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December 9, 2024

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-243, CD1 Relating to the Agricultural Development Task Force

The Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("Resilience Office") and the Office of Economic Revitalization (OER) support Resolution 24-243, CD1, which reconvenes the Honolulu City Council's Agricultural Development Task Force to foster the growth and enhancement of agricultural activities on O'ahu.

In collaboration with other City departments and agencies, the Resilience Office's Food Security and Sustainability Program serves to improve environmental sustainability, enhance access to locally grown and nutritious foods, and increase long-term resilience for O'ahu's food system. OER's Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Program aims to increase the equitable economics of agriculture, particularly for small farmers, build relationships between food system sectors, and increase food security for the City's residents.

Together, we work to support transformation of our food system, a long-term commitment requiring sustained effort driven by community values. We look forward to working with and learning from the Task Force towards addressing the important issues facing the agriculture community and food systems on O'ahu.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Resolution 24-243, CD1. Should you have any questions, please contact the Resilience Office at (808) 768-2277 or OER at (808) 768-5764.

Sincerely,

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