization with a vision for a tree-filled island that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change.

We oppose the above-referenced boundary amendment action. Trees create multiple benefits well documented by research. Trees create shade and use evapotranspiration to lower temperature. Trees also recharge groundwater and decrease surface runoff protecting our reefs. Trees trap pollutants and store CO2.

While some may argue that the trees in the subject area are not "special" and the vast majority are introduced species, they do have value. The proposed action would remove large swaths of forested land and transform it into manicured lawn for the purposes of a cemetery expansion. In the process our community will lose all of the positive contributions to our environment and human health that trees provide.

The LUC wisely rejected the Applicant's petition in 2009. We ask that the LUC reject it again in 2020.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Dinell', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Daniel Dinell  
President

**HONOLULU is HOT TREES are COOL**

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