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Honorable Jonathon Scheuer

Chair

Land Use Commission

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SUBJECT: Opposition to Proposed Important Agricultural Lands Designation

Dear Chair Scheuer and Members of the Commission,

We are Rodney and Michele Seibel, private landowners of 2 acres in Waimanalo. We recently received a letter from the Land Use Commission informing us that our property has been designated by the City and County of Honolulu as Important Agricultural Lands (IAL). Further, we were informed that the Land Use Commission may be taking action to accept the City and County of Honolulu's Important Agricultural Lands designation which includes our property in Waimanalo.

We were blessed to purchase this fee simple property for our family 17 years ago from Mrs. Nam, shortly after she subdivided her 9 acres. We did not purchase the land to farm it for a living and that was never a stipulation in owning the property.

We object to the designation of our property as IAL for the following reasons: the process for the IAL designation was flawed and did not fully inform landowners of the designation's impact; the LUC process did not provide adequate information as to how the acceptance of these maps would impact our property; there was not clear guidance on how we could opt out of the IAL designation; and lastly the process was rushed and has left us confused and perplexed.

Please consider our concerns and reject the City and County of Honolulu's representation that it has followed all procedures with respect to state statute. The IAL designation process needs more vetting and landowners must be better informed about their options, how such designation will impact their lands, and whether or not they have the ability to "opt out" of such designation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rodney and Michele Seibel