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July 1, 2026

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: Report of Gift Valued in Excess of \$2,500 and Requested
Acceptance

We respectfully request the acceptance by the Council on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu of a gift to the City in excess of \$2,500 under the provisions of Resolution No. 05-349, CD1, FD1. A proposed resolution accepting the gift is attached for the City Council's favorable consideration. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has not taken custody of the gift. The recommendation of the Managing Director Designate is evidenced by his signature below.

The gift is being made by Real Heaven, Inc., in connection with the filming of Cross Platform, part of a trilogy that has now completed portions of each installment on O'ahu. In appreciation of the support provided by the DPR, particularly the staff at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden, during the severe Kona Low storms in February and March 2026, the production company is donating \$25,000.00. The donation will be used to support public programs, garden maintenance, and operational needs at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-3001.

Sincerely,



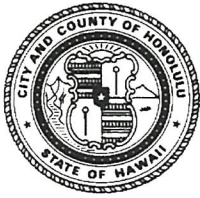
Laura H Thielen
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Attachment

APPROVED:



Krishna F. Jayaram, Managing Director Designate
Office of the Managing Director



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING A GIFT IN THE AMOUNT \$25,000 TO THE CITY FROM REAL HEAVEN, INC., TO SUPPORT PUBLIC PROGRAMS, GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS AT HO'OMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN.

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

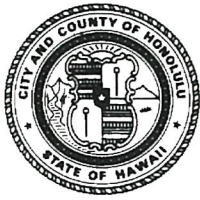
WHEREAS, Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, establishes a policy of the Council for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts donated to the City; and

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

WHEREAS, through a letter dated July 1, 2026, approved by the Managing Director, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted a request to the Council for the acceptance of a gift to the City from Real Heaven, Inc. for the Department of Parks and Recreation, which will be used to support public programs, garden maintenance and the operational needs at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body gratefully accepts the gift valued at \$25,000 from Real Heaven, Inc. that is more fully described in the above-referenced letter and the Declaration of Gift form attached hereto as Exhibit A; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honolulu Film Commissioner; the Director of Parks and Recreation; and Real Heaven, Inc., 10202 West Washington Boulevard Burns 275, Culver City, California 90232.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

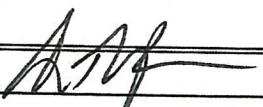
City and County of Honolulu

DECLARATION OF GIFT

NAME OF DONOR	Real Heaven, Inc. "Cross Platform"
DONOR'S ADDRESS	10202 West Washington Boulevard Burns 275
DONOR'S TELEPHONE	Culver City, CA 90232

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
\$ 25,000 Monetary Donation - via Check Payment Donation to be used to specifically to support the public programs and garden maintenance and operational needs of the City and County, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Division of Urban Forestry (DUF), Honolulu Botanical Gardens/Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden. Funds to be deposited in the DUF Donation Account No. 380-3636 (sub-account "Ho'omaluhia BG").	
	Total \$25,000
Signature: 	Date: 5-6-2026
Print Name: CHRISTOPHER BAUGH	Title: LOCATION MANAGER