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June 14, 2024

The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Suite 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Cordero and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-17
Committee on Budget
Follow Up Request From Council Meeting on April 17, 2024

In response to the Council's inquiry during its April 17, 2024 meeting requesting information on the future plans for the Pi'ikoi Mini Park, attached is a letter from RV Ventures, the proposed purchaser of the parcel.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-3901.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Kawano
Director

Attachment

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RV VENTURES LTD

May 30, 2024

TO: Mr. Andy Kawano, Director of Budget and finance,
City and County of Honolulu

FR: Ruth Chang, RV Ventures Ltd

RE: Piikoi Mini Park

Dear Mr. Kawano:

Thank you for your follow up call regarding the Piikoi Mini Park sale. I was in the process of completing and mailing in the quitclaim deed instructions when Ms. Namihira informed us that further clarification regarding the use of the property was needed prior to anything moving forward.

Our plan for the Piikoi Mini Park is simple - secure the area for the use of the residents at 1419 Piikoi and also the adjoining 1421 Piikoi which is also owned by RV Ventures Ltd, and thereby create a safer environment for the entire community by eliminating what is now a haven for illegal activities and occupation and uncontrolled feral chicken population. We do not plan to change the topography of the lot, e.g. remove the big trees, and will add a fence around the perimeter and improve and beautify the landscaping .

When the City approached us regarding the disposal of the Mini Park 14 years ago (letter dated Nov 13, 2009) , we responded with an interest in purchasing the park, and had been following up with the City through the years while the illegal activities kept getting worse. The police had been called many times, and our residents had been subjected to very stressful situations including trespassing, people urinating and defecating and bathing and sleeping on our property and coming onto property with a knife. The City had made very little effort to make this a Park for the community. The trees and weeds were often

not trimmed, rubbish left by the homeless unattended, and feral chickens roaming all over.

These problems will continue to get worse, and so purchasing the property and investing our own time and resources is the only way we see to improve the situation.

We also strongly feel that at the same time, if the sale **does not** proceed, the budget committee and or governing body should also be required to issue a statement about what firm commitments will be made on their end, clearly outlining a plan and timeline to the community and neighborhood board. The current situation cannot persist.

I look forward to hearing from you and please let me know if you have further questions.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Ruth Chang
RV Ventures Ltd.