

RES26-071
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Sep 9, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 7, 2026 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: Dear Members of the City Council, my name is Sid Walsh and am being considered to purchase surplus lot under Resolution 26-071. My family has owned the adjacent lot since the 1950s. For over 40 years since the opening of Westloch Golf Course I've maintained this parcel from being overgrown and potentially being a fire hazard with liability falling on the C&C of Honolulu. My family has been patiently waiting for nearly 10 years for this sale to be consummated. I'm in my 70s with health issues and look forward to acquiring this property with your help. The C&C of Honolulu will benefit from proceeds of this sale and gain additional revenue from property taxes. Mahalo for your time and service. We would be grateful if you voted to move this resolution forward. Sincerely		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 9, 2026 @ 09:19 AM

Subject: Strong Support for Resolution 26-071 – Acquisition of the 'Ewa Surplus Parcel

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you today as a deeply invested, lifelong member of our community and the eldest child of Sidney Walsh, to express my enthusiastic and unconditional support for Resolution 26-071. Under this resolution, my father is seeking to acquire the surplus parcel adjacent to our family property located in Honouliuli, 'Ewa.

I have lived on this property my entire life—over 40 years— and my two younger sisters currently live on the property as well. Today, my three young sons are also growing up on this property, where they are learning first-hand how to care for and respect the land. Securing this surplus parcel is not just a practical transaction; it represents the continuation of our family's multi-generational stewardship and deep-seated commitment to this neighborhood.

Throughout my life, I have watched my dad tirelessly and thanklessly maintain and beautify this land. He has personally taken on the responsibility of maintaining this vacant parcel. Without any compensation, public recognition, or formal obligation, he has diligently kept the property clear of brush, preventing hazardous overgrown conditions, and actively mitigating potential fire hazards. In addition, Honouliuli Stream has flooded numerous times over the years. Each time, my father has taken it upon himself to clean up the damaging aftermath. His daily, selfless care has ensured that this land remains safe and beautiful for our family and the surrounding community.

Our family has patiently navigated this acquisition process for nearly a decade. Given my father's advancing age and his current health circumstances, bringing closure to this proposal and securing this property with your assistance has become of paramount importance to our entire family. We wish to see his decades of hard work honored and his vision for the land finally realized.

This parcel, while a welcomed addition to our family lot, is highly complex and carries significant limitations. It is land-locked, situated in a flood zone, has limited use due to its AG-1 agricultural zoning, and has zero access to utilities (including electricity and water meters). Because of these challenges, our family is uniquely positioned to absorb and care for this property without requiring external access and utility development.

Upon acquiring the parcel, our intentions are to use the lot strictly for agricultural purposes. My father plans to focus on growing fruit trees, cultivating native Hawaiian plants, and possibly raising livestock. All four of his children, and eventually his grandchildren, will ensure that this vision and plan is brought to fruition and honored for generations to come.

This transaction represents a fair and common-sense solution to a surplus property that our family has already lovingly maintained for nearly half a century. I respectfully and urgently request your vote to approve and move Resolution 26-071 forward. Thank you for your time, consideration, and your continued dedicated service to the residents of O'ahu.

Sincerely,

Maurea Walsh Cheers

Aloha kua,

I humbly write in support of the sale of the parcel in Honoliuli, Ewa, to Iwalani Walsh Tseu (Resolution 26-71).

My name is Aureana Kamaliioiwalani Tseu, youngest daughter of Iwalani Tseu. I have been supporting Mom over the last decade in cultivating her current land for therapeutic, cultural, and educational purposes. I was there when Mom first proposed to purchase this land ten years ago. Her garden, Iwalanis Healing Garden, has serviced many, both public and private organizations and individuals, and continues to support our hula school (hālau), alongside other charter schools in ike Hawaii, free of charge.

Through her nonprofit, we have been able to educate in cultural practices, specifically in hula and the recognition and use of native plants, with no charge to individuals and organizations. This sale will help us continue to mālama āina and educate our keiki and community members alike, by allowing more space to plant, garden, and continue to practice cultural education openly and without charge.

As this parcel is unique in which it is landlocked and flood-zoned, our ohana has committed itself to preserve its historical use: kuleana i ke kaiāulu o Honouliuli. This has always been our approach when using Moms current property. I have watched my Mom tirelessly take care of the land, encouraging the true meaning and idea of mālama āina, growing beautiful foliage and generously give it away for personal and educational purposes. It would also benefit the state as this parcel would now have a tax stream as opposed to the land sitting there, unused.

Mahalo nui for your time, aloha, and consideration. We are looking forward to growing the land, our ohana, and our extended ohana, the community.

Me ke aloha haahaa.