

**RES22-191
Testimony**

MISC. COMM. 371

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Meeting Date: Sep 7, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 7

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Keoki Siegmund	Email: siegmundkc@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 4, 2022 @ 09:03 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Kuilioloa Heiau, is a representation of the unifying deeds of Kamehameha I as he historically battled to unify the island chain. I recommend that an identifying plaque with the name "K'lioloa" to accompany the heiau as it is historically documented.</p>		
Name: Shad Kane	Email: shadskane@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku O Kapuaiwa	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 4, 2022 @ 11:33 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Historically, approximately 1100 to 1200 AD, 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. Kuilioloa 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, Kuilioloa Heiau is amongst the only Navigational Heiau that we are aware of today. There may have been more, but they no longer exist.</p> <p>Fred Cachola who was a schoolteacher at Waianae Intermediate School in the 60s, was able to do the first effort to restore the heiau in the 1960s. Much of the heiau was damaged by the military in World War II. It served as a radio communication station for the military and a shoreline gun fire site targeting ships. Fred's greatest regret is not installing a sign at Kuilioloa Heiau.</p> <p>Ali'i Sir Shad Kane, Ali'i AiMoku Kapuaiwa Chapter Royal Order of Kamehameha</p>		
Name: Sean Hayworth	Email: hayworth_s@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku O Kapuaiwa.	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 4, 2022 @ 03:03 PM
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Ali'i Sir Shad Kane, Ali'i AiMoku
Kapuaiwa Chapter
Royal Order of Kamehameha

Name: Paul Pomaika'i SR	Email: kaipowma@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 5, 2022 @ 02:08 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Kakou,

I Paul Kaipo Pomaika'i SR, do submit testimony on Resolution 22-91 sign plaque
Bearing the name "Ku'ilioloa Heiau" in the affirmative,
Furthermore;
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.

"Ku'ilioloa 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'ilioloa Heiau" to accompany the heiau as it is historically documented and part of trust obligations under federal law."

Sincerest regards,
Captain Paul Kaipo Pomaika'i SR
Assistant Port Captain
Sause Bros Inc.
Port of Honolulu HI
U.S. Merchant Marine
USCCG Licensed tugboat Master (RET)
Mamo knight
A Member in good Standing of,
The Royal Order of Kamehameha I
Chapter; Helu Kapuaiwa
Kapolei, Hawai'i

Name: Lynette Cruz	Email: lcruz96792@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Mlama Mkua	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 6, 2022 @ 05:59 AM

Testimony:
Mlama Mkua supports this excellent resolution to keep the name Kuilioloa Heiau for this sacred place at Pokai Bay in Waianae, and, further, to provide new signage that reflects accuracy in naming.

Name: Christopher Pokipala	Email: pokipokipala@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 6, 2022 @ 05:05 PM

Testimony:

Aloha kkou! I am in full support of Agenda Item RES22-191 to bring awareness of the cultural significance and importance of K'ioloa Heiau at Malaea (Pka' Bay) to all kama'ina and malihini.

A few weeks ago, a camera crew and set for a television series was filming on top of the heiau. The had a permit to film at the Pka' Bay beach part, which included the heiau area. When educating the crew about how filming on the heiau is disrespectful, they wish they were able to see signage to explain the significant of the area and how to show respect areas such as K'ioloa. For many years, the heiau has been used for photo shoots, film projects, and even a fire knife dance video. Having signage about the heiau, include kapu signs for areas that people shouldnt access, will help educate visitors of this sacred site that is still used by community members today for educational and ceremonial purposes.

Me ka haahaa,
Christopher J. Pokipala
Waianae Community Member and Educator

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Representing: makaha hawaiian civic club	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 6, 2022 @ 06:35 PM

Testimony:
complete support for the name change after listening to the origins from kupuna of waianae who believe this to be a pono change

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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 7, 2022 @ 09:26 AM

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Comments

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.

The community requested proper signage to identify the heiau 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 the site so people visiting the area can have a better understanding of the place and be able to act appropriately within the space and surrounding area. 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. 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. 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 this 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 and

would not need to ask for any future budget funding request to fund the project and that the project could be completed in house. 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