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RESOLUTION CONCERNING HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL Bill 41 (2021), CD1

WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council is considering passage of Bill 41 (2021), CD1, as a City ordinance with the stated purpose to better protect the City's residential neighborhoods and housing stock from the negative impacts of short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, this bill would amend Chapter 21, Article 5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, by adding a new Section 21-5.730.1, Paragraph (a) Sub-Paragraph (1) and Figure 21-5.1 to read in part: "Bed and breakfast homes and transient vacation units are permitted in (1) the area located within the A-2 medium-density apartment zoning district situated in the Gold Coast area of the Diamond Head Special District, as designated in Figure 21-5.1"; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board finds that the proposed addition of Section 21-5.730.1, Paragraph (a) Sub-Paragraph (1) would be contrary to the stated purpose of the bill, and would constitute an effective expansion of Waikiki into the Diamond Head Special District with innumerable visitor vacation rentals; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board finds that, while tourism is the dominant stream of revenue for Oahu's economy, tourism should not be grown outside of existing resort areas at the expense of a) O'ahu residents, b) established residential neighborhoods, and c) local housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board finds that the use and enjoyment of Kapiolani Park and its adjacent beaches, including historic Kaimana Beach and Queens Surf by myriad O'ahu residents, tennis players, soccer players, baseball players, swimmers, fishermen, divers, paddlers and surfers of breaks from Tonggs to the Kapahulu Wall, many of whom are residents of Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights and Honolulu, would be adversely affected by the aforementioned new Section 21-5.730.1, Paragraph (a) Sub-Paragraph (1); and

WHEREAS, the heavily populated neighborhoods of East Honolulu have few beach parks proportionate to their population, and Kapiolani Park is a crucial recreational resource for many Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights, East Honolulu and O'ahu residents; and

WHEREAS, by Court appointment the elected members of the Honolulu City Council serve separately and distinctly as Trustees of the Kapiolani Park Trust to uphold the provisions of the Trust and by Court Order parking in and around Kapiolani Park is for Park users only, not for tourists within Gold Coast buildings with known parking shortages; and


WHEREAS, O'ahu's Neighborhood Board System was created "to assure and increase community participation in the decision-making process of government," and proposals of such major consequence as designating the Gold Coast area in the Diamond Head Special District as a vacation rental area must be presented openly and comprehensively to the directly-affected community and its Neighborhood Board for full public disclosure, discussion and determination of consequences to fully inform the proposing agency and the district's elected officials; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board urges the Honolulu City Council to **delete** Paragraph (a), Sub-Paragraph (1) and Figure 21-5.1 as set forth in the proposed Bill 41 (2021), CD1 relating to a new Section 21-5.730.1 amending Chapter 21, Article 5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this adopted Resolution shall be delivered directly and individually to the Honolulu City Council Chairman and Members, the Kapiolani Park Trust Trustees, the Mayor and Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, the Waikiki Neighborhood Board Chairman and Members, the Waikiki Improvement Association Executive Director, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and all O'ahu Neighborhood Boards.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board on February 9, 2022.


Casey Ishitani
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Andrew L. Salinger, Chairperson



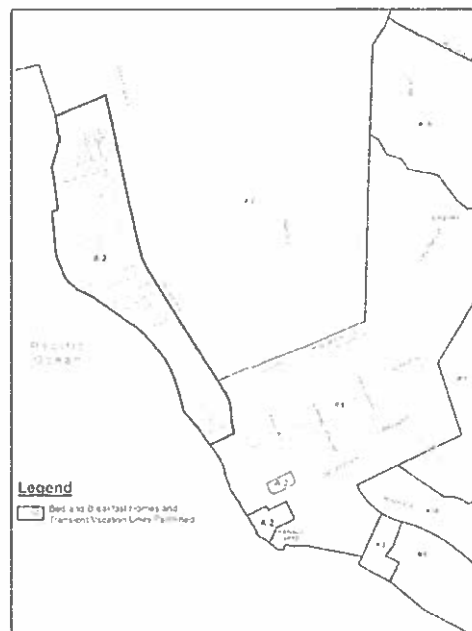
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BILL 41 (2021), CD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

Figure 21-5.1
Bed and Breakfast Homes and Transient Vacation Units
Permitted Areas – Gold Coast of the Diamond Head Special District



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"Sec. 21-5.730 Bed and breakfast homes and transient vacation units.

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