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Aloha Mr. Hakoda,

Please see attached testimony in support of matter in subject.

Please feel free to call me for any questions.

Mahalo,
=Albi

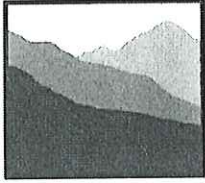
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Re: Docket No. A92-683 – Ho'ohana Solar I, LLC's Motion for Modification and Time Extension

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HO'OHANA SOLAR FARM

Royal Kunia is a master planned community located on the plains of Central O'ahu and nestled between the rugged Wai'anae and Ko'olau mountains, high above the Ewa plain. There are 1929 units within Phase I (existing) of the Royal Kunia Subdivision which was completed in 2006. Our community is a direct neighbor of the Ho'ohana solar farm.

The Royal Kunia Community Association is in strong support of the Ho'ohana Solar Farm application and we ask the Land Use Commission to approve Ho'ohana Solar I, LLC's (Ho'ohana) Motion for Modification and Time Extension (Motion).

We appreciate that the developer, 174 Power Global has provided us updates on this project since 2013 and the many challenges it has faced. We have seen the developer sincerely work with the greater community in their efforts to satisfy the stakeholders and be a mindful neighbor.

This project provides many benefits to the state, the community and especially the surrounding neighbors. Many in our community are paying almost \$.31 per kilowatt for our electricity. Many have installed solar on their rooftops. However, for the homeowners and renters who cannot utilize PV panels, at \$.1047/kilowatt, this project provides low, stable rates that will get passed through to the consumers. It also provides the state and our future generations with clean, renewable energy to help us retire fossil fuels and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

The area they propose to build on has long been a source of community frustration and blight, fraught with vagrants, illegal dumping and vandalism. Ho'ohana will provide much needed security and restoration. Based on past and updated presentations to the community, the area will be fenced, landscaped and screened from view. To utilize these lands as a solar farm, will provide our residents many years of quiet enjoyment free of noise, and ensure that we do not suffer from traffic and other disturbances.

The almost 200 jobs during construction and long-term permanent jobs during operations will not only benefit our community in this time of crisis, but will also provide a motivation for our children to look to a promising future in renewable energy and technology, instead of our traditional service industries.

We are also appreciative that they will supporting agriculture through its commitment to the refurbished water pipe to the Department of Agriculture Park, as stated in the 2015 LUC order.

We appreciate the Commission approve Ho'ohana and allow this project to move forward swiftly so we can all benefit from the solar farm.

Sincerely,

Royal Kunia Community Association

//Signed//

Wayne Nakamoto
It's President