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Mahalo,



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Land Use Commission 235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 406 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters –COMMENTS on ITEM IV. Status and Progress Report and Action for A17-804 HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN, LTD.

Chair and Members of the Commission,

We would like to offer comments regarding Item IV. Status and progress report for the Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP).

It is unclear as to why the commission has scheduled a status conference after only 18 months after the initial approval for the project.

We are concerned that these actions would imperil the project and the many construction jobs associated with it.

Hawaiian Memorial Park has satisfied the conditions for construction to commence, namely the conservation easement over the entire property, a management agreement with Koolaupuko Hawaiian Civic Club, and a preservation plan for the blackline damselfly and its habitat.

HMP has followed through with its promises to the community and we are concerned that this report could delay the expansion of the cemetery and could jeopardize this important development.