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May 24, 2021

RE: Conformance of C&C of Honolulu Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Recommendations
Land Use Commission Meeting May 26-27, 2021

Dear Land Use Commissioners,

This letter is written to express our family's OPPOSITION to the proposed IAL designation of our family property; TMK 8-6-011-004. Hereinafter "family property."

The meetings on May 26-27, 2021 intend to discuss whether the C&C of Honolulu has complied with legal requirements regarding the proper procedural, legal, statutory and public notice requirements that were met in developing the recommendations. Following is a list of evidence that demonstrates non-compliance by the C&C of Honolulu.

Landowner Notifications:

1. The methods of landowner notification by the C&C of Honolulu is questionable as many of our family members were unaware of the IAL designation and the impacts of such designation would have on our family property.
2. The use of mail, websites, zoom video conferencing, social media and newspaper articles have been proven to be ineffective, especially among our older family members who have barriers to accessing these sources of information.
3. Not every family member listed on our TMK received the two meeting notifications and those that did, reported that there was little to no information to landowners about the issues surrounding IAL.
4. The registration links provided on the letter mail outs were extremely long resulting in a high probability of incorrectly inputting the addresses.
5. In order to receive the actual hearing link an email was required, which many of our older owners do not have.
6. The second link;
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SC16ZGg_SJia4xkMAD5zYQ to register for the May 27th that was included in the May 11, 2021 letter does not work.
7. No one from the C&C of Honolulu made efforts to speak to any of our family members DIRECTLY about the IAL designation and the criteria that was set forth in qualifying our family property.

Process and Procedure:

1. In the C&C of Honolulu recommendations, soil quality was used as a large indicator of land viability. No one from the C&C of Honolulu contacted any one of our family landowners to conduct soil quality studies. No one from the C&C of Honolulu conducted interviews with our family landowners to see how our family land is currently being used.
2. There was no information that was shared on the potential negative impacts the IAL designation may have on our family and our family property. (i.e. Increase in taxes, reduction in occupancy, decrease in property value, cost of infrastructure, water access etc.)
3. The landowners of our family were not provided with a full explanation of but limited to; potentially harmful ramifications and consequences for individual landowner, how agricultural land currently used for livestock will be impacted, and if there will be an opportunity to opt-out of the IAL designation.
4. The option for landowners to petition for their land to be exempt from recommendation was not sufficiently communicated or clear. Several of our family members submitted a letter dated March 31, 2017 requesting that our family property be removed from the IAL designation and no response was ever received.
8. C&C of Honolulu, lacked full transparency in helping landowners, like our family in helping us to fully understand the IAL proposal and what it would mean for us, our land and our future.

Our land has been in our family for 100 years and we continue to stand strong in keeping it that way for future generations. Let me reiterate as I stated in our letter to the C&C of Honolulu on March 30, 2017 to **OPT OUT** ... our Matriarch and her five offspring along with several of her grand and great grandchildren are resting in our private family cemetery. To desecrate her legacy with this bureaucracy is **NOT PONO!**

Thank you for your time and consideration of our written testimony.

With Love and Aloha,

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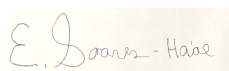


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