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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jun 20, 2023 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony:
Aloha Chair Cordeiro, Vice Chair Weyer and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation and my self, I wish to offer strong support for this measure which would extend the lease of City property at He`eia-kea to Mrs. Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa and her family.

Mrs. Kaluhiwa is a member of our board but more so, she is a longtime community volunteer and advocate for wise management of public lands in the He`eia ahupua`a.

She is an icon in the eyes of our community, having fought for preservation of public lands, especially protecting our community from a nuclear power plant that was to have been built on the property this lease refers to.

Along with her family, she has safeguarded the city property at He`eia-kea, protecting is as much as possible from squatters and others who might do harm to this `aina. In addition, she has proven a welcoming host to film companies with projects in He`eia-kea valley, assisting them wherever needed with advice and guidance.

Although Mrs. Kaluhiwa is a tenant, she has been a good steward of this property and an extension of her lease is very much in order and welcomed.

We urge your approval of this measure.

Mahalo for considering our mana`o.