

April 27, 2021

State Land Use Commission

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Honolulu, HI 96814-2359

RE: IAL Designation

Dear Members of the State LUC:

As a farmer who owns and works the land in the area that is being recommended by the City and County of Honolulu to be designated as Important Agricultural Land, I respectfully ask that you DENY this recommendation.

The process that the C&C of Honolulu used to make this recommendation was not adequate for such an important precedent setting decision. I attended the public meeting that took place in 2017 and know for certain that things stated at this meeting are in direct conflict with what is being proposed.

I am in complete agreement with the need to protect, preserve and utilize our agricultural lands as originally stated in the 1978 Constitutional Convention, and as a farmer, have been making my livelihood to support diversified agriculture and greater food self-sufficiency here in Hawaii.

I urge you to DENY the City's proposal for this IAL Designated area and support a much more equitable and democratic process that will actually increase agricultural diversification and productivity in our state.

Respectfully,

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