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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Official Complaint of Unpermitted activities at Kualoa Ranch 49-345 Kamehameha Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744 TMK: 490030010000
Date: Friday, November 10, 2023 12:37:47 AM

Aloha,

I'm contacting you to make a formal complaint regarding unpermitted activities at Kualoa Ranch being held at sites not approved for weddings and events.

According to the Special Use Permit application approved by DPP and the Planning Commission on **October 18th, 2023** the ONLY site currently permitted for weddings and events at Kualoa Ranch is the "Paliku Pavillion" site, all other venue sites still in use are zoned agriculture and were not included in Kualoa Ranch's Special Use Permit therefore as stated in the October 18th meeting-they should **NOT** continue to be used for weddings and events.

Despite being aware of this, Kualoa Ranch has continued to host multiple weddings and events each day since October 18th, 2023 at all sites NOT included in their approved SUP application.

Please file a formal complaint regarding these unpermitted events taking place at Kualoa Ranch this weekend:

-Tonight, **Thursday November 9th 2023**, Kualoa is hosting two weddings- the Eberhardt & Hergert Wedding at Palikū Gardens and the Brandt & Jalving Wedding at Mōli'i Gardens (Address: 49-345 Kamehameha Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744 TMK: 490030010000) . This is not following the condition of their permit which limits them to no more than ONE wedding or private event per day. And is located at an unpermitted location, Mōli'i Gardens. As DPP is fully aware, Kualoa Ranch removed the Moli'i Gardens location from their SUP application and also have not received or applied for the necessary SMA (Special Management Area) permit to host any activities at this site. I'd also like to remind you that Moli'i fishpond is a registered historic site and special consideration should always go into any events or activities happening in this area.

— This **Saturday November 11th 2023**, at 3pm there is a wedding ceremony and reception scheduled at "Secret Island" for 150-200 guests.

Please understand, Kualoa Ranch does not have a County or State permit for beach weddings. According to State DLNR, all of the sandy shoreline in the State, with the exception of the listed locations on their website, <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ld/commercial-activities/>, are the jurisdiction of the State and require a permit for commercial activity. These weddings & events held at "Secret Island" are taking place on the actual shoreline which is outside of Kualoa Ranch's private lands and beyond their scope, along with being outside of the parameters of their permit.

I would like to request a reference or case number for this complaint to ensure that I can personally keep track of all complaints filed with Department of Planning and Permitting. I am

deeply concerned about the DPP's process and protocol for filing complaints since on October 18th 2023 at the Planning Commission's Public Meeting, DPP staff stated that no formal complaints have ever been made to DPP regarding any activity at Kualoa Ranch since 1985. This is extremely worrisome to me since I personally have reported complaints directly to DPP regarding unpermitted activities at Kualoa Ranch over the past 10 years.

Mahalo nui,
Summer Fukumitsu