

Resolution 20-261

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Written Testimony Please help to take care of our neighborhoods. This land area needs to be addressed and secured so that it does not collapse further and potentially slide into the stream, thus harming those who live beneath the potential landslide area. If that means the properties must be acquired so that residents can safely relocate and the land stabilized, that is an example of using legal land tools to protect our people and neighborhoods.

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Aloha to all,

I would just like to highlight movement and damage caused by land movements on Kuahea St. I'm the owner of 2319 Kuahea St. There as been no support or action taken for request of help and assistance with home damages. I have paying out of my own pocket for repairs to try and minimize damages caused by land movements. I also have pictures and video of damages as far back as 2016. I will highlight issues below.

- My retaining wall was sited and repaired. It also had to be repaired again due to movements.
- Due to new construction and stabilization above me, my other retaining wall has pressure and is leaning. This caused garage door not to open. I had to repair this three times.
- I have also added concrete to existing foundation block to help keep my house up.
- Inside home I have floor tiles cracked due to movements.
- Upper cement walkway cracked and lifted.
- Outer driveway apron lifted. They tried to crack off part of cement apron and fill with asphalt to relive pressure. This is not a permanent fix. While doing work they had to break part of my upper retaining wall and repair only a small portion.
- Inner garage retaining wall cracking and leaning.
- There is a ground monitoring pole lifted above me and was reported hardly any movements. If this is so why is the pole leaning at an angle now? Are you just monitoring deep found movements and not surface movements? Maybe the slide is moving faster on the upper surface?

These are just some highlights I would like to seek support for. Now my house is listed in the slide zone and even the bank will not finance me due to this. I'm forced to live in a possible unsafe zone and conditions. Your support and actions would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you,
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Dear Committee Members,

I have lived at 2446 Lamaku Place for 34 years. Even the small mountain range that emerged on Waiomao Road in 2006 after the 40 days and nights of rain, pales next to the widespread upheaval of land and homes that has occurred during this past year, one which has been relatively dry.

Older homes that have been lived in longer than I have been alive have become unlivable right before my eyes in the space of months through no fault of their owners. It seems similar to the destruction occurring through floods and fires on the mainland where homeowners had no idea their property was at such great risk, even if ours is in comparative slow motion. Through the research and diligence of my neighbors I have only recently become aware of the history of our neighborhood's earth movements. They have occurred and been known about by the City and County of Honolulu since the early 1950's. Many of the destroyed houses were built before then and have had to sue for help to rebuild their lives. An exception to this, it seems, has been made to a newer property built very recently by a family with "connections" which was offered very generous compensation for their damaged investment, one made on land purchased at a discounted rate because of the now known risk of land movement.

To me this is unfair treatment of one family over another and should be rectified. I received a letter myself from the City saying in effect, my family was on its own if land movement in the neighborhood caused damage to my home.

Being that I never filed a complaint, this seems to me a pre emptive strike and an admission of neglect and intended neglect of a serious problem in a much beloved neighborhood, where in normal circumstances for sale signs are few and far between.

So far, my house is still standing. I am grateful for that though I have noticed small changes throughout the years: cracks in retaining walls, stretch marks in the painted t&g single walls

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and most recently and more troublingly, a trickle of water has shown up at the base of exterior stairs though my water bill has not shot up and there has been very little rain. This has shown up in the last month or so.

I'd like to be able to trust and rely on my local government to do the right thing by its citizens. It seems such a shame that with the constant shortage of housing in our city and state that homes in such a wonderful place to live are allowed to become unsafe and unlivable and most families are left on their own to find alternatives.

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I am a resident at 2446 Waiomao Rd above the slide area. My husband and I have been living here for nearly 20 years and we feel blessed to have such a tight knit community in Palolo, where we know our neighbors, watch out for each other, and lend a hand when needed. The damage with the "Waiomao hump" and slide area is symbolic to me because I have almost 3 year old twins who were born in the winter of 2017. In the beginning of 2018, we were still able to take them up and down the street for walks in their stroller. Over the course of their first few years, they grew, as well as the bump and the slide zone. Soon, it got too dangerous to walk the stroller onto the road at places where the sidewalk was closed. We talked to some folks who walk up and down the street for exercise, who could not do so anymore because of the condition of the street. These are inconveniences so minor compared to the heartbreaks and headaches the people directly affected by the slide have had to deal with. People in my community have lost their homes and memories and are not able to move forward without a just resolution. I support this resolution and thank you for your time.

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I'm writing in support of Res. 20-261.

I live at the entry of Waiomao Road and have lived in my family's home for more than 50 years. While there has been very little shifting at my home over the decades, my family and I have recently noticed significant widening of cracks. Just this Summer, some of our doors were unable to close because of the settling of our home. And we live outside of the referenced "slide zone", several blocks away from Kuahea Street and Kuahea Place.

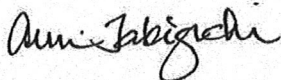
I have also reported the deterioration of a rock wall that's under the sidewalk and near the approximate 30-foot retaining wall, which is located at the entry of Waiomao Rd. From what I've been told, both are City properties. It worries me that if these walls should be compromised and break, no one will be able to get in and out on Waiomao Road.

As the settling has worsened in the past few years than in the past five decades, I urge the City to take speedy and prudent action to correct repairs before more homes become inhabitable, families' life savings are lost, and a community's safety and well-being are affected. As longtime residents of Palolo, most are not here to make a profit but merely trying to live in their homes. Family homes that are supposed to be their sanctuaries for their lives and generations to follow.

As the City and its contractors have been working to repair the infrastructure and stabilize the mountainside, the movement seems to be accelerating from the numbers shared during last month's Zoom meeting on September 25th. The movement of 64 inches in four months during 2019-2020, compared with 15-20 inches during 2016-2018, should be alarming red flags. As these problems are massive and complex, individual homeowners do not have the wherewithal to handle such large scale, integrated, and systematic countermeasures (i.e., tiebacks, integrated drainage systems, infrastructure, etc.). It's not out of the ordinary to look to our City Council and the City to protect our neighborhood! Wouldn't you feel the same if roles were reversed?!

I implore you to be Pono and do the right thing. Do we know the reason(s) why the problem is now expanding to the other side of Waiomao Rd and outside of the "slide zone" area? In every aspect, doesn't it make sense to do whatever it takes now to stop the spread of the slide!

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Takiguchi". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A".

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The is a time and place to contemplation and a time to lead. If there was ever a time to lead it is now. Have you not noticed that our Nation is in chaos? Have you not seen the lack of leadership? Well, it's happening in Hawaii too. I've lived off of Waiomao Street for 40 years. I've watched the streets crumble and the houses that sit on those streets literally fall apart. Nature is responding to mankind's lack of inclusivity, greed, and innate ability to look the other way. We, here, can be better than that. Res 20-145 is a start but not near enough. There are homes on Waiomao and Kuahea that will be affected by the mistakes of the past which were also born out of greed and incompetence. Do we wait for lawsuits the C&C will eventually lose? Why waste time and money? You are our elected officials....Just do the right thing. Do your job. There is an uprising coming in November. The voter turn out will be tremendous and it will only increase. Be the leaders you were elected to be or be left behind. Homes at 2205 Waiomao and along Kuahea should be included in bill 20-145. I oppose the bill as it stands.

Mahalo
Pete Arnold

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