

State of Hawaii • City and County of Honolulu

September 6, 2017

Chair John Whalen and Members
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Agenda Item 5. Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Final Form of the 35-Year Lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU?

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Dear Chair Whalen and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on item 5 of the September 6, 2017, Kakaako Business agenda.

KUPU's values-driven focus on a sustainable partnership between its operation, HCDA's resource-short park management needs, and development of a solid foundation of private sector support makes practical sense when one considers how HCDA's limited resources are being severely strained by increased homeless encampments or related activities on state lands under the agency's jurisdiction.

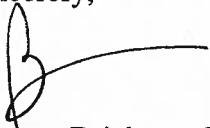
We strongly support the authorization and execution of a final form of the 35-year lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU. While we acknowledge concerns raised about a non-profit occupying and leasing a warehouse-type building within the planned public park open space within HCDA's expansion of Kewalo Basin Park, we believe that the uses proposed by KUPU represent the level of environmental stewardship, educational opportunities and green jobs training that would greatly benefit all of the state park lands under HCDA's jurisdiction.

We believe that transformation of the Net Shed into a mixed-use facility with the following purposes will provide a dramatic improvement over current conditions for Kewalo Basin Park users and the general public:

- A community gathering place for workshops, classes, exhibits and other general interest activities;
- A cultural and educational laboratory for sustainability, conservation, education, culture, service and stewardship programs and activities;
- A hub for Kupu's community program that serves and benefits under-resourced and homeless youth; and
- A center for social and micro-enterprise opportunities like aquaponics, farm-to-table food ventures, rental space, workshops, etc.

We therefore urge your favorable consideration on execution of the final form of the lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU.

Sincerely,



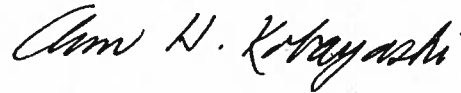
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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Kamuela Cobb-Adams <lho@hawaiipublicpolicy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:42 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Public Testimony Website Submission 35-Year Lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU

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Project Name

35-Year Lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with KUPU

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

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Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports culturally and environmentally appropriate stewardship efforts and the development of leaders within the areas of natural resource management, renewable energy and energy conservation – the core of Kupu's work. A long-term lease at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility will give Kupu the stability it needs to concentrate on the work it does to provide advanced workforce development opportunities and educational services, that helps improve the wellbeing of Hawai'i, its people and its lands. Kupu's work is consistent with Kamehameha's vision and that of the broader community to develop local leaders within an industry that impacts the world. Therefore, Kamehameha Schools – along with the Weinberg Foundation, Cooke Foundation, Atherton Family Foundation and many other organizations – has contributed to Kupu's capital campaign, raising necessary funds to transform the existing "Net Shed" into a Green Jobs Training & Community Center.

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 an innovative 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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'A'ole hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together. Mahalo nui.

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Time: 10:00 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017
Location: 547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

TESTIMONY

**By: Kamuela Cobb-Adams, O'ahu Senior Director of Community Engagement & Resources Group
Kamehameha Schools**

RE: Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Michael Danner <kamalioministries@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:53 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: Kupu Support.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached my letter in support of the above-captioned subject. Mahalo!

September 5, 2017

Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter in support of the proposed lease with Kupu.

I am a Pastor that work with the homeless population on the Windward side, troubled youth, and with young men released from incarceration. Over the past five years I have dropped by the "Netshed", spoken to Uncle Roy and the staff located there, and witnessed firsthand their good works.

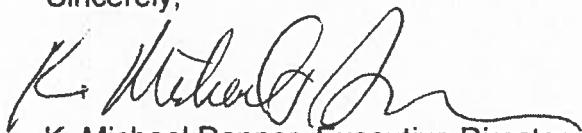
Two years ago, I met a homeless youth camping on a beach in Hau'ula. He did not have his high school diploma, came here with a one-way ticket from the mainland, had no family here, and didn't know anyone. The beach in Hau'ula was a dangerous place for this young man. I was able to get him off the beach, and enrolled in the program at the netshed.

Through their combination of hands-on curriculum and bookwork, he graduated in the program. He then secured a job working on the aina, he grew to love. I would definitely call this a success story. Had he not been a part of the Kupu program, he could have been another sad statistic. A drug user, in jail, or maybe even dead. The Netshed is a perfect location for the program, as it is easily accessible to all throughout Oahu.

The Kupu employees, from the CEO down to the program workers care about our people and our resources. I know they will take great care of the property, it's surrounding areas and use it to benefit all of our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of Kupu as the ideal partner to occupy the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

Sincerely,



K. Michael Danner, Executive Director
Kamali'o Ministries

Moses, Kuulei N

From: DanielBishop <mealaaloha@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 8:49 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Public Testimony Website Submission KUPU Net House at Kewalo Basin

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Project Name

KUPU Net House at Kewalo Basin

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Mayling Chung <mayling.chung@kupuhawaii.org>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 10:34 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: Testimony_HCDA Sept 2017.pdf

Aloha Hawai'i Community Development Authority Board,
Please find written testimony in support of the approval of the Kupu lease attached for your review.

Mahalo,

Mayling Chung

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Sept 4, 2017

Dear Hawai'i Community Development Authority Board,

My name is Mayling Chung and I am a current Kupu staff member of the HYCC Community program that operates out of the Netshed facility in Kewalo Basin. At last month's Board Meeting, some of your members brought up concerns about measuring impact and inclusivity, and I hope that all will be resolved at this month's meeting. I humbly implore you to help us move forward with the final approval of our Netshed lease and subsequent renovation. I strongly believe that the collaboration between HCDA and Kupu, through a long-term lease and renovation of the Netshed, will bring positive changes to the growing Kākā'āko neighborhood. While I acknowledge that there were details that some of the Board members felt strongly should be added to the lease, I consistently see us all rooted in the same desire to enliven and activate the shared spaces of Kākā'āko.

It is the amazingly diverse community members that keep life flowing at the Netshed, and the new people that continue to be drawn to this vibrant community. It is about the connections that one can make to the people that came before and to the people currently active there. Kupu and its Community program bring a network of individuals, groups, businesses, and other entities. Those relationships span populations and generations, and the impact is felt in ways that are often beyond words. Yet, many different people and groups have spoken up on our behalf. I believe the Community program remaining in Kewalo Basin at the Netshed is a key piece of sustaining a family-oriented, community-serving presence for current and future users of the park and surrounding area. Have you come across very many places, like the current Netshed since it started serving as a site for Community program? Because of the program being located where it is, we have touched such a range of different people, not only in Kākā'āko, but across the island and beyond.

From the moment I stepped foot in the building in the beginning of last year, I knew that the place was special. What I have experienced as an employee on-site over the past 18 months has truly been a confirmation that Community program is appropriately named. The people that have helped to build the program within the Netshed over the last 7 years have been and continue to be a significant presence to Kewalo Basin park. They bring a particular depth of experience to so many that come through our doors and I am grateful to be part of a such a transformative and meaningful place. I realize that you have heard multiple testimonies speaking to Kupu's influence and the role the organization has played in their lives, and while I echo those feelings as an individual, I also see these testimonies appealing to HCDA's dedication to community development from a collective standpoint. In collaboration, there is greater strength and farther reach. With utmost respect, I ask that we be able to move forward with the lease in a timely manner, in consideration of grant deadlines, so that we can keep building community in diverse ways. HCDA and Kupu together, inspiring and empowering current and future generations to connect to and invest in such a beautiful place.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,
Mayling Chung

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Kupu HYCC Community Program

Moses, Kuulei N

From: candycthomas@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 8:23 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: KUPU Netshed

Aloha,

It is my pleasure to partner with KUPU. TJMaxx is a company that prides itself on being a neighbor of choice. So when the opportunity to support KUPU's young adults in the Community program presented itself, we jumped all the way in! It is important for young people to see their own people thriving personally and professionally. My assistant store managers Kenny Marzan, Todd-Lee Higuchi, along with Laci Kaneshiro and myself, conducted interview prep, dress for success and mock interview workshops. All this to help those young adults entering into the work force for the first time or to help others with some insider details to get a leg up on the competition. Laci Kaneshiro is a young lady that started working with me 6 years ago when she was 19. She is a hard working young lady and will be promoted to assistant store manager in the near future. It was important that these young adults be able to relate to someone closer to their age, so they could see, that they too, could potentially have a career with TJMaxx or anywhere they chose. We are truly your TJ Maxx team and while it is important for us to be an employer of choice it is just as important to be the neighbor of choice for our local communities. We have been able to experience what this program is about and see the Netshed site in action, especially during graduation, when we celebrated with the participants and their families. With KUPU's leadership, and TJMaxx's amazing managers/mentors, it has been our honor to have played an important role in our efforts to encourage and uplift the youth; helping to build their confidence, outlook, and engagement. Transforming lives together through positive mentorship! We are so grateful to have connected with such an inspiring workplace like KUPU.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Candy Thomas
Store Manager TJMaxx 1263
Honolulu, HI

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Mike <mike@scshawaii.com>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 5:07 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

HCDA:

This a most worthwhile program and as a resident of Kakaako for c. 15 years+, it is well received in our neighborhood. Please continue to support the Kupu program and support approval of their lease.

Mahalo,

Michael

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Kahi Pacarro <kahi@sustainablecoastlineshawaii.org>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 10:45 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Aloha

To Whom it May Concern,

We highly recommend the continued use by KUPU of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility. Please approve the final lease document so that they can confidently continue their important work for the community. We've been witness to their work and have seen the effects it has had not only in keeping that area a safer place, but on the keiki that pass through the doors of the facility. Our youth are better off once experiencing this opportunity and we hope to continue supporting the project there.

Aloha,
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Kahi Pacarro

Executive Director

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Soares, D <alaeke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 8:01 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT: KUPU - GREEN JOBS TRAINING AND COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR & BOARD OF DIRECTORS - HCDA

FROM: DEXTER K. SOARES

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT
KUPU - GREEN JOBS TRAINING AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Ano ai - welina kakou,

My name is Dexter Ke'ala Soares. As a member of the Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club, member of Hale O Na Ali'i, and the Royal Order of Kamehameha (Benevolent Societies), a businessman, and strong and staunch community advocate on program and services the benefit Hawaii's people, I am submitting this letter of support on behalf KUPU - GREEN JOBS TRAINING AND COMMUNITY CENTER TO EXPAND THEIR CURRENT FACILITY AT THE KEWALO BASIN NET SHED FACILITY.

I believe the organization is proposing to develop and or expand its current facility at Kewalo Basin to better serve the broader community through: community meeting spaces, for educational, cultural training and development workshops and much more to serve a 'BROADER COMMUNITY.'

From my understanding, this non profit organization provides much needed services for our young people through the Green Jobs Training and Community Center. As a former educator and Director of Kamehameha Schools, Na Ho'okama A Pauahi Scholarship and Counseling Program - our mission was to provide need based scholarship and counseling support for all public high school graduates wishing to pursue post secondary studies: two, four degree programs; and master and Ph.d's in various fields of study.

I am sure, we all concur, that any organization including Kupu - Green Jobs Training and Community Center that has a dedicated and committed staff who goes "above and beyond" in working with our young people, must be recognized for their good works.

When you effectively work with students as demonstrated by this organization, you "bridge the gap," that often times alienate our young people from actively participating in programs like KUPU. I BELIEVE THROUGH TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, WE ARE CREATING THE FUTURE LEADERS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. We all agree that education is KEY for positive outcomes that "really makes a "difference" for our young people as exemplified by this organization. These students are the future "leaders" in our community and will embrace the many challenges leading towards positive outcomes.

Of equal importance, I always look at MODEL DEVELOPMENT and how we can take this successful model and embrace other communities on O'ahu, the state of Hawaii, and the nation. Model development, replication based on the needs of a specific community and implementation with positive outcomes through a clear

mission; goals and objectives; programs and evaluation is the key to a successful program as demonstrated by this organization.

I trust and look forward to your support of this organization and allow them to continue their good works which is being submitted for your approval. I AM REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT TO APPROVE THE FINAL LEASE DOCUMENT FOR THIS ORGANIZATION TO MEET ITS OVERALL MISSION,GOALS,OBJECTIVES, AND SERVICES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, AND EXPANSION PLAN WHICH EMBRACES MAJOR AREAS AS OUTLINED IN MY TESTIMONY.

Aloha,

Dexter Ke'ala Soares

cc: Honorable U.S Senator Mazie Hirono
cc: Honorable U.S. Senator Brian Schatz
cc: Honorable Representative Coleen Hanabusa
cc: Honorable Representative Tulsi Gabbard
cc: Honorable, David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii
cc: Honorable State of Hawaii, Senator Michelle Kidani

Moses, Kuulei N

From: VirginiaAycock <aycockburr@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 7:58 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Public Testimony Website Submission Other

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Project Name

Other

Do you support or oppose?

Oppose

Comment

On Agenda for Sept 6, 2017 meeting -- A comment with both "support and oppose":

I support HCDA's using good judgement in that which it has been given authority to oversee, conduct, decide, and rule on.

I oppose HCDA's "authorizing itself" to take more authority than has been allotted to it. I oppose HCDA's overstepping its bounds.

The agenda for Sept 6, 2017 sounds as though the HCDA wishes to assign more authority to itself than it would otherwise have. If so, that would not be wise or legally sound. I'm not an "authority" on this, but that is as the agenda sounds.

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Josephine Hoh <JHoh@waimeavalley.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 5:15 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Net shed facility/Kupu

HCDA board,

We humbly ask that HCDA board will approve the submitted lease document so Kupu will be able to expand their life-changing youth programs at the Net Shed facility, and better serve the larger community.

Since 2010, Kupu has run its Community program out of the Net Shed facility in Kewalo Basin. Kupu hopes to continue to positively impact many other youth, as well as the broader community through their presence, management and proposed upgrades to the Net Shed facility. The new facility will also allow Kupu to better serve the broader community through community meeting spaces, workshops, educational sessions, a kitchen operated by our youth and much more.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: cindy navarro <cindynava@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 3:57 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha Hawai'i Community Development Authority Board,

I am writing on behalf of KUPU to express my support for the Green Jobs Training and Community Center and ask that you strongly consider their approval for a long-term lease. As a public school teacher and community volunteer with Pu'u Wa'awa'a Dryland Forest, I have had the opportunity to work with numerous graduates of the KUPU program. These are individuals who continue to passionately and tirelessly work to restore our island environment and educate our public on critical issues of importance. The program has changed the lives of many of our youth and directed them on a path that fulfills their passion and allows them to contribute back a thousand-fold. This program needs to continue to grow and expand, if we are to move our islands in a sustainable path to self-sufficiency.

Cindy Navarro-Bowman
Honoka'a High & Intermediate School Teacher

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Laura Thompson <4pinky2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 1:12 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: Kupu Lease of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

There is no better use of that facility than to continue Kupu's tenure. Kupu's job is to empower future generations to create a more sustainable, pono Hawai'i, your job is to assist that to happen.

Do approve the long term lease.

Mahalo and aloha,

Laura Thompson
Native Hawaiian, life long resident of Niu
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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Antonio Bonnetty <antonio.bonnetty@student.chaminade.edu>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 9:20 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority.Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

To whom this letter may concern,

First coming to Hawaii I did not know what to expect. A military brat like myself, while also being an African American it is highly likely that I may run into trouble coming to new places. In some cases I did people we're not terrible, but I did not feel the Aloha that many spoke of, and nor did I feel at home. Until one crazy summer, when I decided to take a internship at a company with a weird name called Kupu. Once I heard it was derived in local aspects I thought "oh I will not be welcomed here Im just a haole" Kupu shattered those ideas. Kupu became to me the foundation on which I found myself finally calling this island my home. They made me not just a person on the island of Oahu, but apart of it sharing all my mana with each and every person around me. I may be black on the outside, but on the inside Kupu allowed me to see that we are all connected and the same brothers and sister, from the smallest Pohaku to the tallest Coconut tree we are all the same. They re-lit my love for nature and the protection of her endless wonders. I write this message not to change ideas, but just to state how Kupu has made an impact upon my life. I hope that this letter finds you in good spirit and Mahalo for reading.

Sincerely
Antonio Bonnetty

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Cowie Kurosawa <cowiekurosawa808@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 9:43 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

I participated in the summer program with KUPU, and we met every morning at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. It was an ideal location for me and my teammates & have fond memories there. The summer program at KUPU, although for only a short span of time, greatly impacted my life and my perspective on conservation here on Oahu. I believe that everyone who went through the program will have only positive feedback of the program. As KUPU continues to positively impact our Hawaiian islands with their hardworking team of individuals, I would appreciate if you consider this request to approve the lease, as it means a lot to Kupu and our Community program.

Mahalo,
Chris

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Ronald Iwami <iwamih001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 4:04 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE 35 YEAR LEASE FOR KUPU
Attachments: Testimony KUPU 9.2.2017.doc

Aloha,

Attached you will find written testimony is strong support for KUPU.

Mahalo,
Ron Iwami
Friends of Kewalos



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

From : Friends of Kewalos

Date: September 2, 2017

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR
KUPU - 35 year lease.**

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.

KUPU has helped with our 11th annual Kewalo Basin Park Cleanup this year in June and 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 so not to disrupt the park users.

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 and is an appropriate use of public land.

6. KUPU has pledged to accommodate the "shoreline promenade" concept on their land when the construction begins.

The Shoreline promenade was the most popular concept of the Kaka'ako Makai Conceptual Master Plan adopted by HCDA in 2010.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Ron Iwami
Friends of Kewalos

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Ching, Meredith at A&B <mching@abinc.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 1:50 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Testimony in Support of Lease to Kupu
Attachments: MJC testimony Final lease.docx

Chair Whalen and Authority Members:

Please find attached my testimony in support of the issuance of a long-term lease to Kupu for the Net Shed facility in Kakaako, to support the good works that Kupu does with Hawaii's youth and natural resources. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Meredith Ching

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September 2, 2017

Attention: John Whalen
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Whalen and Members of the Authority:

RE: Kupu Green Jobs Training & Community Center—Approval of Lease

Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong support for the Authority's granting of a long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility to the Kupu organization. This lease will allow Kupu to move forward with its planned Green Jobs Training & Community Center, enabling it to expand its effective youth programs and better serve the larger community.

Kupu's mission is "to empower youth to serve their communities through character-building, service-learning, and environmental stewardship opportunities that encourage being pono with Ke Akua, self, and others." Through their programming, Kupu has established a strong track record of positively impacting Hawaii's youth while benefitting—and improving—Hawaii's natural resources as well. Kupu's participating youth learn to be future stewards of our state, while at the same time transforming their lives and their communities.

Kupu is not a high profile organization, but it is an extremely effective one. I first became acquainted with Kupu in 2012, introduced to the non-profit by my cousin, who was helping Kupu to raise funds in the community. While a relatively small organization at that time, I was impressed with its leadership, unique mission, and on-the-ground results—one life at a time. I have since become more involved, serving as a vice-chair for Kupu's capital campaign cabinet for the Green Jobs Training Center, committed to helping Kupu to expand its reach to a greater number of youth and communities throughout Hawaii.

Kupu has a proven track record, achieving some impressive growth statistics and economic benefits:

Since its inception in 2007:

- Worked with over 3,250 youth
- Provides over 230,000 volunteer service hours annually
- Assists over 150 public and private organizations statewide
- Nearly 40,000 community members educated through Kupu presentations/events
- Cumulative economic benefit = More than \$73 million (2016=\$16.4 million)
- Cleared over 21,000 acres of invasive plants annually
- Planted more than 200,000 native plants and trees annually
- Diverted over 10,000 pounds of recycled items from our landfills last year

96% of Kupu graduates received employment and/or enrolled in school upon program completion. Most significantly, nearly 100% of alumni agree that Kupu has encouraged them to pursue environmental and community endeavors.

Having a new and larger home is important to expanding upon Kupu's solid results. The renovation of the Green Jobs Training Center will provide Kupu with the capacity and tools needed to continue its success, and to help make Kaka'ako a community gathering place in partnership with the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Kupu's Green Jobs Training Center will help to positively transform the aesthetic landscape and vibrancy of Kewalo Basin and Kaka'ako. Kupu will further service projects in the area, clean ups, and provide support, such as food service, for community events held by other community partners such as The Friends of Kewalo, boaters, and surfing organizations. Kupu's existing center already serves to draw a plethora of community groups and organizations to Kaka'ako. With the renovated Training Center, Kupu can provide even more workshops, speakers, and events for the broader community. Spaces like this are needed in Kaka'ako for the community and this usage is a strong fit for a building zoned as non-commercial in a park. It creates anchor point for community and a positive, healthy element within the park.

In conclusion, I fully support Kupu's efforts as it seeks approval from HCDA for a 35+ year lease of the Net Shed facility and area at Kewalo Basin. Kupu's proven results speak volumes about their ability to be an excellent partner for HCDA for the long term. I believe that Kupu's mission and that of the Authority are aligned, and that there is great potential of what the two organizations can do together for Kaka'ako and for Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Meredith J. Ching

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Ruth Baldino <ruth5499@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 1:50 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority, Support the Approval of KUPU Lease

Dear HCDA Board:

I would like to add my support to approve the final lease document for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. The proposed Green Jobs Training & Community Center is a much needed Center that will support our youth and KUPU's environmental partners.

I believe the Community program that has been housed at the Net Shed facility at Kewalo Basin is an ideal spot for such a youth oriented program as well as for the larger Honolulu community with similar interests.

I only recently became aware of the KUPU program. When I introduced the young man I'm working with to the opportunities at KUPU, he was enthusiastic and thankful that a conservation program is available right here in Honolulu. He had taken courses at McKinley High School that first got him interested in protecting our land and fish. He's now ready for the next step. I hope you approve the lease to enable him, as well as others, to continue on this path.

Thank you.

Ruth Baldino
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Moses, Kuulei N

From: PELEKE FLORES <hawaiian_feva@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 6:41 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

I Peleke Flores of Waimea, Kaua'i support the approval for HCDA Kakaako Authority to grant Kupu Lease.

Kupu has supported many of the organization I have been apart of from Paepae O Heeia, Kako'o Oiwi, and Papahana Kuaola all of Heeia, Oahu; Na pali coast Ohana (Na Pali Coast, Kaua'i) and many many more through out the Hawaiian islands.

Please support KUPU so that they can continue making our Hawaii's environment a better place for our future.

Mahalo

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Wayne Takamine <waynetakamine@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 6:26 AM
To: msmatson@hawaii.rr.com; DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: RE: 9-6-17 HCDA Kaka'ako Agenda Testimony

Hi All,

We should also consider sending to the HCDA Board our Position Statement for the Kaka'ako Makai Parks Active Use Master Plan so they have direction for forth coming decision making...

From: msmatson@hawaii.rr.com [mailto:msmatson@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 7:02 PM
To: dbedt.hcda.contact@hawaii.gov
Subject: 9-6-17 HCDA Kaka'ako Agenda Testimony

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Natalia Hussey-Burdick <nataliah@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 10:54 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

I would like to request that the HCDA board approves the final lease document for a long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. Kupu is an indispensable resource to our community, and an ideal partner to occupy the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

Thank you very much for your time, I am available if you have any questions: 808 688-3481.

Sincerely,
Natalia Hussey-Burdick

Moses, Kuulei N

From: MarkFox <mfox@tnc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 8:59 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Public Testimony Website Submission Other

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Do you support or oppose?

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See attached testimony in support of Sept. 6, 2017 Kakaako Business Agenda Item III.5. 35-Year Lease of the Net Shed Building at Kewalo Basin with Kupu.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting Kupu Long Term Lease of Kewalo Basin Net Shed
Hawai'i Community Development Authority Public Hearing
September 6, 2017, 1:00PM

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports the proposed long term lease for Kupu at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed.

TNC has had the privilege of working directly with Kupu and its related organization Pono Pacific for several years. We have also long observed Kupu's highly effective conservation and training programs across the state as they work in many of the same native forest and coastal landscapes as TNC and other government, non-government and community partners; often alongside professional staff from those organizations.

TNC hosts between 5 and 7 Kupu interns per year in both our forest and marine conservation programs. We have found that these young people are consistently hard-working, committed, and excited to learn and grow as citizens and future leaders. They are genuine assets to our team and the accomplishment of our work. In our experience, the qualities displayed by these young people have a lot to do with the Kupu leadership and staff and their vision and culture of service that is infused into the programs and services they deliver. Kupu aims to develop future generations of responsible, productive and well-rounded citizens and leaders. While Kupu is providing a critical pipeline for the development of future conservation professionals—which is sorely needed—it is also helping to build the character of young people for whatever they may ultimately choose in their professional and personal lives. In addition to the quality of the programs it provides, we have also found Kupu's administrative and financial operations to be sound and responsive in all our dealings with them.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our very positive experience with Kupu. We hope you will look favorably on their long-term lease at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed.

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From: Derek K Sumida <Derek.K.Sumida@courts.hawaii.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 6:26 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Approve Final Lease at KBNS Facility

Importance: High

To HCDA board members,

I am writing to request that you approve the final lease document to keep the KUPU Program at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed.

The KUPU Program, which has been occupying this space for several years, has been an instrumental program for our at-risk youth and their families, especially of Micronesian ancestry. The Family Court relies on programs like this to assist us in providing a safe environment for our teens to receive an education and develop skills through cultural learning opportunities.

A few years ago, KUPU staff members took the time to meet with the Juvenile Drug Court Program (which I represent) to help us develop a better understanding on how to work with the Micronesian population in particular and develop strategies for better outcomes. It was apparent how these kids have a special relationship with this program and the dedicated staff members, like Roy, Gina, and Kamuela, just to name a few. It was also neat to see former students return to give back to the Net Shed by helping to maintain it's structure and integrity, which has given a lot to them over the years. These kids come from broken homes, housing projects, and run down neighborhoods with a tremendous amount of negative influences. The Net Shed provides them with a large open kitchen so they will never go hungry. Where else can you find such a program?

What is more interesting is that the program welcomes parents to demonstrate their skills, such as traditional basket weaving and skirt making, which often times are overlooked. With the high number of homeless and immigrants arriving to the islands, it is important to have a program like KUPU and the Kewalo Basin Net Shed available to provide these youngsters a place to learn and grow, like the resilient kupukupu plant, which is what they model their program after.

So please keep the KUPU Program at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed alive and running by approving the final lease document.

Mahalo for your support!

Derek K. Sumida, MSW

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**HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

**TESTIMONY RELATING TO KAKA'AKO AGENDA ITEM #5
PROPOSED 35-YEAR PRIVATE LEASE OF KEWALO BASIN PUBLIC LAND
ZONED AS SHORELINE PARK LAND**

Honorable Chair Whalen and HCDA Board Members:

This testimony reiterates previous testimony expressing concerns related to the proposed long-term leasing to a private entity of public land zoned as open green shoreline park land.

The subject public land along the Kewalo Basin shoreline and channel was zoned to become an expansion of Kewalo Basin Park in accordance with the HCDA's Makai Plan. However, the proposed long-term lease would preclude the HCDA's zoned expansion of Kewalo Basin Park.

Additionally it should be noted that the subject long-term lease would also preclude the future Shoreline Promenade extension along the Kewalo Basin channel fronting the present net shed site. The proposed lease boundary abutting the Kewalo Basin channel was illustrated on the site plan presented during the previous HCDA deliberations on this proposal.

Such a proposal portends reversal of established public policy, and sets a chilling precedent for alternate private uses of public shoreline park land vitally needed by Kaka'ako's growing population as well as the larger community.

Respectfully,

Michelle S. Matson
President, O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Keolani Noa <keolani@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 4:31 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: KUPU Support Letter 2017pdf.pdf

Aloha,

Please see the attached letter of support for KUPU. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help assist or clarify.

Me ka Pono,

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Mrs. Keolani Noa
NH Academic Advancement Coordinator
Project Olonā Director

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NATIVE HAWAIIAN ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

August 31, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the HCDA Board, to approve the final lease document to KUPU; to expand their life-changing youth programs at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. The facility is an important foundation in the utilization of addressing the educational needs of our youth, students in higher education, and community. We strongly support KUPU as a community partner; who has been an inspiration to the college students seeking STEM degrees.

KUPU is an organization that continues to impact our students by providing amazing networking with various conservation agencies state wide. Through KUPU our students are able to engage with various projects that encourage their passion in conservation and sustainability, while serving their community. The Kewalo Basin NET Shed facility under KUPU will provide a broader impact with in Hawaii's Island communities. KUPU's project base research component is a driving force in students' academic advancement and skill building opportunities.

KUPU's efforts to utilize Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility as a place for education and preservation is an ongoing commitment to the future of Hawai'i. We are pleased to continue a relationship that is beneficial to our educational institutions and the landscape of our communities.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Keolani Noa
UH- Kapi'olani Community College
Native Hawaiian Academic Advancement Coordinator



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Moses, Kuulei N

From: DerekLock <dlock@hawaii.biz>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 4:22 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Public Testimony Website Submission Kakaako Reserved Housing rules

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Project Name

Kakaako Reserved Housing rules

Do you support or oppose?

Oppose

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September 1, 2017

Aloha Chair Whalen,

We are a broad coalition that has come together for a single purpose: produce more affordable housing for local families. Our members represent key stakeholder groups in Kakaako, and we applaud HCDA's efforts to increase the production of homes for Oahu's residents.

However, we oppose the direction HCDA's Board has taken in amending its Reserved Housing Rules. We believe these changes will obstruct the development of housing for young workers and middle-income families, creating unintended results that will negatively affect Kakaako and its community members.

By imposing more restrictive price and rent controls pertaining to the development of a significant portion of property in Kakaako, the residential development process will become more burdensome and costly, the housing supply will tighten, and home prices will rise. These restrictions come at a time when the building cycle has already slowed, and the proposed rules changes will intensify -- not alleviate -- our current housing crisis.

Over the past months, HCDA has received overwhelming testimony in opposition to the proposed rules amendments from local real estate industry experts, business leaders, community groups, the construction industry, landowners, developers, and Kakaako residents from all walks of life. They have all advised and warned HCDA about the potential detrimental effects of the proposed rules changes. Oahu currently has a housing shortage of 26,000 units. Why place further restrictions and obstacles upon residential development in Kakaako, the only urban redevelopment community on Oahu?

We acknowledge that HCDA faces a challenging task in tackling the important and impactful matter of increasing the supply of affordable housing in Kakaako. But the restrictive policies currently being proposed run counter to that goal and would only lead to the end result of fewer affordable homes for Oahu's residents.

Mahalo for listening,

Arnold Martines, Central Pacific Bank

Tony Mizuno, Bank of Hawaii

Brian Uemori, Bank of Hawaii

Scott Cody, Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co

Gerry Majkut, Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co

Christine Camp, Avalon Development

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From: Keith_Ideoka/LAHAINALUNA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 4:11 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Testimony- In support of KUPU's application and use of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility

Aloha DBET & HCDA,

I would like to ask you to grant KUPU the use of your Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility for their needs to teach, train, and empower Hawaii's youth to become self-sustaining and contributing citizens in our greater society. As an high school Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Teacher for 29+ years, I have personally witnessed how KUPU changes the lives of my own students through their HYCC and other youth programs. After participating in KUPUs programs, many of my former students have gone into careers of teaching, conservationists, military service, cultural practitioners, etc. KUPU serves a vital role in empowering our youth and next generations to be the leaders in field of conservation and in many other sectors of our society.

I fully support KUPUs mission and I would like you to approve their request to use the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility for their youth and community outreach programs.

Mahalo,
Keith Ideoka
Ag & Natural Resources Conservation Teacher
Lahainaluna High School
ph. 808-385-0100

Lahainaluna High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Lynn Kahoohalahala, Principal, 980 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, HI 96761 808-662-4000.

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Darren Okimoto <okimotod@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 1:30 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha HCDA Board Members:

I am writing as a private citizen in strong support of KUPU's request to lease the the Kewalo Basin Net Shed and urge you to approve their request.

In my day job I serve as the Associate Director and Extension Leader for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program. I have witnessed firsthand the impacts that KUPU has had upon the community and youth of Hawaii over the past four years. In fact, Mr. John Leong, Chief Executive Officer of KUPU has partnered with our Sea Grant Program over the years to promote better understanding and awareness of conservation and stewardship of our island's terrestrial and marine resources. In addition, I had the honor of personally mentoring an AmeriCorps intern through KUPU who participated in our Waikiki Reef Watch project several years ago to teach visitors and residents about our marine resources and what actions they could take to preserve and conserve these resources for future generations.

The ability of KUPU to bring together the community while offering training and hands-on experiences to our youth in Hawaii is an important activity that all of us together must support. They are training the next generation of decision-makers, managers, community leaders, educators and environmentally literate citizens who will care for our precious island resources now and into the future.

I can think of no better way to utilize the Kewalo Basin Net Shed and therefore urge you to approve KUPU's request.

Mahalo,

Darren K. Okimoto
Kapahulu resident
(808)372-9845

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Eleu Novikoff <eleun@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:49 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha mai Kākou,

Happy Aloha Friday, I hope this email finds you well! I wanted to write in support of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority Board approving the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility final lease document securing opportunity for the KUPU Hawai'i Program. As an educator, many of my students have benefited from the KUPU Program in the field of Conservation and Native Hawaiian Studies. We are truly fortunate to have access to KUPU in Hawai'i as they support the lifelong learning and experience for young adults and community at large.

As the lease agreement enters its final stages of decision making, I'd like to recognize KUPU for the mālama they facilitate towards their utilized facilities and outdoor learning classrooms. It is evident that their program has the ability to foster student learning, while also caring for the physical spaces and resources they occupy. I look forward to future collaborations with the KUPU Hawai'i Program with the support of HCDA. Mahalo nui for your time!

Mālama `Oia`i`o,

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: OISC Outreach <oisc@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:39 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: oiscmgr@hawaii.edu
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

The KUPU Programs provide important connections for young people entering the conservation and education workforce; and in doing so, support environmental services and economic growth across Hawai'i. The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee supports the continuance of KUPU's operations at the Kawelo Basin in order to sustain the contributions their programs make to the community.

Mahalo,

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Michelle Bartell <mbartell@asbhawaii.com>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 11:30 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: Rich Wacker
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha Chairperson Whalen and HCDA Board Members,

I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for Kupu and to encourage the HCDA to grant Kupu a lease to continue operations at the Kewalo Basin "Net Shed." Kupu has a proven and impressive track record in effectively utilizing the Net Shed to engage under-resourced youth in environmental service learning and job readiness programs.

Kupu has been one of American Savings Bank's key nonprofit partners since 2014. Through our relationship, we have developed a deep understanding of, and appreciation for, the positive impact of Kupu's programs, both for the youth they serve and for all of Hawaii.

Through programs such as the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps, Kupu has positively transformed the lives of thousands of Hawaii's disadvantaged young people by providing job skills and leadership development through a combination of outdoor environmental service learning activities, workforce readiness training, and academic classes. Our beautiful state has benefited from the work these youth have done to responsibly steward and restore our precious natural resources.

Kupu's plans for the Net Shed include an innovative mixed-use facility featuring a green jobs training center, vocational classrooms, and a commercial kitchen. These proposed upgrades will not only allow Kupu to better serve youth through their existing programs, but will enable them to do even more community outreach through workshops and trainings. I strongly encourage you to approve the lease so that Kupu can move forward with its plans and further its life-changing work with Hawaii's most disadvantaged youth. Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration.

Malama pono,

Rich Wacker
President & CEO
American Savings Bank

submitted on Rich Wacker's behalf by

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: John Neff <jrneff11@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 11:01 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: KUPU Lease agreement approval

Aloha Chairman and Board members,

I believe in KUPU's mission and in their programs. I have seen their results first hand. Awesome. Our community needs them. I encourage you to approve the final lease agreement for the Net Shed in Kewalo Basin, allowing KUPU to move forward with the Green Jobs Training Center.

Respectfully Yours,
John Neff

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Crabbe, Gabriella K
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 10:50 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

I am humbly requesting that the HCDA board approve Kupu's final lease document for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility.

Kupu's programs are vital in building capacity for our future in our island home. They give our youth the opportunities to become stewards of sustainable environments and to love and malama our aina in a culturally sound way. Your approval of their request will allow them to expand their reach in the community as they will be able to build their training and community center at the Kewalo facility.

Mahalo in advance for your support.

Kaipuaala Crabbe, Career Explorations Counselor
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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Johanna Ventura <kokua411@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 10:00 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: testimony in support of Kupu lease at Kewalo Basin

Aloha,

I am writing to request that the HCDA board approve the final lease to Kupu, so that this amazing organization can continue to leverage the Kewalo Basin location to expand the reach and impact of Kupu's environmental and community/capacity building work throughout the islands.

My name is Johanna Ventura, and I work both as the Director of Operations for a Kauai nonprofit called the Waipā Foundation and as a consultant partnering with organizations and governmental agencies throughout the islands. Because of my work, I am uniquely aware of how diverse and widespread Kupu's impact has grown. For Waipā, Kupu has enabled a steady stream of qualified and passionate interns and volunteers, several of whom have become long term employees. But beyond our individual site, Kupu has become a critical and integral component in Hawaii's growing conservation and environmental movement.

Kupu is closing gaps between local efforts and federal resources. It is helping millennials in Hawaii to have hope for their future. It is helping to redefine conservation and environmentalism as not some ideal notions, but as a movement with vision that has needs and opportunities for a wide range of abilities and passions. Whether folks are interested in technology, cultural stewardship, alternative energy, scientific research, sustainability, biodiversity, native habitats or climate security, Kupu has positioned itself to help make those connections happen... bringing together policy makers, those in the field, resource providers, and the next generation in meaningful, life-changing experiences.

I have had the great pleasure of mentoring Kupu interns for several years, and during that time I have visited Kupu's Kewalo Basin facility for networking events. I cannot imagine a more perfect location for the work that they do. It is important that Kupu be central, but not boxed in by urban. The match certainly seems to have been a win-win for the facility, for Kupu, and, most importantly, for the greater community. I truly hope that the board will agree and grant Kupu the lease they need and deserve.

mahalo for your consideration,
Johanna Ventura

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Tyler Tokioka <ttokioka@islandinsurance.com>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 9:15 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: KUPU lease Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to request that the HCDA board approve the final lease document. I believe in the work that KUPU has done and continues to do in support of our community. KUPU strives to insure proper stewardship of our lands so that the generations to follow can enjoy Hawaii as we now are able and KUPU does this with "ALOHA" in mind.

Since 2010, Kupu has run its Community program out of the Net Shed facility in Kewalo Basin. We hope to continue to positively impact many other youth, as well as the broader community through our presence, management and proposed upgrades to the Net Shed facility. The new facility will also allow Kupu to better serve the broader community through community meeting spaces, workshops, educational sessions, a kitchen operated by our youth and much more.

Additionally, let it be known that I am a Board Member of KUPU.

Thank you,

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Moses, Kuulei N

From: Lee Henry-Chang <lee.henry-chang@kupuhawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 9:15 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: Carissa Moore testimony.pdf

Aloha,

Attached to this email please find written testimony from Carissa Moore in support of Kupu.

Mahalo,
Lee



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8/29/17

To whom it may concern,

My name is Carissa Moore. I am a 3X Professional World Surfing Champion born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. I grew up surfing the South Shore of Oahu and Kewalo Basin has been my training ground from a very young age. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be where I am today without Kewalo Basin Point. The people and the waves together have created an environment that I feel safe and supported to chase my dreams. I am so proud to see that the family atmosphere has only increased over the years. There are upward of ten to fifteen kids that surf there everyday with their moms and dads watching and cheering from the beach.

Kupu plays a fundamental role in maintaining this atmosphere. The friendly staff and kids in the program encourage positivity, they take care of the area and give back to the community. I am in support of extending Kupu's lease at Kewalo Basin point for many reasons but most of all, I love that they keep the place rooted for the local people, young and old.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

Carissa Moore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carissa Moore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Moses, Kuulei N

From: George Hom <hgeo732@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 6:37 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Support for Kupu lease

Aloha HCDA Board,

I support the lease to Kupu from your Board. Kupu is an educational and support organization that impacts lives. It has affected the lives of Hawaii's youth through environmental awareness projects.

Please grant Kupu's lease request.

Mahalo,
George Hom

Sent from my iPhone

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Sara Jinee Buck 19 <sbuck19@amherst.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:22 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Dear HCDA Board,

Please approve the final lease document for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility for Kupu. I participated in Kupu's Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps two summers ago and had the opportunity to work at different sites doing various tasks from cutting down invasive Manuka trees on top of the Ko'olau mountain to planting kalo in Kaneohe. Kupu brings the community together and encourages youth to recognize the importance of caring for our island. The Net Shed is an important part of Kupu's wider mission to help create a more sustainable Hawaii. It is a place to gather and share knowledge and skills that might not otherwise make it to the next generation.

Sincerely,
Sara Buck

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Judith Wilhoite <judithwilhoite@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:02 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

I am writing today to request that the HCDA board approve KUPU for a long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

The programs that KUPU provides in our community are very valuable for Hawaii's youth. Both a biological and a foster son of mine have gone through KUPU's program and are now in fields of work that they would not have even known about had it not been for KUPU. I have also steered many other foster youth into KUPU's programs and they have been very beneficial for those youth, too. I cannot say enough good things about the great work that KUPU does for Hawaii's youth - they are fantastic!

Again, I respectfully ask that you approve KUPU for a long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

Mahalo,

Judith

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Judith Wilhoite
Phone: 808.542.4006

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. ~ *Einstein*

Moses, Kuulei N

From: Amanda_Miyamoto/CASTLE/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:03 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

I am writing in support of approving the Kupu Lease. Kupu has impacted our youth by providing a process through education, appreciation and honoring our culture/ our land through hard work. The program will make a tremendous difference on the future of the state through our young people.

Sincerely,

Amanda Miyamoto, Transition Coordinator
James B. Castle High School
College & Career Resource Center
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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Mele Pepa <mele@alohaharvest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:42 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Kupu's Green Jobs Training & Community Center

Aloha HCDA board,

I hope this email finds you all well. I'm writing to request that the HCDA board approve the long-term lease proposed by Kupu.

We've been partnered with Kupu since 2011. Our mission is to rescue quality food from businesses that's still good for human consumption and deliver it free of charge to social service agencies that serve the hungry, homeless and low income population. One of those agencies is Kupu. We are honored to be partnered with an organization who does so much in the community, especially with youth. Their Kewalo basin location is not only ideal but I believe crucial to the success of the program. I've personally been there myself and just the thought of the possibility that Kupu might have to find another location brings me sadness. The amount of growth that Kupu has accomplished over the years is amazing! I hope the board will approve their long-term lease and allow Kupu to grow even more.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this email.

Mahalo,
Mele Pepa Latu | Assistant to the Executive Director
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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Judy E. <judy_hawaii@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:22 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

To Whom it May Concern,

Please approve KUPU Hawaii's request for a long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

KUPU Hawaii supports community programs in Kaneohe such as Kakoo Oihi and Paepae Heeia. These programs provide opportunities for students from King Intermediate, Castle High School and community youth groups to experience hands-on learning in their own community.

Approving the long-term lease will enable KUPU Hawaii to continue and expand their important programs for young people from all parts of Oahu.

Mahalo, Judy Esaki, Kaneohe Resident

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Leah Laramee <leahlaramee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:29 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha HCDA Board,

I am writing to you to request that you approve the final lease document allowing Kupu to continue with their programming at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed. Kupu has been a great support to me personally and to the work I do at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The opportunities Kupu facilitates for the youth of Hawaii are invaluable. The ability for Kupu to work out of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility provides a welcoming and unique space for Kupu and their interns and community partners.

Thank you for considering this request.

Aloha,

Leah Laramee
Kupu Alum 2003

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Jack Kittinger <jkittinger@conservation.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:33 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority: Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Dear HCDA board,

I am submitting testimony urging you to approve a long-term lease for Kupu for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. Kupu is an incredible organization doing so much for our community and the Net Shed facility supports a range of life-changing youth programs. This lease will help them better serve our community and they are an ideal partner with an incredible mission, strong track record, and wonderful reputation in our islands. Thank you for your consideration,

Jack Kittinger, PhD
Senior Director, Global Fisheries and Aquaculture program
Conservation International | Center for Oceans

Professor of Practice
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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Katrina Mele <katrinamele@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:35 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Letter of Support for Kupu

Aloha,

This letter is in support of Kupu, who I am recommending become a long-term occupant of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility.

My name is Katrina Ogata. I first participated in Kupu's programming in the summer of 2005, where I worked alongside Kaua'i youth like myself to help preserve some of our most precious natural resources. From a short two months in Kupu's program, I gained so much and gave so much. That summer forever changed my life.

After completing the program, I graduated from the University of Hawaii and I now serve as Kupu's Director of Impact. I am lucky enough to continue to support an amazing cause, as I see the positive changes that Kupu is making in our community. The stories that stand out most are those stories of youth who attend programming at the net shed on a daily basis. I am saddened by their stories of homelessness, drugs, school troubles, and many other issues facing youth these days, but I am also encouraged by the opportunities and experiences they gain through Kupu that allow them to turn their life around.

I do not want to think about how many youth in the area that would not have benefited from Kupu's program if it had not existed. For that, I thank you for allowing the organization to run its programming and be a bright light in the Kaka'ako community for the past several years. Moving forward, I can not think of a better use of the Net Shed and I thank you for considering Kupu as a partner to continue to develop and better our entire community.

Thank you,
Katrina Mele Ogata

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Kristine Kotecki <kristinekotecki@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:43 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha HCDA Board,

I am writing in support of Kupu's request for a long-term lease of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility for its Green Jobs Training & Community Center. As an alum of Kupu's Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps, I can attest personally to the value for both individuals and the land of Kupu's work. Kupu has a proven track record of combining transformative youth programs with environmental stewardship, and the lease would enable them to continue to nurture Hawai'i's youth and land and to expand their services to the wider community.

Sincerely,

Kristine Kotecki, PhD
Hawaii Community College Faculty
Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps alum

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Manulani Aluli Meyer <manulani@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:55 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Support letter for Kupu
Attachments: Support letter for KUPU.docx

Aloha mai kakou a pau,

Here is a letter to support KUPU to secure a long-term lease for the Kewalo Net Shed. I look forward to many more years of creative collaboration with this vital and transformative project.

me ka oia i'o,
Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer
Konohiki - Kūlana o Kapolei
A Hawaiian Place of Learning @ UHWO
manulani@hawaii.edu



Aloha mai e HCDA,

August 30, 2017

I am writing to support Kupu's continued, vital and life-changing work at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. A long-term lease should be given to this project for the following 20 reasons:

1. Kupu has a 10-year proven record of successful programs that have touched 3,500+ youth
2. We are in a transhistoric moment in Hawai'i and support for this project is vital
3. Kupu is an innovative program that is the cutting edge of creative and vital collaborations
4. Hawai'i will play an important role in teaching the world about aloha 'āina
5. The Net Shed allows our youth to experience the ocean in special, collective ways
6. Kupu collaborates with our Hawai'i universities in creative and necessary research
7. Hawai'i must evolve to include the values that make us unique. Youth secure its continuity.
8. Support for Kupu allows for an expansion of aloha 'āina exposure to all involved
9. The Kewalo Net Shed is in an ahupua'a that our youth can learn from and care for
10. Touching land saves lives. Learning to love land educates us. Let us be *educated* by beauty.
11. Kupu is dedicated to conservation and care for land. Healing land heals lives.
12. Our youth need exposure to knowledge of land, water, and hard work
13. The Net Shed is a jewel that should be shared with our future generations
14. Mālama 'āina is a synonym for Conservation. This is where continuity lives.
15. We need to educate our youth in different ways beyond text and standardized testing
16. Kupu allows our youth to be educated in (k)new ways vital for a transformed society
17. We are living in a transcultural world and love of land must be a spoken priority
18. There is infinite potential for us all (including Tourism) if Kupu is allowed to flourish in Hawai'i
19. Kupu gives our youth hope, direction and guidance. Our 'āina is grateful!
20. We are all part of this growing movement to nourish our next generation. All of us.

This moment in history can be summarized as: **kupukupu ākea**. There is infinite and vast potential when we see pono and do pono. Please allow KUPU to have a long-term lease for the Net Shed.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer
Konohiki – Kūlana o Kapolei
A Hawaiian Place of Learning @ UHWO
manulani@hawaii.edu

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Jay Penniman <jayfp@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 5:10 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: 2017_08_30_KUPU_Letter_of_Support_JFP.doc

Please find attached, my letter of support for KUPU's long-term lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

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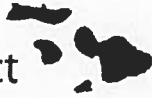
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To: Hawai'i Community Development Authority

From: Jay F. Penniman
Manager, Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project

Re: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority: Support the Approval of Kupu Lease - approve the draft lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility

I request that the HCDA board approve the final lease document. KUPU supports the community through their services at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed and in the community. Please give final approval of a long-term lease for KUPU's proposed Green Jobs Training & Community Center.

I manage a non-profit project out of the University of Hawai'i and have hosted numerous interns through KUPU's facilitation. We focus on restoration and protection of Hawaii's native seabirds. We provide "green jobs", we mentor young people to care for our 'aina and get real working experience leading to valuable long term careers and contribution to society. KUPU is one of our valued partners.

The activities that KUPU will be able to provide, with approval of a long-term lease, will enhance the community through workshops, educational sessions, a kitchen operated by our youth, and community meeting spaces.

Soares, Tommilyn

From: mdeycaza <mdeycaza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:27 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Authority. Support the approval of Kupu lease.

Dear Sirs/ Madams,

Kupu struck me as a unique and wonderful organization during the time our Peoples Congress was held there. They work with elderly and youth. They work with food and farming. They work with not just Hawaiian culture but many other pacific cultures in a holistic way which is very rare. It is hard to imagine a greater benefit to society from any other occupant of the net shed. I hope you will extend their lease.

Sincerely, Michael deYcaza Sent from my BLU smartphone device

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Kalena <kalena_777@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:39 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: Kupu
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Dear HCDA Board Members,

I am here on behalf of Kupu to request that the HCDA Board approves the final lease document for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. I am from the States and in my brief visit, I was lucky to have learned of this passionate group of volunteers and educators who are willing to donate their time and money to such a great cause. This facility will support the community and provide struggling youths the opportunity to get training for green jobs and conserve the natural resources of Hawaii.

Everyday that I am away from Hawaii, I can see the stark contrast. Hawaii has the beauty of a natural environment and powerful ocean for Ohana to enjoy water activities. Back in the States, I experience the stress and chaos of city life, congested with unnatural steel structures, traffic and smog. There are no palm trees, flowers, ocean, and for the first time driving to work, I noticed there's no grass for dogs. I just want to fly back to Hawaii and all its natural beauty.

The approval of this lease for Kupu will have long lasting effect for Hawaii, the environment and future generations to come. Please don't build parking lots or condos here, please don't become just a city in the States. Hawaii is special because it's not just steel, traffic and smog. I hope it will always remain paradise and you can make this happen with the approval of the Kupu lease.

Mahalo,

Kalena
(Karen Kho Stavitzke)

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Kara Ueki <starrycafe73@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 7:29 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha HCDA board,

I would like to request that you approve the final lease document for Kupu's proposed Green Jobs Training & Community Center.

Being a former kupu intern and leader for their summer youth program, I'd like to share with you how much I and many others cherish this program. Kupu provides meaningful work to native and local future leaders of Hawaii ensuring a better tomorrow by working mindfully today. The kupu program not only fosters the growth of tomorrows leaders in Hawaii but also reaches out to established professionals and local, state, and federal conservation agencies and organizations to bring in everyone to work together. It is through their aloha that brings out the best in everyone they reach out to and it grows exponentially each year. Please support their work to reach even more people of Hawaii to not only malama aina but malama each other as well.

Mahalo nui for your time.

Me ka haahaa,
Kara Ueki
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Soares, Tommilyn

From: James Gauer <jg32@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:19 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Hello HCDA personnel,

I am voicing my support for the continued long-term leasing of Kewalo Basin property for KUPU organization to continue to service youth who can gain knowledge and skills to become self-sufficient, give back to their community, and live as democratic citizens in this beautiful State of Hawaii..

Respectfully submitted,

James Gauer

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Carole Iacovelli <carole.iacovelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:40 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Dear HCDA Kaka'ako Authority,

I am writing to request that you approve the final lease for Kupu. This organization is such a positive force for good in our community and it is exactly the type of community organization that we want to support. I know Kupu will be an excellent partner in the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. I give my full support to their participation in this community facility.

Mahalo, Carole Iacovelli

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Carole Iacovelli

e-mail: carole.iacovelli@gmail.com

808-222-2225

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Ryan Rautureau <ryanrautureau@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:47 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Kupu lease

Aloha,

My name is Ryan Rautureau and I would like to request that you allow Kupu to finalize their lease at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed. I was an intern through Kupu and it put me in contact with some of the best people I've ever met. Their commitment to the community and all of Hawaii is inspiring, and they are doing great things with their work.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ryan Rautureau

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Wes Porter <wporter@damien.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 9:48 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha HCDA Board,

I request that the HCDA board approves the final lease document for Kupu.

I am very familiar with the Kupu organization and their critical mission and service to our community. I have participated in programming at the site subject of the lease and it is a wonderful fit for the organization and their mission. I will also join colleagues at the Kupu fundraiser in the coming weeks.

Mahalo,

Wes Reber Porter
President
Damien Memorial School

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Josh Reppun <josh@reppun.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:12 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Kupu Hawaii

Dear members of HCDA,

I write in support of Kupu Hawaii's lease at the Kewalo Basin "Net Shed." I humbly ask that you approve Kupu's request.

I am the representative of Ted Dintersmith, the Executive Producer of the landmark documentary "Most Likely to Succeed," which Ted and I screened at the "Net Shed," in partnership with Kupu. I have had many other occasions to partner with Kupu in my role as @MLTSinHawaii. My love for them, their staff, and their work in the community knows no bounds. They are the right community partner to occupy that space. The value of the work they do from the "Net Shed" is beyond calculation.

Thank you for your time,

Josh Reppun/@MLTSinHawaii

Former teacher, now a specialist at Apple Ala Moana
MLTS Ambassador
Co-Producer of *Ka Helena A'o: The Learning Walk* at kelseymatsu.com
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808.342.0504

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Les Kekahuna <leskekahuna@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:35 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Support!

Please approve the Lease for KUPU. The program has benefitted the youth and many other community programs. I support KUPU and their effort to receive the lease at Kewalo. Thank you for your time. Aloha

Les Kekahuna

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Amber Stillman <ambersti@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:49 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: KUPU- Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility Lease

Aloha,

I humbly request that the HCDA board approves Kupu as an ideal partner to occupy the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility in the final lease document decision.

Since 2010, Kupu has run its Community program out of the Net Shed facility in Kewalo Basin. They hope to continue to positively impact many other youth, as well as the broader community through their presence, management and proposed upgrades to the Net Shed facility. The new facility will also allow Kupu to better serve the broader community through community meeting spaces, workshops, educational sessions, a kitchen operated by our youth and much more.

I have personally seen the impact this program has with Hawai'i's community, the youth and support them in their endeavors and hope that you will also!

Mahalo nui loa for your time!

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Amber Stillman

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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Maile Meyer <maile@nameahawaii.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:13 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: Net Shed lease to KUPU - Please Support this vote

Aloha mai e na poe no HCDA,

Greetings to our hard working members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Thank you, to each of the HCDA appointees, for keeping the largest community interests at the heart of your decision making. Through that lens, I would like to express my deep support for KUPU and this opportunity for the organization to continue to have a large scale community effect at its Kewalo Basin Net shed location. The work of KUPU and KUPU community U is relevant, life changing and vital to our continued community health and well being in Hawai'i. It's an active MODEL of how we should all BE in our communities; collaborative, generous and effective. Wow, what an opportunity to be forward thinking and creativity in our urban core, KUPU is an excellent example.

In today's western thinking and continued trending toward the privatizing of public resources through political means, it's some times hard to tell who gets it right, from a community standpoint. I've worked with KUPU directly at the Net shed through joint projects and volunteerism and have seen and experienced the benefits, many of which can be scaled up and are sure to have the same kind of impact in the community at large. One of the most intriguing things about KUPU is its current location, in the urban core, which presents partnership opportunities for so many entities to come and learn from what is working based on today's community needs. KUPU is forward thinking. KUPU makes a difference.

I've worked in the Kaka'ako area for the past twenty plus years, this is an organization that is not afraid to be inclusive, across community. Kupu amplifies and resonates what we say is important in Hawai'i, and it does it in a location that is an epicenter. The best place to spread the word is where people will understand it, if they witness it.

Please, if you haven't, before you vote, make a point to see what KUPU does. It's not an esoteric, abstract entity. It's a day in day out, work through problems and get to solutions that have a positive effect on our young people. We all benefit having a community champion like KUPU in or midst. KUPU gets it right. Please support their continued presence at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed.

me ka mahalo, and always with gratitude,
Maile Meyer

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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Pua'ala Pascua <puaalaikahoni@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 6:32 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease.

Aloha,

I'm writing today in support of KUPU's request to approve the draft lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility.

Through the Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps, Kupu provided one of my first post-high personal and professional development opportunities. The program introduced me to local conservation practitioners and organizations, eventually setting into motion years of subsequent internships, research projects, and fellowships culminating in a Bachelor and Master's degree in the natural sciences and my current position as a marine conservation professional.

Since 2010, Kupu has run its Community program out of the Net Shed facility in Kewalo Basin. They hope to continue to positively impact many other youth, as well as the broader community through their presence, management and proposed upgrades to the Net Shed facility. The new facility will also allow Kupu to better serve the broader community through community meeting spaces, workshops, and educational sessions.

In addition to approving the lease, I humbly request you support this program in any way you can.

Mahalo,
Pua'ala Pascua

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Katie Hoppe <khoppe4@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:34 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuahawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

My name is Katherine Kealoha and I am writing to express my support of Kupu and the lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed Facility. I went through the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps with Kupu after I graduated from high school in 2006, and since returning to Wai'anae High School as a teacher I have encouraged many students to apply for the program and look to Kupu as a resource in starting their careers in environmental resource management.

My participation in Kupu was really life changing, and it gave me hands on experience in a field that I had always wanted to try. I became an educator partially because I wanted to provide similar educational experiences to students, and my time at Kupu has really inspired the ways I design learning opportunities for my students. Students who went through the summer program raved about all that they learned and brought the conservation perspective in to the classroom afterwards.

I believe that the work Kupu is doing is essential for the future of Hawai'i, particularly our youth, and I believe that this lease will allow them to continue and extend the good that they are doing.

Mahalo,

Katie

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Scott McCormack <SMcCormack@replayresorts.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:48 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: tbr testimony for KUPU Kewalo_08-31-17.pdf

Support testimony for approval of Kupu Lease.

Aloha,

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August 31, 2017

HCDA Board

Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha HCDA Board,

Turtle Bay Resort and Foundation is familiar with KUPUs excellent work in Hawaii Communities and specifically on the north shore of Oahu. They have innovative programs that train and give purpose to at risk and under privileged young adults to train them to understand their place in their culture and to be productive citizens; giving back and being resilient.

We believe that by giving KUPU a long-term lease at Kewalo Basin Net Shed they can develop more robust programs and serve many more young Hawaiian adults and help them contribute positively to the community while being self-sustaining.

Turtle Bay Resort and Foundation requests and recommends that the HCDA board approves the final lease document for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed and in the community.

Mahalo for your support!

G. Scott McCormack
Vice President Real Estate
Turtle Bay Resort

Soares, Tommilyn

From: nicole fisher <nicole_fisher@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 8:42 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: re: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha Hawai'i Community Development Authority,

Our future is with the next generation and in order to impact our community in a sustainable approach we need to support incredible programs like Kupu.

Just look at the headlines: the Aloha Plus Challenge metrics being collected by our majors, the support that the Navy gives local start ups likes the Energy Excelerator, the latest RFP that UH Manoa put out to retrofit it's campus buildings with green technology and the success of new charter school's like SEEQS. The future is moving towards sustainable systems to increased green job opportunities and there is no better organization than Kupu to be lead this path forward.

Kupu has already been working out of the Net Shed since 2010 and they have built up relationships with the key stakeholders in the community.

I request that the HCDA board approve the final lease to Kupu so that they may be able to continue their important work and make a greater impact in our community.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Nicole Fisher

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Jhana Young <jyoung@conservation.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 10:25 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: Jhana Young
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha Hawai'i Community Development Authority,

My name is Jhana Young and I humbly request that the HCDA board approve the final lease document for the Kupu lease for the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. I have seen and experienced Kupu's positive and life-changing impacts for our local youth and strongly believe that Kupu is the right fit for this lease. If approved, I have no doubts that Kupu will use this facility to highly improve the community in the Kewalo Basin area for years to come. I am born and raised just mauka of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed and have grown up coming to this area with my family. Please consider approval of the final lease document for Kupu at this special place.

Mahalo,
Jhana

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Corey Bassett <corey.bassett@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:11 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Dear HDCA board,

I am writing to submit testimony in support of approving a long term lease of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility with Kupu. They have an outstanding reputation for excellent work while carrying out their missions to create green jobs and serve Hawaii's community and environment.

The proposed Green Jobs Training & Community Center will have broad and diverse benefits and will increase the capacity of this incredible and growing organization to serve the community.

Thank you!

Corey Bassett

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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Matthew Gumapac <mgumapac@palamasettlement.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:16 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuhawaii.org
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease
Attachments: HCDA.docx

This is testimony for support of long-term lease for KUPU

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Mahalo,

Matthew K. Gumapac

TO: Honolulu Community Development Authority (HCDA)

Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha e HCDA,

I am submitting testimony in support of approving a long-term lease for KUPU to stay at their current location. KUPU is a community Educational partner whom is educating Hawaii's youth and the boarder community by Malama our natural resources and building Hawaii for generations to come.

Your approval for a long-term lease is needed to continue KUPU's work. I am an educator and I am in support of KUPU to stay at their present location.

Mahalo ame Malama Pono,

Matthew K. Gumapac

Educational Specialist

Palama Settlement

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Sheldon Tawata <sheldont@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:59 AM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Cc: outreach@kupuahawaii.org
Subject: Kupu: Kewalo Basin Net Shed FOREVER!

Aloha,

My name is Sheldon Tawata, Kuilei Outreach Coordinator at Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) and I am writing in support for Kupu's request to have a permanent home at the Kewalo Basin Net Shed.

My primary role at KCC is to create partnerships and initiatives that bridge our youth into higher education. I truly love what I do because I meet students on a regular basis that demonstrate, in various ways, their abilities to reach or exceed their potential. It is also a daily learning experience for me to understand the different modes of learning, which allows our youth to recognize their potential. However, I've come to realize that one size does not fit all, which is why I LOVE KUPU.

Students need to feel they have an arena to be themselves and to feel they can make a difference. At times I feel our educational system provide students limited resources to explore an alternative means for growth. The adverse effects are dire, and our youth deserve better. Personally, I know two cases where Kupu was a life changer. Both individuals had their unique challenges however the common thread was motivation. In talking with them, it was as if options for growth was non-existent. You could see it in their eyes.

However, something changed when they became a part of Kupu. Words like hope, drive, and of course, growth and motivation rose to the top. In their eyes you could see purpose, which was a major turning point in my opinion. For these two, the thought of graduation was a pipe dream but now they hold either a CBASE and/or a GED all because of Kupu. Now, they are on a direct path toward making a difference in their own lives and the lives of their community. I LOVE KUPU.

By providing a permanent home for Kupu, you will provide more pathways for our youth to live up (or even exceed) their potential. As you can see it is more than just land, it is impacting individual lives, which in turn impacts future generations. That is huge.

Please consider making the Kewalo Basin Net Shed a permanent home for Kupu.

Thank you for the opportunity to share.
Sheldon

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Soares, Tommilyn

From: Molly Mamaril <mollymamaril@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:43 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

To the HCDA Kaka'ako Authority,

Please support the approval of the Kupu lease at the Kewalo Netshed Facility. The work that Kupu is doing is necessary for the greater community, extending throughout Kaka'ako and across our islands. If Kupu secured a long-term lease, the positive impacts of its presence would be felt on many levels - social, cultural, environmental and economic - and would be well-worth the effort put into granting the lease.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Molly Mamaril

(Kupu Alumna)

Soares, Tommilyn

From: Marty Dutch <mdutch@ff-inc.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:53 PM
To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: KUPU lease approval

Aloha HCDA Board,

I have learned that you are in the final decision phase of approving Kupu for a long term lease of the Kewalo Basin Net Shed facility. I understand the importance of decisions like this for your board and the community and wish to offer my humble opinion about Kupu and the impact that I see as a result of their work.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Kupu management team as part of our Supporting Our Communities initiative. We awarded Kupu a \$5,000 grant and 20 hours of pro bono consulting. In the last 4 years I have worked with over 80 nonprofit organizations as part of this initiative. With that in mind, I hope that my recommendation of Kupu as a solid, well managed organization holds a higher level of credibility. Kupu is one of my favorites!

In my experience the strength of the organization starts with the Chief Executive Director. John Leong is a visionary with a passionate heart for Hawaii. He is combining his successful entrepreneurial experience with his love for the environment and we are all better for his efforts. He is among a small number of nonprofit organizations that understand the power of earned income. His business skills put Kupu in an enviable position because he runs the organization with for-profit expectations.

Your partnership with John will be a model that others will follow and want to duplicate. I have already introduced other Executive Directors to John so that they can learn from him and he is generous with his time and wisdom. Kupu and John will truly make you proud of your decision and the community will be blessed by the children and events at Kewalo Basin Net Shed if Kupu is allowed to use the facility.

Mahalo,

Marty

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Soares, Tommilyn

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To: DBEDT HCDA Contact
Subject: re: HCDA Kaka'ako Authority. Support the Approval of Kupu Lease

Aloha,

In the best tradition of Puuhonua, the Kewalo Basin Net Shed through its use by Kupu, has been a place of refuge for at-risk kids facing domestic abuse, neglect and homelessness.

As a person not directly involved with the organization, I had the experience of attending the graduation of some of the classes and witnessed first hand the transformative nature of the work done by Kupu. The nurturing provided by its staff, is second to none. Within the context of community and deep respect for Hawaiian culture, it has provided a life saving space through its education and job training programs. Deserving of its name the Kewalo Basin Net Shed have given kids a chance to "shed" away their old skin and grow a new one. I strongly support the approval of Kupu lease and trust that HCDA Kaka'ako will do the right thing.

Patrick Steinemann