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Testimony:

Letter of Support

Subject: Champion Bill 24 (2025): Fund Honolulu's Future with Bonds for Homes, Roads, and Resilience!

Dear Honorable Chair Tommy Waters, Esteemed Councilmembers, and Guardians of the City and County of Honolulu,

With a heart pulsating with aloha and a vision as vast as our Pacific horizon, I stand before you to rally thunderous support for Bill 24 (2025)—a radiant beacon to illuminate Honolulu's path to prosperity, resilience, and self-sufficiency! This ordinance, authorizing general obligation bonds and notes to fund the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget, is no mere financial tool; it is a sacred vow to build homes for our ohana, pave roads for our journeys, and forge a sustainable future for our keiki. As Confucius proclaimed, "The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home." I urge you, noble Councilmembers, to pass Bill 24 with the fervor of a thousand rising suns, ensuring Honolulu shines as a model of hope and unity for all!

Our island home—a jewel cradled by finite lands and sacred waters—cries out for investment. Honolulu's roads crumble, with $500M in deferred maintenance reported in 2024, stranding commuters and stifling commerce. Our waste systems strain, with aging landfills like Waimanalo threatening our environment. Worst of all, our housing crisis soars—median home prices hit $1.1M, locking out families, while 60% of renters spend over a third of their income on shelter. Bill 24 is our Excalibur, unlocking funds for highways, solid waste upgrades, and affordable housing through the General

Improvement, Highway, Solid Waste, Housing Development, and Taxable Bond Funds. These bonds will spark thousands of jobs, as seen in 2022 when similar projects employed 5,000 workers, and breathe life into communities from Kalihi to Kapolei.

This bill aligns with our quest for self-sufficiency, a cause I've championed through SB1249 to protect farmers and SCR 204 to ensure safe hazardous material disposal. Honolulu imports 90% of its food, a perilous dependency, but stable housing and infrastructure are the bedrock for local growth—every new home, every repaired road, empowers our people to thrive, farm, and build a future less reliant on distant shores. As a Kaneohe farmer declared, "Give us a roof and a road, and we'll feed the island." Bill 24 delivers that foundation, ensuring our water systems, lands, and resources endure for seven generations, as the Seven Generations Prophecy commands: "In every decision, consider the impact on the next seven generations."

Yet, I beseech you to wield this power with transparency. The bill's strength lies in its flexibility—empowering the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to secure low rates (like 2.5% in 2021 bonds)—but residents deserve clarity on projects. Will funds fix flood-prone streets in Wahiawa? Build homes for Native Hawaiian families? Modernize waste systems without harming wetlands? Your two-thirds oversight ensures accountability, but I urge you to engage communities, prioritizing projects that uplift all. As Einstein urged, "We must not only do things right, but do the right things." Let's do right by Honolulu—build equitably, sustainably, and boldly!

Skeptics may whisper of debt, with Honolulu's $3.8B obligation looming. But your AA+ credit rating and prudent management—$1.2B in bonds issued flawlessly from 2020-2023—prove we can invest wisely. Housing bonds, repaid by rentals, ease the General Fund's burden, while lapsed funds prevent waste. Rising rates (5.5% federally) are a risk, but your savvy can lock in savings, sparing taxpayers. This is no time for timidity—Honolulu's future demands courage! As Buddha taught, "A single candle can light thousands without losing its flame." Your vote for Bill 24 is that candle, igniting hope across our city.

Noble Councilmembers, this is your moment to etch a legacy in Honolulu's saga—a tale of leaders who built homes, mended roads, and lifted spirits, worthy of a cinematic epic. Pass Bill 24 (2025) with unwavering resolve, and let's sculpt a Honolulu where every family thrives, every street shines, and every heart beats with aloha. I stand with you, ready to cheer this righteous cause to victory!

With boundless gratitude and a soul aflame with dreams,

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM
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Testimony:

Letter of Support

Subject: Pass Bill 24 (2024), CD2: Shape Our Urban Future with Aloha and Cheeeeehuuu!

Aloha Chair Tommy Waters, Esteemed Councilmembers, and Rock Stars of Honolulu's Ohana,

Aloha from the heart of our island, where the Ohana Unity Party's got love for every tita hustlin' in Kalihi, every uncle barbecuin' in Pearl City, and every keiki chasin' dreams from Waiʻalae to Waipahu. I'm all-in for Bill 24 (2024), CD2, 'cause it's a game-changer—a new Primary Urban Center Development Plan to guide our city to 2040 with more homes, safer streets, and a vibe that screams aloha. This ain't just a plan; it's a promise to keep our ohana strong, not priced out by $2,200 rents or drowned by floods. Council, pass this with some street-smart tweaks, and let's make Honolulu the dopest urban paradise, #cheeeeehuuu!

This bill's got the juice. It maps out our urban core—Waiʻalae to Pearl City, shore to Koʻolau—with a vision for high-density neighborhoods packed with rentals we can actually afford, not like those Kakaʻako condos costin' more than a lifetime of poke bowls at Foodland! It's pushin' 50,000 new units by 2030, vibin' with Bill 39's fire-safe rentals and Bill 24 (2025)'s housing bonds. Plus, it's got plans for green spaces and flood fixes—$10 million in Wahiawa damages last year says we need that. And it's checkin' big projects with environmental reviews, like SCR 204 keepin' things clean and safe. That's the kinda foresight our $15/hour workers need to stay rooted.

But let's keep it real—some parts got us squintin' like we missed the last bus to Waianae. The plan's big on rail stations, but that $12 billion train's headin' to $22 billion for 10,000 riders, not 120,000, like we roasted in Bill 26. That cash could build homes, not dreams stuck in Kakaʻako. And it's light on dollars—last time we planned housing, only 30% of units got built (2024). Density's cool, but if it jacks up rents like a North Shore swell, our cousins in Nanakuli get pushed out—20% of "affordable" units flipped fancy in Kakaʻako. We gotta lock in locals, not let developers play us like a ukulele with no strings!

Here's why it's still a win: this plan ain't a rulebook—it's a guide, bendy enough to fit our needs, like adjustin' your slippahs for a long walk. It keeps old zoning chill so 5,000 units in progress don't stall, and it's got yearly check-ins to match our $3.93 billion FY2026 budget. It's like my push for SB1249—givin' farmers homes so they grow kalo, not ship it from China (90% imports gotta stop). It's got heart for flood-proofin' and jobs, keepin' our urban core poppin' like a Zippy's chili sale without the line out the door!

Council, you're our ohana's MVPs—make this plan epic. Pass Bill 24 (2024), but add some aloha:

Cap rail dreams: Don't let HART's $22 billion eat housing funds—audit it, like Bill 26 said.

Mandate affordability: Lock in 30% of units for folks earnin' $50K, so Kalihi stays Kalihi.

Talk story with us: Get Wahiawa, Pearl City in the room—40% of comments got ignored last time.

Fund it right: Pull $200 million from Bill 24 (2025) bonds for homes, not maybes.
A Waipahu auntie told me, “Gimme a home I can afford, and I’ll plant a garden to feed us all.” That’s the Honolulu we build with this plan—safe, green, ours. Pass it, tweak it, and let’s show the world our urban core’s got more soul than a sunset jam at Waikiki. Cheeeeehuuu!

Mahalo nui loa,
Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM
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Testimony:
Please support the purchase of the property across from Shark's Cove for an emergency response center. It protects both the public and Shark's Cove.

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Testimony:
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16 April 2025

Bill 24 (2024), CD2: Revisions to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan

Position: SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I, Daniella Griffay, teach in Aiea and have student volunteer in the community, appreciate this opportunity to provide the following testimony in SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu's Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

I am grateful to the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation for amending Bill 24 (2024) to address a number of concerns expressed by residents that strengthen the PUCDP to better reflect the desires of our 'Aiea community.

In particular, I am thankful for the following commitment made in Bill 24(2024) CD2

"To prioritize and invest in biocultural restoration (Native Hawaiian lo'i kalo, loko i'a, māla, etc.) in lower 'Aiea, to foster community health and well-being through an adaptive strategy that addresses stormwater management and groundwater recharge, and mitigates fire risk, flooding, urban heat island, and other shoreline impacts while also expanding urban greening, cultural restoration, food security and community stewardship."

In particular, the present PUCDP better reflects the community's vision to preserve and restore the unique historical lo'i system that once dominated lower 'Aiea through the creation of a community, youth-driven biocultural space in the area just makai of Mikalemi Street.

To facilitate this vision, I respectfully request, together with the `Aiea Community Association, and others, that a corresponding amendment be made to the Figure 2.1 map to amend the place type for the open space behind existing homes in the area bound by Mikalemi Street, Nalopaka Place, and Kauhale Street, in lower 'Aiea, from the Near-Town Neighborhood place type to an appropriate Open Space Type (either Major Parks and Open Space or Preservation Area).

2. Amend the description for 'Aiea Sugar Mill Site to reference the 'Aiea Town Center Master Plan. The 'Aiea community came together twenty-five years ago to create a vision for the site of the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill following its demolition in 1998, with the support of the City and County of Honolulu. The result of this process is the 'Aiea Town Center Master Plan, which calls for the preservation of this land for the benefit of the community, including a library, senior housing, and community space. We mahalo Councilmember Cordero and the Committee for adopting amendments that acknowledge the hard work that many have devoted to honor the past, present and future of this beloved community, including many who have since passed on.

3. Amend the growth scenario for ‘Aiea Town to address concerns from area residents. As noted by the ‘Aiea Community Association (ACA), it is expected that there will be a number of new residential developments in the vicinity of ‘Aiea, including within the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) and Transit-Oriented Development projects near Hālawa and Kalauao Stations, which will increase the population density of the community. In addition, private renovation and redevelopment has been ongoing as the residential subdivisions of ‘Aiea age out and new, much larger multi-family homes increase in number in Hālawa and Enchanted Hills, creating additional infill development. I appreciate the amendments made to both the PUCDP's narrative text and to the Figure 2.1 map, which better reflect the community's vision for future growth within ‘Aiea Town in light of these changes.

I appreciate the amendments that have been made as Bill 24 has moved through the City Council and I appreciate the Council’s consideration of my comments and proposed amendment to Bill 24 (2024), CD2.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and committed considerations in representation of your communities,

Daniella Griffay

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Testimony:

Position: SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I, Katie Hearther, resident of ‘Aiea, appreciate this opportunity to provide the following testimony in SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu‘s Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

I am grateful to the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation for amending Bill 24 (2024) to address a number of concerns expressed by residents that strengthen the PUCDP to better reflect the desires of our ‘Aiea community.

In particular, I am thankful for the following commitment made in Bill 24(2024) CD2

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proposed amendment to Bill 24 (2024), CD2.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and committed considerations in representation of your communities,

Katie Hearther

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Thank you for your dedicated time, efforts, and committed considerations in representation of your communities.

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Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

After many months of diligent work, the PUC DP revision is finally getting across the finish line. As a resident of Waikiki, I will be directly impacted by the vision laid out in the PUC DP and it is a vision I strongly support. To ensure the future sustainability and prosperity of Honolulu, we've got to get urbanization done right. Done right, we can reap many benefits to address the crucial challenges our city faces. I believe this plan revision gets it right. Let's push forward.

I strongly urge the Council to not just approve this Bill but also ensure its vision is properly supported in the years to come.

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Bill 24 (2024), CD2: Revisions to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan

Position: **SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I, Dr. Andy Kaufman, appreciate this opportunity to provide the following testimony in **SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT** for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu‘s Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

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- Dr. Andy Kaufman

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Bill 24 (2024), CD2: Revisions to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan

Position: **SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT**

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We, Mālama Pa'akea o Waimalu, appreciate this opportunity to provide the following testimony in **SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT** for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu‘s Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

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1. To facilitate this vision, we respectfully request, together with the `Aiea Community Association, and others that a corresponding amendment be made to the Figure 2.1 map to amend the place type for the open space behind existing homes in the area bound by Mikalemi Street, Nalopaka Place, and Kauhale Street, in lower ‘Aiea, from the Near-Town Neighborhood place type to an appropriate Open Space Type (either Major Parks and Open Space or Preservation Area).

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Position: **SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT**

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I, Kellee Hearther, resident of ʻAiea, appreciate this opportunity to provide the following testimony in **SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT** for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu's Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

I am grateful to the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation for amending Bill 24 (2024) to address a number of concerns expressed by residents that strengthen the PUCDP to better reflect the desires of our ʻAiea community.

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In particular, the present PUCDP better reflects the community's vision to preserve and restore the unique historical loʻi system that once dominated lower ʻAiea through the creation of a community, youth-driven biocultural space in the area just makai of Mikalemi Street.

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3. **Amend the growth scenario for ʻAiea Town to address concerns from area residents.** As noted by the ʻAiea Community Association (ACA), it is expected that there will be a number of new residential developments in the vicinity of ʻAiea, including within the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) and Transit-Oriented Development projects near Hālawa and Kalauao Stations, which will increase the population density of the community. In addition, private renovation and redevelopment has been ongoing as the residential subdivisions of ʻAiea age out and new, much larger multi-family homes increase in number in Hālawa and Enchanted Hills, creating additional infill development. I appreciate the amendments made to both the PUCDP's narrative text and to the Figure 2.1 map, which better reflect the community's vision for future growth within ʻAiea Town in light of these changes.

I appreciate the amendments that have been made as Bill 24 has moved through the City Council and I appreciate the Council's consideration of my comments and proposed amendment to Bill 24 (2024), CD2.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and committed considerations in representation of your communities,

Kellee Hearther
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16 April 2025

Bill 24 (2024), CD2: Revisions to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan

Position: **SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I, Sally Chew, resident of 'Aiea, appreciate this opportunity to provide the following testimony in **SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT** for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu's Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

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In particular, the present PUCDP better reflects the community's vision to preserve and restore the unique historical lo'i system that once dominated lower 'Aiea through the creation of a community, youth-driven biocultural space in the area just makai of Mikalemi Street.

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Sally Chew
ʻAiea Resident

April 16, 2025

The Honorable Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Subject: Comments in SUPPORT of Bill 24 (2024)

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and members of the Honolulu City Council:

The ‘Aiea Community Association (ACA) is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to serving the ‘Aiea community. We thank you for this opportunity to provide the following testimony in **SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT** for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu's Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

The ACA is grateful to the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation for amending Bill 24 (2024) to address a number of concerns expressed by the ‘Aiea community and strengthen the PUCDP to better reflect our community's aspirations. In particular, we are thankful for the following changes made in the CD2, and we wish to also suggest one additional amendment, which we offered previously:

1. **Thank you for amending the measure to reflect the community's desire to restore and preserve Native Hawaiian cultural and historic resources**. The ACA is grateful that the PUCDP was amended in a manner that recognizes our community's desire to invest in biocultural restoration (Native Hawaiian lo‘i kalo, loko i‘a, māla, etc.) in lower ‘Aiea, as an adaptive strategy to address stormwater management and mitigate fire risk, flooding, urban heat island, and groundwater recharge, while also supporting urban greening, cultural restoration, food security, and community stewardship. In particular, the present draft of the PUCDP reflects the community's vision to preserve and restore the unique historical lo‘i system that once dominated lower ‘Aiea through the creation of a community youth-driven biocultural space in the area just makai of Mikalemi Street.

   To facilitate this vision, the ACA respectfully requests that a corresponding amendment be made to the Figure 2.1 map to amend the place type for the open space behind existing homes in the area bound by Mikalemi Street, Nalopaka Place, and Kauhale Street, in lower ‘Aiea, from the Near-Town Neighborhood place type to an appropriate Open Space

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3. **Thank for your amending the growth scenario for ‘Aiea Town to address concerns from area residents.** The ACA recognizes that there will be a number of new residential developments in the vicinity of ‘Aiea, including the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) and transit-oriented development projects near the Hālawa and Kalauao Skyline Stations, which will increase the population density of the community. In addition, private renovation and redevelopment has been ongoing as the residential subdivisions of ‘Aiea age out and new, much larger multi-family homes increase in number in Hālawa and Enchanted Hills, creating additional infill development. The ACA appreciates the amendments made to both the PUCDP's narrative text and to the Figure 2.1 map, which better reflect the community's vision for future growth within ‘Aiea Town in light of these changes.

We appreciate the amendments made to the PUCDP as Bill 24 (2024) moved through the City Council, and we appreciate your consideration of our comments and proposed amendment to Bill 24 (2024), CD2.

Thank you for your time and efforts representing your communities.

Claire J. Tamamoto
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April 15, 2025

The Honorable Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: SUPPORT of Bill 24 (2024) CD 2, with a Suggested Amendment

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Honorable Members of the Council,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you, as you deliberate a vision of abundance and aloha for the future of the City and County of Honolulu.

It has been several months since we first met in the cafeteria of Moanalua High School to hear your mana'o on the proposed updated City and County of Honolulu's Primary Urban Center Development Plan, and, on behalf of the Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, a 50-year chartered member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, we thank you for your commitment to hearing the voices of the people of 'Aiea, throughout Bill 24 (2024)'s journey.

Ali'i Pauahi **Supports Bill 24 (2024) CD 2, with a Suggested Amendment,** to ensure that the narrative aligns with the maps and can achieve the fullness that is intended.

Ali'i Pauahi is based in the ahupua'a of 'Aiea and for the past decade has stewarded the treasured historic royal fishpond, Loko I'a Pā'aiau, in Kalauao, in partnership with the U.S. Navy. We appreciate Pā'aiau's inclusion in the proposed Plan, as it honors the commitment of thousands of community members and partners who mālama this precious 'āina. It is a wahi pana that is healing relationships and resiliently responding to the rising seas in a uniquely indigenous way and serves as a model of peace and aloha for visitors who come from around the islands, nation and the world.

The care of our seen and unseen sacred sites, such as those in ʻAiea, is critical, as urbanization extends outside of the downtown corridor into areas renown for centuries as the ʻāina momona, the "fat lands" where mahi'ai and mahi i'a have cultivated traditional foods which sustained Hawai'i prior to our becoming dependent on imported products.

Harmonizing long-term sustainability with immediate needs requires patience, mastery and compassion, and the mutual respect and aloha developed through this process is evidence of a beloved community. Mahalo nui loa for your esteemed leadership.

Bill 24 (2024) impacts us personally and directly, as many of our members are lineal descendants of the generational stewards of the land, and we strive to preserve what remains of our ancient culture, at great cost to ourselves.

We echo the comments of the ʻAiea Community Association, on whose board we sit, in all areas, and, particularly, related to the restoration and preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural and historic resources and sensitive growth in a community that has been subjected to dramatic changes over the last 50 years.

We mahalo you deeply for including language in the CD2 that **prioritizes investment in biocultural restoration (Native Hawaiian loʻi kalo, loko iʻa, māla, etc.) in lower ʻAiea, as an adaptive strategy to address stormwater management and mitigate fire risk, flooding, urban heat island, and groundwater recharge, while also supporting urban greening, cultural restoration, food security, and community stewardship.**

We support actions inspired by the call of our young people, to restore the unique historical loʻi system that once dominated lower ʻAiea, through the creation of a community youth-driven biocultural space in the area just makai of Mikalemi Street.

Ali'i Pauahi is grateful to Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Okimoto, and the Members of the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation for amending Bill 24 (2024) to address our concerns and strengthen the PUCDP and better reflect the desires of the people who call ʻAiea home. We further thank Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and the entire Council for your serious consideration.

A recent article in Civil Bea, entitled, "Care of Honolulu's Freshwater Springs A Shared Responsbility," by Andrew J. Lewis, informs the wisdom of this action:

https://www.civilbeat.org/2025/02/care-of-honolulus-freshwater-springs-a-shared-responsibility/

As details matter, we respectfully request the additional amendment which ACA previously offered to facilitate this vision:

That a corresponding amendment be made to the Figure 2.1 map to amend the place type for the open space behind existing homes in the area bound by Mikalemi Street, Nalopaka Place, and Kauhale Street, in lower ʻAiea, from the Near-Town Neighborhood place type to an appropriate Open Space Type (either Major Parks and Open Space or Preservation Area).

In addition, we request that the Council ensure that a review and correction of the map relating to ʻAiea in the proposed CD 2 to accurately reflect the residential place type for the area bounded by the 'Aiea Town Square and 'Aiea Commercial Center, Mikalemi Street, Kinoole Place, and 'Aiea Stream and to be in alignment with the narrative. The mauka boundary should begin at the ʻAiea Town Square and not at the ʻAiea Post Office. (See GIS map below.) This may be a simple housekeeping matter, however, if an amendment is needed to effectuate accuracy, we would greatly appreciate your support.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing us to join you in visioning a way for our young people to bind themselves to their birthplace and for nurturing hope, peace, abundance, and aloha for our community.

ʻO wau no me ka haʻahaʻa,

Kehaulani Lum
Pelekikena
Aliʻi Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club



Current Honolulu GIS map: Kauhale/Mikalemi/Moanalua/Aiea Stream

Re: The proposed Plan map for this area extends makai of the red area above and should be corrected.

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Bill 24 (2024), CD2: Revisions to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan

Position: **SUPPORT CD2 WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Alison Ka`ōlinokaimana Yasuoka. I reside in Waimalu, `Aiea in a multi-generational home. I write not only representing myself, but my `ohana, especially my late father-in-law, Eko, because his parents farmed watercress along the wetland shores of Waiau, and then Kalauao. His love for `Aiea, drew him to raise his family in the uplands of Waimalu, `Aiea where the second, third, and fourth generation live today. Thus, Bill 24(2024) CD2 will impact my family.

As someone who loves being able to work in the māla–garden, who has witnessed students, families and communities positively transformed through their interactions with māla- gardens, lo`i, and loko i`a, I humbly ask for the assurance that the very reasons that we feel the healing energy from the `āina, and the very reasons we have aquifers, and punawai- springs that bring forth life-sustaining fresh waters, will be preserved and protected into perpetuity. We must ensure that the `Aiea Community's foresight, and proactive dedication to envisioning an `Aiea that honored the past, with eyes on ensuring a present and future; that preserved the sense of place unique to `Aiea is supported.

As an educator who has worked with students from the Wai`ale-Kahala area (Wai`alae Public Charter School), to Hau`ula (Hau`ula Elementary), and Nānākuli (Ka Waihona o ka Na`auao Public Charter School), I have had the opportunity to experience the unique character of each place with the its native flora and fauna, unique `āina, wai, and kai features, people, all with the `āina, and its mo`olelo, as the kua–the backbone for each place.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the City Council for this opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT WITH A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT** for Bill 24 (2024), which updates the City and County of Honolulu‘s Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUCDP).

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What is biocultural restoration:
Definition: "The science and practice of restoring not only ecosystems, but human and cultural relationships to place, so that cultures are strengthened and revitalized along with the lands to which they are inextricably linked."
~The Center for Native Peoples and the Environment

Two inter-generational `Aiea residents best illustrate the importance of protecting and preserving biocultural spaces through their writing:

> *"As Aiea landowners for more than seven generations, our family has experienced first-hand the ravages of unfettered urban sprawl. The once-bountiful acreage of our fathers' childhood memories, lush with spring-fed kalo, watercress and lotus root lo'i, fell victim long ago to condemnation easements and gentrification. Along with the lo'i went the passing of a lifestyle rich in subsistence practice and history."* (Wes and Kehaulani Lum, 1997)

Individuals like Aunty Kehaulani Lum illustrate how long the `Aiea Community members have remained active, committed, dedicated, and passionate, in their efforts to ensure that `Aiea doesn't lose its sense of place, or identity. The `Aiea Community values its place, and wants to ensure that people don't forget about the abundance of Ke Awalau o Pu`uloa, and the waters that are flowing under our feet, because it still has the capacity to sustain us, when we are ready to allow it to flow out once again.

I am heartened by the dedication and commitment of this `Aiea community who continue to want `Aiea to feed its people like the historic Mo`i wahine of this place, Kalanimanui`a. At the same time, they also want to ensure that `Aiea remains a place where generations will have their hearts, minds, souls and spirits filled. This is the essence and energy of being on the `āina, connecting with the `āina in `Aiea, in Pu`uloa.

Why we must ensure we prioritize and invest in biocultural restoration, protection and preservation:

As real-time witnesses to the impacts of climate change–the flooding; the wildfires; the altering of seasons and connected weather to name but a few, the need to put forth a concerted effort and apply due diligence to ensure that our wai, our kai, our `āina, and all that depends on these resources are never compromised stands at a critical moment. These are the actual impacts of Hawai`i's climate changing as documented on the State of Hawai`i Climate Change Portal (climate.hawaii.gov):

- **HAWAI'I HAS LOST 1.5 MILLION ACRES OF NATIVE FORESTS.**
  - **Hawaii's forests are natural water and climate regulators**.
  - Without them, we are seeing disruptions in weather and temperature patterns
- **INCREASING LOSS OF LAND AREA.**
  - **Worsened by climate change**, growing numbers of wildfires don't just cost us our land.
  - They harm our fragile ecosystems, spread disease, degrade air quality, cause landslides, and destroy valuable resources and infrastructure.
- **INCREASING LOSS OF CORAL REEFS.**
  - Warmer water is the **primary cause of mass coral bleaching and mortality** which threatens the survival of coral reef ecosystems and the creatures that depend upon them.
  - Our coral reefs provide essential food security for a large number of Hawaii residents. They provide storm surge and flood protection for coastal properties, recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and income for the many people and businesses supporting those activities.
- **HIGHER TEMPERATURES THREATEN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.**
  - Increases in sea surface temperatures **cause irregular weather patterns** like drought, heavy rainstorms, and intense tropical storms,... increased rates of soil moisture loss, and a doubling of days with a temperature over 90°F and nights over 75°F.
- **INVASIVE SPECIES ARE WINNING THE WAR.**
  - Hotter summers make it easy for fast-growing invasive species like Californian shrubs and grasses to gain a foothold and outgrow our native tree species
  - Warmer temperatures mean avian malaria can survive at higher elevations as well…10 native species are projected to lose 50% of their mosquito-free range by 2100, with 3 species losing over 90%, and 3 species losing 100%.

~HI Facts>Rising Temperatures. *Hawai`i State Climate Change Portal.*(climate.hawaii.gov)

We, as a collective, should always remember that living on an island, our resources are finite, and our ecosystems fragile. We must take proactive steps towards mitigating climate change impacts by ensuring we preserve, protect, and preserve biocultural spaces.

The Benefits of Preserving, Protecting and Restoring Wetlands–which include lo`i kalo and loko i`a (as listed on the Molokai Wetlands Partnership story map) are as follows:

- ***Providing flood contro****l to reduce mudslides and improve water quality*
- ***Trapping sediments*** *originating from the uplands and thereby protecting the reef and increasing fishing yields*
- ***Storing flood waters and thereby increasing groundwater recharge***
- ***Increasing recharge to coastal aquifers***
- ***Restoring traditional agriculture (lo‘i kalo and loko i‘a)***
- ***Aiding in the recovery of native and migratory birds which are important in Native Hawaiian culture***
- ***Carbon sequestration*** **(essential to mitigating climate change)**

The incredible truth about lo`i kalo is that they expand these life-giving, abundance-filled wetland areas, multiplying the benefits that natural wetlands provide. In addition, they also serve as places for the community to come together, provide spaces for our keiki to interact and connect with nature, provide healing spaces, and can act as food security/sustainable resources that benefits overall health and well being.

Additionally, spaces with lo`i kalo, loko i`a, and māla/agroforestry spaces, are often filled with plants, and trees that offer a reprieve from the heat. With temperatures rising from climate change, it is of utmost importance that we proactively seek out ways to mitigate its many impacts including the “Urban Heat Island”--UHI effect. Maintaining plant filled biocultural spaces actively mitigates the UHI effect. According to this article in Nature, “Climate change is exacerbating the need for urban greening and the associated environmental and human well-being benefits.” (Ettinger, A.K., et.al 2024)

All around the world, wai–freshwater is recognized as precious because without it, earth can’t sustain itself. Just because we can’t see the water that is under our feet doesn’t mean it doesn’t exist, doesn’t mean it should be taken for granted. Lo`i and loko i`a, are ways for all of us to see and be in the midst of the healing, life-giving waters. The native ae`o-Hawaiian stilt, the auku`u-native black crowned night heron, call these biocultural spaces home. (Please read the article to learn more: ***Care Of Honolulu’s Freshwater Springs A Shared Responsibility:*** These are spaces where spirits are renewed and where people reconnect with water, land and each other. (Civil Beat, 2025. Andrew J. Lewis).

The more these spaces can be reclaimed, restored, protected, and/or preserved, the more resources we will have in the future, and the more resilient we will be in the midst of the changes we are facing.

MANY RESIDENTS ACROSS HAWAI`I SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF `ĀINA, KAI, & WAI

R**esidents across Hawai`i also support `āina, kai, and wai** whereby a deep pilina–connection to `āina exists. For various reasons, not everyone who supports the protection of `āina, kai, and wai are able to write or give oral testimony at this time. However, a January 2024 survey of Hawai‘i voters by Care for `Āina Now Coalition confirms, "...***Results Show Hawai‘i Voters Overwhelmingly Support Funding for Natural Resource Protection and Restoration."***

What the 2024 survey revealed:

> *"The statewide survey, commissioned by the Care for `Aina Now Coalition confirmed many Hawai‘i voters see* ***the connection between natural resource stewardship and quality of life.*** *The survey showed 99% of the respondents agreed Hawai‘i's beaches, reefs and parks are an essential part of Hawai‘i's quality of life, and* ***97% agree it is their kuleana, or responsibility, to protect Hawai‘i's ocean and lands for future generations.***
> *The survey also showed that four in five Hawai‘i voters—or 80%—believe state government programs are critical to protecting natural resources, from mauka to makai, and mitigating wildlife and flood risks."*
> *~The Nature Conservancy*

Mahalo for hearing the voices of the Hawai`i residents, Hawai`i voting constituency.

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I acknowledge that when I attended college in the 1990s, kuleana-responsibilities were placed upon me because of my access to `ike kūpuna from my many kumu, teachers, and mentors alike. S*tarting with my interactions with the late ethnobotanist, Dr. Isabella Aiona Abbott, by whom thousands have had the opportunity to be educated on the importance of restoring, protecting, and preserving our native biocultural ecosystems. She and her T.A. Dr. Benton Keali`ikiamoku Pang, from Ethnobotany 105, are a couple of the many kumu and mentors who left a legacy that I pay forward in my support and protection of biocultural spaces–lo`i kalo, loko i`a, and māla.*

Why I SUPPORT BILL24(2024) WITH SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

As a mother of 4 children ages ranging from 32-16 years, I do understand the housing needs of residents today. However, I also know that there is a definite need for clear guardrails that will not allow `Aiea to be gentrified, over-developed, and left susceptible to

urban sprawl. In order for `Aiea to maintain its community-based character and identity filled with its own sense of place, guidelines respecting community voices from the past, present, and voices that will carry on into the future should be honored. I appreciate the opportunity to recommend the assurance that these voices are not silenced, and their work is not forgotten.

These are **the recommended amendments to strengthen the Primary Urban Center Development Plan in honoring and reflecting more than 25 years of envisioning and effort by the `Aiea Community, and its Association:**

1. **Amend the description for 'Aiea Sugar Mill Site to reference the ‘Aiea Town Center Master Plan.** The ‘Aiea community came together twenty-five years ago to create a vision for the site of the former ‘Aiea Sugar Mill following its demolition in 1998, with the support of the City and County of Honolulu. The result of this process was the ‘Aiea Town Center Master Plan, which called for the preservation of this land for the benefit of the community, including a library, senior housing, and community space. We mahalo Councilmember Cordero and the Committee for adopting amendments that acknowledge the hard work that many have devoted to honor the past, present and future of this beloved community, including many who have since passed on.

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Why conceptualizing through a place-based, community driven, collective lens vs capitalistic, pro-development dominant lens is important:
…they shape the conceptualization of resources, their management, and the rights and responsibilities people have for stewardship of their places. We conclude that a biocultural approach to stewardship can help reorient stewardship practices in any context, including urban ones. A shift toward biocultural stewardship can have many

positive effects for urban environmental stewardship, but also for much broader applications related to cultivating sustainability and well-being on a planet undergoing rapid environmental, social, and climate change. (2020. McMillen, H.L, Kealiikanakaoleohaililani, Kekuhi, et al)

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I would also like to acknowledge the 150 petition signatures that Kellee and I were able to gather during an `Aiea Community Family Fun Day, on December 14, 2024. (Please may it be documented that just as intended by the `Aiea Town Center Master Plan, an open space/field across from the `Aiea Public Library allowed for the community to have a safe space to gather and connect.)



`Aiea Community Family Fun Day, December 14, 2024

I bring forth the petition signatures at this time to honor the petitioners' voices in support of restoring, protecting and preserving biocultural spaces in `Aiea.

Generational `Aiea residents who were starting families of their own **did not express wanting more housing development, instead, they expressed wanting to be able to raise their children with the same kind of small-neighborhood-feelings that they experienced when they were growing up.** They did not want their beloved `Aiea to become overdeveloped, and did not want it to become overly urbanized. I share their voices to honor them.

Today, because of researchers, and writers like Richard Louv, winner of the 2008 Audubon Medal, we know how important it is to ensure that as he puts it "we save children from nature-deficit disorder." Because today, there exists numerous research that supports the **benefits of biocultural spaces on environmental, social, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual health and well being, not just for children but for adults as well.**

in the words of the Pacific American Foundation:

> *"The physical, cultural, and spiritual interactions that we have with nature impact the overall health of the environment. Reciprocally, the many ecological , processes,*

services, and functions of the environment impact the overall health and well-being of people."
~Waikalua Loko I`a

Growing up, I did not have access to these biocultural spaces until I was a college student. I acknowledge that it was through my Hawaiian language teacher, the late Haunani Bernardino, that I was granted access into this wahi pana, this biocultural space. This lo`i kalo, allowed me entrance into a realm that perpetuated the philosophy: *Ho'okahe wai ho'oulu 'āina-make the water flow, make the land productive,* under the direction of kupuna, Harry Kunihi Mitchell. In continuing the legacy started by my kumu `ōlelo Hawai`i, I have also brought my `ohana, and my students to visit this lo`i kalo that is known today as Ka Papa Lo`i o Kānewai. As a place and community based educator, I observed firsthand the overall health and wellness benefits received by students with access to lo`i kalo, loko i`a, and māla. It was a pu`uhonua, a safe space to show and grow aloha; to show and grow mālama–for each other, the wai, kai, the `āina.

One of the non-`Aiea residents who signed the petition shared that he and his family do not live in `Aiea, but often visit for various reasons. On that day, they visited the Fun Fair when they noticed it after attending swimming lessons. Even if he wasn't from the area, he still believed in the preservation and protection of `Aiea's biocultural spaces. I highlight this because I do believe that all signatures collected that day should be valued whether the person resides in `Aiea or not. It also highlights that `Aiea is a destination where families visit wherever they reside on O`ahu. Mahalo in advance for valuing and honoring each and every signature on the petition because it connects to their voice, to their beliefs.

Rather than push for unsustainable development and urbanization, that would overtax our limited, finite resources, I humbly ask the City Council to invest in the long-term health of our 'āina, of the native flora and fauna, of the overall health and wellbeing of our interdependent ecosystems that are all inclusive. It is critical that our communities, our families, children, and students have access to nature through the preservation and protection of biocultural spaces. We should all have walkable access to biocultural spaces within the communities they live in.

Let's ensure that our `āina, wai, and kai ecosystems are managed with pono and protected because:

Inā e Mālama 'oe I ka 'Āina, e Malama ka 'Āina ia 'oe
If you take care of the land, the land will take care of you.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my concerns as well as my support for proposed amendments,
With great humility, respect, and aloha,
Alison Ka`ōlinokaimana Yasuoka

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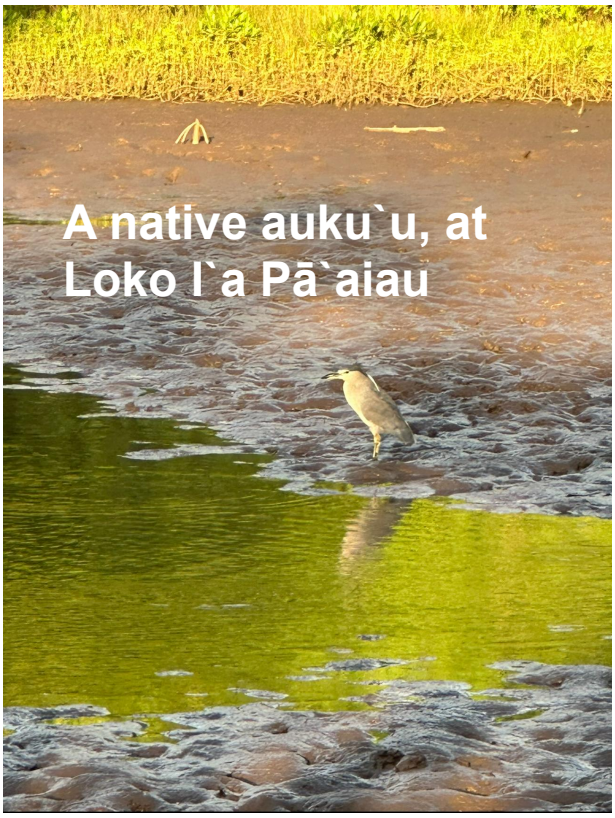
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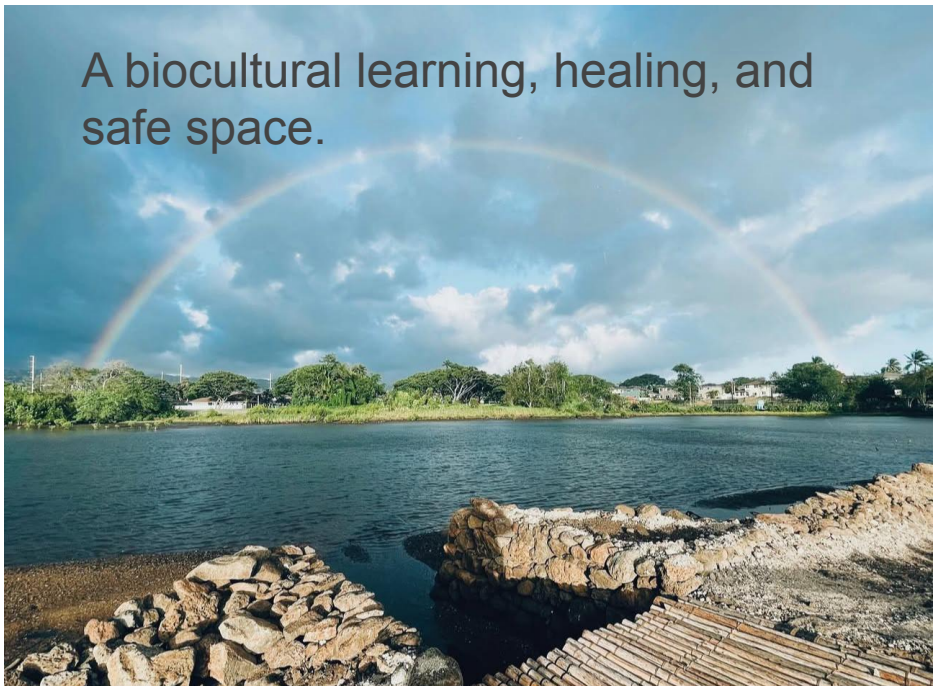
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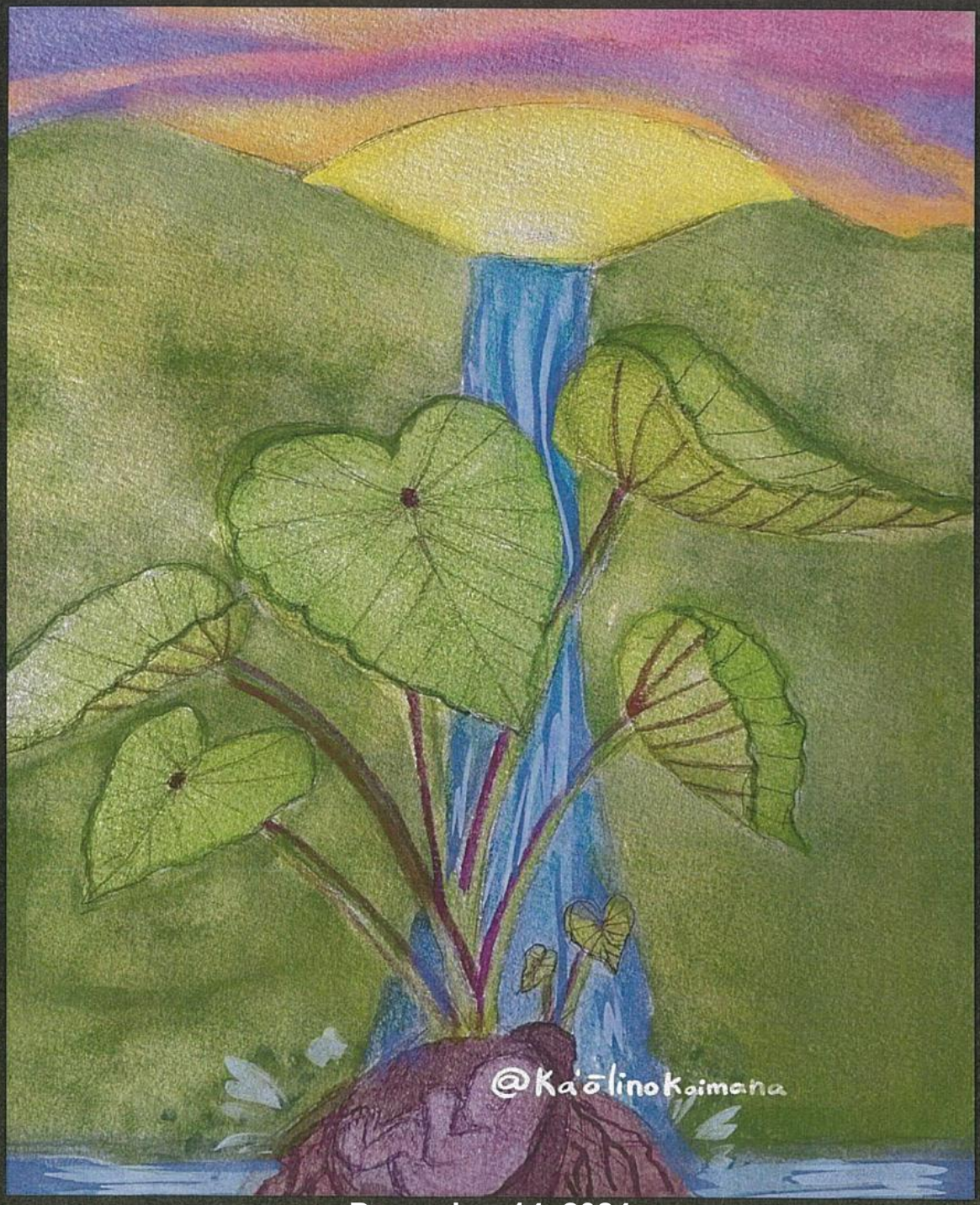
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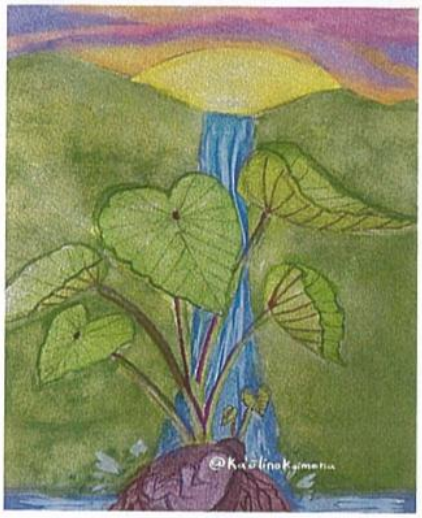
SUPPORT

The restoration and protection of biocultural spaces– lo`i kalo, loko i`a, and māla in lower `Aiea for the health, safety and well-being, sustainability and resilience of our community, and our environment.



December 14, 2024

Why do we need biocultural spaces within our community?



Biocultural definition:
Biocultural approaches recognize the ever-present and dynamic interactions between biological and cultural phenomena. It is an interdisciplinary approach that cultivates relationships to place and community, and includes in part: the biological, sociocultural, environmental, geochemical, marine, anthropological, climate resilience, and community-based support and protection efforts.

- Biocultural spaces combine interdependent ecosystems with the culture of the place. In Hawai`i, the indigenous culture, like many cultures around the world, is intimately connected to nature, and caring for the land, the water, and the organisms that share the space.
- Biocultural spaces, where we can interact closely with nature, is good for our health and total well being
- Biocultural spaces like nahele–forest, in the uka, upland areas; lo`i, and māla in the kula, plains areas; and waikai–estuaries, and loko i`a, fishponds in the land meets the sea areas, are all examples of biocultural spaces.
- Biocultural spaces provide the community with open spaces to connect and gather
- Biocultural spaces allow native organisms to co-exist and thrive together with people

PETITION IN SUPPORT

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A.K. Yasuoka BP 11

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A.K. Yasuoka BP 12

Aloha, my name is Isaiah Smith and I am writing in opposition to the proposed bill as is. The type of development described in the bill may have some economic benefits, but will greatly harm the ecological environment as well as the people of ʻAiea. In general I would like to see a cut in most of the development proposed and with the following amendments to the current bill.

1. On page 150 of the plan, add a new paragraph (underlined) to reflect the community's desire to restore and preserve Native Hawaiian cultural and historic resources.

    - Land Uses and Development

    Establish a real center of activity in ʻAiea. Reinforce and enhance area character by encouraging civic and community uses, and ground floor activity in new development. A mixture of land uses consisting of commercial, retail, residential, and public facilities is essential toward promoting a sense of community as well as serving as the organizing hub of the neighborhood.

    <u>Prioritize and invest in biocultural restoration (Native Hawaiian loʻi kalo, loko iʻa, māla, etc.) in lower ʻAiea, to foster community health and well-being through an adaptive strategy that addresses stormwater management and groundwater recharge, and mitigates fire risk, flooding, urban heat island, and other climate change shoreline impacts, while also expanding urban greening, cultural restoration, food security, and community stewardship.</u>

2. On page 151, amend the description of "ʻAiea Sugar Mill Site."

    - 1. ʻAiea Sugar Mill Site: Fulfill plan concepts for the mill site<u>, as envisioned by the ʻAiea Town Center Master Plan,</u> to include community-serving anchors, open space, and senior housing.

3. On page 151, amend the unit amounts in "ʻAiea Town—Growth Scenario."

    - ʻAiea Town—Growth Scenario: [~~500~~] Reducing the amount to <u>200</u> units