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PROPOSED 35-YEAR PRIVATE LEASE OF KEWALO BASIN PUBLIC LAND ZONED AS SHORELINE PARK LAND

Aloha Chair Whalen and HCDA Board Members:

This testimony is in opposition to the proposed long-term leasing to a private entity of public land zoned shoreline park land by the HCDA’s Makai Plan.

The Kaka’ako Makai Master Plan approved in 2011 further defines a public shoreline promenade at the Kewalo Net Shed site along the Kewalo Basin Harbor channel. Since the proposed 35 year lease shows the property line up to the Kewalo channel rip rap wall that area would no longer be under public control and would place the public shoreline promenade under jeopardy.

During the community planning process for the Kaka’ako Makai Master Plan proposals for use in Kaka’ako Makai were selected for their relevance in support of this unique ocean shoreline setting. Any long-term tenants of the Kewalo Net Shed must have a mission that primarily supports the Kewalo Basin Park by presenting the public with benefits that are consistent with park uses. Unfortunately, this lease creates a situation where the existence of the program and planned improvements made to the Kewalo Net Shed are expected to be partially funded by private commercial activities like weddings, baby luaus, and funeral services.

The Kaka’ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council believes the long-term usage of the Kewalo Net Shed should well-planned with programs and uses of the facility well defined with its role of being a part of Kewalo Basin Park to support this unique ocean recreational public shoreline.

Respectfully,

Wayne Takamine
Chairman
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From: LorMona Meredith <lormona@pvshawaii.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 11:55 PM
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Subject: HCDA Kaka’ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

HCDA
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547 Queen St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Monday, September 4th 2017

Dear Hawai‘i Community Development Authority Board,

On behalf of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and as a representative of the Promise to Pac‘ Äina Partnership and Collective Impact Group, we strongly support Kupu and their request to secure a long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility to house their exciting new Green Jobs Training & Community Center. We humbly request that the HCDA board approves the final lease document.

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Both unprecedented and necessary, the Promise to Pae‘Äina marked the first time that many of these individuals and groups came together, agreeing to set aside their differences to focus on our shared interests and how we can build on them. On the shoulder of this promise, five commitments (Livelihood, Island Home, Future, Responsibility and Heritage) were developed with specific, measurable and time-bound targets, to be achieved or implemented by the time Hōkūle‘a returned home to Hawai‘i, on June 17th, 2017. The significance of these targets is that, like Hōkūle‘a, they serve as a platform that brings us together, as a canoe that propels us to work toward shared destinations. The five commitments of the Promise to Pae‘Äina Initiative recognizes that our ocean is our: Livelihood, Island Home, Future, Responsibility and Heritage.

Our long-term collaborative partnership with Kupu includes leading the Future Commitment working group of the Promise to Pae‘Äina Commitment, and collaboration for the development and implementation of educational tools and resources for youth and young professionals, such as the Conservation Career Compass and the Follow the Drop project. Our collaboration with Kupu and other partners continue to produce tools to advance the work of mālama honua, to care for our Island Earth, while at the same time creating space and opportunities for new relationships.

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Mahalo,

Lor’i Mona Meredith

Promise to Pae‘Āina Coordinator, Polynesian Voyaging Society
To whom it may concern,

My name is Leilani Patachhia. I have been a sales representative for the surf brand Hurley for the past 10 years. I come from a family of surfers, my brother is professional surfer Fred Patachhia, Jr., and we were raised on the North Shore of Oahu. Every summer, we would pack up and make our way into town. Kewalo Basin was always a favorite spot because of the waves and the local families that frequented it.

I have had the opportunity to work with Kupu this year and have learned about how beneficial their organization is to our community. It’s apparent that they take great care of the park that surrounds the Net Shed at Kewalo Basin. Their staff, both extremely positive and helpful, creates a safe environment for the participants and kids who enjoy surfing there. Because of these reasons, I am in full support of extending Kupu’s lease at Kewalo Basin.

Attached is a signed copy of my statement.

Mahalo,

Leilani Patachhia
Leilani Patacchia
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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[Signature]

Leilani Patacchia
Aloha Chair Whalen and members of the Hawai‘i Community Development Agency,

Please accept the attached testimony in support of the approval of Kupu's long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility.

Mahalo nui,

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Sierra Club of Hawai‘i
Volunteers helping people explore, enjoy, and protect the Hawaiian Islands

[Website links and contact information]
Aloha Chair Whalen and members of the Hawai’i Community Development Authority,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai’i urges you to support Kupu’s long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. Continuing this lease will help ensure our public facilities are properly maintained, positive economic development is fostered, and youth leadership is advanced.

Since 2010, Kupu has run its Community program out of the facility, positively impacting thousands of youth, local community members, and the surrounding environment. In the time that Kupu has occupied the Net Shed, they have made incredible improvements to an area once known for its crime, drug-use, and misuse. The organization has not only enhanced and maintained the facilities, gardens, shower areas, and surrounding spaces but has transformed the once derelict area into a growing hub for youth leadership development.

Today, Kupu is the leading organization in growing young environmental leaders. Kupu understands the importance of empowering youth to care for our environment and instills the connection between natural resource management and overall community health. Kupu’s renowned programs span from creating employment opportunities for Hawai’i’s youth—keeping our school’s graduates here in Hawai’i and allowing them to give back to their land—to providing alternative learning spaces for those that are challenged by traditional education systems. The proof of the success of their program is demonstrated every day in our own office—two Sierra Club of Hawai’i employees are Kupu program graduates.

Kupu has already taken great strides in the stewardship of the area and Hawai’i’s communities and deserves nothing less than the opportunity to continue to do so in the future with their Green Job Training Center.

Thank you for considering the approval of their long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility.

Sincerely,

Marti Townsend