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My name is Shannon Lokelani Oberle.

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With respect and appreciation for your roles as community advocates, I encourage you all to STRONGLY SUPPORT political engagement by Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian), in regards to Important Agricultural Land (IAL) designation and recommendations. The crux of the matter is there is much potential for agricultural sustainability. It is necessary for Kanaka Maoli to have dialogue and economic pathways in agriculture. Seek 'ike (knowledge) beyond land ownership and be inclusive of the host culture's values in environmental stewardship.

Existing and proposed IAL is on point in the Koolauloa district.

A few notes, there are small ag parcels of 'Āina (land) owned by the State in Punaluu Valley.

It is land-locked, yet designated public.

Please consider giving the 2 small Punaluu Valley parcels to an entity that supports Native Hawaiian agricultural sustainability and education, namely Kanewai, a part of the University of Hawaii.

Easement can be worked out with Kanaka Maoli in Punaluu Valley.

Please give my people a fair chance.

Me ke aloha,

Shannon Lokelani Oberle