



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERTAKE MEDIATION WITH INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES FOR PUBLIC USE AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO ADDRESS ISSUES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE RELATED TO SLOW-MOVING LANDSLIDES OCCURRING IN PALOLO VALLEY ALONG WAIOMAO ROAD, KUAHEA STREET, AND KUAHEA PLACE.

WHEREAS, the residential area of Palolo Valley near Waiomao Road, Kuahea Street, and Kuahea Place ("Waiomao area") in Honolulu, Hawaii has long been affected by slow-moving landslides; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Waiomao area have been concerned about buckling and cracked streets, sewage leaks, water and electricity outages, and property damage for a number of years, with little to no assistance from the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for the maintenance and repair of City-owned infrastructure, such as roads, sewer and water pipes, and drainage systems, as well as for the safety and welfare of the public affected by infrastructure issues; and

WHEREAS, according to a Mayor's Representative at a Palolo Neighborhood Board meeting on October 9, 2019, approximately 1,200 residents live in the Waiomao area, and rely on the roads for property access as well as for access to essential emergency services, such as police, fire, and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, continued infrastructure issues are a direct threat to the health and safety of the residents of the Waiomao area and to the general public; and

WHEREAS, according to geological surveys conducted by the U.S. Department of Interior and studies by the University of Hawaii, slow-moving landslides have been documented as a cause of the infrastructure damage in the Waiomao area; and

WHEREAS, the City, through various consultants, has been monitoring the earth movement in the Waiomao area since the development of the subdivision in the 1950s, and has found that the earth movement has accelerated in recent years, causing significant damage to the City's infrastructure; and



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WHEREAS, certain property owners with properties damaged along with, or by damaged City infrastructure, are interested in negotiating with the City for the City's acquisition of their properties through mediation, to wit: properties located at 2296 Waiomao Street (TMK: 3-4-015:023), 2340 Kuahea Street (TMK: 3-4-030:019), 2348 Kuahea Street (TMK: 3-4-030:020), 2343 Kuahea Street (TMK: 3-4-030:039), and 2221 Kuahea Place (TMK: 3-4-030:040), all properties being situated at Waiomao, Palolo Valley, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") finds that given the extensive damage to the City's infrastructure in the Waiomao area, the properties could serve a valid public use and purpose in assisting with infrastructure repairs and soil stabilization and with the City's ongoing emergency public works project to protect and maintain City infrastructure and stabilize the remaining homes in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that halting the damage to public infrastructure is critical and the failure to do so will pose a threat to public health, welfare, and safety, as well as threaten access to the Waiomao area, including access by essential emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Council strongly believes it would be in the best interest of the City to avoid unnecessary litigation by mediating in good faith with the interested property owners for the acquisition of their properties, which may be put to the public use and purpose of repairing and/or replacing damaged or inadequate existing City infrastructure and, if necessary and appropriate, taking steps to stabilize soils in the Waiomao area; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the City Administration to undertake mediation with interested property owners in good faith for the acquisition of their properties for the public use and emergency repairs to address issues and infrastructure damage related to slow-moving landslides occurring in Palolo Valley along Waiomao Road, Kuahea Street, and Kuahea Place; and



CITY COUNCIL
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No. 20-261

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Design and Construction, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance, the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply, the Corporation Counsel, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and House Speaker Emeritus Calvin K. Y. Say.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ann Kobayashi

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 13 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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RESOLUTION 20-261

Introduced: 10/13/20 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE,
TECHNOLOGY AND
SUSTAINABILITY

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERTAKE MEDIATION WITH INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES FOR PUBLIC USE AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO ADDRESS ISSUES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE RELATED TO SLOW-MOVING LANDSLIDES OCCURRING IN PALOLO VALLEY ALONG WAIOMAO ROAD, KUAHEA STREET, AND KUAHEA PLACE.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

10/21/20	PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY	CR-258 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: FUKUNAGA, PINE, TEXEIRA. 1 EXCUSED: TSUNEYOSHI.
11/05/20	COUNCIL	CR-258 AND RESOLUTION 20-261 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TEXEIRA, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


ANN KOBAYASHI, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER