

**RES23-057
Testimony**

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Meeting Date: Jun 7, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 12:28 AM

TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Natalie Iwasa

DATE: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Resolution 23-057, CD1, Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit to Allow a New Single-Family Dwelling at 5699 Kalanianaʻole Hwy. –
COMMENT

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the SMA use permit for an 8,000 + sq. ft. home and related development on a shoreline property in Niu Valley.

With all of the concern regarding climate change, increasing sea levels and flooding, why is this even being considered?

Several years ago, Bill 37 regarding Workforce Agreements included the following language:

"To address rising sea levels and the effects of climate change on the City's coastline, the City must act quickly to move roads parks, and infrastructure in-land."

Bill 37 was signed into law and became Ordinance 19-24. If the city is so concerned about moving infrastructure inland, shouldn't development along shorelines be halted?

The amendment includes conditions (Condition F) that the owner may not claim hardship due to erosion, sea level rise or other coastal hazard, but does this go far enough to protect taxpayers and others from future claims?