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From: Pane Meatoga, III <pane@hoeisf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:27 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for
Attachments: LUC- Docket A17-804 - Hawaii Memorial Park- Sept 22.pdf

Aloha,

Please find our testimony in support of the Hawaii Memorial Life Plan petition for a district boundary amendment, for tomorrow 's LUC meeting for agenda number four (see below).

IV. CONTINUED HEARING AND ACTION

A17-804 HAWAII MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN, LTD (O`AHU) Petition for district boundary amendment Consider Petition To Amend The Conservation Land Use District Boundary Into The Urban Land Use District for Approximately 53.449 acres of Land at Kāne`ohe, Island of O`ahu, State of Hawai`i TMK (1) 4-5-033: por . 001

I will not be attending the meeting to add oral testimony.

Mahalo,

Pane Meatoga III
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Testimony of Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

State of Hawaii Land Use Commission Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Docket A17-804

Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan

September 22, 2020

Dear Land Use Commissioners:

My name is Pane Meatoga III and I am the Community Liaison representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 3500 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF appreciates the Land Use Commission (LUC) resuming the evidentiary hearings for the Hawaiian Memorial Park's (HMP) proposed expansion.

HMP has made good faith efforts to address cultural and environmental concerns and expressions of public sentiment regarding this project. For example, HMP will establish a 14.5-acre cultural preserve for the protection of the Kawaewae Heiau and a conservation easement precluding future development. It will also implement a voluntary management plan to protect the habitat for endangered damsel flies. Indicative of HMP's commitment to community concerns, a recent HMP poll found that 64% of Oahu resident's support HMP's expansion plans with only 7% in opposition.

Hawaii like all of the United States of America, is in an economic recession due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With over 220,000 unemployed Hawaii residents, now is the time to expedite dockets that will provide local jobs and solid investments for the people of Hawaii. This project and the due diligence executed by the HMP to address all concerns of the immediate community and the demands the state has for burial plots, should move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to testify in support of this project.

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: jkimura@hawaiiilecet.org
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:33 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Cc: 'Shane Peters'; 'BL'
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Agenda Item IV Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan
Attachments: 09-23-20.LUC.Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan.pdf

Aloha,

Attached please find testimony for tomorrow's LUC meeting.

Mahalo,

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LAND USE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Zoom Webinar Virtual Meeting

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:

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 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.

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 and acceptance of their final Environmental Impact Statement.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

September 16, 2020

Land Use Commission

Re: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd

Position: SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral and Commissioners

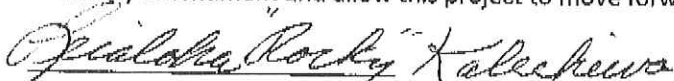
The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was first established in August, 1937, by a group of kama'aina residents in the Kāne'ohe area. It became chartered with the State Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at the Association's first annual convention in 1959.

Among its founding members were Kumu Hula Kau'i Zuttermeister, George Ke'ehukulani Cypher, George Houghtailing, Johnny Townsend, Isaac Kanakanui, and Solomon Halualani.

We want to reconfirm our position of support of Hawaiian Memorial Park's (HMP) request for a boundary amendment that will allow for future cemetery use, the establishment of a 14.5 acre cultural preserve protecting ancient Hawaiian archeological sites and creating a secure habitat for the endangered Blackline Hawaiian damselfly. In addition, Hawaiian Memorial Park will be placing a conservation easement on the parcel that will prohibit any future development on HMP's undeveloped land. HMP has addressed all the community concerns and have met or exceeded all requirements under the law for this development.

We have monitored the LUC hearings and are aware of the commissioner's questions regarding existing rock fall hazard mauka within the cultural preserve and the potential liability for the Civic Club. We have been working with Hawaiian Memorial Park over the past 10 years on this project and have had recent discussions regarding both of these concerns. We are confident they will be adequately addressed in the management agreement between Hawaiian Memorial Park and the Civic Club.

For these reasons **we STRONGLY support** the petition and ask for the land use commission to **APPROVE** the boundary amendment and allow this project to move forward.


Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, President

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. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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LAND USE COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: justin soriano <juskaina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:26 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Approve Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion

To: Land Use Commission

Re: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd Hearing Date: September 23rd 2020

Position: SUPPORT and APPROVE Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral and Commissioners

I approve the expansion for HMPC. I have great grandparents, grandparents, uncles, and aunties all buried at HMPC. Hawaii is different from most of the states. We live close to each other and we gather often. We visit our family members often. Just because we lose a loved one doesn't mean we forget about them. We gather at their grave site to pay respect. Not just to pay respect, but grandma always said we have to visit them. We are not like most of the other states, where family lives hours away from each other. I would like for our family traditions to continue. Our family needs to be with each other in this life, or after life. I strongly support this expansion.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: merci priddy <priddymm2006@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:01 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RA17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral & Commissioners

I, Marcelinda M. Soriano, SUPPORT and ask that you APPROVE Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment.

Families should have the right to be together and have options on the type of burial they choose for themselves. The expansion (boundary amendment) allows your family the option to be together. In addition to being together it should be an individual's choice of what way they would like to be buried. Casket or cremation. Having burials for caskets is a cultural as well as a religious right and belief. The expansion will give us and our future generations options. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Marcelinda Soriano

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Gloria Anagaran <ganagaran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:20 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Land Use Commission- Support and Approved Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment

To: Land Use Commission
Re: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd
Hearing Date: September 23rd 2020

Position: SUPPORT and APPROVE Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral and Commissioners

Hello, my name is Gloria A. Anagaran. I support and approve Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment. There are many reasons why I support this expansion, for one my family and friends has property here at this cemetery, with this expansion myself and my upcoming families would love to continue to buy property here at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, with how Oceanview looks, it's breath taking and I would love to have my resting place there. Another reason why I support this expansion is I'm an employee here, and I see the hard work and dedication that each and every employee here shows from our managers to the family counselors to office administrators to our ground-mens crew also to our sister company from Brothwick to Ballard, as well as our neighbor island company. That shows a lot of commitment because it doesn't stop from the burial. We continue to strive and do the best for every family. Lastly, I say we all have a choice- with the type of burial each family has picked out it can either be cremations or Body burials. My choice is to have a body burial. My religions beliefs is to have a body burial. Please approve Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment for one my religious beliefs is to have a body burial, also be close to my many other families and friends that is buried here. Not many do think about what they plan to do if ever this comes across where a love one passes away, to know 1000% for sure that I will get what I wished for and that's to be buried it will ease my mind that I pre-planned and I don't need my kids or my grandchildren left left with the stress to pay for any finance because I already paid for it all.

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Gloria Anagaran
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Merlie Wilmeth <bmwgog@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:06 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd Hearing Date September 23, 2020

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice Chair Cabral & Commissioners:

One of the many things that I am thankful for, during these challenging times of COVID 19 is providing continuing assistance to families in need of burial arrangements. This pandemic made me realize more than ever how important it is to have resting places and memorials for families to be together even after death. Cemetery/funeral services are essential. Hawaiian Memorial Park is running out of spaces and will not be able to continue to serve families without the expansion. I am in full support and respectfully ask for the approval for the Expansion Project for Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery. Thank you!

Mahalo,
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Timothy Deegan <timothy_deegan@me.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 4:13 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support and Approval of Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment

Regarding: LUC Hearing on September 23rd & 24th including public testimony and final vote.

To: Land Use Commission
Re: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd
Hearing Date: September 23rd2020

My Position: Support and approve Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral and Commissioners:

Please approve Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment/Expansion in order to serve Hawaii's families in the future. This responsible organization is socially conscious, dedicated to cultural preservation and the environment, including protection of the endangered damselfly. We will also benefit from the much needed construction investment in Hawaii during these most challenging of times.

Mahalo,

Tim Deegan

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Bonnie Brookfield <bbrookfield5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 2:05 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd Hearing Date: September 23rd 2020

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral and Commissioners,

My name is Bonnie Deegan and I SUPPORT and APPROVE Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment because it is important to our states welfare keeping our residents employed here on the island of Oahu. So many of our local residents are struggling to make ends with layoffs and or minimum work that we can't afford it to continue. This approval will help increase work locally and help so many local families put food on the table as well as allow future generations to be with love ones that are already laid to rest at Hawaiian Memorial Park. Please support this project and help our economy moving forward.

Thank you,
Bonnie Deegan

Bonnie Brookfield
808 381-2800

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Michael Deegan <dgnmic@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:07 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support and Approval Hawaiian Memorial Park's Boundary Amendment

To: Land Use Commission
RE: A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Park, Ltd Hearing Date: September 23rd 2020

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral and Commissioners

Please approve Hawaiian Memorial Park's expansion. This approval will serve the community for generations to come and allow families to be together after death. As a responsible company, Hawaiian Memorial Life Park can help preserve the culture and āina of West Oahu.

Thank you,

Mike Deegan

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Barbara Zeisel <barbarazeisel106@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:18 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A17-804 Hawaiian memorial life plan,Ltd
Attachments: HMPC LUC sept 2020.pdf

Please approve the Hawaiian memorial park expansion project.
Thank you, Barbara Zeisel

9-21-2020

TO: LAND USE COMMISSION

RE: A-17-804 HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN, LTD

HEARING DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

POSITION: SUPPORT AND APPROVE HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL
PARK'S BOUNDARY AMENDMENT

ALOHA CHAIR SCHEUER, COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR
CADRAL AND COMMISSIONERS

PLEASE APPROVE HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL PARK
EXPANSION PROJECT.

MY FATHER AND MOTHER ARE BOTH BURIED AT HAWAIIAN
MEMORIAL PARK, AND I PLAN TO BE BURIED HERE AS WELL.
I WOULD HOPE WITH EXPANSION GOING FORWARD, MY
FUTURE GENERATION; MY SON, GRANDSONS, NIECES,
AND NEPHEWS CAN ALL BE HERE AT HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL PARK.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN EMPLOYED BY HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL PARK,
AND GRATEFUL TO THE COMPANY THAT HAS PROVIDED WELL
FOR ME TO LIVE RESPECTFULLY AND PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR

MY PRECIOUS CHILDREN. THE COMPANY HAS BEEN
VERY FAIR AND CARING IN TAKING CARE OF THEIR
EMPLOYEES WITH HIGHEST REGARDS FOR EVERYBODY.

COMMUNITY WOULD REALLY BENEFIT BY EMPLOYMENT OF
LOCAL COMMUNITY, MORE RESIDING PLACES FOR FAMILIES
TO BE TOGETHER FOR GENERATION TO COME,
PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AS WELL AS
PRESERVING SACRED HAWAIIAN GROUNDS.

PLEASE APPROVE HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.

THANK YOU,  BARBARA ZEISEL

Hakoda, Riley K

From: moradke@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:09 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hawaiian Memorial Park expansion (IN SUPPORT)

Welina me ke aloha – Chair Scheuer, Vice Chair Cabral and Commissioners -

I SUPPORT Hawaiian Memorial Park’s Boundary Expansion.

Since serving on the Kaneohe Neighborhood board consecutively since 2011, I’ve watched how each iteration of memorial park expansion was met with well-thought and considerate alterations and changes meant to satisfy the concerns of residents. I cannot think of any other development project that has considered as much community input with such rigor in the design plans and subsequent changes relating to each of those concerns.

The Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd. Is committed to serving the our ohana in Windward Oahu and has developed some wonderful innovations, easements and deep consideration of local customs and traditions to enhance the end of life peace of mind for park residents, considerations of their immediate and extended family members and equally considering neighborhood concerns, veterans and native Hawaiian practices.

I appreciate the Public Utility Commission’s charter and hope that approval is granted to allow those who wish to remain here, can do so. I am proud to lend my voice, experience, and the knowledge about the decency and integrity which HMP Ltd. demonstrates in caring for our loved ones.

Please cast your vote IN SUPPORT.

Aloha pumehana,

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Cindy Suzuki <cindyysuzuki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:30 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Land A817-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan Ltd; Hearing date: 9/23/2020

SUPPORT AND APPROVE Hawaiian Memorial Parks Boundary Amendment

Aloha Chair Scheuer, Commission Vice-Chair Cabral & Commissioner's,

Please approve Hawaiian Memorial expansion for the following reasons:

- 1) To be able to serve the families within the community, for years to come.
- 2) To be able to develop employment opportunities to those who have lost jobs, caused by the economic fallout due to the "Shutdowns".
- 3) By providing numerous jobs, this will inject an economic boost to many businesses suffering in this State.
- 4) Long after my generation is gone, this project will provide support to the Native Hawaiian Community to practice their culture in perpetuity.
- 5) To support families, in their right to choose to either be cremated or embalmed. And to practice their right to opt for a burial if they so choose.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of the views and concerns that are being shared with you all. On behalf of my family, I thank you for your support.

Mahalo,
Cindy Suzuki

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Debra Stephenson <deb75stephenson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:10 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for 9-23-20 9:00 am hearing on Hawaiian Memorial boundary amendment
Attachments: Testimony LUC.doc

Good morning. I have registered to give my oral testimony at the 9:00 a.m. hearing on 9-23-20. I am attaching the written version as well.

Can you confirm that you have received it in time for that meeting please? Thank you

Many generations of my family have purchased plots and/or funeral plans from Hawaiian Memorial since the 1960's. They planned ahead for the end of life for themselves and their loved ones by being prepared and bought many plots in adjacent locations so that they would be close to their loved ones. Over time, some relatives opted for cremation or changed their mind as to where they should have their final rest.

Some died owning more plots than they needed and those were turned over to younger descendants who, like most of that generation, planned not to be buried but to be cremated with their ashes spread. While this is no way based on statistics, overwhelming comments from my generation and those younger than me is that most of us do not want to be buried in the ground.

This being said, several of my own family members have since been trying to sell their plots for over a decade but have not had any success. Any quick glance at the for sale section in Craigslist shows a glut of ads advertising plots for sale not only for Hawaiian Memorial but other cemeteries as well. The competition among sellers to sell their plots for a decent price is fierce. There is just not a demand for plots, period.

I've been informed that the existing capacity of occupied plots is about 63%. That means that 37% of the remaining plots are unoccupied. Currently, one plot allows a maximum of 1) one casket and one urn, or 2) two caskets or 3) four urns. If the current density allowance was changed, the persons per plot could be increased, which would alleviate the need for the expansion.

Years ago, while helping my elderly parents to downsize as they decided they did not want to be buried, I initially contacted Hawaiian Memorial to see if they could connect us to any new buyers who call them to inquire about purchasing a plot. I was told that they do not assist existing sellers in coordinating with the sale of their plots. My feeling is that it is more lucrative for them to be the direct seller and not merely a broker. I'm sure many of the existing sellers would be happy to pay a service fee to the cemetery for their assistance in matching them up with potential buyers so they can unload an asset that they do not want to hold on to and do not intend to use.

Instead of destroying many acres of forested property which hosts a stream that leads to the ocean, a rare species of damselfly and many other native animals and plants, the cemetery should look to their existing inventory of unoccupied plots and assist sellers with their sale and to also increase the amount of persons allowed in one plot.

This plan to expand is yet another corporate grab at greed at the expense of our continually diminishing conservation spaces on this island. They should be just as responsible as stewards of our lands as our residents are trying to be. Please deny their request. Thank you.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Dean Hazama <outlook_67BAF650E19C8469@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 2:07 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A17-804 HAWAII MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN, LTD (O`AHU) Petition for district boundary amendment
Attachments: LUC Testimony.pdf

Attached testimony submitted.

Mahalo,
Dean I Hazama

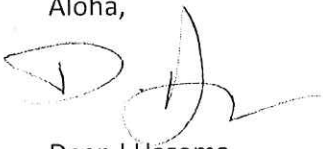
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Testimony to the State Land Use Commission Regarding Docket A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan Ltd.

Aloha Chair Scheuer and members of the State Land Use Commission, I thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony on this issue before. As the Chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission in 2017 during the time that the update of the Ko'olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan was before us, we had the opportunity to thoroughly review all details of this project. After listening to many hours of public testimony, review and deliberation by the Commission, we found that the expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Park was (1) within the land use policies and guidelines; (2) was consistent with the future vision of the Ko'olau Poko region and (3) served a viable need in the community.

Specifically, that is was in compliance with the preservation of open spaces and natural resources of the region, addressed concerns raised by surrounding residents, had partnered with native Hawaiian cultural and historical groups to preserve cultural and historical sites on the property, and had addressed concerns with endangered/endemic species with the U.S. Department of Wildlife Service. For these reasons, I strongly urge the State Land Use Commission to approve this petition.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean I Hazama', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Dean I Hazama

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Mahealani Cypher <malama pono744@aim.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 10:29 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upcoming testimony re: A17-804 - Hawaiian Memorial Park Ltd
Attachments: testimony re HMP to luc.pdf

Aloha,

Can we testify orally at this final, decision-making session?

Do you expect many testifiers?

We were surprised that you are still encouraging testimony - it would seem as though LUC has already heard sufficient arguments on this matter.

Mahalo,
Mahealani Cypher



Ko'olau Foundation

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September 19, 2020

To: Mr. Jonathan Scheuer, Chair
And Members, Hawaii State Land Use Commission

From: Mahealani Cypher
Ko'olau Foundation

Re: A17-804 – Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd.

Aloha, Chair Scheuer, and Members of the Land Use Commission:

The Ko'olau Foundation remains in strong support of this docket matter and finds the proposed expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery to be both acceptable and appropriate.

Our organization is a strong advocate for the preservation of Hawaiian history, heritage and cultural values. We dedicate much of our work to the maintenance of cultural sites and advocacy for the preservation of the wahi pana and wahi kapu – legendary and sacred places of our islands.

In keeping with our commitment to support Hawaiian values is to demonstrate respect for our iwi kupuna and the resting places of our ancestors and loved ones of today.

That is why expanding the cemetery into lands adjacent to the current HMP landscape is urgently important. With burial spaces on O'ahu increasing as the "baby boomer" generation begins to leave us, it truly matters to us that preparations be made for addressing this need early before all available space is used up.

In addition, the applicant's stated commitment to establish a cultural preserve at Kawa'ewa'e Heiau demonstrates their understanding of the need to respect and honor our cultural legacies.

For these reasons, accepting the applicant's assurances of future intentions regarding historic preservation and addressing cultural concerns, the Ko'olau Foundation urges the Land Use Commission to approve this application.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana'o.

Mahealani Cypher
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