

PÁLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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## **RESOLUTION URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR SPECIFIED PROJECTS IN THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET BILLS OF 2024**

**WHEREAS** the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 ("Board") is a citizens' advisory board whose purpose is to "increase and assure effective citizen participation in the decisions of government," per the City and County of Honolulu's Neighborhood Plan of 2008; and

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") is "to enhance the leisure lifestyle and quality of life for the people of O'ahu through active and passive recreation opportunities;" and

**WHEREAS** the vision of the DPR includes "to provide quality parks, facilities, botanical gardens, and programs that are safe, accessible, and diverse;" and

WHEREAS the values of the DPR include safety, accessibility, collaboration, advocacy, and quality; and

WHEREAS the Board finds that the outdoor court lights at Pālolo Valley District Park needed to be removed to ensure public safety about 15 years ago due to deterioration; and

**WHEREAS** the Board finds that the DPR has failed to meet its mission, failed to execute its vision, and failed to uphold its values, as evidenced by the neglect of facilities at the Pālolo Valley District Park, which exacerbate inequities endured by our community; and

**WHEREAS** the Board finds that the Pālolo Valley District Park is an invaluable resource that provides outdoor recreation to enhance physical, mental, and overall well-being for our community; and

WHEREAS the Board has received overwhelming support from the community, including over two-hundred signatures in support, to install new outdoor court lighting at the Pālolo Valley District Park; and

**WHEREAS** the Board finds that the existence and efficacy of the Board is contingent on the effectiveness of the Neighborhood Commission Office and now, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board urges the Honolulu City Council to include increased funding for the Neighborhood Commission Office in Bill 12 (2024), entitled "A Bill for an Ordinance Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025;" and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board urges the Honolulu City Council to include funding for outdoor court lighting and other improvements at Pālolo Valley District Park in Bill No. 13 (2024), entitled "A Bill for an Ordinance Relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025;" and

Relating to Bill 12 (2024)

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution and the Board's letter of support be transmitted to the Mayor of Honolulu, the Directors of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Design and Construction, Department of Facility Maintenance, the Honolulu City Councilmembers, the Chair of the Neighborhood Commission, and the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office.

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Colin Scott Peros, Palolo Neighborhood Board No.6 Chair

This resolution was ADOPTED by the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No.6 at its April 10, 2024, regular meeting, 8 - 0 - 0 (AYE: Hack, Ige, Kawamoto, McColgan, Nakayama, Shiraki, Mau, Peros; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).