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October 6, 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 valued in excess of \$2,500 under the provisions of Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1.

The gift of an AIDS Memorial and Community Memory Site at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, valued at \$97,081.00, from Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation includes the design and installation of the memorial at the park overlook where people can gather to reflect, mourn and honor those who were lost or are suffering from HIV/AIDS, and to recognize the manner in which our state confronted the epidemic with science, common sense, and compassion. The Department of Parks and Recreation has been involved with the project and maintains final discretion over all work performed.

A proposed resolution accepting the gift is attached for the City Council's favorable consideration.

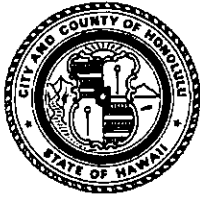
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Krishna F. Jayaram".

Krishna F. Jayaram
Managing Director

Attachment

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 128(26)



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
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No. _____

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING A GIFT OF AN AIDS MEMORIAL AND COMMUNITY MEMORY SITE, VALUED AT \$97,081, TO THE CITY FROM LEI PUA 'ALA FOUNDATION AT KAKA'AKO WATERFRONT PARK

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

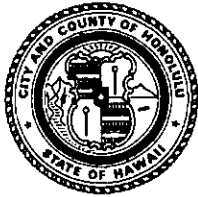
WHEREAS, through a letter dated October 6, 2026, the Managing Director has submitted a request to the Council for the acceptance of a gift to the City from Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation, valued at \$97,081, to design and create an AIDS Memorial and Community Memory Site to revitalize and activate the overlook at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park; and

WHEREAS, Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation is a non-profit educational and multimedia organization that empowers communities through arts, culture, history, humanities, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center is Hawai'i's oldest and largest AIDS service organization with a mission to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma; and

WHEREAS, Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation has collaborated with Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center to design a space where people can gather to reflect, mourn, and honor those who have been lost or suffered from HIV/AIDS, other epidemics, and broader histories of oppression and erasure; and

WHEREAS, to honor the enduring spirit of those who loved and cared for them, and celebrate those who stand up and speak out to create a more just and caring future for all, a memorial will be installed at the overlook at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park; and



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WHEREAS, this site, which was chosen through a community-led selection process, has a strong historical connection to the project as a quarantine site for smallpox and Hansen's disease, and has become a place of healing in proximity to Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center and the John A. Burns School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, this site has been approved by the Mayor and by the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

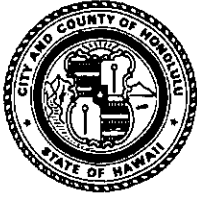
WHEREAS, the project will include interpretive graphics at the overlook pertaining to Hawai'i's long history of diversity and inclusion, celebrating the manner in which our state confronted the HIV/AIDS epidemic with science, common sense, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the project will also include a reflection bench, a walkway stencil, as well as a welcome sign, map, and wayfinder at the park entrance that will enhance and activate the use of the park by everyone; and

WHEREAS, the project was unanimously voted on and approved by both the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission on May 6, 2026, and the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board on September 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the description and value of the gift are set forth in the Declaration of Gift 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 accepts the gift valued at \$97,081 from Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation 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 Managing Director; and Mr. Dean Hamer, Director, Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation, 58-125C Iwia Place, Hale'iwa, Hawai'i 96712.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers



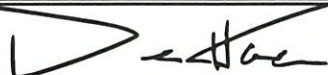
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DECLARATION OF GIFT

NAME OF DONOR	Lei Pua Ala Foundation
DONOR'S ADDRESS	58-125C Iwila Place
	Haleiwa, HI 96712
DONOR'S TELEPHONE	808 629 9895

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR TERMS OF CONVEYANCE

The donor named above owns the property described below and desires to give the property to the City and County of Honolulu. To carry out this purpose, the donor hereby absolutely and without condition or reservation gives, grants, and conveys the property to the City and County of Honolulu.

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	VALUE
Design and creation of an AIDS Memorial and Community Memory Site at the overlook at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park and addition of a welcome sign, map & directional sign at park entrance. Contractors: Pohaku Wai and WCIT	
Site preparation: graffiti removal, wall repair, power wash, paint	14,600
Entrance sign & map, materials & install	2,663
Directional sign, materials and install	2,500
Interpretive graphics, materials & install	33,818
Pavement decoration, stencil and staining	6,000
Reflection bench, materials and install	7,500
Designer fees	30,000
TOTAL	\$97,081
SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 9/16/26
PRINT NAME: Dean Hamer	TITLE: Director, Lei Pua 'Ala Foundation