

Hawaii Community Development Authority

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:30 a.m.

547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Testimony Received as of 8:30 a.m., April 5, 2017

Agenda Item 6, "Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate a Lease of Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin and the surrounding 0.53 acres (approx.) of land, together with a right of entry for an additional 0.29 acres, identified by Tax Map Key Nos. (1) 2-1-058-135 (portion), 136 (portion) and 137 (portion) with KUPU."

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Dean IHazama <djkhazama@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 3:27 PM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Public Testimony Website Submission Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate a Lease of Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin and the surrounding 0.53 acres (approx.) of land, together with a right of entry for an additional 0.29 a...

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Do you support or oppose?

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Testimony in Support of Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate a Lease of Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin and the surrounding 0.53 acres (approx.) of land, together with a right of entry for an additional 0.29 acres, identified by Tax Map Key Nos. (1) 2-1-058-135 (portion), 136 (portion) and 137 (portion) with KUPU

Aloha Hawaii Community Development Chair and Board members, my name is Dean Hazama and I am the presiding Chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission, but I submit this testimony as a private citizen in support of this action which will allow the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with the non-profit organization, KUPU. While I will defer to Kupu's staff to provide details on specifics of their many native Hawaiian cultural and job/work force development programs, I can tell you that the organization does provide invaluable services to many residents in the Kaka'ako community. In addition, they have been good stewards of this property and their vision for improvements align with the board's in the development of the Kewalo marina area, a fact that is evident by the Howard Hughes' group support of this initiative.

I can tell you after having reviewed many development projects across many of the island's diverse communities over the past years, that good community master planning consist of more than building just housing and commercial development. It must have public-private partnerships with entities such as Kupu, that provides services to residents in that community. It is extremely important to have a community, culturally and environmentally focused facility such as this to be a part of a truly comprehensive master plan that connects people with place, especially in a district with growing urban density. The importance of an organization like Kupu in Kewalo Basin as its location and Kupu's mission go hand in hand with sound planning principles. Kupu's activities connect people to place and the proposed facility that is in a park building will benefit the broader community

as well as a facility that is surrounded by the elements. Kaka'ako need more uses like Kupu's where people can reconnect to what makes Hawaii special while participating in workshops or activities that educate them about Hawaii's unique aina and culture and gain this appreciation. As a private-public partnership, this is a dream situation for any government agency: A facility being fully activated and funded by an aligned private party that has a proven track record with the community and area that will not only manage the facility but help the agency to reach its goals for the area and park.

I humbly ask the HCDA board to support this action and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Alex Harris <aharris@castlefoundation.org>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:06 AM
To: &HCDA
Cc: lea.okudara@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony in support of KUPU Netshed

Aloha:

KUPU is a long time grantee partner of the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation. Through their E2U program, they have successfully placed recent college graduates into area high schools. The graduates help deliver natural resource instruction, coordinate field trips, build school gardens and aquaponics, implement recycling programs and mentor students. The goal of this effort is to grow the next generation of environmental educators and leaders. KUPU leaders John Leong and Matthew Bauer are top notch and their work is making a major positive impact on the lives of students and community.

Since 2010, KUPU has been managing the Net Shed facility at Kewalo Basin for public use. They have prevented crime, reduced the impact of homelessness, and actively *malama* the space. Their vision of a Green Jobs Training Center will serve as an anchor to the neighborhood and provide critical regional economic development. I am pleased to support KUPUs request to remain a long term tenant of this space.

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Malama Maunalua strongly supports the lease of the Net Shed to Kupu. The organization provides invaluable service to conservation projects throughout the state, uniquely provides training and employment opportunities in conservation to young adults whose employment prospects would otherwise be dim. Moreover, Kupu is an outstanding steward of our scarce resources in this state. The organization consistently delivers on its commitments and can be relied on to deliver on its commitments under the requested lease. The board of Malama Maunalua urges HCDA to approve Kupu's request. More details are provided in our attached letter.

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Soares, Tommilyn

From: funsurff@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:21 PM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Kupu

Aloha,

I'm a everyday surfer at Kewalos, every since Kupu became the residents of the net house I see so much positive progress. I see youth learning life skills, I see the grounds being carter and tending to.

I see the homeless population on the pier side of the net house gone.

I'm in total favor of Kupu to continue using the net house as their learning center for the youth.

Aloha

Dyanne Taylor.

Sent from my iPhone

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Ronald Iwami <ronald@kewalo.org>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:50 PM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Written Testimony in Strong Support of KUPU
Attachments: Testimony Kupu.pdf

Aloha,

Attached you will find Friends of Kewalos testimony is support of KUPU.

**Mahalo,
Ron Iwami**



To: Hawaii Community Development Authority
**John Whalen, Chair, Steve Scott, Vice-chair
and members**

From : Friends of Kewalos

Date: April 4, 2017

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR
KUPU**

Friends of Kewalos supports KUPU for the following reasons:

1. Before 2007, the Net Shed was a magnet for drug dealings and the homeless. Simply put, it was not safe to be there.

Then KUPU arrived and was able to turn the place around to a place where the public felt safe again. The homeless left and the drug dealings stopped. They have become great stewards of the place.

2. We have a common bond and formed a great partnership. Together we built a shower rock wall to keep the surrounding area from getting muddy and slippery. Together we restriped the parking stalls at Kewalo Basin Park. These projects were accomplished by all volunteers and on our dime.

FOK will be having our 11th annual Kewalo Basin Park Cleanup this year in June and KUPU has been actively involved in every one. They help us by letting us use their facilities and equipment and provided a lot of manpower.

3. KUPU has always worked with us to keep the Kewalo Basin Park clean and litter free and keeping the parking open for the park users when they have functions. They have come up with a parking policy for their large events.

4. KUPU's low impact presence helps to keep the peaceful character of the park intact. They are a nice fit and blends in with the existing park community.

5. Lastly, KUPU is doing a great community service by working with our troubled youth that need some gentle guidance and teach them life important life skills to build their confidence to go out into the world. They are fulfilling a critical need in our community. My hats off to them.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Ron Iwami
Friends of Kewalos

To Protect, Preserve, and Malama Kewalo Basin Park and the surrounding shoreline and ocean to ensure that the recreational user will continue to have access and the ability to enjoy the area for future generations to come.

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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Jordan Ching <jordanac@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 11:11 PM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Written Testimony submission: HCDA Regular Meeting, April 5, 2017
Attachments: Written Testimony.docx

To whom this may concern,

My name is Jordan Ching and I am currently trying to upload my written public testimony to the HCDA website, however it appears to be down. The deadline to submit written testimony is tomorrow at 12:00pm, and I was wondering if there was any other way to upload.

If it is possible to accept my written testimony via email, I have attached it here. Thank you in advance for your assistance, and please feel free to email me back with any questions.

Mahalo,

Jordan Ching

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
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Testimony of Jordan Ching
Student, William S. Richardson School of Law
Before the
Hawaii Community Development Authority
Date: April 5, 2017; Venue: 547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Chairperson Whalen,

I stand in support of enumerated action number six to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU. As a former intern for KUPU, I am a direct beneficiary of the many good works that KUPU has and continues to do for our community and its youth. The experience that I was able to obtain with KUPU has provided me with invaluable working experience that has better prepared me to advance my professional and educational endeavors. I write in support of this action so that KUPU may continue to provide Hawai'i's youth with opportunities to get involved with the conservation of Hawai'i's natural resources and to provide them with the resources necessary to succeed as contributing members of our community.

It is my understanding that KUPU's access to and use of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin not only serves to facilitate its own day-to-day operations, but also has had a profound positive impact in the Kewalo area community as well, contributing to the reduction of crime and homelessness in the area. KUPU has acted as good stewards of the adjacent public park that is consistent with the services of a public institution. As such, I write in support for the Executive Director to negotiate a long-term lease with KUPU at a fair rate so that they may continue their proven involvement and dedication to the Kewalo community. As someone who has personally worked with KUPU and has seen first hand the many good works that they have been able to accomplish during their

time at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed, please accept my written testimony in support of
action item number six.

Soares, Tommilyn

From: LuLu Z-A <karlandlulu@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 8:43 AM
To: &HCDA; lea.okudara@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: Kupu hearing
Attachments: Scan0010.pdf

Hello, I submitted this letter last summer for another hearing to help Kupu. I would like to resubmit for tomorrow's hearing.

Thank you.

LuLu (Mary Lou) Zingalie-Adams
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To Whom it May Concern:

I had the great pleasure of hosting an event at Kupu, at Kewalo Basin. From the moment I first entered the establishment to the end of my function, everything was unbelievably top notch. Roy Carroll and Pamela Petras who head up the organization are so professional and proud of their work and accomplishments. Just being there is a magical experience; this having been said by so many of my guests.

I understand the lease may run out on them. Having the ability to do what they do at the Net Shed, with all the kids they help is monumental. I have been there several times before and after my event and I am always so impressed with everyone there. Each time I come in, one or more of the kids will come up and ask if they can help me, do I need anything, who do I need to see. These are just kids but the skills and life accomplishments they learn at Kupu, at the Net Shed is phenomenal. The Net Shed has the space, ambiance and overall complete package for these kids to learn and grow. Roy is doing such a wonderful thing by helping them and others in the community. It would be a shame and a travesty to make them leave and try to locate another building or structure to house what they do. This place is perfect for them, the atmosphere with the ocean and the setting is just what they need for some of the things they are being taught. This special place is truly Hawaiiana and needs to be shared with these Kupu kids and Roy and Pamela.

Please consider extending their lease. I feel it is vital to their continued success.

Mahalo,

LuLu Zingalie-Adams
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Soares, Tommilyn

From: JordanChing <jordanac@hawaii.edu>
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Testimony of Jordan Ching
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Before the

Hawaii Community Development Authority

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action item number six.**

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Carla Houser <chouser@waikikihealth.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:13 AM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Testimony for upcoming meeting
Attachments: testimonyKUPU.docx



Aloha,
Please see the attached testimony regarding Kupu's tenancy at the Net Shed.
Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

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YOUTH OUTREACH

a member of WAIKIKI HEALTH

TO: HCDA Kakaako Authority
FROM: Carla Houser, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Kupu's tenancy of the Net Shed

Hearing: Wednesday, April 5 2017 9:30AM

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Kupu's tenancy of the Net Shed. I am Carla Houser, writing on behalf of the Waikiki Health-Youth Outreach (YO!) program. We encounter over 500 homeless youth and young adults each year. Through our street outreach efforts and drop in center, we are able to provide basic needs services to some of Oahu's most vulnerable youth. I take great pride in our work with service providers, governmental representatives, and other community stakeholders to address the homeless issues our young people experience.

Kupu and its wealth of green job programming has been an additional lifeline for many of the homeless youth we serve. It has been an honor to refer dozens of youth to Kupu so that they can begin to turn their lives around in a safe, supportive and culturally rich environment. Because many of these youth have had adverse childhood experiences, they need programs that are tailored to address their needs. Kupu offers youth friendly workers who are trained in trauma informed care and understand adolescent development and their challenges.

The Net Shed is centrally located to many of the youth service providers and bus transportation. Kupu and the youth they serve have also done an excellent job of maintaining the property and surrounding community. The Youth Outreach program is looking forward to additional opportunities through Kupu's proposed Green Job Training Center. Education and employment opportunities are essential if a young person is going to transition out of poverty. I am grateful to Kupu for the countless opportunities they have provided for Hawaii's youth at the Net Shed. I look forward to the many improvements they have planned for our community and the youth we serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Carla Houser

Soares, Tommilyn

From: J. Kawika <kawikariley@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Testimony for Wednesday, April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda under III. Agenda Items #6

Aloha e Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on the item listed on your Wednesday, April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda under *III. Agenda Items* as the following:

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My name is Kawika Riley and I am a resident of Kaimukī and a citizen of the State of Hawai'i. In my personal and individual capacity, I am pleased to comment in strong support of this action item, and I ask that the Hawaii Community Development Authority approve this action item.

As a decade-long tenant in the Kewalo Basin area, Kupu has utilized its space for purposes consistent with the public good. At the same time, Kupu has sought to be a good steward of the area and a good neighbor by keeping their area secure, removing litter and other signs of blight that are harmful to public safety and the Authority's goals to revitalize the area. Now ten-years into their time in the area, Kupu seeks to continue its lease and expand its work in the area by renovating the Net Shed building into its Green Jobs Training Center. I believe that this would benefit the area, as well as the general public, and further advance the Authority's plans to revitalize the area.

Once again, I ask that the Authority approve *III. Agenda Item 6*. so that Kupu can expand the good work that it is doing in the Kewalo Basin area.

Mahalo,

Kawika Riley

Soares, Tommilyn

From: KamuelaCobb-Adams <lho@hawaiipublicpolicy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:52 AM
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Project Name

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TESTIMONY

By Kamuela Cobb-Adams
Kamehameha Schools

RE: Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility

We are writing in support of the proposed approval of Kupu's long-term lease with the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports culturally and environmentally appropriate stewardship efforts. We believe that supporting Kupu's long-term lease is consistent with our vision and that of the broader community in developing local leaders within an industry that their contributions can have global impacts.

Established in 2007 as a charitable organization, Kupu provides hands-on training programs that educate and mentor youth to become stewards of our natural and cultural resources. It has assisted with removing homeless camps, which has reportedly reduced crime significantly, and worked to improve the Net Shed and the landscape. The Net Shed is envisioned to become a Green Jobs Training Center. It is intended to be used as classroom space and for workshops relating to culture and sustainability; art exhibits featuring local artists; exploratorium space for exhibits on sustainability, Hawaiian culture and renewable energy and many other community-related purposes.

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Soares, Tommilyn

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Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:56 AM
To: &HCDA
Cc: Melissa Pavlicek; Kau'i Burgess
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Attachments: 20170405 KS Kupu Kewalo Basin HCDA final.docx; KS Testimony confirmation.PNG

Testimony submission

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HCDA Agenda Item: 4/5/17 Kaka'ako Meeting Agenda III. Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility
Position: Support

Attachments:

1. 20170405 KS Kupu Kewalo Basin HCDA final
2. KS Testimony confirmation

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SUBMIT TESTIMONY

Thank You Kamuela! Your testimony has been received.

Soares, Tommilyn

From: BrickwoodGaluteria <sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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Project Name

Lease of Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU

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The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 4, 2017

Mr. John Whalen
Chairperson
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Whalen:

I fully support the efforts of Kupu as they seek approval from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) for a 35-year lease of the Net Shed facility to create a Green Jobs Training Center at Kewalo Basin. Kupu's inspirational mission and proven results speak volumes to their capacity to be an exceptional partner for the long term and the potential of what we can do together for Hawai'i as a community.

I am proud to have Kupu in my district and to have seen first-hand the important work that Kupu has done for Hawai'i's environment, youth and communities statewide. The organization's programming has not only positively impacted Hawai'i's natural resources, but Kupu has been transforming the lives of our youth as future stewards and transforming communities for the better for the past 10 years. A partnership with the Hawai'i Community Development Authority to support the construction of the Green Jobs Training Center will enable Kupu to enhance its impact on our youth and environment, and more importantly, enable Kaka'ako to increase its capacity to serve the needs of all residents and visitors through a public-private partnership with HCDA.

Kupu's presence has already significantly benefited the Kewalo Basin and Kaka'ako area. Kupu has helped to make the park usable for all community members, including hosting community groups and other nonprofit organizations that also work to serve and improve our community. In addition, Kupu's proven track record has helped to generate \$16.4 million in economic impact. They have also worked with more than 3,250 youth and annually provides over 280,000 volunteer service hours, while assisting more than 150 public and private organizations statewide, preserving and protecting approximately 21,400 acres of parks and public lands each year.

I am in full support of Kupu's efforts to seek approval from Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) for a 35-year lease of the Net Shed facility to create a Green Jobs Training Center at Kewalo Basin, in addition to other appropriate community programs. I eagerly anticipate your final decision, and look forward to seeing HCDA's future collaboration with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Galuteria', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria

Soares, Tommilyn

From: DavidChee <dchee123@gmail.com>
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Do you support or oppose?

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I strongly support KUPU and their presence at Kupu Net Shed at Kewalo Basin. Kupu's youth program and community support, which uses a green, conservation minded, environmentally friendly approach, is a perfect low impact match for the park and beach access area at Kewalo Basin.

Please allow Kupu to remain at Kewalo Basin.

Sincerely,
David Chee

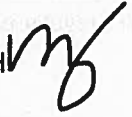
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Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 10:44 AM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Net Shed Lease Request testimony - 9:30 AM, 4/5/17
Attachments: 4.5.17 NetShed testimony - R Wong.pdf

Please see the attached written testimony for the 9:30 AM, April 5, 2017 regular meeting, agenda item #6. Thank you.

Submitted via email: contact@hcdaweb.org

To: John Whalen
Chairperson, Hawaii Community Development Authority

From: Rachael Wong, DrPH 

Re: Net Shed Building lease in Kaka'ako

Hearing: April 5, 2017 at 9:30 AM
Kaka'ako Business - Regular Meeting

Dear Chairperson Whalen, Vice Chair Scott, and Authority members,

I am writing in support of the Net Shed Building lease request by Kupu. I recently served as the Department of Human Services (DHS) director but am writing in my personal capacity. My service in DHS informs my professional opinion about community benefit related to human services and complements my experience in population health.

The public health and human services sectors now focus on the social determinants of health, which address housing, employment, access to education and healthcare services, environment, and other root issues, with the goals of improving population and individual health and well-being. Kupu continues to significantly impact the health and well-being of our youth and young adults through education, employment, and community-building. Positive outcomes carry on through generations. Relevant to this lease request:

- Kupu's Community Program based at Kewalo Basin has helped hundreds of underserved young adults (16-24 years of age) to positively move their lives forward since 2010, and its plans are to renovate the Net Shed to become a Green Jobs Training Center.
- Over four out of five (81%) of youth entering into this program were unemployed; after the program, 73% of those who were unemployed entering into the program received employment.
- The renovated center will be transformative as it will allow underserved young adults to gain transferable skills as they help the park and HCDA to meet park goals like helping to maintain the park, educate the community, and provide a community space that can be used for meetings or events (which our youth staff).
- Kupu received close to \$900,000 from the Hoag Foundation to develop a farm to table culinary program that will partner with schools like KCC and LCC in order to provide

training and pathways for underserved youth (some who have come from homelessness) into careers and college.

- Its cohort graduated 6 individuals with their C-Base Diploma (in partnership with McKinley Adult School) and all 6 are either employed or enrolled in school, including one going to UH and another who is going to run for Miss Teen Hawaii.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this lease request by Kupu.

Soares, Tommilyn

From: John Eveleth <jeveleth@kewaloharbor.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 10:55 AM
To: &HCDA
Subject: Testimony supporting KUPU
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Attached in PDF and below is my testimony in support of KUPU as a tenant of the Net Shed.
Thank you, John Eveleth

4/3/17

HCDA Kakaako Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in support of KUPU and lease for the Net Shed in Kewalo Basin Park

Dear HCDA Board,

My name is John Eveleth and I am the Harbormaster for Kewalo Basin Harbor. I have known KUPU and have worked with them since they moved into the Net Shed back in 2010. As a neighbor, I have been involved with KUPU on several projects and we work together to be good stewards of our respective properties. From the beginning of KUPU's occupancy they reached out to offer their help in many ways. KUPU immediately took the initiative to clean up the area by picking up litter, fixing the landscaping and addressing some of the maintenance concerns of the Net Shed. KUPU has also helped the harbor by lending us equipment for our fishing tournament and letting us borrow tables and chairs for our community meetings. KUPU has also been involved with the Friends of Kewalo in their annual park clean-up.

I think it is important to note that KUPU intends to invest money for major improvements to the Net Shed to make it a more suitable facility for workshops, job-training and meetings for their programs and for the community. Ultimately, KUPU intends to make the Net Shed a more suitable and useable space for community based events and as an enhanced gathering place. Their intentions and efforts are perfectly aligned with the vision of the master plan for the area.

KUPU's programs are beneficial to the community in that they provide training and job skills to under privileged youth. KUPU strives to give young people in the community sustainable skills and training to help them get jobs and keep them off the streets. KUPU has re-energized the area and I have noticed a significant reduction crime and homelessness in the area since KUPU has occupied the Net Shed.

I encourage you to keep KUPU as a tenant of the Net Shed and as a partner in the re-vitalization of the waterfront. They are good stewards of the land with their values of sustainability and community outreach. KUPU's mission fits very well with the area master plan.

Respectfully submitted,

John Eveleth
Kewalo Harbor LLC

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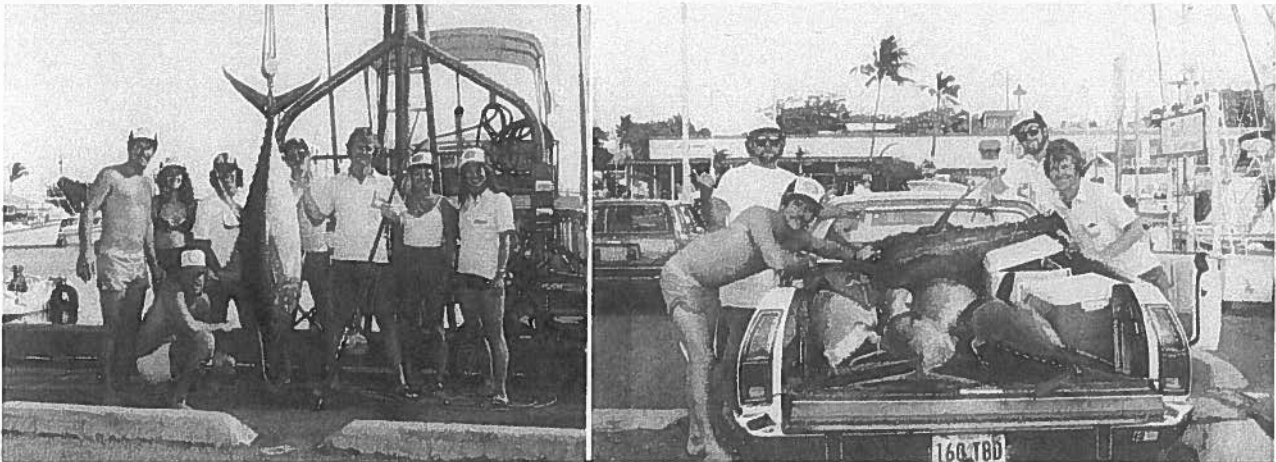
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF AN EXTENDED LEASE FOR KUPU.

Submitted by: Rick White April 4/ 2017 09:00 AM

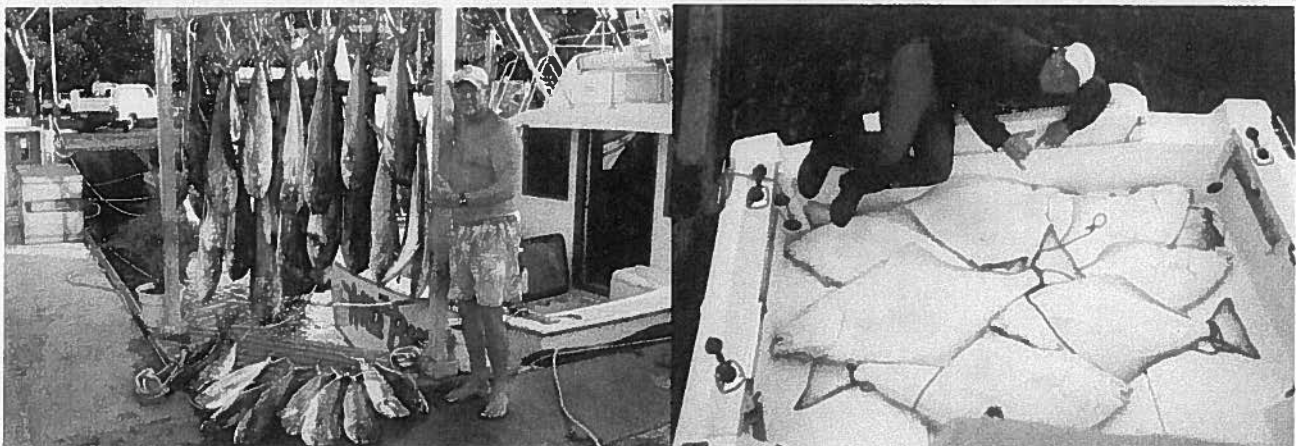
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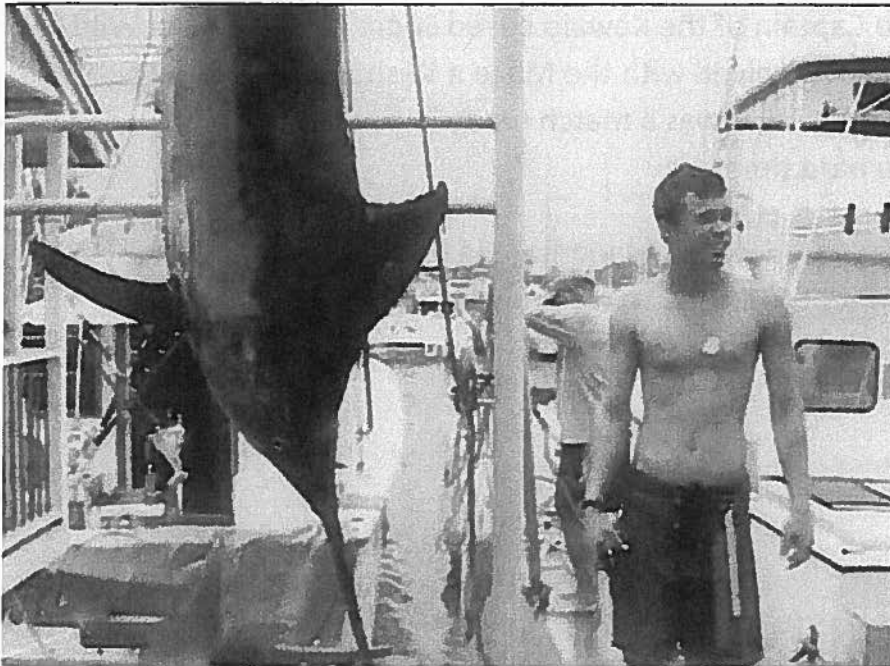
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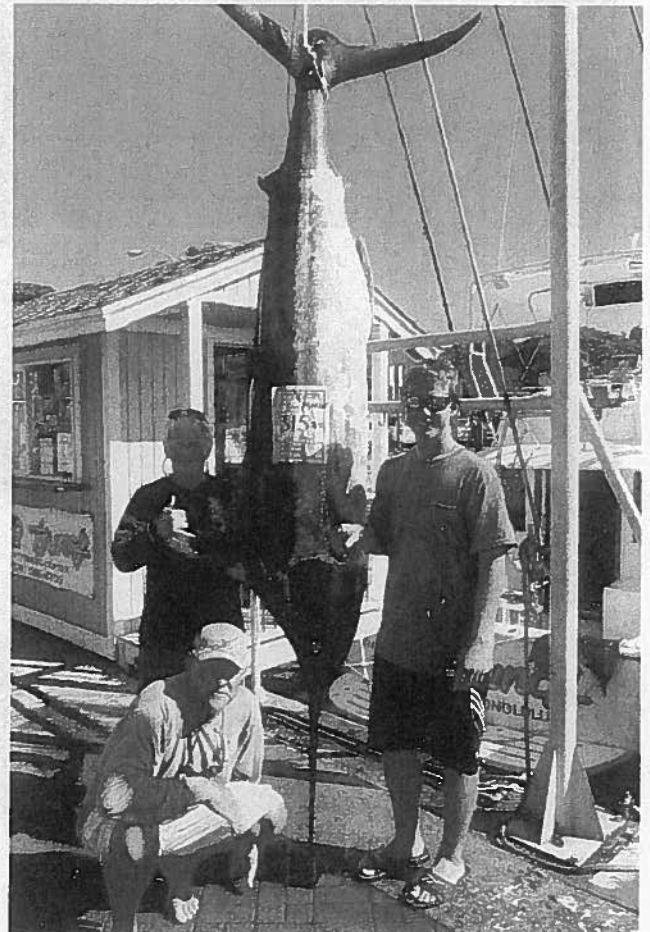
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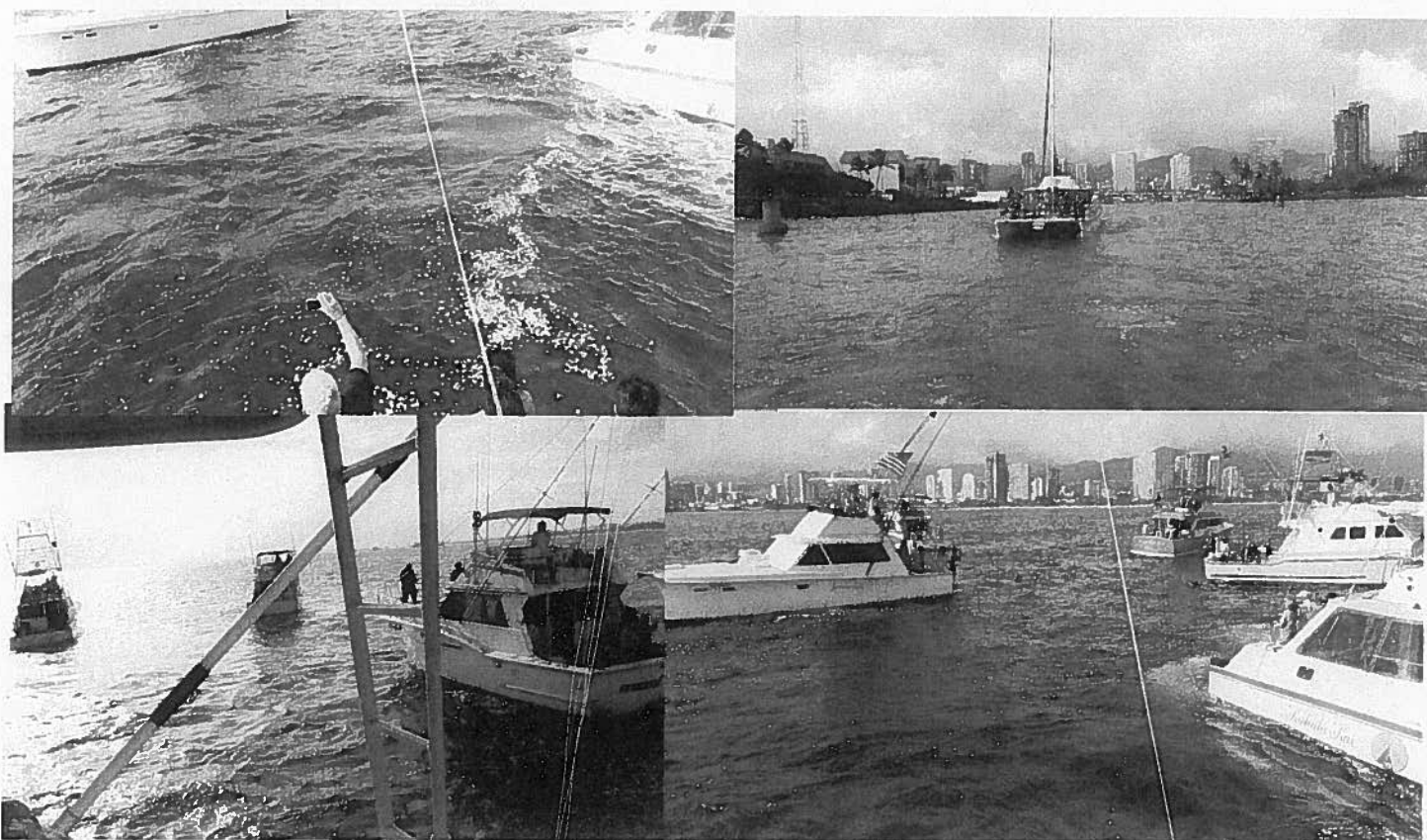




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Kupu Net Shed

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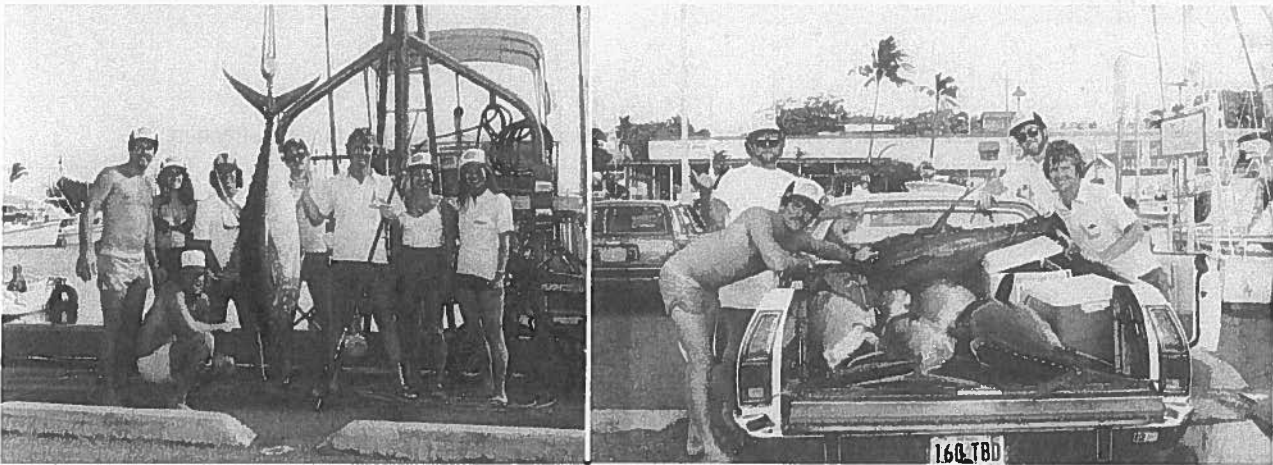
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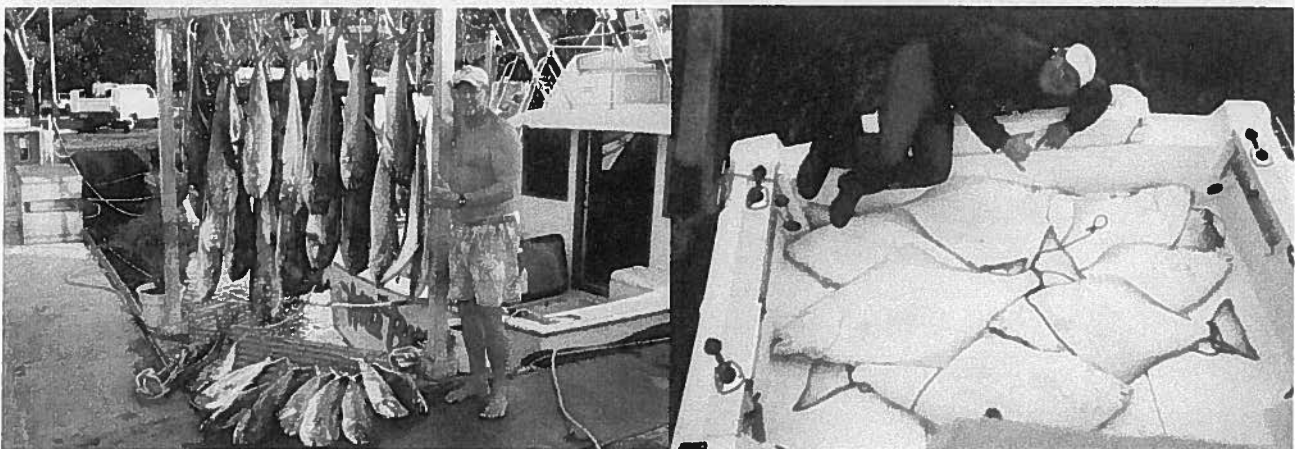
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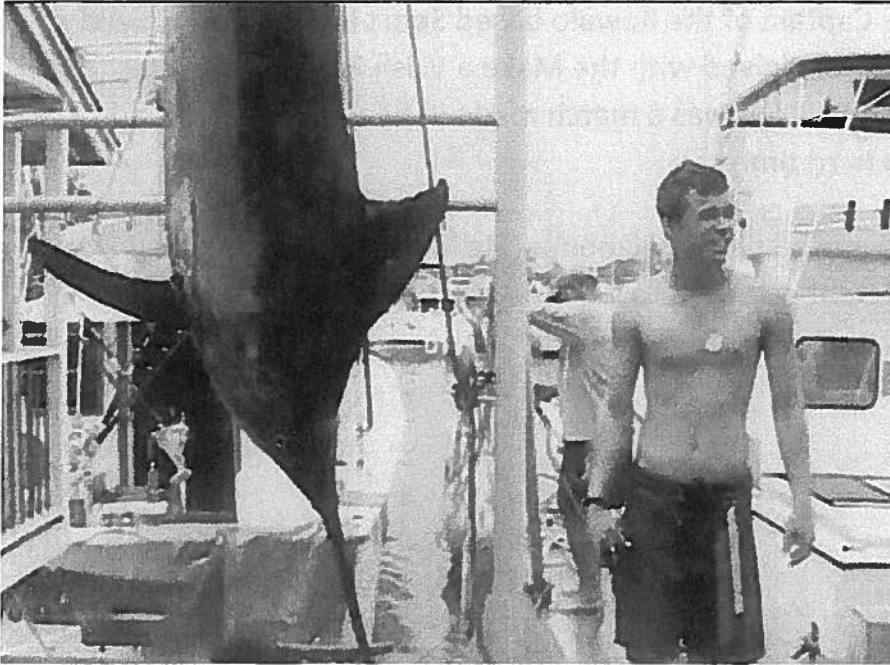
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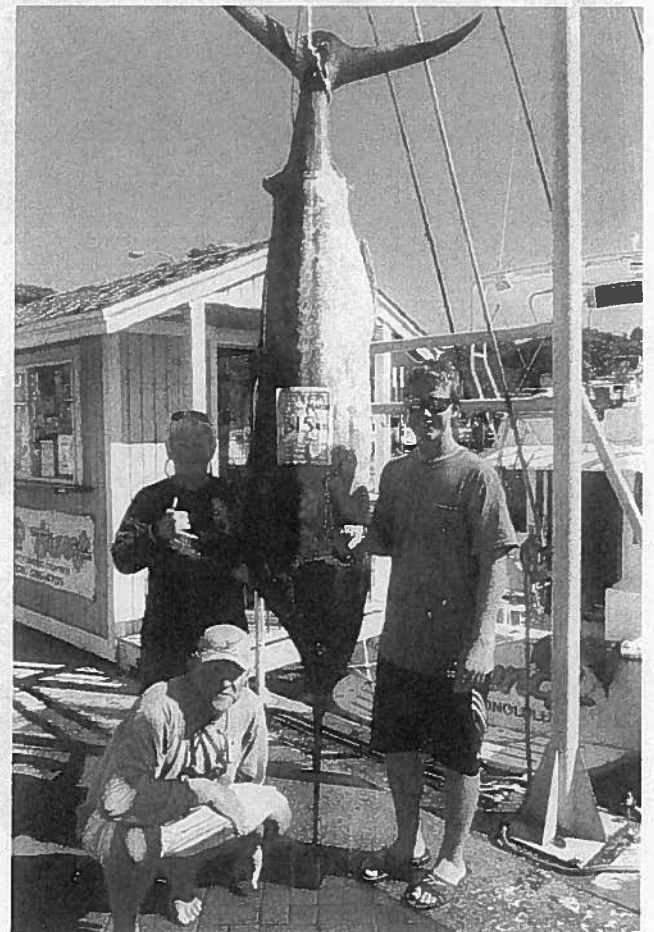
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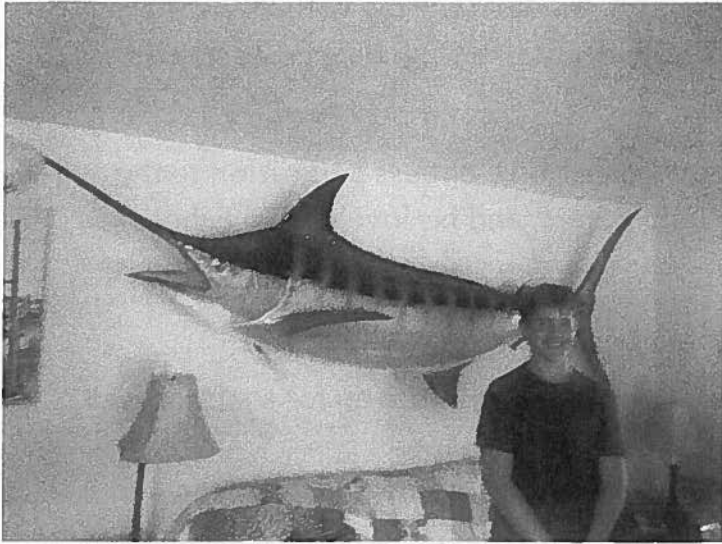




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The Trust For Public Land's Testimony In Support of Agenda Item III.6 Seeking Authority To Negotiate Lease of Net Shed With KUPU
Hawaii Community Development Authority, Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
547 Queen Street, Second Floor

Aloha Chair Whalen and Authority Members:

The Trust for Public Land strongly supports HCDA authorizing negotiations to lease the Net Shed at Kewalo Basin Park to KUPU. KUPU has been a strong and supportive community partner that has improved the area, and has allowed organizations like The Trust for Public Land to hold community events at the Net Shed. John and Julianna Leong, founders of KUPU, serve on The Trust for Public Land's Hawaiian Islands Advisory Board.

KUPU has been based in the Net Shed since 2007. Since KUPU has have taken over the Net Shed, vandalism, homelessness, and crime have decreased at Kewalo Basin Park. I have surfed off and on off of Kewalo Basin Park for many years, and noticed a great improvement in the park near the Net Shed after KUPU moved in. KUPU has also beautified the area, planting coconut trees and other plants that have made the area and park a more pleasant place to visit.

KUPU has allowed other community organizations like The Trust for Public Land to hold community events at the Net Shed. In 2015, KUPU allowed The Trust for Public Land to hold an open community educational talk story regarding the importance of parks to communities and national trends in park development at the Net Shed – over 75 people attended. The speaker was The Trust for Public Land's Director of City Park Development, Adrian Benepe. Adrian served as the Parks Director under New York City Mayor Bloomberg, and is considered a thought leader regarding parks and cities.

KUPU has also offered to work with The Trust for Public Land on efforts to connect Ala Moana Beach Park, Kewalo Basin Park, and Kaka'ako Makai Park via a multi-use pedestrian and bike path that would provide enhanced recreational opportunities for a growing urban center. KUPU is also planning to renovate the Net Shed to become a Green Jobs Training Area, providing services and programs to educate youth on sustainability and culture, and to develop green jobs, and continuing to offer its space to engage the broader public in community service.

KUPU has been a tremendous asset to Kewalo Basin Park. We urge HCDA to support a least of the Net Shed to KUPU. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.
Me ke aloha,


Lea Hong
Hawaiian Islands State Director,
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Please accept the attached letter from Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa on behalf of Kupu Hawaii in strong support of their request for lease of Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin.

Regards,

Mike Formby
Chief of Staff

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Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa

April 5, 2017

**Jesse K. Souki, Esq.
Executive Director
John Whalen, Chairperson
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813**

Re: Kupu Hawaii Request for Lease of Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin

Dear Executive Director Souki and Chair Whalen,

I write this letter in my individual capacity as a longtime friend and supporter of Kupu Hawaii ("Kupu"). I was first introduced to Kupu by David Matsuura and have since followed and taken an active interest in their achievements, which are many.

I was recently briefed by Kupu regarding their desire to develop a green job and sustainability center in the heart of Honolulu and I strongly support their initiative. Kupu teaches, mentors and instills core values in Hawaii youth consistent with community service, integrity and character-building, core values that will enhance HCDA's goal of nurturing the Kaka'ako Maikai Area into a community gathering place that welcomes all.

Please give Kupu Hawaii your favorable consideration. They will be a key partner with HCDA in realizing the full potential of Kaka'ako Maikai.

Sincerely,


Colleen Hanabusa