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**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2018 4:41 PM  
**To:** DBEDT HCDA Contact  
**Subject:** Public Testimony Website Submission HCDA Parks Land Transfer to the City and County of Honolulu

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### Project Name

HCDA Parks Land Transfer to the City and County of Honolulu

### Do you support or oppose?

Support

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Hawaii Community Development Authority  
John Whalen, Chairperson  
Mary Pat Waterhouse, Vice Chairperson  
Shirley Swinney, Secretary  
Board Members

April 30, 2018

**Written Testimony in SUPPORT of the Land Transfer of the HCDA Parks to the City and County of Honolulu.**

Aloha,

Friends of Kewalos are in support of the Land Transfer of the HCDA Parks to the City and County of Honolulu for the following reasons:

1. HCDA does not have the resources and expertise to maintain the Parks like the City does and must contract it out for a cost of \$1 million dollars a year. The transfer will eliminate this cost.
2. The State and City will no longer have to deal with multi-jurisdictional land ownership issues to deal with the homeless situation at the parks. This will enable the City to handle it in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

In closing, Friends of Kewalos hopes that the transfer will not impact the park users and we will continue to enjoy the area like we do today, with the open access, free parking, and non commercialization to preserve the peaceful character, all the things we cherish. We look forward to working with the City to make the Parks as best as they can be. We take great pride in our park and invite you to our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kewalo Basin Park Clean Up/ Fundraiser on June 2, 2018 to see first hand what we are all about...

Aloha Pumehana,

Ron Iwami  
President, Friends of Kewalos

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

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transfer of HCDA park parcels to the City

### Comment

see attached. KU supports transfer of management and enforcement but opposes transfer of zoning and control of development on these sites.

### File

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# Kaka'ako Ūnited

May 2 2018

To: Mr. John Whalen, Chairperson, and Members

From: Sharon Moriwaki, Kaka'ako Resident & President, Kaka'ako United

Subject: Testimony re: Action Item #4 on the Kaka'ako Regular Meeting Agenda, May 2, 2018, relating to the Authority authorizing land transfer of various park parcels, remnant roads and Children's Discovery Center to the City & County of Honolulu

I am Sharon Moriwaki, a resident of Kaka'ako and president and volunteer of Kaka'ako United (KU), a voluntary organization that seeks to ensure that the Kaka'ako Community Development District (District) be planned and developed to support a livable and quality community.

We appreciate the Authority's efforts to seek a solution to the management of our Kaka'ako parks, particularly upkeeping the cleanliness of the parks and ensuring the safety and security of park users. Our Neighborhood Watch Citizen Patrol walks have cited the problems and we have seen improvements but see the need for enforcement which now requires better coordination between the state's sheriff's department and the city's police department.

We thus support the transfer of management and enforcement for park safety, security and cleanliness to the City & County of Honolulu, as they have the staff and equipment to manage and enforce. However, we are very concerned with the City's recent actions relating to Thomas Square and Ala Moana Park. We believe that the public interest was not served; and it took the public protest for the city to reverse its development plans for the "people's park." We don't want to see this happening to our Kaka'ako parks for which we have plans, based on public input, and want reassurances that the Authority will retain control to ensure implementation of the planned uses and development of the park parcels.

We therefore ask that the Authority specify clearly that the transfer of the parcels be for purposes of management and enforcement of rules to ensure cleanliness, security and safety for the public parks; and that the Authority will retain control over zoning and permitting of any uses and development of the parcels, which have been approved after proper public notice and hearing in accordance with its rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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