

RES24-016 Testimony

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HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH (HSH)

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Meeting**

Meeting Date: Feb 7, 2024 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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February 5, 2024

Aloha, Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Kia‘āina, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Charles “Chip” Fletcher, and I serve as the Interim Dean of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and the Director of the Climate Resilience Collaborative.¹ I am also the former Chair of the Honolulu Climate Change Commission.

I am writing to provide strong support for Resolution 24-16 entitled “Adopting Climate Ready O‘ahu as a Climate Adaptation Strategy and Guiding Policy Document for the City and County of Honolulu.”

As is discussed in Resolution 24-16 and throughout the *Climate Ready O‘ahu Climate Adaptation Strategy*, climate change is a serious threat to the health and safety of O‘ahu’s communities. Resilience to the impacts of climate changes requires long-term planning and preparedness at the local level. For that reason, I support this adaptation strategy and the actions it entails.

I sincerely appreciate your time and effort to consider my testimony on Resolution 24-16. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my testimony.

Respectfully,

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Charles Fletcher

¹ CRC is a multi-investigator research project at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa focused on sea level rise adaptation and climate resilience. CRC is updating coastal models that project the impacts of sea level rise. More information about my research group can be found at <https://www.soest.hawaii.edu/crc/>.

The Honorable Matt Weyer, Chair
And Members
Committee on Housing, Sustainability and Health
Ke Kanihela o ke Kala o Honolulu
530 South King St., Room 100
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Committee Chair Weyer and Members:

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-16 – Adopting Climate ready O’ahu

Aloha nui kākou,

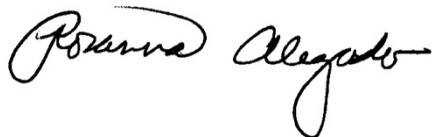
I am submitting testimony today as a constituent from ‘Āhuimanu, Kahalu‘u O’ahu and current Chair of the City and County of Honolulu Climate Change commission. We know that the project impacts to the island of O’ahu by 2100 will be significant – an increase in sea level by as much as 5.8 feet, hotter temperatures that will effect the health of our keiki and kūpuna, and stronger and more frequent storms and hurricanes that can cause flooding and wind-related damage. **Therefore I write in strong support of adoption of Climate Ready O’ahu as the City’s official climate adaptation strategy and guiding policy document to implement actions ot address the impacts we have already experienced and will continue to experience.**

Our local community has called for a strategy to prepare for hazards and risk in order to protect the safety of everyone on O’ahu. Climate Ready O’ahu is that strategy that takes into account customary practices and traditions that made Hawai‘i resilient for centuries – nurturing a strong connection between people and place, centering our ‘āina through empowerment with knowledge and resources with guiding strategies and implementable adaption action.

Importantly, Climate Ready O’ahu was an inclusive process that listened to the input of thousands of voices and voters as well as its Community Advisory Hui. It is a well thought out strategy that I believe we can stand behind.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 24-16. I urge you to adopt the resolution.

Mahalo nui,



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