# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

**Voting Members:**
Andria Tupola, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
May 21, 2026

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks, which considered Resolution 26-113 entitled:

"RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF ONGOING WEEKLY DONATIONS OF COMMERCIAL TI LEAVES WHICH WILL BE SEWN INTO LEI BY PUBLIC VOLUNTEERS VALUED AT $18,000.00 FROM MURAKAMI FARMS WILL BE USED FOR THE ANNUAL MAYOR'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY HELD AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC AT PŪOWAINA,"

transmitted by Departmental Communication 316 (2026), dated May 8, 2026, from the Department of Parks and Recreation, and introduced on May 12, 2026, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 26-113 is to accept a gift to the City from Murakami Farms of ongoing weekly donations of commercial ti leaves, valued at $18,000, which will be sewn into lei by public volunteers and used to adorn the graves of our service members buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Pūowaina as part of the Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony.

Kēhaulani Pu'u, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation testified in support.



ADOPTED ON JUN 3 2026

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 155(26)

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed CD1 version of the Resolution, which makes the following amendments:

A. Amends the resolution title to read as follows:

"ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF ONGOING WEEKLY DONATIONS OF COMMERCIAL TI LEAVES VALUED AT $18,000.00 FROM MURAKAMI FARMS TO BE SEWN INTO LEI BY PUBLIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY HELD AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC AT PŪOWAINA."

B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause and the BE IT RESOLVED clause, identifies the letter dated May 8, 2026, as Departmental Communication 316 (2026).

C. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, correctly identifies the location of the Memorial Day ceremony as the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

D. In the BE IT RESOLVED clause, corrects the address for Mr. Myrone Murakami, Murakami Farms.

E. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, provides as follows:

> The Council, on behalf of the City, may accept gifts or donations of money, securities or other personal property or of real estate or any interest in real estate.

To implement this Charter provision, the Council adopted Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, which establishes guidelines for the solicitation and receipt of gifts on behalf of the City.

Your Committee finds that the acceptance of this gift conforms to the applicable provisions of Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, and that this gift will benefit the people of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-113, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-113, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Tulba, Tupola – 3; Noes: None; Absent: Nishimoto, Weyer – 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tupola

Committee Chair

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**
***Ke Kanihela o ke Kalana o Honolulu***
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# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

***KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU***

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-113, CD1**

## RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF ONGOING WEEKLY DONATIONS OF COMMERCIAL TI LEAVES VALUED AT $18,000.00 FROM MURAKAMI FARMS TO BE SEWN INTO LEI BY PUBLIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY HELD AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC AT PŪOWAINA.

WHEREAS, Section 13-113, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, provides the City Council ("Council") with the authority to accept gifts to the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, establishes a policy of the Council for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts donated to the City; and

WHEREAS, the policy allows for the acceptance of gifts by the affirmative action of the Council; and

WHEREAS, through a letter dated May 8, 2026 (Departmental Communication 316 (2026)), approved by the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation has submitted a request to the Council for acceptance of a gift to the City from Murakami Farms of ongoing weekly donations of ti leaves, valued at $18,000.00, to be sewn into lei by public volunteers, that will adorn the graves of our service members buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Pūowaina as part of the Mayor's annual Memorial Day ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the description and value of the gift are set forth in the Declaration of Gift form attached hereto as Exhibit A; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body gratefully accepts the gift valued at $18,000.00 from Murakami Farms that is more fully described in Departmental Communication 316 (2026), dated May 8, 2026, and the Declaration of Gift form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein; and

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-113, CD1**

## RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Parks and Recreation and Myrone Murakami, Murakami Farms, 47-533 Pulama Road, Kāneʻohe, Hawaiʻi 96744.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

May 12, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

Councilmembers

# City and County of Honolulu

| DECLARATION OF GIFT | |
|---|---|
| NAME OF DONOR | Murakami Farms - Myrone Murakami |
| DONOR'S ADDRESS | 47-533 Pulami Road |
| DONOR'S TELEPHONE | (808) 239-8354 |

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR TERMS OF CONVEYANCE**

I own the item described below and desire to give the property to the City and County of Honolulu. To carry out my purpose, I do hereby absolutely and without condition or reservation give, grant and convey the property to the City and County of Honolulu.

| DESCRIPTION OF GIFT | VALUE |
|---|---|
| Ongoing weekly donation of commercial ti leaves during 2026 for the annual Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial of the Pacific at Punchbowl on May 25, 2026.<br><br>The leaves were donated on a weekly basis to the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation, to be sewn into lei by volunteers at classes, service projects, and public events. The lei were used to adorn the grave sites of thousands of soldiers to honor their military service and sacrifice to our country. | Total $18,000.00 |

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| **Signature:** | M. Murakami | **Date:** | 5/2/26 |
| **Print Name:** | M. Murakami | **Title:** | Owner |

**Report Title:**

Gift; Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); Memorial Day; National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; Pūowaina; Puowaina

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