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Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale, Room 200
City Hall, Hawaii 96813

Council Chair Tommy Waters and members
Of the City Council - Ms. Val Okimoto, Committee Chair of Public Safety

RE: Resolution 22-250 – Urging the Honolulu Police to establish a new Wai'anae Patrol District by 2024 and requesting to consider [providing officer recruitment retention incentives:

Aloha Members,

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony for our unanimous support on February 21, 2023, the Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No 36 voted to support the above resolution introduced by our Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Without any objections but discussion to fully support our Wai'anae Police Station to be used functionally and NOT sit empty for another six (9) years. The Wai'anae Police Station grand opening was held on March 11, 2016, where many attended, since then, it has not been open for service to the Coast. The new district police station that replaced the former substation, which was torn down in 2014, cost the city \$16,397,972.

Which said it would enable faster police response times and improved services to the Leeward coast residents, who will no longer have to go to the Kapolei Police Station. Further it would allow officers to be stationed out there, to have equipment and to process arrestees, with a full serve receiving desk.

Our community has been asking for more police officers and for more help on our side of the island for a very long time.

To add that the Wai'anae Coast has taken a large burden of having the CITY'S Waimanalo Gulch Landfill in our district for many years, taking all of "your districts Opala", it's about time benefits should be given to the Wai'anae Community in helping us improve the public safety for our community. We stand in supporting our Honolulu Police Department D-8 and the many Officers that serve our community with passion, service and aloha!

I urge that the Committee of Public Safety and members support Resolution 20-250 in funding the Wai'ane Police Station without any hesitation and never jeopardize the public safety of our people! I can be reached at 808 723-9161 or via email patty.teruya@gmail.com

Mahalo Ke Akua,
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