

FOR ACTION

I. REQUEST

Consider Accepting a Monetary Donation from the Howard Hughes Corporation, Pursuant to Section 206E-4(16), *Hawaii Revised Statutes*, in the Amount of \$20,000 for the Purpose of Maintaining and Operating the Kolowalu Park Off-Leash Dog Park Located in the Kakaako Community Development District at the Kolowalu Park Mauka Located at 1141 Waimanu Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and Further Described by Tax Map Key No.: (1) 2-3-004-080.

II. BACKGROUND

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (“HCDA”) owns and manages the Kolowalu Park (“Park”) located at 1141 Waimanu Street, located in the Kakaako Community Development District.

HCDA staff, through its contractors, have been making improvements to the Park, including installing new benches, picnic tables, adult fitness equipment, and ordering new children’s playground equipment (to be installed in the coming months), all to create a better park environment for users.

An integral part of the Park improvements is a much needed off-leash dog park in the mauka portion of the Park. It is nearing completion.

The idea for an off-leash dog park was community driven to address the lack of public off-leash dog parks in that area.

The funding secured for the Kolowalu Park improvements by House Speaker Scott Saiki, Senator Sharon Moriwaki, and Representative Adrian Tam, have contributed to making Kolowalu Park a better urban park for recreation and respite for residents, visitors, and now dogs.

III. DISCUSSION

It takes a community to steward the Park, including the off-leash dog park.

In recognition of that idea, the Howard Hughes Corporation has generously offered to donate \$20,000 to the HCDA to help defray the cost and expenses of HCDA maintaining the off-leash dog park. See, Howard Hughes letter dated June 21, 2024, attached as Exhibit 1. It is our hope that this donation will be the catalyst for other community donations, both monetary and non-monetary, such as “Adopt-A-Park,” which HCDA encourages.

We are grateful for the support received for the Kolowalu Park improvements from elected officials, community members and, now the Howard Hughes Corporation.

HCDA is able to accept cash gifts and deposit into its special fund pursuant to §206E-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board accept the monetary donation from the Howard Hughes Corporation, in the amount of \$20,000, to assist HCDA with the maintenance of the off-leash dog park at Kolowalu Park mauka, pursuant to Section 206E-4(16), *Hawaii Revised Statutes*, and hereby, recognize the Howard Hughes Corporation for their donation and the lasting impact the donation will have on the community.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Letter from Howard Hughes Corporation dated June 21, 2024

Prepared By: Craig Nakamoto, Executive Director *Craig Nakamoto*



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HONOLULU, HI

June 21, 2024

Mr. Craig Nakamoto
Executive Director
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject Kolowalu Dog Park Contribution

Dear Mr. Nakamoto:

In support of Hawaii Community Development Authority's (HCDA) recent renovation and reprogramming of Kolowalu Park, Victoria Ward, Limited (VWL) would like to offer a contribution of \$20,000.00 [Twenty Thousand Dollars even] for HCDA's maintenance of the new off-leash dog park.

VWL appreciates HCDA's community enhancement project which will further activate the neighborhood and meet a strong demand for open space for dogs and their owners within the community.

If this proposal is acceptable to HCDA, we look forward to supporting HCDA on this important community benefit. If you have any questions, please contact Ka'iulani Sodaro, kaiulani.sodaro@howardhughes.com at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Doug Johnstone
President, Hawaii Region
Victoria Ward, Limited