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The Honolulu City Council Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services

City Council Resolution 24-267 - CREATING A NEW POLICE SUBSTATION IN MILILANI

Urging The City Administration and the Honolulu Police Department to Create a New Police Substation in Mililani

Aloha Chair Okimoto, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the committee:

My name is Danielle Bass, and I am the Chair of Neighborhood Board No. 25 representing the Mililani, Waipi'o, and Melemanu communities. Today, I am here to testify in **strong support** of this critical resolution.

For decades, the Mililani community has called upon the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), successive City Administrations, and the City & County of Honolulu to establish a much-needed police substation in our area. Since the creation of Mililani in 1968 as a master-planned community, we have been part of Police District 2, **the largest police district on O'ahu. This district spans nearly half of the island**, encompassing not only Mililani but also, Mililani Mauka, Waipi'o Acres, Melemanu, Launani Valley, Mililani Tech Park, Wahiawā, Whitmore Village, Helemano, Poamoho, Schofield Barracks, Wheeler AAF, Waialua, Mokulē'ia, Hale'iwa, Waimea, Pūpūkea, Sunset, and Velzeyland communities in the North Shore. **Yet the only police station serving this vast area is in Wahiawā.**

Mililani is home to 54,732 residents and is the fifth most populated zip code in the State of Hawai'i. Despite this, our community continues to endure limited police coverage and visibility. Police leaders have candidly shared with our residents that the sheer size and diversity of District 2 make it exceedingly difficult to provide adequate service to Mililani.

In recent years, Mililani has experienced an alarming spike in violent and unusual criminal activity that has shaken our community's sense of security. These events are not isolated incidents—they represent a clear and troubling trend:

- **January 2023:** An elderly woman was **brutally assaulted** and pushed down the stairs during a **home invasion and burglary.**
- **February 2023:** A woman was the victim of an **attempted murder** in the Mililani Wal-Mart parking lot.
- **March 2023:** A woman's body was discovered in a burning vehicle on Mililani High School property—a horrifying case of **murder and arson**.
- **April 2023:** Another woman was targeted in a random and **vicious acid attack and shooting** at Mililani Shopping Center.
- **May 2023: Two terroristic threats and a barricade incident** gripped our community.
- **April 2024: Another barricade incident** occurred in Mililani.
- **August 2024: A third barricade situation** happened in Mililani Mauka.

This is not the Mililani we knew and grew up in. It is not the Mililani we promised to protect for future generations.

Twenty years ago, this very Neighborhood Board urged Mayor Mufi Hannemann's administration to take action on this same issue and create a police substation in Mililani. Despite our pleas, the problem remains unaddressed. Now, with lives lost, victims traumatized, and crime escalating, we cannot allow history to repeat itself. **The time for action is *now*.**

The Mililani Neighborhood Board has once again passed a resolution—**unanimously—urging the City & County of Honolulu and HPD to finally make a plan and begin the process for a police substation in Mililani**. This resolution is more than a request; it is a plea for safety, security, and the restoration of peace in our community.

We urge you to support City Council Resolution 24-267 and stand with the 54,000 people of Mililani. The safety of our community should not be a question of affordability—but a responsibility we all share. Mahalo for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to making Mililani a safe community for all our residents.

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