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He'eia Community Development District Draft Plan

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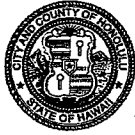
Support

### Comment

The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board passed a Resolution in SUPPORT at its regular Board meeting held on May 12, 2021. Please see attached.

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**KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29**

*(He'eia Kea, 'Āhuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihe'e, Ka'alaea, Waiāhole, Waikāne, Hakipu'u, Kualoa)*

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*"LET US NOT EVER HAVE AN UNHAPPY MINORITY; RATHER, LET US BUILD A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS."*

**Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Resolution  
He'eia Community Development District Draft Plan  
May 12, 2021**

**Whereas**, historically, He'eia's rainfall, abundant streams and broad flatlands helped to establish a productive agricultural area providing a sustainable food source for the community; and

**Whereas**, in the 1980's-early 1990's, plans to convert He'eia wetlands, meadowlands and fishpond into an exclusive residential community, marina and golf course were met with strong community opposition through the efforts of Kupa'a He'eia and were eventually blocked; and

**Whereas**, in an effort to preserve the He'eia wetlands and meadowlands of He'eia Uli, that part of the ahupua'a south of Lae O Kealohi and Maelieli Ridge, from future development, a land exchange between the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and the landowner the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop was executed that transferred approximately 406 acres of land in He'eia Uli to the Authority in exchange for land in Kaka'ako; and

**Whereas**, in July 2011, the Hawaii State Legislature established the He'eia Community Development District (CDD) with HCDA designated the local redevelopment authority; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the He'eia CDD is to *"facilitate culturally appropriate agriculture, education and natural resource restoration and management of the He'eia wetlands"*; and

**Whereas**, the draft He'eia CDD plan of April 2021 is intended to guide the restoration, development and management of the District and establishes vision and goals for the District, establishes land uses for the District and proposes strategies for achieving the District's vision and goals; and

**Whereas**, the draft He'eia Master Plan principles are to: 1) Restore the wetlands to support sustainable farming and food production, while protecting and supporting native species habitats; 2) Protect the health of the He'eia ahupua'a, acknowledging that the He'eia CDD is a key component of the He'eia ahupua'a; 3) perpetuate Hawaiian culture to enrich the He'eia District and the broader district of Ko'olaupoko; 4) preserve significant archaeological, historic and cultural sites to the extent practical; and 5) promote economic and environmental sustainability; and

**Whereas**, the draft He'eia Master Plan would create three land use zones: **Wao Ho'ōla** - upland area intended for restoration and respite, generally located within the State Conservation District; **Wao Kahua**- area of strong foundation to establish educational, cultural and agricultural support facilities; and **Wao Loko I'a Kalo**- the wetland area envisioned as the most vital food-producing component and comprising approximately 43% of the District; and

**Whereas**, the implementation of the master plan will primarily be carried out by the nonprofit lessee Kāko'o Ōiwi, which has a long-term lease, and is working to restore the wetlands into productive lo'i and traditional and sustainable agriculture, renovating historic roads and removing invasive species such as mangrove; and

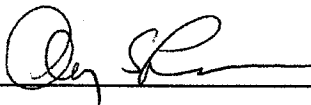
**Whereas**, the draft rules for the He'eia CDD outline allowable uses and, recognizing the community history of protecting the area from residential development, require that establishment of facilities for overnight use including the Agricultural Kauhale, the Health and Healing Centers and the Hawaii Hale, Retreat and Meeting Center, be subject to Conditional use permits; and

**Whereas**, the He'eia CDD identifies potential additional tools such as Agricultural Land Easements and Wetland Reserve Easements that the HCDA Authority should consider for long term protection of agricultural lands and wetlands;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved, that The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 Supports the Draft He'eia Community Development District Plan and Rules that promote the intent of *"Recognizing the value of ahupua'a management principles, promote and cultivate 'āina momona (abundance) for the lands of He'eia for present and future generations through culturally appropriate agriculture, education, and natural resources restoration and management."***

***The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 ADOPTED this resolution  
by UNANIMOUS vote  
at its Wednesday May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting***

Submitted by:



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**Amy Luersen, Chair**