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Hi Craig,

Please see the email below. I think this can be treated as testimony for the Tara Rojas contested case agenda item.

Kevin

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**To the Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Board:**

My name is **[Awapuhi Shaunelle Kalauli Robinson]**. I am writing to submit emergency testimony in vehement opposition to the Hearing Officer’s Recommendation to Dismiss Docket No. CCH-2025-001. I am the rightful holder/descendant of the following royal patents. Civil case number 6539 in the third circuit issued in January 24, 1992 in the State of Hawaii confirms my royal patents with the property known as Kukuiopae, south Kona. As a verified Konohiki of 3 connected ahupuaa in Kona, this also validates my konohiki status in the ahupuaa of Honouliuli. I would like to notate this is just the royal patents issued tonight Kalauli. My mookuauhau also confirms lands to Kalauli-Kaawa-Kaleikula.

Kalauli	1856	2794:1	2641	O’ahu	Waialua
Kalauli	1856	2794:2	2641	O’ahu	Waialua
Kalauli	1856	2794:3	2641	O’ahu	Waialua
Kalauli	1853/1896 *	3439 B	8040	Hawai’i	Kona
Kalauli	1857	3651:1	3818	Kaua’i	Puna
kalauli	1857	3651:2	3818	Kaua’i	Puna
Kalauli	1862	5312	5192	Kaua’i	Puna
Kalauli	1855	5556:1	2362	O’ahu	Wai’anae
Kalauli	1855	5556:2	2362	O’ahu	Wai’anae
Kalauli	1877	751:1	6878	O’ahu	’Ewa
Kalauli	1877	751:2	6878	O’ahu	’Ewa
Kalauli	1877	751:3	6878	O’ahu	’Ewa
Kalauli	1852	8241 BP:1	808	O’ahu	’Ewa
Kalaoli verified kalauli	1853	8620	1537 & 5495	O’ahu	Ko’olaupoko
Kalauli	808	8241 BP:2	808	O’ahu	’Ewa

The royal patent 751 with 3 apanas, directly covers the ancestral land being targeted for this development as a named Konohiki, my title can cover the land claim of the development project as we hold the water rights. The current record before this Board is fundamentally flawed and inaccurate because the project’s consultant for Keala Pono, Ulukoa, did receive my testimony as a lineal heir and has since notified me that it will not be included in the Paakai analysis. I submitted public testimony on several occasions notifying the board of my lineal descent to the kalaeloa development project.

Dismissing Tara’s contested case at this stage constitutes a severe violation of constitutional due process under **HRS § 91-11**. Furthermore, under **Article XII, Section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution**, this Board has an active, non-delegable duty to protect Native Hawaiian traditional, customary, and ancestral land rights. You cannot legally brush aside a contested case when authentic Royal Patent property rights are being actively infringed upon by a developer.

I am formally requesting that the Board reject the Hearing Officer's recommendation,

deny the dismissal, and allow this case to proceed to a full evidentiary hearing. Please note that I am also actively preparing a formal Motion to Intervene to protect my family's title.

If this Board votes to dismiss this case without addressing my family's Royal Patent rights on the record, I am fully prepared to seek immediate judicial review and injunctive relief in the Hawaii Circuit/Environmental Court under **HRS § 91-14**. As a current Royal Patent holder, it is also a direct violation of HRS 172-11.

Sincerely,

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Aloha Chair and Members of the HCDA Kalaeloa Board,

Cc: Craig K. Nakamoto, Kevin C. Tongg, Kelly K. Suzuka, Brian A. Kang, Kendrick S. Chang

RE: In the Matter of Tara Rojas v. Hawai'i Community Development Authority, CCH-2025-001

I write as the Pro Se Petitioner in the above-referenced contested case regarding Agenda Item II.1 for the May 27, 2026 Special Kalaeloa Board Meeting.

At this time, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Authority continue or extend the May 27, 2026 proceeding due to the immediate need for clarification regarding the nature and scope of the hearing, the applicable contested case procedures, and amendment of

Agenda Item II.1 and its accompanying FOR ACTION memorandum to properly identify and reference Petitioner's pending May 3-4, 2026 filing (see attached stamped filed copy):

**Petitioner's Exceptions to Hearings Officer's Recommended Order; Request for Opportunity to Be Heard Prior to Final Decision; and, in the Alternative, Motion for Reconsideration.**

Petitioner timely filed the above-referenced Exceptions, which expressly requested the opportunity to be heard prior to final decision. Under HRS §91-11 and HAR §15-219-53, Petitioner understands that an adversely affected party filing Exceptions is entitled to the opportunity to present arguments prior to final agency action.

As currently noticed, the omission of Petitioner's pending filing from the agenda materials creates procedural ambiguity and prejudices not only Petitioner, but also witnesses, lineal descendants, cultural practitioners, supporting participants, and members of the public, who are left without clear notice as to the actual matters to be heard and considered by the Authority. Petitioner is presently unaware of any formally filed opposition specifically responding to Petitioner's May 3-4, 2026 filing.

Pursuant to HAR §15-219-53 and HRS Chapter 91, including HRS §91-11, Petitioner respectfully requests immediate written clarification, procedural confirmation, corrective action, and continuance prior to any final agency action.

Additionally, on April 28, 2026, Petitioner separately requested placement on the May 6, 2026 Kalaeloa Board agenda for consideration of the above filing and opportunity to be heard prior to final Board action.

On April 29, 2026, Petitioner received response indicating such request was unnecessary and that Petitioner would be limited to standard public testimony.

On May 5, 2026, HCDA counsel advised that consideration of the matter would be deferred.

Now, Agenda Item II.1 for the May 27, 2026 Special Meeting seeks final agency action adopting the Hearings Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order.

However, the current Agenda Item II.1 and accompanying FOR ACTION memorandum do not expressly identify or reference Petitioner's pending filing:

**Petitioner's Exceptions to Hearings Officer's Recommended Order; Request for Opportunity to Be Heard Prior to Final Decision; and, in the Alternative, Motion for Reconsideration.**

This omission creates significant procedural ambiguity.

The current agenda wording does not clearly indicate whether Petitioner's Exceptions will be heard on May 27, 2026.

Additionally, the FOR ACTION memorandum appears to contain a procedural error stating:

"A hearing was convened by the Hearings Officer on April 25, 2026."

Petitioner notes that the actual hearing occurred on April 15, 2026, not April 25, 2026.

This inaccurate procedural chronology appears in the official Board materials supporting final agency action, thus Petitioner respectfully requests correction and clarification of the record.

**Given the imminence of the May 27, 2026 Special Meeting, Petitioner respectfully requests prompt written confirmation and clarification regarding the above procedural matters as soon as possible**, including whether witnesses, lineal descendants, cultural practitioners, and supporting participants should be present and prepared for hearing on the Exceptions.

Because this is an active contested case proceeding - not ordinary public comment - and because the current agenda materials omit Petitioner's pending filing, contain a material clerical error, and fail to clearly identify the governing contested case procedures, **Petitioner respectfully requests that the May 27, 2026 proceeding be CONTINUED** until these procedural deficiencies are corrected, adequate clarification is provided, and the public notice, Agenda Item II.1, and accompanying FOR ACTION memorandum are amended as necessary. This is necessary to ensure that Petitioner is afforded a fair opportunity to prepare and present witnesses, exhibits, testimony, declarations, and other materials relevant to the hearing on Petitioner's Exceptions prior to final agency action.

This request is made in good faith to obtain necessary procedural clarity, avoid prejudice to Petitioner and affected participants, preserve Petitioner's rights, and ensure compliance with applicable administrative law requirements.

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Mahalo,

Tara Rojas  
Pro Se Petitioner  
CCH-2025-001

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