

RES22-191 Testimony

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PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Meeting Date: Aug 25, 2022 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 8

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano	Email: Carmzz84@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 06:23 AM

Name: Kona Jugoz	Email: donjugoz@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 12:26 PM

Testimony:
I am one of the volunteers that give time to cut the grass and maintain the Heiau. Certain homeless are stubborn and continue to bring their opala and use our hieau as a an outdoor restroom. No matter how much you talk to them, explain how kapu it is to desecrate our the area they don't want to comply. I am in favor of the name Kuilioloa Heiau.

Mahalo!

Name: Gerna Kapuaonalani H. Manuia Benz	Email: gbenz@worldeint.com	Zip: 98498
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 04:27 PM

Testimony:
As a native Hawaiian from the island of Maui, a retired military veteran, chairman of the non profit group The Alii Group which serves our Leeward communities on Oahu and an active member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku 'O Kapuaiwa, Helu Ewalu. Hereby attest and confirm that I stand strongly in affirmation that the official name of Kuilioloa Heiau, located within Pokai Bay Beach Park in Wai'anae and request that the City Administration to officially designate the name and install appropriate signage.

Name: Sean Hayworth	Email: hayworth_s@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku O Kapuaiwa.	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 05:31 PM

Testimony:
Pursuant to the Act of March 18, 1959, Pub L 86-3, 73 Stat 4, The Crownlands of Hawaii are to be held by the State as a public trust (See HAWAII ET AL. v. OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ET AL. No. 07-1372.) Such crownlands were historically conquered and unified under one united rule of Kamehameha I.
Originally organized in 1864 by Royal Decree of Kamehameha V, we, the Royal Order of Kamehameha I • Moku O Kapuiwa, exist as a representation of that nation in continuity. Kuilioloa Heiau, is a representation of the unifying deeds of Kamehameha I as he historically battled to unify the island chain currently under trust to the State of Hawaii.
We recommend that an identifying plaque with the name "K'lioloa" to accompany the heiau as it is historically documented and part of trust obligations under federal law.

Name: Shad Kane	Email: shadskane@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku O Kapuaiwa	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 05:45 PM

Testimony:
I am in support of agenda item RES22-191 which is supporting the installation of a sign at Kuilioloa Heiau. The reason for this sign is to prevent the amount of trash being deposited within the heiau and preventing homeless people from sleeping within the heiau. I am assuming most people do not know this rock formation is an extremely important and sacred Hawaiian site not only anciently but also today among most Hawaiians. It is amongst the few heiau today that is in excellent condition due to the care provided by the Royal Order of Kamehameha Kapuaiwa Chapter and other organization and community members. Members of our chapter are at the heiau often picking up trash and weed whacking.

Historically it served as a navigational heiau which helped guide ancient canoes to and from Hawaii. The leeward side of every island was important in terms of identifying those stars to assist our ancestors to find their way south. They were familiar with those stars in the southern latitudes but not those stars in the north. They are looking at the same stars but they are not in the location they expect them to be. Kuiliolua helped them identify those same stars and constellations in an effort to find their way. At one time every island had shoreline rock features or mountain peaks and valleys that helped guide canoes. However, Kuiliolua Heiau is amongst the only Navigational Heiau that we are aware of today. There may have been more, but they no longer exist.

Name: Blake Nowack	Email: b.thompson1222@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 06:28 PM

Testimony:
I support this measure, the cultural significance and importance to the community both historically and currently deserves to be recognized.

Name: Dwight Victor	Email: dvictor@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 24, 2022 @ 07:33 PM

Testimony:
Aloha, my name is Dwight Victor and I was born and raised in Nnuli. I fully support the effort to formally recognize and designate the K'liolua heiau with appropriate signage. Mahalo!

Name: Homer Opio Keliwaiwaiole	Email: opio.keliwaiwaiole@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 25, 2022 @ 06:38 AM

Testimony:
I am in support of agenda item RES22-191 for the installation of a sign at Kuiliolua Heiau at Poka'i Bay, Wai'anae.

Name: Clarence De Lude	Email: cdelude@me.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Koa Mana, Kupukaaina of Waianae Moku	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 25, 2022 @ 01:58 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Parks and Community Services Committee Members,

Re: NOTICE regarding the notice of the correct place name Kaneilio according to the Hawaiian Kingdom 1870 map. That is why the lineal descendant have struggled to return the name to its historic name of Kaneilio...and the evidence exists on the Hawaiian Kingdom map of 1870 of Pokai Bay or Nene'u. Please check the historical records of the Hawaiian Kingdom maps.

Nana I Ke Kumu-Mahalo,
Clarence A. De Lude
Hale O Ha'o, Hale O Hewahewa, Koa Mana

Name: Jo Jordan	Email: jobear55@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Aug 25, 2022 @ 01:59 PM

August 22, 2022

Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano
Director of Kingdom Pathways
86-194 Leihoku Street Wai'anae HI, 96792

To HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,

As a constituent and the Director of Kingdom Pathways, I am writing today in strong support of Resolution 22-191, *"Affirming the official place name of Kū'īlioloa Heiau. Located with the Poka'i Bay Beach Park in Wai'anae and requesting the City Administration to designate the name and install appropriate signage officially."*

The ruins of Kū'īlioloa Heiau are located on Kāne'īlio Point at Pōka'i Bay, Wai'anae. Kū'īlioloa Heiau translates to the long dog of Kū; the legendary dog was said to protect travelers (Pukui, Elbert, Mookini 1974:120). Our Ali'i history of Kamehameha I tells of the Battle of Nu'uuanu sailing on to conquer Kaua'i; he had visited this heiau. The fleet went on to Wai'anae, and the war god "Kūkā'ililomoku" was carried on the shore that evening (Kamakau 1961:173). It was also said after the battle, many of the conquered O'ahu people fled to Wai'anae and settled there. "To preserve the folk-lore of their homeland, O'ahu, the exiled high-class Kahuna (priest) founded a school at Pōka'i Bay for instructing the youth of both sexes in history, astronomy, navigation, and the genealogies of their ancient chiefs and kings" (Mouritz 1964:128)

As Kanaka O'iwi, we are stewards of this land. In Hawaiian culture, traditional protocol when advocating for the protection and preservation of Kū'īlioloa Heiau you would need to seek your elder's permission to carry out such kuleana; we have done so; see attached MOU. We have witnessed the desecration of these sacred grounds, such as inappropriate nudist photography, drug use, and houseless encampments. Numerous Pohaku (stone) was removed from its foundation to create a make-shift toilet, and large luau's (parties) were hosted on-site. Unbeknownst to many in these wrongful actions, they were on a heiau due to the lack of signage.

This resolution would provide our community and malahini (newcomers) with the identification sign desperately needed to protect and preserve Kū'īlioloa Heiau. In Hawaiian culture, traditional protocol expects that visitors follow certain rules when arriving at another's home or community. This is why it is vital to identify the space so that when people enter the Heiau walls, they know how to conduct themselves. It can also provide an educational aspect with the continued perpetuation of our culture and history through place names and markers.

Respectfully,

Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano

Executive Director of Kingdom Pathways



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – KU`ILILOA HEIAU SIGNAGE PROJECT

Whereas, Ku`ilioloa Heiau Is located at Kane`ilio Point, Poka`i Bay, Waianae, Hawaii.

Whereas, Kamaki Kanahele serves as caretaker and lead protector of the Heiau as has been passed on to him by his mother, Dr. Agnes Kalanihookaha Cope, known fondly by many as "Auntie Aggie."

Whereas, Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano, a resident of the Waianae Coast, sought permission from Kamaki Kanahele to add signage, sculpture and other improvement / restoration / preservation measures to the Heiau and conduct related fundraising (the "Ku`ilioloa Heiau Signage Project").

Whereas, Kamaki Kanahele reviewed the Ku`ilioloa Heiau Signage Project plans, specifications and particulars including the "Na Ho`okele" sculpture, plaque verbiage, the name of "Kū`ilioloa Heiau" together with other Hawaiian wording, and that the Project meets native Hawaiian cultural protocols.

NOW THEREFORE, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) confirms that Kamaki Kanahele, including in his capacities as Director of Native Hawaiian Traditional Healing, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and member of Kupuna Council, Center for Native Hawaiian Healing, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, approves the Ku`ilioloa Heiau Signage Project, authorizes Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano to do any and all things to carry out the Project, and respectfully requests that all those involved with the Heiau lend their full cooperation and support to the Project.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned have duly executed this MOU.

For *James O'Brien, Executive Vice President of Administration, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center*
KAMAKI KANEHELE, including in his capacities as Director of Native Hawaiian Traditional Healing, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and member of Kupuna Council, Center for Native Hawaiian Healing, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

Dated: *May 17, 2022*

Acknowledged and Accepted:

Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano
CARMEN GUZMAN-SIMPLICIANO

Dated: *May 17, 2022*

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Commenting on "AFFIRMING THE OFFICIAL PLACE NAME OF KU'TLIOLOA HEIAU. LOCATED WITHIN POKAT BAY BEACH PARK IN WAI'ANAE AND REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO OFFICIALLY DESIGNATE THE NAME AND INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE"

For full disclosure, I'm submitting this testimony in my personal capacity and I'm not representing the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board which I'm a member.

I'm a 50 plus year resident of the Waianae Coast and reside in Makaha, I have worked on State & City Park issues for the past 22 years and understand the long-standing issues very well at our parks along the Waianae coast. The peninsula known as Kaneilio were this heiau is located is under the management of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) via an Executive Order from the State of Hawaii the entire park area is known as Pokai Bay Beach park. Restoration of the heiau took place about 4 decades ago championed thru Fred Cachola and many community members, the DPR has had a few adopt-a-park agreements within the Kaneilio peninsula area in the last 2-3 decades and several community members have volunteer for the last 15-20 years that I know of to clean and water the heiau area weekly. The community has had a long-standing commitment to the peninsula and the heiau. The community requested proper signage to identify the area about 15-18 years ago and held discussions with both the State & the County during that time to install signage but as we will hear from the community today that never happened, and we really have no answers as to why. But the community is again requesting to have proper signage installed to identify a site so people visiting the area can have a better understanding of the place and be able to act appropriately within the site and surrounding area. It has become very clear that management of the peninsula has fallen upon the community with very little resources. Homeless encroachment is happening, damage to the area continues and removal of trash is being handled by the community. The current City administration visited the site May 2021 and agreed to work with the community. March 29, 2022 DPR called a meeting to discuss installing signage for the heiau and requested the community to meet to discuss the name to use on the identification signage. The community met April 26th and May 18th to discuss the name of the heiau, after both meetings no consensus was made on the name to place on the sign and the community decided to not have another meeting. The list of all invited individuals to the meetings, sign in sheets at meetings and discussion notes were all handed off to DPR and the community attendees requested the identification sign for the heiau to move forward and be installed. I personally have not heard anything back from DPR about the heiau signage since the last meeting in May until this RESO before your committee. I'm not testifying on what the name of the heiau is, since I do not personally have that historical knowledge, but I do know what I have understood the heiau to be commonly known as which is Kuilioloa and the peninsula as Kaneilio. What I am testifying to is that DPR under the administration of the City and County of Honolulu needs to do the corrective action and install proper signage to acknowledge the place. It is my understand from attending the DPR meeting on March 29th that DPR made the commitment to installing signage. I would like to finally see that the signage gets installed since our community has been asking for over 15 years.

Bottomline it is time for the City and County to step up and manage our Parks properly, so the residents and visitors have better understanding of the usage of these public spaces and feel safe and welcome.

Mahalo, Jo Jordan

Resident of Makaha