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OBJECTION TO IAL (Important Agricultural Land)

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2018, the DPP, by Departmental Communication 578 (2018), transmitted to the Council a report entitled “Oahu Important Agricultural Land Mapping Project” (the “Report”), which contains maps **identifying lands in the City that are recommended for designation as IAL, and documentation of the process undertaken to identify such lands pursuant to HRS Section 205-47**; and WHEREAS, the DPP **notified** each real property owner of land identified as AL in the Report to inform them of the potential designation of their lands as IAL;

Me and my husband purchased land in the Poamoho camp. We are currently building our family home. We were not made aware that this parcel of land was considered “important agricultural land” when it was up for sale. We were not notified by the state. We have a building permit #824631 that was issued by the Department of Permit and Planning in *November* 2018. According to records provided on the Land Use Commission website, lands considered by the DPP as IAL was in *April* 2018. Why is that DPP issued a building permit for the land after the fact that it was deemed “IAL.” It doesn’t make sense and it’s not fair that our family gets punished and are victims because of the faults of the state personnel involved for not carrying out this process effectively.

Poamoho camp is surrounded by Agricultural land. However, the camp itself comprises housings that are in an association. I’m a recorded association member.

We are victims, as we weren’t made aware of this land being included into IAL. Why would we waste money, time, and energy in a parcel of land if we knew it was deemed IAL. We had no idea and it's not fair to take away this opportunity for a hard working family.

We are not keen on our land being included into the IAL and want to know how we can get our land out of being considered IAL.

According to the criteria to identify IAL, our parcel of land is not appropriate.

Criteria #1: Land currently used for agricultural production

- Our land is NOT currently being used for agricultural production

Criteria #4: Land types associated with traditional native Hawaiian agricultural uses, such as taro cultivation, or unique agricultural crops and uses, such as coffee, vineyards, aquaculture, and energy production.

- Our land is not associated with traditional native Hawaiian agricultural uses.

Criteria #7: Land that contributes to maintaining a critical land mass important to agricultural operating productivity.

- Our land does not contribute to maintaining a critical land mass important to agricultural operating productivity. Our land is not big enough for agricultural operating productivity.

Criteria #8: Land with or near support infrastructure conducive to agricultural productivity, such as transportation, markets, water, or power.

- Our land does not meet this criteria.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our concerns during this meeting.