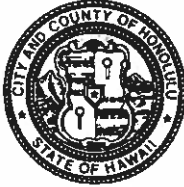


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October 5, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters  
Chair and Presiding Officer  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

I stand in strong support of Resolution 21-175, requesting the City Administration acquire the portion of Leahi Avenue that is currently privately owned.

Ocean Safety is significantly affected by the private ownership of a road that features the only ingress and egress to our Headquarters. The private road owner has been an outstanding neighbor, and I applaud her sincere efforts to improve the public safety aspects of the road.

I propose a solution that may appease all parties involved and may reside in the Honolulu City Council's domain (as Trustees of the Kapiolani Park Trust). I respectfully recommend further urging the City (after acquisition) to trade this portion of Leahi Avenue (from Noela Drive to Monsarrat Avenue) into the restrictions of the Kapiolani Park Trust. And in turn, trade *out of* the restrictions the parcels currently occupied by the Ocean Safety Division Headquarters.

This could benefit the community writ large, would prove this particular street's unique historic status, would allow for improvements to only one side of the street for a walking path, and would enable the application of that part of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu relevant to Kapiolani Park.

It could also make Ocean Safety an important, valued, and trusted City agency in the midst of this unique circumstance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Titchen".

John Kamalei Titchen, J.D.  
Chief of Ocean Safety

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