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Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 2:30 PM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,

I'm writing to fervently oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs for a number of reasons: [1] they are an historical treasure from a bygone era that should be conserved; [2] removal of the stairs would be extremely intrusive and cause significant damage to the mountain environment where they are located, and in the end cause more harm than good; and [3] the wishes of the few (the handful of home owners who live in the area and complain about hikers) should not outnumber the benefits to the many (the general public who should be able to responsibly enjoy this amazing resource.

I grew up in Haiku valley, and as a keiki, have hiked the stairs many times--there is nowhere else in the world like it, and it should be preserved for future generations. A new access area should be build where the old Coast Guard Loran station was, to avoid people parking and walking through people's property.

Additionally, consider people who live near the beach, and who must deal with public parking and access issues there on a daily basis, so why do people near mountain trails get special consideration? There should be equity for all.

Mahalo
Chris

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The "Haiku Steps" or "Stairway to Heaven" is one of the most spectacular hikes in the world, not merely in Hawaii! We residents of Hawaii deserve to enjoy the amenities that our taxes have already paid for and built! Please preserve the "Stairway to Heaven" and open it for public access, possibly under a permit or daily limit system if necessary.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item RES21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I have personally hiked the "legal" way in order to not be caught breaking the law. However, as I did so, my sister and I were caught in a flash storm and as we tried to go back down the legal way on the slick mud on the skinny mountain, it was extremely dangerous in all the rain. So we went down the stairs and had to Uber over to our car. As we descended down the stairs I was shocked to see that they were very safe except for one section near the bottom that fell apart. Other than that, the stairs were way safer than the other way. And this was in early March of 2020.

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154- Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I oppose this and would be willing to pay to hike this trail.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs Res21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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Housing and the Economy
Res21-154
Written Testimony Oppose

Please please PLEASE do not remove the stairs. Please understand this can make a lot of money for Hawaii by charging tourists to do the hike.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha. My name is Luukia Archer, and I am testifying in my personal capacity as a parent of three students who attend Kamakau Charter School. I strongly SUPPORT Resolution 21-154 because the Haiku Stairs present safety challenges and concerns for my family. Kamakau is located at the base of the mountain in a forest; it's remote, with just one long gravel road for access and spotty cell reception. The stairs invite unnecessary traffic to this secluded area.

Written Testimony

I regularly see random people trespass onto the Kamakau campus because they are lost and trying to find the access to the stairs. Every time I see these lost trespassers on the kula grounds, wandering around near the playground and cafeteria, I worry about the safety of our children in general but especially at such an isolated location.

Moreover, the hikers create traffic problems for the neighborhood and also present safety issues for traffic on the narrow road leading up to the gate of the Kamakau campus. The road is barely wide enough to handle ingoing and outgoing traffic at the same time; forcing cars driving in the opposite directions on such a narrow road to also navigate around groups of hikers is dangerous.

In closing, please pass this resolution and remove the Haiku Stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154 Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Removal of Haiku Stairs will be the best solution to every neighborhood that will be impacted. Let us sleep in peace. I can't imagine how managed access will keep the hikers that can't buy a ticket out of our neighborhoods. We had enough agony for years. Let us enjoy our Kuahiwi the way it is, instead of watching it get destroyed by hikers ! MAHALO NUI

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-29-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha. My name is Ewe Wong, and I am testifying in my personal capacity as a student who attends Kamakau Charter School. I strongly SUPPORT Resolution 21-154 because the Haiku Stairs present safety challenges and concerns for my school. Kamakau is located at the base of the mountain in a forest; it's remote, with just one long gravel road for access and spotty cell reception. The stairs invite unnecessary traffic to this secluded area.

Written Testimony I regularly see random people trespass onto the Kamakau campus because they are lost and trying to find the access to the stairs. Every time I see these lost trespassers on the kula grounds, wandering around near the playground and cafeteria, I worry about the safety of the students and staff in general but especially at such an isolated location.

Moreover, the hikers create traffic problems for the neighborhood and also present safety issues for traffic on the narrow road leading up to the gate of the Kamakau campus. The road is barely wide enough to handle ingoing and outgoing traffic at the same time; forcing cars driving in the opposite directions on such a narrow road to also navigate around groups of hikers is dangerous.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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RES21-154
Written Testimony Oppose

Please consider investing and charging those to safely use the stairs to appreciate the beauty of the island.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 08-27-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Hiku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I personally have hiked the hiku stairs. I knew nothing about them until my crew and I were on a layover and decided to make the climb. It was one of the best experiences I've ever had! This should remain an option for tourists to experience.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha mai kākou,
'O au 'o Noelo Wong, he haumana au ma Ke Kula o Samuel M. Kamakau, ke kula 'ōlelo Hawai'i kōkōke i ke alapi'i. Kāko'o au i ka wāwahi 'ana i nā alapi'i no ka mea,

1. Nui nā kanaka i hele wāwae i kēlā wahi.
2. He wahi pō'ino, a hiki kekahi kanaka ke ho'eha i kekahi keiki ma ke kula.
3. Inā ho'eha 'ia kekahi kanaka i hele ma ke alapi'i pono nā kanaka kīnaiahi e kōkua i kēlā kanaka.
4. Hiki nā kanaka ke pahe'e ma ke alapi'i a hiki ke ho'eha nui 'ia.

Mahalo no ka ho'olohe ana mai,
Na'u nō,
Noelo Wong

Written Testimony He haumana ma Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau.

Aloha mai kākou,
I am Noelo Wong a student at Samuel M. Kamakau, the Hawaiian school right next to the Stairway to Heaven. I support taking down the stairway because,

1. There are a lot of people that hike the Stairway to heaven
2. It is very dangerous, someone can hurt a student at the school.
3. If someone gets hurt on the stairway the firefighters have to help them.
4. If someone slips down the stairs and gets hurt, the firefighters who help them can also be injured.

Thank you for listening to me.
With respect,
Noelo Wong
A student at Samuel M. Kamakau

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES-21-154-Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony	I oppose tearing down the Haiku Stairs.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-154 Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please consider the removal . Manage access will be impossible to do.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	REs21-154-Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I am a kanaka maoli, lifelong resident of the Kooluapoko district, licensed engineer, licensed general contractor, husband, and father. My values handed down to me by my kupuna were to respect the 'aina and the people who live off of it.

We're blessed to live here and call Hawaii home. With this blessing comes the responsibility of taking care of Hawaii. Properly managing our resources is the most imperative aspect of life in Hawaii.

Growing up in Kailua, I've known for decades that these stairs existed but were off limits. I've never climbed these stairs but have been to the Koolau summit many other ways via proper trails from the town side.

It's really sad that the people who live at the bottom of Haiku stairs have had endure the misuse of their neighborhood for so long. After all these decades, and many manhours of law enforcement, access to these stairs has not been successful. There's no doubt in my mind, if the status quo is maintained nothing will change. Nothing has worked, the best course of action is to remove the haiku stairs. This would 100% solve the problem. The Haiku community, and all Hawaii communities, need to have full control over their environment.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha. My name is 'Oaka Wong, and I am testifying in my personal capacity as a student who attends Kamakau Charter School. I strongly SUPPORT Resolution 21-154 because the Haiku Stairs present safety challenges and concerns for my school. Kamakau is located at the base of the mountain in a forest; it's remote, with just one long gravel road for access and spotty cell reception. The stairs invite unnecessary traffic to this secluded area.

Written Testimony

I regularly see random people trespass onto the Kamakau campus because they are lost and trying to find the access to the stairs. Every time I see these lost trespassers on the kula grounds, wandering around near the playground and cafeteria, I worry about the safety of the students and staff in general but especially at such an isolated location.

Moreover, the hikers create traffic problems for the neighborhood and also present safety issues for traffic on the narrow road leading up to the gate of the Kamakau campus. The road is barely wide enough to handle ingoing and outgoing traffic at the same time; forcing cars driving in the opposite directions on such a narrow road to also navigate around groups of hikers is dangerous.

In closing, please pass this resolution and remove the Haiku Stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support the removal of Haiku Stairs—I want Stairway to Heaven removed immediately!!!
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154-ha'iku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony It's a Beautiful place an a part of history should be open for the public to view I would love to take my kids someday I think it just needs to be monitored and include a parking lot with a mission and that way it would be regulated in the neighborhood would not be as upset

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The Ha'ikū stairs are an amazing tourist attraction, thus giving opportunities to local guides to make a living and share the beauty of their location.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The area is a great way to get out and explore the beautiful island. I would be disappointed to see it go.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154-Ha`ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	This is a beautiful landmark and should be improved and preserved.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter ~~Support~~ *oppose*
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Please, please do not close this historic walk. I did this about 15-20 years ago and have lasting memories and there has got to be a way to make it perm and financially able, charge something...

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I disagree to remove the stairs, an important part of our Hawaiian history.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Preservation and making available to our Island Community with control on visitor overuse of the Haiku Stairs is essential. The climb and the view from the top are wonderful reminders of the beauty of the Windward Coast. Please keep this part of our community. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I'm a repeat Hawaii tourist from California. We have dreamed of hiking the haiku stairs, but have not solely due to risk of fines. These stairs have a rich history and many people would like to hike them. Please do not tear them down.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony	Do not remove the stairs!
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

The stairs is unsafe and has caused tremendous issues for the community and for the school. As a long-time parent of the school I am concerned for the safety of the students. My children have complained about trespassing hikers walking onto the campus and approaching student, at times being disrespectful and rude. Managed access is not possible and will cause unfair hardship on the school, its staff and students. The stairs was put there for a purpose and that purpose is no longer necessary. Secondly, the stairs has cause significant damage to our ecosystem, putting our native resources in danger. The stairs should be removed permanently to address safety, liability and to restore our natural environment.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154: Haiku Village Resident Testimony
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

My name is Hunter Grace and I am testifying as a resident of Haiku Village in support of passing this resolution to dismantle Haiku Stairs. I have lived in Haiku Valley for the majority of my life, and this neighborhood and valley has been my home where I have grown up since I was 5. Sadly, the devastating disrespect and abuse of my neighborhood, home, and valley from illegal hikers have been the reality I have grown up in for the last 16 years. You may recognize me from years before because I have testified on this even as a little girl. I am here again years later, calling you to remember your duties to defend our voices.

"Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono". "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." This is not perpetuating righteousness, and rather than giving the land vibrant life, it is killing it and desecrating it. Righteousness is not forcing the citizens of Haiku Valley to pay the price for the rest of the world to treat our home as they please.

Written Testimony

As a young person, I have seen the incredible power and reach of the internet just in the span of my lifetime. It has become burdensome within this timespan, and the world's insatiable appetite for consumerism and thrill seeking has no regard for protecting what is sacred and beautiful. The city and county of Honolulu is no match for Instagram, Tik Tok, and Twitter.

This is unsustainable tourism and you owe it to the young people of Hawaii to preserve this valley. I want to preserve this valley for my kids to enjoy as well. Your responsibility is to fight for your constituents, the PEOPLE of Hawaii. It is your duty to make decisions that are in OUR best interest, not the rest of the world.

I respectfully ask the committee to respect the wishes of the residence of Haiku Village. Support this resolution to dismantle the Haiku Stairs and allow our beautiful valley to heal from the wounds that years of unsustainable, unethical trespassing has inflicted on our land.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Res21-154 -Ha'ikū Stairs
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Haiku Stairs are an amazing beautiful piece of history.
DO NOT REMOVE THEM.
Please save the Stairway to Heaven.
If the State can't directly maintain them, I know there are hiking and history groups that will step up.
Thank you, Sally

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES-21-154- Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony	The haiku stairs is a part of history, you can't tear them down.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	21-154 Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The stairs will represent a growing body of litigation against the City and County of Honolulu in the future if allowed to remain in any form. The many local residents who live in the area should be spared the constant influx of hikers and tourists who are looking for as much a thrill as a view. Consequently, there will always be those who leave the safer trail (stairs) and get into trouble as we see all over the island now as tourism is allowed to return to pre-pandemic levels.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,

Oppose Resolution 21-154 Haiku Stairs.

Stop the proposed removal of the Haiku Stairs. Haiku Stairs is an historic and sacred trail. As City Council Members, your responsibility is to protect public access rights and recreational resources, not destroy them. Also, as Native Hawaiian representatives, protect Native Hawaiian public access rights and support access to significant Native Hawaiian cultural, archeological, and recreational resources.

Implementation of Resolution 21-154 would produce adverse long-term impacts. The proposed removal of Haiku Stairs will significantly impact historic property and warrant appropriate mitigation in accordance with HAR §13-275-8. The proposed removal of Haiku Stairs will significantly impact endangered plant species and have adverse biological impacts. The proposed removal of Haiku Stairs will significantly impact archaeological and cultural resources, including impacts to Native Hawaiian public access rights to significant cultural sites and archeological resources. The proposed removal of Haiku Stairs will significantly impact viable cultural and recreational resources. The proposed removal of Haiku Stairs will significantly impact and not adhere to the City and County of Honolulu's General Plan, Chapter X. Culture and Recreation, specifically Objective B, Policies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and Objective D, Policies 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14.

A managed access plan is a viable and proposed solution. The Haiku Stairs Final EIS states the following, "The City has indicated a desire to accept the conveyance of the Haiku Stairs property from BWS, subject to BWS Board and City Council approval. The City would acquire necessary easements for an access route, develop a managed access plan, and engage a vendor to operate public access to Haiku Stairs."

Support a managed access plan and join the opposition to removal of Haiku Stairs. The following are opposed to Resolution 21-154:

Kaneohe Neighborhood Board - Opposed

Kailua Neighborhood Board - Opposed

State Representatives - Opposed

State Senators - Opposed

Mayor Blangiardi- Stated Opposition During Campaign

Please join the opposition and vote to OPPOSE Resolution 21-154. Mahalo!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	21-154 Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH
Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the
matter Oppose
Representing
Organization Self

Written Testimony This is a very important issue. I want the stairs to exist for my daughter and my son for when they are ready to accept the challenge.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Please take into consideration how special this place is. Charge to enter. Only allow a certain number of people per day.

Written Testimony Please do not take down a piece of history and a piece of Oahu.

Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I respectfully oppose the dismantling of the Ha'ikū Stairs.

My interest in preserving the Ha'ikū Stairs comes from a botanical perspective. I have been a botanist by vocation for over 35 years, and have had the opportunity to hike to many beautiful native upland forests throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Hands down, the Ha'ikū Stairs hike is a unique treasure unlike any other in the State.

Not only does this hike afford a totally unique opportunity to ascend a steep ridgeline with relative ease and confidence, providing unparalleled breathtaking views, it also provides exceptional opportunities to educate the participant about some of the fascinating stories that make Hawaiian natural history so special.

Written Testimony

Opportunities are increasingly rare these days for urban dwellers to get a taste of the wild wet uplands of the Ko'olau summit. The dismantling of the Stairs would remove by far the fastest, most readily accessible route for experiencing a native wet forest on O'ahu, and with it the unique golden opportunity to convey stories about the importance of watershed preservation and the unique flora and fauna that are the foundation of the watershed. To reach similar wet native upland habitats on a public ridge trail on O'ahu generally requires a round-trip hike of 6 to 12 miles.

The Friends of Ha'ikū Stairs have provided mālama for the Stairs since forming in 1987, conducting routine trail cleanup and stair maintenance, and have created a cogent master plan for managed use of the Stairs. I have assisted in the past with their efforts to inventory the plant life along the Stairs. Preliminary surveys have identified about 125 different kinds of plants, with about 60% of them native to the Hawaiian Islands and found nowhere else in the world. There are a lot of stories that can be potentially be told, if the Stairs can remain in place.

Here's hoping that the legitimate concerns of area landowners and homeowners can be addressed while allowing for restoration of this unique treasure.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Res21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The stairs are a historic part of oahu history. Do not tear them down. It would cost a lot to take them down, additionally, you could disrupt endangered species in the process of destroying them.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Tourism is so important to the island and people all around the world come here for this. Please do not destroy so much history and beauty!
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Don't take down the stairs. It could potentially make a lot of money for the state if repaired. Plus, taking the stairs down could disrupt plants and animals!
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Aloha,
I am 13 years old and I love hiking. Please don't vote to remove the Haiku Stairs. Please don't vote to destroy and close a hiking trail. Please don't take away a recreational resource.
Vote to Oppose Resolution 21-154.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Keep the stairway! It's historic! It would take so much time and effort to tear it down and people would just find more dangerous ways to get to the top
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154-Hai'kū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please keep this treasure and find a way to monetize it.
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Do not take down the stairs
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'iku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku stairs. They are an iconic part of Oahu with the most incredible views at the top. It's a humbling hike to do and I'm thankful for the privilege to have done it.

I recommend making it a permit based hike like they have on so many places on mainland (half dome for example in Yosemite). This would limit the amount of hikers each day, and would allow Hawai'i the option to charge money for this hike which the state could use to maintain the entrance and the stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154- Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-19-2021
Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Stairway to heaven
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The stairs are as identifiable as the beaches named that are known for surfing. As memorable as Haleiwa Town. Like the north shore, keep the stairway as it is.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I strongly oppose this resolution. Save the Ha'iku Stairs! It is part of the island heritage well worth keeping, please don't destroy it for future generations.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Res21-154 - haiku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I vote against the proposed bill to tear down the haiku stairs as it is a beautiful hike that cannot be experienced anywhere else in the world with historical significance. I believe the stairs should be preserved, restored, and managed in such a way so it is safe for the hikers. The state can charge hikers a fee and use that revenue to maintain the stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I am opposed to removing the Haiku Stairs.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

July 20th, 2021

Housing and the Economy

Written Testimony RES21-154

Oppose

Do not tear down the Stairs. This. is a waste of taxpayer money.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Res21-154 - Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Briefly stated, the stairs have a confluence of history, environmental education, structural simplicity with beauty, amazing views of the a'ina, a great workout, AND the stairs are one of the safest hikes on O'ahu.

To address parking and financial upkeep, an easement could be established, the trail head (and first platform connection from town side) could be locked, and fee-based sign-ups/lottery could be established. To minimize cars, a shuttle could be established (either part of the fee or an additional fee).

Written Testimony Friends, family, and visitors who have done the stairs would willingly pay a reasonable fee. This takes several hours and is arguably in line with the views from a helicopter ride, but with the reward of walking amongst the Ko'olau foliage to earn the views.

With changes to Maunawili, pillbox(es), the ever-deteriorating and overcrowded Koko Crater (which is rescue-heavy yet not on an agenda...), and decreasing trails, the stairs remain one of the safest hikes to catch views (compare to, say, 3 peaks).

I sincerely believe there are ways to save the stairs which will be cheaper than removal, have the potential to turn a longer-term profit, minimize negative impact on the community (noting that a handful of vocal people is not the same as a substantially negative impact on the community or even the vocal party), and be educational. Please further consider this matter and oppose the resolution to remove the stairs. Mahalo.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	With all the "talk" of saving Hawaii History. How is this not a National Historic Landmark/Park.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Hawaii is lucky to have top 10 landmarks on the planet like Mt Everest, Mach Pichu and people wanna waste millions to tear it down!! OMG!! This is insane!!! Keep this incredible piece as part of what people think of when someone says Hawaii!!!! Thank you!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Housing and the Economy
Committee
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154
Your position Oppose
on the matter
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmembers,

I strongly oppose RESOLUTION 21-154 to remove the Ha'ikū Stairs. The resolution is inaccurate and/or misleading in several respects, and would result in a very unfortunate decision.

For example, the resolution strongly implies that reopening the Stairs would cost the City more than \$900,000 in repairs and other improvements – when in fact City Council Resolution 20-323 of last December, which the Council chose to vote down, would have put this burden on the Stairs' private sector operator. Even with these stringent conditions, 14 potential bidders provided detailed plans for operating the Stairs, in response to the City's 2020 Request for Interest. For example, the Friends of Ha'ikū Stairs Concept Plan for managed access is posted on their web site (https://d35fd6ab-97b3-4733-9c46-a329e025adee.filesusr.com/ugd/e3df2a_c273635d8be2451185b406f7a60f7045.pdf). It's a serious plan, for people who are serious about solving this problem.

Written
Testimony

The resolution also misrepresents the conclusions of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) EIS. BWS went into the EIS process determined to remove them, but by the end, they had concluded that Managed Access [re-opening the Stairs to the public under controlled management and supervision, funded by the operator from hiking fees, and not by BWS water rate payers] was the alternative that best met BWS's objectives – even better than tearing them out.

Managed access would include provisions for parking, entrance fees, comfort facilities, waste management, environmental mitigation, cultural education, safety, liability insurance, maintenance, and the security features discussed below. And managed access would in fact make money for the City, in the form of a percentage of the revenues. How does spending \$1 million of the taxpayer's money to tear them out make sense?

The Kāneʻohe Neighborhood Board [KNB] passed a resolution in 2017 strongly supporting re-opening the Stairs under managed access (https://kaneoheneighborhoodboard.blogspot.com/2017/06/text-of-kaneohe-neighborhood-boards.html?fbclid=IwAR0ntCMA44Q52gwoGvCzKC_WD9w3V6AVKPm9GjPjAA-YG-EcerCeEpfiFZs). You should take the time to read the case they made for doing so.

As for the influx of tourists, and their impact on resources: managed access is just that - managed. Hikers would be limited to 80 per day, and would need to get an online permit. The original access to the Omega Station up Haʻikū Road could be restored with the stroke of a pen by the Mayor and/or Governor. An off-site shuttle van could take hikers up to the Transmitter Building. The neighbors would not even see the hikers, much less feel their impact.

In sum, tearing out the Stairs is perhaps the worst option. What would it say about our state and our government if we destroyed a world-class resource because we couldn't figure out how to re-open a facility that used to operate unsupervised, with no trespassing, and no impact on the surrounding neighborhoods?

It might help the City Council to make an informed decision if they understood what prompted 20,000 people a year to hike the Stairs starting in the 1980s, when it was legal to do so [i.e., before it was 'forbidden fruit'] – even before the lure of 24/7 social media. What do these people see that our government does not? Why do people who normally take an elevator to avoid a flight of steps skip sleep and risk fine/arrest to climb 3922 of them, in an ascent that consumes more than 1000 calories?

As the KNB resolution notes, trespassing in the Haiku neighborhood is not acceptable, and must cease. Managed access cannot work unless this intolerable intrusion on people's privacy is eliminated.

There will always be those who do not want to pay a reasonable entrance fee, and attempt to enter illegally. Therefore, an advanced security system with high-tech monitoring equipment is critical from day one for the success of managed access. The operation must include a night-time security presence at the Stairs, in the valley, and within the community to prevent this after-hours trampling of lawns and invasion of privacy. Substantial and effective fencing would need to be installed at the base of the Stairs and several other strategic areas already identified in Haʻikū Valley. At least one security guard should be on duty 24 hours a day, and a roving guard in the adjoining community would monitor for illegal hikers and report them to the police.

A Security Planning Group, inclusive of neighbors and all other stakeholders, should be set up to help develop and supervise the security operation, and should meet as often as necessary to improve the operation. The Stairs should not be re-opened until a solid solution is developed.

There is a real demand from the public that can't be met any other way. The Stairs are irreplaceable, and future generations should get to see why. The Stairs are an incredible resource, and everything should be done to make their re-opening a success.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	A local mountain exercise that people love to hike. Is a must check list for tourist. Unforgettable hiking experience
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154- Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support the removal of the Haiku Stairs.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Keep Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

July 20th, 2021
Housing and the Economy
RES21-154
Written Testimony Oppose

The state has WASTED too much of my tax dollars in their endless attempts to close down this attraction. Let it open per the proposed rules. You'll make money, and it'll be safer than it is currently.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Don't tear it down!!!!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony It would be such a shame to remove this beautiful hike/historical landmark and a waste of money. People should pay for a permit and sign waivers to take FULL responsibility for themselves. Should rescue be needed, hikers should pay. I also believe people will still attempt that trail without the stairs making it even more hazardous.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	Do not remove the Haiku Stairs!
Written Testimony	July 20th, 2021 Housing and the Economy RES21-154 Oppose
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-154 - Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The City of Honolulu can not maintain Koko Head, Maunawili trails. PLEASE remove the Haiku stairs and give the Haiku neighborhoods the quality of life we deserve.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The stairs are hawaii history. Charge tourist to go on them and make money, don't spend money to remove them.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154 - Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

i am writing once again to request that the City Council authorize the removal of the Haiku Stairs . As a taxpaying resident of the Haiku neighborhood our quality of life is adversely affected by the swarms of trespassers on a daily basis. They are often unruly, disrespectful and aggressive. Not being residents of the area they don't seem to care that they are disrupting our homes where we should be entitled to peace and quiet. Managed access will not deter those who are determined to break the law, just as the presence of a police officer did not deter a young man from becoming violent towards the officer.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Beautiful hike with gorgeous views. Should be repaired and it wouldn't be more dangerous than many other legal hikes on the island.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Hai'kū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please do not destroy the last of Haiku Valley's rich history.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES 21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please do not remove the Haiku Stairs for History and experience purposes.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	This is a part of history in more ways than one. Please keep the stairs up
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	21-154
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Leave the stairs up. Let people go on their own free will.
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Us locals want to keep the stairs but structure entry in a way that doesn't disturb neighbors as much
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	If the private sector can be shown to provide reasonable solutions to access and maintenance, then it should be given a chance.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2000
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154-Ha'iku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I believe this trail can truly be a beautiful hike if properly restored in a safely matter. It truly is such a breathtaking view!
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Please keep the stairs, and keep them maintained and safe rather than spend money tearing them down. This is a historic hike and the stairs make it possible for people to safely experience this part of Oahu. This is educational, spiritual, historical and very famous. Better to regulate and upkeep than destroy what we already have.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	02-02-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Live and let live. Stop fixing what isn't broken. Leave the stairs alone. Please don't waste more of our hard earned money on something so irrelevant.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I oppose the removal of the stairs. They should be repaired and preserved as an important piece of O'ahu's history.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Let the hikers make it safe.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Aloha, I oppose the removal of the haiku stairs. I believe the stairs can be regulated or put to better use.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-201y
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Organization
Organization	Hawaii historical Trails Association
Written Testimony	Please don't remove this historic trail without an EIS being done
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Public Safety Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Public Safety
Agenda Item	Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Don't tear it down , make it safe , it's a huge tourist attraction . Tourist should come here to explore the beauty Hawai'i has to offer !!!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony
These stairs are an important historical structure and should be preserved. I understand the concerns of the neighborhood at the base of the stairs. The C&C should manage access thru a permitting system. It has worked for other natural resources on this and other neighboring islands. You can manage access, cutting down on the complaints of the neighborhood, while still providing access, along with much needed revenue that could be generated from permitting fees. Please don't remove such a valuable and beautiful access point for the people of Hawaii!

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Keep historic Hawaiian landmark.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2022
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The stairs are a part of our history during the war efforts. Preserving them and allowing future generations to experience in real life a piece of history is priceless. I've traveled the world and seen everything from the Eiffel tower of Paris to the gas chambers at Auschwitz. We have the opportunity here to either destroy a piece of history or to rebuild. I hope we choose to rebuild.

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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Haiku Stairs is very iconic and sacred. It represents such history dating back to the world war. This Haiku stairs should remain. Look at the homeowners at Haiku Village, are they even locals? Or are they originally from the mainland complaining about every little thing? The Americans already took the land from the Hawaiians and now this? Why waste money in tearing it down? I thought we were in deficit? Think about how many people can be help with the use of that funding to tear down the stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-149
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Dear Members of the City Council Public Safety Committee,
I am a concerned resident of Kapolei, writing this testimony on Agenda Item 21-149 in the hopes of greater HPD accountability and transparency. I am also seeking transparency on the decision to nominate Anne Botticelli to the Police Commission. In order to “Enhance the public confidence, trust and support in the integrity, fairness and respect of the police department, its officers and employees.” as stated in the HPC mission statement, I believe that transparency and accountability are imperative in moving forward given this year’s state of HPD’s misconduct.

I’d like to pass along some questions for Anne Botticelli to answer, honestly and with the intention of gaining the public’s trust and support.

HPD has been guilty of not adhering to their own policies. For example, on April 1st former Police Chief Susan Ballard announced a number of policies, one regarding use of force against vehicles, “officers may not discharge their weapons unless the person in the vehicle either threatens someone with deadly force by means other than the vehicle itself or other specific circumstances warrant the use of deadly force” in which UH Criminologist, Meda Chesney-Lind remarked “If these policies are followed, we will not see as many lethal encounters between police officers and citizens.” Less than a week later, officers shot into the back of a stopped vehicle killing 16 year old Iremamber Sykap.

While the Commission has approved taxpayer funds for the defendants’ defense, how would you have responded to HPD’s inability to follow their own policies?

What does police accountability look like to you? What circumstances do you think warrant disciplining officers?

You’ve been a Board Director of some incredible organizations supporting local communities here in Hawai’i. Can you speak to some of the in-person, or on the ground work you’ve done within these communities that demonstrate your understanding of the perspectives of the communities most impacted by policing?

While HPD has denied racial and wealth policing disparities, despite their own reports

demonstrating as much; do you acknowledge that these disparities exist (as according to HPD annual use of force reports)?

What is your role as a Commissioner in addressing and eliminating these policing disparities?

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Briana

Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Attached is my testimony, Mahalo
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Dear Councilmember,

Enclosed is a breakdown of RES21-154 for analysis against the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS.

RES21-154 is in substantive conflict with the text of that EIS, and with the context of the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS as a whole.

KEY:

Commentary is in bold.

"Quotations from the EIS are in italics"

ALL REFERENCES point to the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS Published on Jan 24th, 2020.

A copy of the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS is found at this link:

http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/EA_EIS_Library/2020-01-23-OA-FEIS-Haiku-Stairs-Study.pdf

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
RESOLUTION 21-154

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REMOVE THE HAIKU STAIRS AND ITS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO STOP TRESPASSING, REDUCE DISTURBANCES TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS, INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, REMOVE POTENTIAL LIABILITY TO THE CITY, AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the Haiku Stairs (the "stairs") a steel structure consisting of 3,922 and structures that extend from an elevation of 400 feet in Haiku Valley to an elevation of 2,820 feet on the ridgeline of the Koolau Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the properties on which the stairs sit are protected watershed lands owned by the City and the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

In Vol 1, 6.4.3.1 we find P-1 designation a not prohibitive to managed access:

"The parcel that hosts Ha'ikū Stairs is located in the City P-1, Restricted Preservation zone, ... Per ROH Chapter 2: LUO Sec. 21-3.40, "the purpose of the preservation districts is to preserve and manage major open space and recreation lands " A Conditional Use Permit minor may be required for any new development within the P-1 ... district."

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy built the stairs the 1940s to access communications facilities on the ridgeline, and the U.S. Coast Guard ("USCG") operated its Omega worldwide communications facility at the stairs site from 1975 until 1997, and

WHEREAS, the USCG initially allowed public access to the stairs with a sign-in sheet and waiver system but restricted public access in 1987 due to vandalism and liability concerns, and

WHEREAS, the USCG decommissioned its facilities in 1997 and relinquished its easement rights to the Board of Water Supply ("BWS") in 1999, and the BWS began to negotiate with the City Administration to transfer the property to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") the site was not needed for water source development, and

WHEREAS, from Fiscal Year 1999 to Fiscal Year 2003, a total of \$2,790,000 was budgeted the City's Executive Capital Budgets for the Haiku Valley Nature Preserve (Haiku Stairs) project, of which at least a portion of moneys were appropriated to construct improvements to the stairs; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the City refurbished damaged portions of the stairs and worked on securing legal access with the intent of reopening the stairs for public recreational use; and

WHEREAS, in response to a growing number of hikers trespassing on both its lands and surrounding privately-owned properties in order to access the base of the stairs, the BWS 2008 closed the trail leading to the stairs and hired security to deter trespassers, but illegal hiking on the stairs continued and created serious conflicts with the neighboring community and potential liability for the BWS, and

WHEREAS, trespassing increased with the coming of social media, which enabled the posting of illegal directions to the stairs and the sharing of panoramic pictures that have encouraged people from around the world to take the hike, and

WHEREAS, special duty Honolulu Police Department (“HPD”) officers positioned in surrounding neighborhoods and hired by the BWS recorded turning away a total of 3,610 vehicles and 11,427 individuals between August 2017 and March 2020, which figure does not include individuals attempting to hike from Moanalua Valley or illegally access the stairs from other locations in Windward Oahu; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3 paragraph 1 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2022, the City Administration has allocated \$250,000 for the continued security of the stairs provided by HPD special duty officers; and

Vol. 1, 6.1.1. notes:

“The third-party operator would also be required to pay maintenance, security, and structural upkeep costs for Ha’ikū Stairs.”

WHEREAS, as a legal public access to the base of the stairs does not exist, hikers starting in Haiku Valley must illegally cross a combination of State- and privately- owned residential properties to connect to the illegal access trails; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3 paragraph 1 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

WHEREAS, residents of Haiku Valley have reported the following continuing problems with trespassing hikers:

1. Nightly disturbances, including slamming car doors and loud voices that cause neighborhood dogs to bark, from hikers arriving between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. to climb the stairs to watch the sunrise
2. The presence of strangers and their cars creating safety concerns for young children;
3. Hikers parked cars blocking private driveways and hindering the ability of emergency vehicles to pass through narrow streets;
4. Hikers walking through private property at all hours and using private water hoses to wash themselves or for drinking water, often without turning those hoses off;
5. Hikers throwing trash and waste onto private property, disrespecting or threatening property owners, and vandalizing or damaging private property; and
6. Hikers relieving themselves in the street, against private rock walls or in other private areas; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3. Paragraph 1 notes:

"Disturbance to Ha'ikū Valley residential areas would... decrease because most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha'iku Stairs..."

Later, in its final paragraph, Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3. notes:

"This alternative would decrease trespassing in Ha'ikū Valley, control neighborhood disturbances, and mitigate environmental impacts."

WHEREAS, illegal hiking in Haiku Valley increased the number of service calls to the HPD concerning the stairs from 20 in 2011 to approximately 160 in 2017, and the number of emergency calls in the area to the Honolulu Fire Department grew from one per year in 2002 to about 11 per year in 2018; and

Vol 1, 4.10.2 notes:

"To obtain the results shown [here], HFD searched ...their records database, and cross referenced with the area of Ha'ikū Stairs and the wilderness hiking areas that are connected or close by, including trails in Moanalua Valley. The data shown.... is not an exact result for Ha'ikū Stairs only. It could include people on recreational hikes in other areas.

"The location where rescues are performed vary.... Persons could be hiking from Moanalua Valley, whether their destination is Ha'ikū Stairs or not."

I have requested a detailed report of all HFD responses to the Ha'ikū Stairs area in recent years to help to clarify the ambiguity of data referenced here.

Vol. 1, 6.6. notes:

"Conditions are expected to improve under the Conveyance Alternative as 911 calls to the police and fire departments are anticipated to decrease due to managed access and increased safety and security measures."

Volume 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

"...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha'iku Stairs."

WHEREAS, in response to community complaints, the HPD issued 93 citations for trespassing on State property and made six arrests between March 14 and March 23, 2021 during an operation that focused on illegal hikers on the stairs; and

Volume 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

"...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha'iku Stairs."

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2021, an HPD officer reported being assaulted by a trespasser who illegally accessed the stairs; and

Volume 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

"...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha'iku Stairs."

WHEREAS, hikers have introduced invasive plant species into the area, particularly at the summit of the stairs; and

Vol 1, 6.4.5.3 Paragraph 4 indicates a prevention plan is tenable:

"A prevention plan should be developed to curb the ongoing introduction of alien plant seeds from hikers."

Removal of the stairs will not stop hikers from hiking elsewhere with their shoes, and with the seeds, with the same net impact on the 'āina. Conversely, a guided experience of the Ha'ikū Stairs offers a unique opportunity to capture those seeds for destruction by requiring participants to scrub their shoes in a controlled environment.

WHEREAS, the BWS transferred ownership of the stairs and the land around it to the DPR on July 1, 2020, and the City Administration then began to prepare a request for bids to select a private company or organization to "provide a safe and well-managed access to the stairs", and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") on December 9, 2020 considered Resolution 20-323, which would have authorized the City to execute a 12-year concession agreement with an unspecified vendor to develop a managed access plan and guided hikes at the stairs, but did not adopt that resolution due to community concerns; and

This was perceived by many as a courtesy deferment to the incoming administration.

WHEREAS, the Council believes that a "managed approach" to the stairs will not be effective as the stairs' worldwide social media profile will continue to attract trespassing hikers, and their numbers will grow as the City's economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and tourists return to Oahu; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

"most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha'iku Stairs."

Inasmuch as social media has been a tool to announce the presence of the Ha‘ikū Stairs to the world, it is also effective in spreading the updated structure of a managed experience in educating visitors before they visit Hawaii.

WHEREAS, the Council notes that in January 2020 the BWS prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) on possible alternative actions for the stairs and proposed removing them at a cost of \$986,266, as such a removal would:

1. Stop trespassing and end disturbances in local neighborhoods;
2. Increase public safety by eliminating calls for emergency assistance from injured hikers;
3. Remove the liability to which the City, as property owner, is exposed if trespassing hikers are injured; and
4. Protect the environment by reducing negative impacts from hikers on the surrounding watershed lands; and

To rephrase this in a way that reads more clearly to me:

In 2016 the BWS proposed removal of the Ha‘ikū Stairs. In April of 2017, BWS launched an EIS to study the impact of that proposed action. In Jan 2020 the FEIS was complete. The 3-year project found managed access was notably better than the action initially proposed. Factually, the EIS does mention the cost of removal would be roughly 1 million, and that the ‘proposed action’ (full removal) would also have a list of beneficial effects. In context of the entire document, however, the conclusion of the EIS shows the Conveyance Alternative (managed access) is the most beneficial of all actions considered, as noted in Vol 1, 6.5:

“The Conveyance Alternative [managed access] was scored with six Good ratings...; and two Fair ratings. The scoring for the Conveyance Alternative does not include a single Poor rating. This option has the highest overall score compared to the Proposed Action [complete removal of the stairs] and the other alternatives that were evaluated. [partial removal and no action]”

WHEREAS, while the FEIS assessed a conveyance alternative that would open the stairs for public use through a managed access approach, the Council notes that the managed access option anticipated financial and other contributions from the City, including approximately \$900,000 in funding from the BWS to establish and improve legal access to the stairs, potential funding for a comfort station at the base of the stairs, and on-street parking or parking at the heavily-used Kaneohe District Park; and

The EIS has estimated managed access will return 1.2 million to taxpayers over 21 years, whereas removal would cost taxpayers \$940,000. When compared to the cost of removing the stairs, managed access leaves the City and State cumulatively \$2,140,000 better off over 21 years as noted in Vol. 1, 6.6:

"Over the 21-year analysis period, the least long-term value to the City and State would occur with the No-Action Alternative (approximately negative \$4 million), and most value would occur with the Conveyance Alternative (approximately positive \$1.2 million). Falling in between would be the Proposed Action (approximately negative \$940,000) and the Partial Removal Alternative (approximately negative \$190,000)."

WHEREAS, the negotiations needed to establish a legal access route to the stairs for a managed access approach would be complex and require legal agreements between numerous landowners, including potentially both government and private landowners who may not wish to allow access to the stairs through their properties; and

The EIS identifies an access route entirely on state land in 'The Summary of Rationale for Selection of Po'okela Street as the Preferred Access Route' Vol 1., 6.4.6.1: *"The Po'okela Street access route rose to the top during the evaluation of the three potential access routes.... The access route is entirely on State land, and, in preliminary discussions with affected State agencies, access easements are possible with conditions."*

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the only viable solution to mitigate liability and legal issues to the City, reduce nuisances and disturbances to local neighborhoods, increase public safety, and protect the environment is to remove the stairs and its accessory structures; and

Regarding managed access, Vol 1, 6.4.2 Notes:

"There are many different operations models that could be emulated, both locally and beyond. Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve and Diamond Head State Park are two local models...."

In all, the EIS considered 20 land areas, covering 3,871 acres (Table 3-1). Its 4,528 pages are overwhelming, and yet in light of the impact of this action, are worth the exhaustive study.

This diverse work of 7 volumes was compiled from the expertise of 1,100 private individuals, 26 community interest groups, 14 document and media agencies, 11 Elected Officials including Council Member for District Three, 10 City agencies, 27 State agencies, and 9 Federal agencies. These individuals and agencies, over a

course of 1,006 days, contributed their best to a \$500,000 project which came to a studied conclusion on January 24th, 2020 that the most beneficial course of action for the people of Hawaii is the Conveyance Alternative. (Vol. 1, 6.5 - Summary Comparison of Proposed Action and Alternatives by Project Objectives)

The BWS subsequently in April of 2020, voted unanimously to pursue the Conveyance Alternative - so long as the city would accept stewardship of the land within 18 months. Board member Max Sword said it best: "So if we do tear it down, we're still stuck". The land transfer to Parks was promptly initiated in the summer of 2020 as the first step toward the Conveyance Alternative

In light of the labors of so many who have brought us to this point, a deep consideration of their work in this EIS is not only prudent and measured, it is the pono thing to do.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 21-21, the Executive Capital Budget and Program for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 which was unanimously approved by the Council, included \$1 million for the removal of the stairs; now, therefore,

The monies earmarked for removal of the stairs may be set aside for the Conveyance Alternative.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to remove the Haiku Stairs and its accessory structures to stop trespassing, reduce disturbances to local neighborhoods, increase public safety, remove potential liability to the City, and protect the environment; and

I urge the Committee to retire this resolution today, or to transfer it to the Parks and Community Services Committee where it is more fitting. Note: on the board of that committee is Carol Fukunaga, also a stakeholder in this issue.

I urge City Administration to accept a meeting with me to continue the interview I took in 2017 (APPENDIX J), and to share new learnings of the recent years with perspective adapted to moving forward in 2021 with a Conveyance Alternative.

Thank you for your time and care in this matter,

Matthew Kievlan

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Res. 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Chair Kia`aina,

Thank you so much for introducing this resolution. The statements presented in the resolution clearly show why it is imperative to remove the Haiku Stairs as soon as possible.

Written Testimony

Citizens in the neighborhood have faced these impositions and disrespect for too long. The HPD is doing its best to prevent the abused by overly eager visitors and disrespectful residents who disregard the privacy of those who live by the Haiku Stairs. This situation puts too many people at risk harms the environment and puts the City at financial risk.

Please pass this resolution and send it to full council for approval.

Mahalo.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I would love to have access to the Stairway to Heaven Hike and would hate for it to be another section of our 'aina permanently closed off to its residents. However, I understand the nuisance, safety hazard and liability involved in its current access. There are multiple stakeholders involved in the hike's current access point that suffer as a result of disrespectful hikers.

Written
Testimony

I hope we can figure out an alternative management plan and access point, that will not disturb the neighborhood residents and tenants. A plan that would include parking, public bathrooms and trash receptacles.

I urge you to oppose Resolution 21-154 and save the Haiku stairs.
Mahalo

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal and/or destruction of the wonderful and historic Haiku Stairway to Heaven. This is a treasure for our State and one of the most unique ways to enjoy the natural world and rare glimpse of Hawaii. To remove or destruct these stairs is a huge mistake and reflects so very poorly on our State and you the elected officials. That there cannot be a fair and suitable solution, so that many may enjoy these stairs and the fantastic experience is incomprehensible to most of your citizenry. The rights of a few homeowners can be respected, and the correct way to allow safe and enjoyable access found. I am personally tired of watching Hawaii take the easy route , while eliminating so many of the natural access and wonderment of our special outdoor places. Money and resources should not be a guiding factor, nor should the rights of an extreme minority. I support the solution finding, preservation of the stairway and wonderful access that may be accomplished, affording many a unique and beautiful experience. I will be terribly disappointed in you, if your support is lent for anything else. We will also remember those who supported the removal, when election time nears. Thank you so much for consideration of my testimony and the stewardship toward these stairs and Hawaii, with the right thing to do as your guide.

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Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please don't destroy the beauty. We love our planet and we want to keep it safe.
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Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony DO NOT REMOVE THE HAIKU STAIRS! This is a historic and iconic landmark in Hawaii!

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The community has already spoken to save the Haiku stairs and have provided overwhelming testimony in saving the stairs. If they are destroyed, they will be gone forever. This is a very foolish bill and is nothing but paying back a handful of people who want the stairs destroyed. Listen to the everyone's voice. Our voices should be equal. Managed access is the best way forward.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Housing and the Economy
Committee
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Keep the stairs. Use the money to build a parking lot so hikers can enjoy this special place without bothering the residents. Create a permit system to generate revenue to upkeep the stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony These stairs are an amazing example of both man-made and natural beauty that can benefit the community. Removing them would only benefit one small neighborhood. Improving access (via the existing road) and establishing safeguards will extend the life of the trail as well as provide this great resource to generations to come. Please do not remove them.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am opposed to the city spending a million dollars to remove a historical and cultural relic of Hawaii. The city should thoroughly vet all options to save the Haiku stairs and look into alternative funding. Let's save this part of our past for our future to enjoy.

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154-Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written
Testimony

I am writting a testimony in regards to the Removal of the Haiku Stairs. As a Haiku resident I support the removal of the stairs 100%. They have been talking about this issue for many many years on ways in which they are going to have managed access. I honestly believe that there is NO way in which the state/city is going to control the issues which happen way to often here in this neighborhood. I have witnessed on many occasions hikers trespassing through my property at all hours of the night and day. There was also a time when I witnessed hikers climbing my neighbors fence and casually waiting in my neighbors backyard for other hikers in their group. This needs to STOP.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	the Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony	July 20th, 2021
	Housing and the Economy
	RES21-154
	Oppose

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Agenda Item	Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please remove the stairs!
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Please make this unique and precious resource available to the public. I have been waiting for years to climb Haiku Stairs legally. You are now perfectly situated to make this possible for me and thousands of others--both locals and tourists. Please don't ignore us!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RESOLUTION 21-154 – HAIKU STAIRS
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony	The Ha'iku stairs are unique in the world and effort should be made to preserve them.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I am in support of the removal of the Ha'iku stairs. The removal of the stairs are necessary to allow our neighborhoods to be free of continual disturbance, disrespect, trespassing, and property damage at the hands of hikers. With the increase in tourism and social media postings, the Hokulele subdivision and Kuneki St access to the stairs have had a significant increase in hikers over the years. The stairway removal would save tax dollars by avoiding maintainance costs and regular rescues of hurt hikers. The Honolulu City & County has difficulty maintaining parks as it is, and the cost of maintaining the stairs will be substantial due to the terrain. In turn, the city assuming responsibility can result in endless liability which will affect everyone in the form of taxes.

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Dear Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Committee,

Re: Support of City Council Resolution 21-154

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Ethan Cooper

Aloha, my name is Herb Lee, Jr. and I am the CEO of the non-profit, Pacific American Foundation. I am writing in SUPPORT OF City Council Resolution 21-154 URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REMOVE THE HA'IKŪ STAIRS AND ITS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO STOP TRESPASSING, REDUCE DISTURBANCES TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS, INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, REMOVE POTENTIAL LIABILITY TO THE CITY, AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

Pacific American Foundation
C/O Bay View Golf Park
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#102 Kāne'ohe, HI 96744

This has indeed been a heavy issue for our community for a long time. My perspective and support of this action at this time is founded on my own experience in the protection, preservation and revitalization of 'āina as a cultural resource.

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Both Ha'ikū and Kamananui valleys that lead up to Keahiakahoe are cultural treasures that need to be re-assessed as areas that require pro-active cultural stewardship by organizations and individuals that are dedicated and committed to its protection and long-term viability.

What does this mean and what could it potentially look like?

In 1995, we began to restore an ancient Hawaiian fishpond in Kāne'ohe Bay and have now worked with over 100,000 participants including schools, community, visitors in culture and place-based practices. Students, families, schools, business, kama'aina and malihini alike have shared in this now 26-year commitment to mālama, share and enjoy this vanishing cultural resource in a pono way. Can this be a possible alternative opportunity for Ha'ikū in the future?

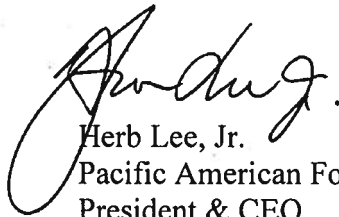
While the full effects of COVID-19 are still unknown, the pandemic has exacerbated existing stressors on youth, families and prized places in our

communities that call for looking more deeply at how we manage our precious remaining resources. Adopting an 'āina-based mindset could be a fundamental start to not just removing the stairs but stewarding the larger area in a culturally correct way.

The coordination of relationships and resources are needed, now more than ever, to help all of us not just recover from the pandemic but pursue a clearer vision to accelerate equitable outcomes in health, nutrition, education, cultural preservation and employment in all sectors of the economy.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Lee, Jr.", with a large, stylized initial "H" and a trailing flourish.

Herb Lee, Jr.
Pacific American Foundation
President & CEO

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
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Written Testimony
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Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	If you had walked the Haiku Stairs, when it was legal, you would know that the stairs are worth keeping. Please figure out a way to keep the stairs.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are a historic structure that served a vital role in the success of World War II's Pacific Theater and should not be torn down without compelling reason which there current is none. Access issues have always been exacerbated by the county's actions to limit access through state and county easements, causing conflict with private landowners and hikers crossing unimproved land. There are reasonable solutions that are actively not being implemented or considered making this resolution an inappropriate and premature action. I also feel compelled to speak again common misconceptions about the Haiku Stairs, misconceptions that are being used as arguments to tear the stairs down. I'd like to point out that the stairs are not dangerous as some may suggest. In fact, it's the only hike in Hawaii with a handrail the entire length. There are no deaths associated with the stairs other than one gentleman who suffered a heart attack on the stairs. There was also never a problem with hikers trespassing in people's yards as hikers only needed to use access roads going through unimproved land. This misconception was pushed notably by one landowner in the nearby neighborhood that was known for placing a board of screws facing outward from his property in order to harm hikers, something the City and County failed to condemn or require removal of. This health and safety hazard existed for at least two years until a hiker was injured and threatened to sue the landowner that placed the hazard. After two decades of mishandling this issue, it is time for the Council to do the right thing and create safe access to the Stairs for all communities.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

This boils down to a quality of life issue for nearby residents. For decades, they have endured hundreds of hikers traipsing through their backyards on a daily basis. We're not talking about a handful of stray hikers - it's literally dozens, sometimes hundreds every day. When I canvassed that area, I learned that every nearby resident has horror stories of times hikers have used their garden hoses, relieved themselves in their backyard, woke up their babies, tried to enter their home, etc. Nothing we have tried to mitigate this has helped. With new record-setting tourism arrivals, it's time for a change. Our residents have been begging for better management of our natural resources, and better quality of life for the people who pay the hidden costs of tourism.

Please pass this resolution to give our Ha'iku neighbors some long-deserved relief.

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony With an understanding of concerned residents of the Hiku area, I firmly OPPOSE the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The stairs represent a wonderful boon to residents, and once properly managed, will be one of the highlights of the windward side of Oahu.

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Agenda Item Haiku stairs removal
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony July 20th, 2021
Housing and the Economy
RES21-154
Oppose
Haiku stairs should not be removed because it is historic and offers a unique opportunity for a good workout and to experience Oahu's beauty. There should be a fee for hikers who hike the stairs so that the trail can be maintained and be safe do use.

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Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Stairs should not be torn down, from an environmental, historical, and native plant preservation standpoint. Monies that would be used to tear down the stairs are better used elsewhere. Managed access could provide opportunity to give hikers a cultural, educational experience as well as additional monies for C&C, while resolving the current issues in the Haiku neighborhood.

Written Testimony

In 2016 the BWS proposed removal of the Ha'ikū Stairs. In April of 2017, BWS launched an EIS to study the impact of that proposed action. In Jan 2020 the FEIS was complete. The 3-year project found managed access was notably better than the action initially proposed. Factually, the EIS does mention the cost of removal would be roughly 1 million, and that the 'proposed action' (full removal) would also have a list of beneficial effects. In context of the entire document, however, the conclusion of the EIS shows the Conveyance Alternative (managed access) is the most beneficial of all actions considered, as noted in Vol 1, 6.5.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 1:55 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Heather Puchalla Fiore
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Haiku Stairs are an important historical site that adds to the cultural legacy of Hawaii. The steps should be preserved and hiking to them should be regulated. Removing a magnificent historical artifact will reflect poorly on those supporting and will be a disgrace to all of Hawaii.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:09 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Christian Hicks
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154 – HAIKU STAIRS
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I have spoken on this matter before, and I will continue to speak as long as there is an opportunity to. I think the council is missing the point. The hikers are hiking the stairs to get to the summit. The hikers will continue to hike to the summit even if the stairs are removed, however it would be much safer and profitable if the stairs are maintained and a trail head established. I am 100% positive that hikers (like myself) will happy pay a fee to summit; because (from what I can see) it has the best views in Hawaii.

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Written Testimony

Name	Sharon R Keith
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Meeting Date	07-22-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	lets preserved this treasure... there are organization willing manage the stairs. Why not let them do it!
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:19 AM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Erich Roeder
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal of the Ha'iku Stairs. As previously discussed, the privately managed control of access and maintenance of the historic hiking area, is the most cost effective and beneficial option for all parties involved. Not only will it preserve the modern history and technical ingenuity of the time, but will provide a venue to share the intriguing Hawaiian history of the valley. Better yet, it will generate tax revenue for the state. Following one of the most financially devastating year for the island, wasting money to remove stairs, and walk away from city revenue source, makes little to no sense, and makes me wonder if there is an alternate motive. Please save the stairs and allow restoration of the hike.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Karen Kositzke
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21 -154 Resolution to remove remove Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I would like to state that I oppose the removal of the Ha"isu stairs. They can be used for recreation and other activities.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:41 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Jihye Moon
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Please do not remove the stairs but repair them so people can use it safely.
Thank you!

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Linda Hardy
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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Res 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154-Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Raylene Choy
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Good afternoon. I am writing in response to the possible closing of Haiku stairs. I oppose this matter.

Written Testimony July 20th, 2021
Housing and the Economy
RES21-154
Oppose

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	We must do everything possible to preserve Haiku Stairs for future generations.
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21 - 154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the symbols of Hawaii. Don't destroy its legacy!
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Hope
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	We the people
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2092
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I would love to see this beautiful and historic stairway restored and with better managed access in order for the public to be able to visit and walk it. I look forward to reaching the top some day in the future.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Matthew
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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	removal of haikku stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	OPPOSE TEARING DOWN HAIKU STAIRS.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154 Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

This resolution completely ignores the desires of the Kaneohe community and the 2019 Kaneohe Neighborhood Board resolution that calls for managed access to Haiku Stairs. There are many viable solutions that addresses the concerns of a few neighbors if there was the political will to create access instead of the raw political display to prohibit and destroy.

The Housing and Economy Committee should instead look at the housing potential with Department of Hawaiian Homeland land in Haiku Valley, and the economic potential to opening access to Haiku Valley for its cultural, social, and economic benefits. There are many collaborative proposals to support this.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:27 PM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I would love to have access to the Stairway to Heaven Hike and would hate for it to be another section of our 'aina permanently closed off to its residents. However, I understand the nuisance, safety hazard and liability involved in its current access. There are multiple stakeholders involved in the hike's current access point that suffer as a result of disrespectful hikers.

Written
Testimony

I hope we can figure out an alternative management plan and access point, that will not disturb the neighborhood residents and tenants. A plan that would include parking, public bathrooms and trash receptacles.

I urge you to oppose Resolution 21-154 and save the Haiku stairs.
Mahalo


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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-22-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
	July 20, 2021
Written Testimony	Housing and the Economy RES21-154 Oppose 
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:37 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please do not tear down historical structures. We have an opportunity to improve them and reopen access in a controlled manner.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:42 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony If this national treasure is removed it will be yet another example of Honolulu's government inability to manage. To pay to destroy something (after paying to improve it) that has brought such amazing memories to so many rather than properly manage it and profit from it is absurd.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 HAIKU STAIRS
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please preserve Oahu's Ha'iku Stairs Cultural, Botanical, Historical and Spectacular Scenic Trail for current and future generations.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Ha'ikū Stairs are an iconic piece of history on Oahu. If the stairs become a sanctioned hike the potential income for the city and county would be so helpful. A legal way to the sought after stairs would greatly reduce trespassing and the disturbing of the neighbors.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES 21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Make the Haiku Stairs legal to hike!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Res21- 154 ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Aloha! I oppose the removal of the stairs and prefer the Managed Access alternative as a solution. Thank you for your consideration. Mahalo.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:15 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The stairs are a piece of Oahu's cultural heritage. It is a short-sighted act of historic vandalism to take them down.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 6:39 PM
Cc: thomashorner@hotmail.com;
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony These stairs are a part of history and are legendary around the world. Do the right thing and preserve them so that future generations can experience the Aina, and and share what makes our home special.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please don't destroy this safe, world-renowned historical landmark!
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:32 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony "Teach your children well"...
Are we not actually doing the opposite?
Do we really want to tear down a treasure that our future generations could learn from?
(from Cultural, Historical, Botanical Perspective?)
The different Climactic Zones unique in the area
preserved our native plants from extinction.
By closing this access it will be impossible for us to get rid of the fast growing invasive
species that choke our native Flora -- Pretty soon our very own precious wet/wild forest
upland will be lost too...
We need to keep the stairs. Afford our future generation a learning opportunity in Nature
Preservation (up in the Stairs) and Nature Restoration in the Valley Below.
Give them a chance to learn more about
Hawaiian Flora and how it can affect their future.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-151 Ha'iku Stairs 21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Haiku Stairs matter to so many people across the world. This place is not only a bucket list item, but a place, that those who have had the lucky opportunity to visit, changes lives. Those I have spoken to that have gone said that it feels like a spiritual awakening while hiking and being one with nature. If there is a way to keep these stairs and create a legal entrance point, please do it. I know people would be more than willing to pay to do this and would be a lot happier than trespassing through the neighborhoods. It's also a lot safer than going up the legal back way. Please allow this beautiful place to still positively impact lives by not destroying the stairs. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The Haiku Stairs are an important historical feature and world reknown hike attracting many to the island.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:13 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I vote to not tear it down
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	It's a historical landmark that should NOT be torn down.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:54 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Taylor Lewter
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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154- HA'IKU Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	This is a historical structure that should not be torn down.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:59 AM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,
Being Haiku Stairs has been ignored as an issue for so long I am not sure if there is sufficient desire to innovate to meet the needs of Oahu in the 21st century. We continue to depend on the tourism as our main economic engine but fail to keep up with the demand and responsibility of maintaining and expanding recreational opportunities for both visitor and resident alike.

Overused urban core natural areas are trodden down with little or no plan to even out traffic by expanding access to additional areas. Upper Haiku Valley should be a regional park with reservation and paid access to the Stairs. Sacred Falls needs to be reopened with a real park service and a clear enter at your own risk warning (the Mothers Day incident was tragic but with a real park service Sacred Falls would be a visitor sight not a all day party location). Every attempt should be made to treat Oahu's natural wonders with the same care other States and Counties treat theirs not with neglect and/or close- it- off- forever attitude that we seem to vacillate between.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:06 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 haiku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I don't understand why this is still a conversation. It's lying in the faces of everyone to say this hike is too dangerous while still publicly allowing many others hikes that are far more dangerous. The hike is not dangerous (try it for yourself) and the only reason the trespass is an "issue" is because the state wants to corruptly make money. Stop doing things to "stick it to the people" and instead do it for what makes sense and is fair. You can hike the ridges but you can't hike the stairs? Do those making the rules personally have a problem or are they doing it out of spite? Do the right thing. Leave it be, let people enjoy these hikes as you allow them to enjoy many other amazing hikes on this island. Mahalo

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Haiku Stairs, and the Haiku Valley itself, should be listed in the National Register of Historic Places and preserved. In order to eliminate the problem of hikers trespassing and bothering neighbors, you need to manage the place like an attraction! Because it is an international attraction. Please create the jobs necessary to manage this historic place.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Our family is very thankful to all the upgrades to the stairs and looks forward to a legal way to access them from the haiku side. Thanks for all that you do to think of each hiker, resident and concern. I would like to think that respectful hikers who are not trying to "get around" the system will treat our ohana like the aina.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154- Ha'ikū Stairs
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Housing and the Economy
Committee
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I believe as hikers have been stripped from the majority of hikes here on oahu, It is very unfair how much freedom hikers have lost. I think it should be a enter at your own risk hike..

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 Haiku stare
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose this bill, because I believe in the history importance of the "Haiku stairs" As I do Kokohead and the Diamondhead. There are groups that would be dedicated to the upkeep of the Haiku stairs and its immediately area. Doing so, we can minimize safety concerns and also educated the public of the importance of the Haiku stairs and our aina. I believe we can come together as a community to resolve this issue that will benefit both the residents and the general public. Mahalo

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony	Please do not remove such an amazing adventure from this planet!!!!
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'iku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I would like to ask that the stairs remain in place. I feel it would be very beneficial to have them repaired and opened for a fee to enjoy the beautiful experience like other parks on the island. Thank you for your consideration.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony This is an iconic site in Hawaii that draws so much tourism . Taking this down is taking down a piece of Hawaii . When there's so many ways to have solutions .
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Housing and the Economy
Committee
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Haiku stairs should be considered one of the few wonders of the world. The stairs showcase the true beauty of hawaii and should be experienced by locals and travelers alike. I believe that by charging visitors a fee and my requiring permits the money can be used to maintain the stairs and increase the safety of all the guests. By removing the stairs you remove part of the magic of Oahu.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I earnestly encourage that the Haiku Stairs be preserved and not dismantled.

The Stairs are a priceless historical, cultural and recreational asset to the Islands.

To remove them is wasteful of the resources already expended in building and maintaining them.

The Neighborhoods' expressed grief of trespassing and vandalism is largely the product of these Neighborhoods' moves to shut off all access routes to the Stairs. These routes have included public roads, easements over State-/privately-owned property, drainage ditches and such.

At the same time, private organizations, and now City & County, have offered to be involved in a managed access plan. Now is not the time to turn them down.

Please support the Stairs; please save the Stairs.

Thank you.

-Richard M. Tuggle-
Kaneohe

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21 - 154 - Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Ownership needs to be transferred to the city. I was under the impression that was already the case, but if water supply still owns it, that should be the first thing done. Secondly, this hike is much like several others on the island in that it came about from military use. It was designed to see human traffic, but so long as people tread where nature belongs, safety must be considered on the part of the city and the people who frequent the trail. The city should repair the stairs as they have before, put up signage, and charge for access. People will go where they like whether it's allowed or not. They will conduct themselves like idiots if it pleases them, but for those of us who only wish for a safe way to see the island from this vantage point, allowing those who would be irresponsible with or without the stairs to determine accessibility for the rest of us is unreasonable. It would be more profitable (and far kinder to the land, given the fact that folks are finding so many other ways to access the trail) to simply fix and regulate passage to this trail.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony These stairs have such an emotional connection for so many people, and we believe this decision should be prolonged indefinitely. The money used to tear down the stairs could instead be used to fix them and open them back up, keeping a part of island history alive.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony We have read the DEIS report and we agree that managed access (conveyance alternative) is by far the best alternative with a total score of 7 good as compared to removal with a score of only 4.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154-Ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony This place of beauty should not be taken away from us, if anything the stairs should be restored if it is our money being used let it be used well, keep places of beauty safe but open.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony DO NOT TEAR DOWN! There are so many other solutions! Save the history of the island!

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I grew up in Kaneohe, my house 3 blocks away from the entrance to the stairs. I understand that the community is upset with the foot traffic through the area. However, the Haiku stairs are something special. I want to give a perspective that I think almost no one else can give.

I have lived overseas, outside the US for the past 5 years. Over the years, I have always been proud to answer the question, "Where are you from?" with a simple word: "Hawaii". Everyone always expresses their amazement and jealousy, and rightfully so. Our islands are beautiful, something special to the world. Having lived abroad in Sydney, Seoul, Shanghai, and Singapore, I can tell you that everyone around the world knows of these stairs. They are something iconic, and that view from the top cannot be matched anywhere in the world.

Written Testimony
These stairs are not something you can just replace with money. Our island is changing. Growing up I saw how Kailua town changed. How lanikai went from a secret beach to the most popular beach on the island. I saw waikiki change. I've seen countless places in our island change and lose the magic that makes this place so special. Please do not do this to these stairs.

If this is about money, our community can do better. Once they're gone, they're gone. They aren't coming back. Just like the rail, you do not want to be the people that do this to our community. You may think you are helping, but you are only listening to the loud few.

Do what you need to. Charge people for admittance fees. Do something. But do not take them down. I know for a fact, and I myself as well would, that if you had an actual path to the stairs, only allowed X number of people to climb it, and even charged upwards of over \$1000 just to climb those stairs, people would do it.

The local community might be unhappy, but I know tons of people who, when faced with the

possibility of a \$1000 don't care because that hike is life-changing. I have only done it three times in my life, but I will never forget those three mornings. They are some of my best memories of my home, and I and the younger generation of Hawaii would be heartbroken to see them gone.

If this is actually followed through with, then our system is broken. If we cannot come together as a community and find a resolution to make everyone happy, then maybe this isn't the Hawaii I grew up knowing. I was taught that everyone is family. That we are a community. Let's protect our home, keep the places that people hold dear to their hearts, and find a way to fix this situation together.

My only regret is that because of Covid, I have been unable to return home for over a year now from my current home in Shanghai to see my family. I wish I could be there to speak to you in person, but this will have to be what I can do for now. Thank you and I hope that you hear our voices.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 9:08 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly OPPOSE the removal of the Haiku Stairs. I've been lucky enough to climb these stairs, once when it was under the Navy's control, and years later before it became a public nuisance. This stair structure should be treasured and valued as it presents unparalleled opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors and nature in such a manor. Other places around the world build and support these types of opportunities, and only in Hawaii are we so short sighted to want to tear down and prevent people from experiencing such activities. Even if you are not a hiker, please appreciate the value it is to us in the community who love hiking, experiencing the challenges and the beauty that these stairs provide. Please DO NOT tear down the stairs - find a workable solution. Do it for the community.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū stairs
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
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Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 9:19 AM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Sir/Madam,

Written Testimony Please oppose RES 21-154 and help to save the Haiku stairs. The stairs are part of the history here on Oahu and it should be preserve for future generations.

Mahalo,

Noemi Cavinder

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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-154 Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am in support of this resolution to remove the stairs. I am a rescue captain with HFD and we are the ones who have to go and rescue the people that get lost or hurt trying to hike these stairs. Restricting access is not working, removal seems like the most worthwhile solution to keep people from trying to hike in the area. Mahalo

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha`ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Tearing down the stairs would be a huge mistake. Those who argue for it complain about the trespassing in the neighborhood and the safety aspect. If you allowed access, people wouldn't be in the neighborhood and the stairs are much safer than the other routes people are taking to get to the summit in order to avoid the fine.

Make it a state park and have people sign waivers. People are ALREADY paying illegal tour guides to take them up there. They would pay the state to hike the stairs. You would make a huge profit.

There is a huge lot at the base of the stairs and if you opened that up to the public for parking, everyone would stay out of the neighborhood.

Written Testimony

The ridge leading up to the stairs from moanalua valley is NOT DOING WELL. because so many people are trying to take a legal route to the stairs. Visitors with minimal hiking experience have no business being on that ridge. The ridge is much more dangerous than the stairs and it's seen so much erosion in the last few years due to illegal tours and people trying to avoid the fine. It's only going to get worse if you take the stairs down and then the state is going to see more and more rescues as the ridge gets worse and worse.

Use the \$1,000,000 to fix up the stairs and make it accessible without disturbing the neighborhood. I'd bet you'd make that money back with all of the people who would pay to get up there. It would give the ridge a break from the constant traffic it's getting.

Haiku stairs is a historical place and one of the most beautiful views on the island. Why are you trying to take that experience away from people when there are so many other ways to make it safe and to make a profit? It's great exercise, and one of the biggest tourist attractions on island. TAKE ADVANTAGE. do not tear them down!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Friends of Haiku Stairs

Written Testimony

- Haiku Stairs is a priceless, unique, historic treasure that must be saved for current and future generations to appreciate and enjoy.
- There is overwhelming support from all segments of society for reopening the Stairs under managed access.
- The "Concept Plan for Managed Use of the Haiku Stairs", prepared by Friends of Haiku Stairs, effectively addresses all the concerns that have been raised regarding reopening Haiku Stairs to the general public.
- The Stairs can be reopened and operated at ZERO cost to taxpayers.
- Haiku Stairs is probably one of the safest hiking trails in Hawaii. It is a stairway with railings - you go up or you go down - it is impossible to get lost!
- The Environmental Impact Statement commissioned by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply examined and ranked several options for the Stairs. The conclusion was that reopening the Stairs under managed access was superior to removal of the Stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Public Safety
Agenda Item	Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The stairs are apart of Hawaii, it's history, and it's culture. Do not tear them down! They can be FIXED!
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154-HAIKU STAIRS
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Councilmember,

Enclosed is a breakdown of RES21-154 for analysis against the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS.

RES21-154 is in substantive conflict with the text of that EIS, and with the context of the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS as a whole.

KEY:

Commentary is in bold.

"Quotations from the EIS are in italics"

ALL REFERENCES point to the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS Published on Jan 24th, 2020.

A copy of the Ha'ikū Stairs EIS is found at this link:

http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/EA_EIS_Library/2020-01-23-OA-FEIS-Haiku-Stairs-Study.pdf

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU HONOLULU, HAWAII

RESOLUTION 21-154

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REMOVE THE HAIKU STAIRS AND ITS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO STOP TRESPASSING, REDUCE DISTURBANCES TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS, INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, REMOVE POTENTIAL LIABILITY TO THE CITY, AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, the Haiku Stairs (the "stairs") a steel structure consisting of 3,922 and structures that extend from an elevation of 400 feet in Haiku Valley to an elevation of 2,820 feet on the ridgeline of the Koolau Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the properties on which the stairs sit are protected watershed lands owned by the City and the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

In Vol 1, 6.4.3.1 we find P-1 designation a not prohibitive to managed access:

"The parcel that hosts Ha'ikū Stairs is located in the City P-1, Restricted Preservation zone,...

Per ROH Chapter 2: LUO Sec. 21-3.40, "the purpose of the preservation districts is to preserve and manage major open space and recreation lands...." A Conditional Use Permit minor may

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be required for any new development within the P-1... district.”

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy built the stairs the 1940s to access communications facilities on the ridgeline, and the U.S. Coast Guard (“USCG”) operated its Omega worldwide communications facility at the stairs site from 1975 until 1997; and

WHEREAS, the USCG initially allowed public access to the stairs with a sign-in sheet and waiver system but restricted public access in 1987 due to vandalism and liability concerns; and WHEREAS, the USCG decommissioned its facilities in 1997 and relinquished its easement rights to the Board of Water Supply (“BWS”) in 1999, and the BWS began to negotiate with the City Administration to transfer the property to the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) the site was not needed for water source development; and

WHEREAS, from Fiscal Year 1999 to Fiscal Year 2003, a total of \$2,790,000 was budgeted the City’s Executive Capital Budgets for the Haiku Valley Nature Preserve (Haiku Stairs) project, of which at least a portion of moneys were appropriated to construct improvements to the stairs; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the City refurbished damaged portions of the stairs and worked on securing legal access with the intent of reopening the stairs for public recreational use; and

WHEREAS, in response to a growing number of hikers trespassing on both its lands and surrounding privately-owned properties in order to access the base of the stairs, the BWS 2008 closed the trail leading to the stairs and hired security to deter trespassers, but illegal hiking on the stairs continued and created serious conflicts with the neighboring community and potential liability for the BWS; and

WHEREAS, trespassing increased with the coming of social media, which enabled the posting of illegal directions to the stairs and the sharing of panoramic pictures that have encouraged people from around the world to take the hike; and

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WHEREAS, special duty Honolulu Police Department (“HPD”) officers positioned in surrounding neighborhoods and hired by the BWS recorded turning away a total of 3,610 vehicles and 11,427 individuals between August 2017 and March 2020, which figure does not include individuals attempting to hike from Moanalua Valley or illegally access the stairs from other locations in Windward Oahu; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3 paragraph 1 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2022, the City Administration has allocated \$250,000 for the continued security of the stairs provided by HPD special duty officers; and

Vol. 1, 6.1.1. notes:

“The third-party operator would also be required to pay maintenance, security, and structural upkeep costs for Ha’ikū Stairs.”

WHEREAS, as a legal public access to the base of the stairs does not exist, hikers starting in Haiku Valley must illegally cross a combination of State- and privately- owned residential properties to connect to the illegal access trails; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3 paragraph 1 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

WHEREAS, residents of Haiku Valley have reported the following continuing problems with trespassing hikers:

1. Nightly disturbances, including slamming car doors and loud voices that cause

neighborhood dogs to bark, from hikers arriving between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. to climb the stairs to watch the sunrise

2. The presence of strangers and their cars creating safety concerns for young children;
3. Hikers parked cars blocking private driveways and hindering the ability of emergency vehicles to pass through narrow streets;
4. Hikers walking through private property at all hours and using private water hoses to wash themselves or for drinking water, often without turning those hoses off;
5. Hikers throwing trash and waste onto private property, disrespecting or threatening property owners, and vandalizing or damaging private property; and
6. Hikers relieving themselves in the street, against private rock walls or in other private areas;

and
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Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3. Paragraph 1 notes:

“Disturbance to Ha’ikū Valley residential areas would... decrease because most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs...”

Later, in its final paragraph, Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3. notes:

“This alternative would decrease trespassing in Ha’ikū Valley, control neighborhood disturbances, and mitigate environmental impacts.”

WHEREAS, illegal hiking in Haiku Valley increased the number of service calls to the HPD concerning the stairs from 20 in 2011 to approximately 160 in 2017, and the number of emergency calls in the area to the Honolulu Fire Department grew from one per year in 2002 to about 11 per year in 2018; and

Vol 1, 4.10.2 notes:

“To obtain the results shown [here], HFD searched ...their records database, and cross referenced with the area of Ha’ikū Stairs and the wilderness hiking areas that are connected or close by, including trails in Moanalua Valley. The data shown.... is not an exact result for Ha’ikū Stairs only. It could include people on recreational hikes in other areas.

“The location where rescues are performed vary.... Persons could be hiking from Moanalua Valley, whether their destination is Ha’ikū Stairs or not.”

I have requested a detailed report of all HFD responses to the Ha’ikū Stairs area in recent years to help to clarify the ambiguity of data referenced here.

Vol. 1, 6.6. notes:

“Conditions are expected to improve under the Conveyance Alternative as 911 calls to the police and fire departments are anticipated to decrease due to managed access and increased safety and security measures.”

Volume 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

WHEREAS, in response to community complaints, the HPD issued 93 citations for trespassing on State property and made six arrests between March 14 and March 23, 2021 during an operation that focused on illegal hikers on the stairs; and

Volume 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.

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WHEREAS, on June 21, 2021, an HPD officer reported being assaulted by a trespasser who illegally accessed the stairs; and

Volume 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

“...most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

WHEREAS, hikers have introduced invasive plant species into the area, particularly at the summit of the stairs; and

Vol 1, 6.4.5.3 Paragraph 4 indicates a prevention plan is tenable:

“A prevention plan should be developed to curb the ongoing introduction of alien plant seeds from hikers.”

Removal of the stairs will not stop hikers from hiking elsewhere with their shoes, and with the seeds, with the same net impact on the ‘āina. Conversely, a guided experience of the Ha’ikū Stairs offers a unique opportunity to capture those seeds for destruction by requiring participants to scrub their shoes in a controlled environment.

WHEREAS, the BWS transferred ownership of the stairs and the land around it to the DPR on July 1, 2020, and the City Administration then began to prepare a request for bids to select a private company or organization to “provide a safe and well- managed access to the stairs”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council (“Council”) on December 9, 2020 considered Resolution 20-323, which would have authorized the City to execute a 12-year concession agreement with an unspecified vendor to develop a managed access plan and guided hikes at the stairs, but did not adopt that resolution due to community concerns; and
This was perceived by many as a courtesy deferment to the incoming administration.

WHEREAS, the Council believes that a “managed approach” to the stairs will not be effective as the stairs’ worldwide social media profile will continue to attract trespassing hikers, and their numbers will grow as the City’s economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and tourists return to Oahu; and

Vol. 1, 6.4.3.3 notes:

“most people would not trespass with a legal way to access Ha’iku Stairs.”

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Inasmuch as social media has been a tool to announce the presence of the Ha’ikū Stairs to the world, it is also effective in spreading the updated structure of a managed experience in educating visitors before they visit Hawaii.

WHEREAS, the Council notes that in January 2020 the BWS prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) on possible alternative actions for the stairs and proposed removing them at a cost of \$986,266, as such a removal would:

1. Stop trespassing and end disturbances in local neighborhoods;
2. Increase public safety by eliminating calls for emergency assistance from injured hikers;
3. Remove the liability to which the City, as property owner, is exposed if trespassing hikers are injured; and
4. Protect the environment by reducing negative impacts from hikers on the surrounding watershed lands; and

To rephrase this in a way that reads more clearly to me:

In 2016 the BWS proposed removal of the Ha’ikū Stairs. In April of 2017, BWS launched an EIS to study the impact of that proposed action. In Jan 2020 the FEIS was complete. The 3-year project found managed access was notably better than the action initially proposed. Factually, the EIS does mention the cost of removal would be roughly 1 million, and that the ‘proposed action’ (full removal) would also have a list of beneficial effects. In context of the

entire document, however, the conclusion of the EIS shows the Conveyance Alternative (managed access) is the most beneficial of all actions considered, as noted in Vol 1, 6.5: "The Conveyance Alternative [managed access] was scored with six Good ratings...; and two Fair ratings. The scoring for the Conveyance Alternative does not include a single Poor rating. This option has the highest overall score compared to the Proposed Action [complete removal of the stairs] and the other alternatives that were evaluated. [partial removal and no action]

WHEREAS, while the FEIS assessed a conveyance alternative that would open the stairs for public use through a managed access approach, the Council notes that the managed access option anticipated financial and other contributions from the City, including approximately \$900,000 in funding from the BWS to establish and improve legal access to the stairs, potential funding for a comfort station at the base of the stairs, and on-street parking or parking at the heavily-used Kaneohe District Park; and

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The EIS has estimated managed access will return 1.2 million to taxpayers over 21 years, whereas removal would cost taxpayers \$940,000. When compared to the cost of removing the stairs, managed access leaves the City and State cumulatively \$2,140,000 better off over 21 years as noted in Vol. 1, 6.6:

"Over the 21-year analysis period, the least long-term value to the City and State would occur with the No-Action Alternative (approximately negative \$4 million), and most value would occur with the Conveyance Alternative (approximately positive \$1.2 million). Falling in between would be the Proposed Action (approximately negative \$940,000) and the Partial Removal Alternative (approximately negative \$190,000)."

WHEREAS, the negotiations needed to establish a legal access route to the stairs for a managed access approach would be complex and require legal agreements between numerous landowners, including potentially both government and private landowners who may not wish to allow access to the stairs through their properties; and

The EIS identifies an access route entirely on state land in 'The Summary of Rationale for Selection of Po'okela Street as the Preferred Access Route' Vol 1., 6.4.6.1: "The Po'okela Street access route rose to the top during the evaluation of the three potential access routes.... The access route is entirely on State land, and, in preliminary discussions with affected State agencies, access easements are possible with conditions."

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the only viable solution to mitigate liability and legal issues to the City, reduce nuisances and disturbances to local neighborhoods, increase public safety, and protect the environment is to remove the stairs and its accessory structures; and Regarding managed access, Vol 1, 6.4.2 Notes:

"There are many different operations models that could be emulated, both locally and beyond. Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve and Diamond Head State Park are two local models...."

In all, the EIS considered 20 land areas, covering 3,871 acres (Table 3-1). Its 4,528 pages are overwhelming, and yet in light of the impact of this action, are worth the exhaustive study. This diverse work of 7 volumes was compiled from the expertise of 1,100 private individuals, 26 community interest groups, 14 document and media agencies, 11 Elected Officials including Council Member for District Three, 10 City agencies, 27 State agencies, and 9 Federal agencies. These individuals and agencies, over a

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course of 1,006 days, contributed their best to a \$500,000 project which came to a studied conclusion on January 24th, 2020 that the most beneficial course of action for the people of

Hawaii is the Conveyance Alternative. (Vol. 1, 6.5 - Summary Comparison of Proposed Action and Alternatives by Project Objectives)

The BWS subsequently in April of 2020, voted unanimously to pursue the Conveyance Alternative - so long as the city would accept stewardship of the land within 18 months. Board member Max Sword said it best: "So if we do tear it down, we're still stuck". The land transfer to Parks was promptly initiated in the summer of 2020 as the first step toward the Conveyance Alternative

In light of the labors of so many who have brought us to this point, a deep consideration of their work in this EIS is not only prudent and measured, it is the pono thing to do.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 21-21, the Executive Capital Budget and Program for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 which was unanimously approved by the Council, included \$1 million for the removal of the stairs; now, therefore,

The monies earmarked for removal of the stairs may be set aside for the Conveyance Alternative.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to remove the Haiku Stairs and its accessory structures to stop trespassing, reduce disturbances to local neighborhoods, increase public safety, remove potential liability to the City, and protect the environment; and

I urge the Committee to retire this resolution today, or to transfer it to the Parks and Community Services Committee where it is more fitting. Note: on the board of that committee is Carol Fukunaga, also a stakeholder in this issue.

I urge City Administration to accept a meeting with me to continue the interview I took in 2017 (APPENDIX J), and to share new learnings of the recent years with perspective adapted to moving forward in 2021 with a Conveyance Alternative.

Thank you for your time and care in this matter.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Hai'kū stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

The stairs have always been the most beautiful hike on the island. I have done this hike over 20 times and it's always hits differently. Something about waking up in the early morning with the nicest hikers and meeting so many people from diverse background is something i cherish and would miss. this hike bring people together from all walks of life. I know people have said hikers are noisy and rude and leave trash everywhere however i actually with all my hikes have left with more trash and try to clean up the trail everytime i was there. I have never trespassed on someone lawn nor did i ever try to disturb the neighbors peace. i quietly would go with no more than four close friends and we were always very respectful of the aina and peoples property. we love this hike with all our hearts so don't tear down the best memories and the hike that people come to oahu to do. over 4,000 hikers do it each year? that's quite a lot rather than getting rid of such beauty why not keep it for generations to come. everyone deserves to do this hike and all hikes are at your own risk. life is a risk and the haiku stairs are worth the risk and memories i've never had a problem and if the stairs sections are redone i think this hike would be set for generations to come. for people to walk on those steps like i had and make the best memories with their ohana thank you for your time. Please save the stairs.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Stairway to heaven
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Repair them !! ❤️
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154- Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Just repair them and let people use them! Save the money for something else. Hawaii could make money from it if done right.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Aloha Sir/Madam ,
Please oppose the RES 21-154 -Haiku Stairs.
The Stairs are important for the community, please consider to save the Haiku
Stairs.
Mahalo
Eleonora Bacsoka

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I oppose the closing of the historic haiku stairs. please keep them and just regulate more
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am a constituent and resident of Hawaii. I Strongly Oppose resolution 21-154. It was unfortunate to hear last week that Esther Kia'aina is still trying to pursue the removal of Ha'ikū Stairs. While I can sympathize with the residents of Ha'ikū Valley being disturbed at all hours due to illegal trespassing, that can be resolved through managed access. It's incredibly short-sighted to remove Ha'ikū Stairs as a solution when much more viable and beneficial solutions are also available.

Back when the BWS wanted to remove the Stairs there was a large community outpouring of support to keeping this historical and educational piece of infrastructure. One just needs to look through the recent testimony to see from around our State, our Country, and around the world in opposition to the intent of this resolution and in support of keeping this landmark.

Written Testimony

If the City can move the Stairs towards a managed access platform, it would solve the current issues of disruption in the neighborhood. While I can understand that currently, it's a money sink by keeping HPD there to police it and a cost to update and repair sections of it, it would be a far better use of money to repair and open it because then that investment can be recovered several times over from revenue from visitors to the Stairs, both tourists and residents. Setting up a parking area away from the neighborhood and running vans or busses to the trailhead would help to stop the disruption to the residents of Haiku Village. Friends of Ha'ikū Stairs has already put together a concept on how managed access could work. When so much of Hawaii is closed or illegal, this could be a different turn to having more open trails for people. You can tear it down and lose history, education opportunities, and yes, revenue, or you can turn it into a world-class trail. I and many others would prefer opening the trail.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Jeffrey

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154-Ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please vote no! Mahalo
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

The Ha'ikū stairs are a historic landmark with unique, internationally recognized, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities. This vote has the opportunity to save one of the world's top 10 best hikes on the National Geographic Endangered Trails list. If you take down the stairs you would be destroying a historic landmark and the opportunity to develop said landmark as an educational and life changing experience for the people of the islands and the world. I oppose resolution 154.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Do NOT tear down the stairs, make them safer and legal.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Toni Graham
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154 - Removal of Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I have been living in the Haiku neighborhood since 1988. It's getting very tiring writing about the Haiku stairs over and over. This Haiku Stairs should have been removed 20 years ago when the city started this debate.

TAKE THEM DOWN

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Don't tear them down! Make them safer and regulate vandalism. People who are respectful and responsible would like to keep enjoying the specialness of that climb.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

Name	Amy Lu
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Email	Amylu125@yahoo.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please preserve this little piece of history, with the most extraordinary views, as a place for everyone to enjoy safely. Thank you for your consideration.
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2022
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Resolution 21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I am a kanaka maoli born and raised on Oahu. I have hiked up and down Haiku stairs. It is an amazing hike. I want it preserved for my two boys to be able to use. It should not be torn down. Managed access should be given a chance to work. This is very doable. You can make the managed access folks pay for everything. You can make them buy a bond for maintenance and pay for insurance and security. You can make them build a bathroom. And then you can also skim off the top of their profits. At minimum you could give them a 5 year time frame to prove that it can work.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item Haiku Stairs Removal
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support removal of the stairs and do not believe that given social media exposure and thrill seekers desire to check their bucket list that it would be impossible to manage properly. Thank you!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Budget
Agenda Item	Haiku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please keep the stairs. It is so beautiful. Oahu needs nature and history must always be a priority. Make it a national Park. Protect it but allow it to be loved.
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Written Testimony

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Email	leilanschless@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154 Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 02-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony This is an inappropriate thing to do. A few neighbors have been loud and vocal but they have only made matters worse for them selves by not allowing solutions which resolve their problems and still allow the 99 % of the people who support the stairs to enjoy them.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-154 - HAIKU STAIRS
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Please stop trying to destroy the Haiku Stairs. Why should state residents have their important cultural and historic resources destroyed because our government cannot manage their preservation or regulate access?

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-54
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	We have such limited resources but this is a literal diamond in the rough. Malama the aina. Do not destroy. Find a partnering solution and keep the Haiku stairs as our legacy.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Taking off stairway of heaven
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose this Bill because the Haiku stairs is a landmark to Hawaii and destorying/removing them one be taking away from Hawaii's history. The funding used for the removal of the stairs can be used to fund nature preservation organizations so that our Aina can benefit. It should be in our best interest to do whatever we can not to further damage our fragile eco-systems and by removing the stairs we will do a lot more damage then good.

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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony The stairs are historical! We can preserve them let us fix them and we can profit off the hike! We can charge tourist to hike and make our money back
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Lubica Tomasovich
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Oppose!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Written Testimony

Spend the money on cleaning up abandoned cars and trash on our island!!!

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From: CLK Council Info
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Cc: Chloesmom493@gmail.com;
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Written Testimony

Name Aubréy ferguson
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony The stairs are historical! We can preserve them let us fix them and we can profit off the hike! We can charge tourist to hike and make our money back
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

Name Anne Jaeger
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154-Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
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From: CLK Council Info
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Cc: Jaeger.vogtland@arcor.de,
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Written Testimony

Name	André Jaeger
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Email	Jaeger.vogtland@arcor.de
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154-Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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From: CLK Council Info
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Cc: shannon.pickett21@gmail.com;
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Shannon Pickett
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Email	shannon.pickett21@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please vote to keep this important landmark!
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 11:56 AM
Cc: eshieh808@gmail.com;
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Ernest H Shih
Phone 8082629050
Email eshieh808@gmail.com
Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item res21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The Stairs are an incredibly valuable piece of Hawaii history. Please give managed access a chance before tearing it down.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:12 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Anna Makela
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Email anna.makela@gmail.com
Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Tearing down the Ha'iku Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I beg you not to tear these stairs down. The money could instead be used for appropriate and managed access. When I was younger, in 2012, I hiked from Tripler Ridge, to the geographical center of Oahu, and then to the Ha'iku Stairs to travel down them. During the four beautiful years that I was stationed on Oahu, it became the home of my heart! This hike left me in such awe of the aina that I close my eyes during meditation and see the lovely sights my brain brings up from that hike. While serving in Afghanistan, before trying to go to sleep, I would watch the "go pro" camera footage that my friend took of our group during that 7 or 8 hour hike. These sights and memories make the explosions outside disappear for a little while.

Please do not take the possibility of this experience from future generations I have travelled the whole world and have not yet found anything else that can compare with this religious experience of the aina.

Very sincerely,

Anna Makela, MD, MAJ (Ret)

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:15 PM
Cc: aviklaird@gmail.com;
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Phone 8084999640
Email aviklaird@gmail.com
Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony If the state of Hawaii leaves the trail open and fixes the stairs potential revenue for the state will be made from the attraction. Therefore, the residents of Hawaii, visitors, and government would all benefit equally!

Mahalo,
Avi Laird

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Dana Narez
Phone	9098154348
Email	dananarez@yahoo.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154- Ha'ikū stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Carly
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Email Carlylin@outlook.com
Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item 146 508 8888
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Removing the stairs will lead to more people trying to hike up the mountain through the back way. Protect search and rescue

Written Testimony

In terms of the parking situation have a limited amount of parking spots and charge as they do in Kuauai to protect and limit visitors.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Cc: uloha.buyer@gmail.com;
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Mary
Phone	9094757450
Email	uloha.buyer@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs in hopes that there can be a well managed way for hikers to enjoy the stairs while being respectful of the community around.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Ashley Douglas
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Email adouglas@hawaii.rr.com
Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Why would you destroy a historic structure, especially if you could repair it for less?
The Ha'ikū Stairs represent one of the safest hiking trails in Hawaii. no documented serious injuries or deaths resulting from accidents on the Stairs

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Darcy Kaulukou-Chang
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Email kaulukuu@gmail.com
Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Written Testimony

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Email	katieoldja@protonmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154-Hai'kū Stairs
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	The stairs are exceptional and I STRONGLY OPPOSE! Do not tear them down!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154 - Ha'ikū Stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Email	erpersil@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	These stairs are an iconic Hawaiian landmark. It would be doing a disservice to the island and it's visitors to remove them
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Peter Paul Toland Jr
Phone	7033003411
Email	pptoland@yahoo.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RES 21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	The Haiku stairs are a national treasure. Please don't ever get rid of them.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Andrew Jackson
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Email	andrew.jackson.hi@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	Res21-154 - ha'iku stairs
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	It is dangerous and a liability. There is no public access this trail should not be opened - removing the stairs is the only way restore the mountain and protect the Alna.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Dustin Lomaoang
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES21-154
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs also know as the stairway to heaven.

Enough rules already.

If you choose to go out into the wilderness, accept the risk that comes with the adventure.

If you die, you die.

If you need help, you pay the bill and no can sue.

I am not a robot.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Olivia Gegen
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Meeting Date 07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item RES 21 154 Haiku stairs
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please do not shut down haiku stairs. I am a local and would love if the county kept our trails open. Possibly a reconstruction but please no shut down! This is a gem of Oahu and myself and many others would be so sad to see it go.
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Email	dmkaraffa@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	RESOLUTION 21-154 – HAIKU STAIRS
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I oppose removal of the Haiku Stairs. They should be open and accessible to hikers for a fee. Locals should be charged a lesser fee. All should pay.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:57 PM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Lloyd Jones
Phone	8082187486
Email	ljones@hawaii.rr.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	21-154
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	When our hiking trails are seriously overloaded, we should be adding trails, not taking them away.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:00 PM
Subject: Housing and the Economy Testimony

Written Testimony

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Email	gordochen@gmail.com
Meeting Date	07-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Housing and the Economy
Agenda Item	RESOLUTION 21-154 – HAIKU STAIRS.
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Ha'ikū Stairs is historical and boasts one of the world's most renowned geology, botany, and biology. Removing the stairs threatens these, causes the terrain to be unstable and will not stop trespassers from hiking it. Will require public-private partnership to ensure safety and preservation of all.
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