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IV. Kakaako Matters

Item 4 – Kewalo Basin Harbor Solicitation to Develop Lots 1, 2 & 3.



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Dear HCDA,

Please do not build somanything commercial in the areas adjacent to the park.

Please keep these public lands for the people of Hawaii. The increase in population up to 30,000 with their cars and density created by the new buildings being built on the Mauka side will turn Kakaako and Kewalos into a Waikiki like area. It will be much more difficult to head Ewa and go downtown most of the time.

The Kewalo Basin and Kakaako makai public lands should be kept as open space for the people and not turned into revenue generating properties that will shrink our open public space and impede our access.

Please protect the park and ocean lifestyle that thousands of us live for everyday.

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The kakaako is an urban dense area, with more growth we should preserve what we have for future generations to can enjoy what we love about Hawaii. Green open spaces, once its gone you cant take get it back...or at least in our life time it wont happen.

More residents = more people = more parks, not less.

To help build and maintain the park we should have a community based based group that can run and managed the park. Any revenue shortfalls maybe HCDA would be willing to help in the beginning until the group finds it's footing.

With so many people moving I'm sure we could have a well diverse group that can make it happen.



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keep the park a public park.

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Kewalo Basin Harbor

Do you support or oppose?

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To whom may concern:

I'm writing to express my deep concern for proposals of development in the Kewalo Basin park. I strongly oppose any commercial development in the park.

I have been a daily user of the this area for the past 15 years and have seen what a wonderful public resource this area is for people of all walks of life. I strongly incurred you to prohibit any commercial development on the Makai side of Ala Moana Blvd in Kewalo basin and Ala Moana beach park (Except for the building used previously for fisherman's wharf on the corner of Ward and Ala Moana).

The park is precious and the impact of commercial development would destroy that which is so wonderful about this area. Kewalo Basin is a beautiful park and open green area that is safe and free and beautiful. I know families who have used this area for four generations and there is a large and vibrant community park and ocean users that go there daily. Along with potential to impact already limited parking, commercial development will corrupt the sanctity and serenity of this space. There are many other areas to develop on the mauka side of Ala Moana. Please direct development there, and please leave the park alone and protect it! It is a patrimony of the people and needs to protection. The proposal of any commercial development there will serve such a small group and destroy an area will be a resource and wonderful space for generations to come. Park space and recreational areas are critical to our quality of life. Please don't take this away from us and destroy this sanctuary. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joshua Echemendia

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I am opposed to any further development at Kewalo Basin. Public lands should be just that, kept for the people of Hawaii to use. The increase in development in the area and the density thereby created is turning Kakaako and Kewalos into an extension of Waikiki. ENOUGH ALREADY!! The area makai of Ala Moana Blvd. adjacent to Ala Moana Park should not become another revenue generating, commercial development that further reduces open public space. Wedding chapels already exist in plenitude and the existing parks are being used as backdrops for numbers of photographers for wedding photos. Increased density resulting from new mauka buildings create increased need for open space with easy access. At the last HCDA hearing, a proposal called for a "fishing village for locals and visitors". I am involved in retail/wholesale business in Waikiki and know that very few locals shop in Waikiki so I question whether locals will buy fishing gear at "village" retailers where higher prices will be necessary to pay the high rents sure to be the outcome of harbor development. How many tourists can be expected to buy fishing poles and lures to take home on the plane, let's get serious! The current use of the former Fisherman's Wharf site for food trucks is ideal for local and visitors but nothing more. Please, don't allow anyone to pave any more of paradise with parking lots and buildings but, protect the park and ocean and the lifestyle we all cherish and are the reason we live here. Give us open space so all can enjoy the beauty of the island.

Mahalo nui loa,
Sandy Moneymaker



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Many of us have stories of growing up swimming, fishing, diving and surfing at Kewalo Basis ("Kewalo's"). This was a gathering place for many, especially the working class and those who lived in town and didn't want to venture to Waikiki to enjoy the ocean and shoreline. My main concern with Howard Hughes and its development/management of Kewalo's is that under Howard Hughes and other landowners and developers in the Kakaako area, save for 801 South Street, Kakaako is slowly becoming a playground for the rich. I previously was very much in favor of Kakaako development as a strategy to preserve important agricultural lands outside of metropolitan Honolulu as I understand that we need to increase the density of the urban core via redevelopment, transit oriented development, etc. to provide much needed housing. However, especially with Howard Hughes, Kakaako is becoming a home mainly for the wealthy where the locals who do not make 140% of the median income cannot live. This is especially concerning when you take into consideration some of the Howard Hughes' most recent condominium towers.

I am not saying that development is evil, or that redevelopment is bad, but that it needs to be managed properly with the best end-goal in mind. Perhaps this is a critique not necessarily of Howard Hughes, which is a profit making venture, but of HCDA and its management of Kakaako development and of the State Legislature and others not practicing more oversight and urging HCDA to remedy affordable housing standards and holes in its regulations. However, Ala Moana Beach Park, Kewalo's and Kakaako Makai are the last areas of shoreline that are truly accessible to locals in urban Honolulu. I do not consider Waikiki very accessible save for Kapiolani Park, which is still very difficult to access. Because of this, I am slightly opposed to Howard Hughes' plans for Kewalo's, which turns it into a retail venture and constricts public access to the shoreline and open space.

In addition, although I understand the need for public private partnership, I think in the end government, especially government in Hawaii, needs to play a more active role in preserving our open space and access to shoreline here in Hawaii. This, ultimately is my main concern with the redevelopment of Kakaako. We should not outsource our management of these areas to a for-profit entity. It's not that the entity is evil or malignant in any way, I believe that we should figure out a way to manage this space effectively for ourselves. I don't believe a public-private partnership (which in the end is a lease arrangement here), is the best solution for managing Kewalo's or other sensitive natural resources.



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Subject: Testimony on Item No. 4: Solicitation to Develop Parcels Surrounding Kewalo Basin Harbor on a Portion of Tax Map Key: 2-1-058: 131 for Development Lots 1, 2 and 3.

To whom it may concern,

Please consider my written testimony on Agenda Item No. IV.4: Solicitation to Develop Parcels Surrounding Kewalo Basin Harbor on a Portion of Tax Map Key: 2-1-058: 131 for Development Lots 1, 2 and 3. My understanding is that this discussion will involve consideration of Howard Hughes Corporation's Best and Final Offer proposal for Kewalo Basin (BAFO). I use Kewalo Basin facilities and the Ewa end of Ala Moana beach park on a regular basis. I have not reviewed the BAFO, but reviewed the HHC's "Kewalo Is" July 2015 presentation of its development plans under a 35 year lease.

Development of Lot 1 into commercial retail shops, nominally called an "urban fishing village" is inconsistent with community recommendations and would convert an open space area into a cause for increased traffic congestion and remove parking that is crucial to supplementing the inadequate supply in Ala Moana. My family and friends specifically gather on the most Ewa side of Ala Moana for birthdays, picnics, and other informal events and use portions of Lot 3. Lot 3 also provides overflow parking for crowded weekends or days when there is a southerly surf swell and more makai parking areas are full. If shopping is developed in Lot 3, then parking stalls will be taken up by shoppers instead of park users. By increasing overall development while increasing the number of parking stalls, ingress and egress from Kewalos will be impacted.

Developing Lot 3 into commercial shopping venues would frustrate existing uses of Kewalo and Ala Moana parks as well as planned uses for Lot 1. Increased traffic to Lot 1 commercial shopping venues would also impact our ability to enter Kewalos in order to use Lot 3, which is planned to be a "family ocean destination."

Plans for developing all three Lots focus on "walkability" within Kewalo basin and for those walking to and from the parks. This will benefit especially those who live within walking distance in Kaka'ako Makai or have parking nearby. Most people will be driving into Kewalos and these "walkable" developments will only mean increased traffic and delay in getting to parking spots, especially during construction phases. For people like myself, who squeeze in a workout or surf session in a few hours before or after work, traffic delays would make the difference between whether or not that surf session or workout is feasible. As another regular Kewalos basin user said, "I don't want to have to drive through Disneyland to get to my surf spot." Thank you for considering my testimony.

Aloha,

/s/ Bianca Kai Isaki

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Aloha,

For action item 7, CPAC has long opposed the actions and powers of the Executive Director to make proposals for Kaka'ako Makai via the infamous Exclusive Negotiation Agreements. These ENA projects that have been proposed over the past 4 years were very poorly conceived, very poor received by the general public and Kaka'ako Community. Large sums of public taxpayer's money was wasted on pushing these projects that were poorly vetted and contrary to the Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan and its Vision and Guiding Principles.

I would also like to commend this HCDA board for taking the time to listen to the community and making the difficult decisions to correct the bad decisions made.

I would also like to suggest that a full audit of the HCDA should be considered to allow the public understand fully what was the cause of all this pilikia.

Mahalo,

Wayne Takamine

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Turn Kewalos and Ala Moana Park into SUPER PARKS with green, watered, manicured lawns; maintained restrooms; better and more walking paths; more shade trees; more sand, etc.

Any and all new developments within the park boundaries for profit, by the rich and for the rich, should not be allowed.

Profits from all new high rises on the Mauka lands should be used to clean, maintain and beautify the parks we have now. Keep it simple. The Makai lands are the "crown jewels" that people really want and need. Not some commercial mumbo jumbo amusement park for the nuveau riche.

My name is John Eveleth,

I have been at Kewalo Harbor in different capacities starting in 2000.

I worked with different businesses as an employee, deck hand, Captain and have been Harbor Master for the last two years.

I have experienced the transition from DoT to HCDA in 2009, and HCDA to Howard Hughes Corp in 2014.

I support the Ward Village proposal submitted for Kewalo Harbor, in response to the HCDA issued RFP for Lots 1, 2, and 3.

I believe that the Howard Hughes proposal will deliver a comprehensive and unified master plan, that does address what is required to achieve an improved community gathering place for the local people, businesses, and visitors.

I believe this because I have seen the commitment from HHC to bring improvements to the harbor since being awarded the harbor lease a year ago, and I know the boat and business owners at Kewalo Harbor see this every day as well.

I support this proposal and believe as a Kamaaina and the Harbor Master that this proposal will bring continued stability and improvement to the Kewalo community

After being here for over 15 years, I know that there is a need for improved infrastructure, facilities and amenities.

I also feel that Kewalo is truly a special place and deserves the support that this proposal will bring.

Thank you for letting me express my thoughts.

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