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**KAPI'OLANI**  
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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair  
Honolulu City Council  
City and County of Honolulu  
Honolulu Hale  
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Dear Chair Apo:

I write in support of Resolution 10-144, *Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit for the Kapi'olani Community College Culinary Institute of the Pacific (Applicant: Kapi'olani Community College, University of Hawai'i).*

As Chancellor of Kapi'olani CC I cannot express enough the importance of this project to culinary education on our island and in our state. In serving the needs of Hawai'i's hotel and restaurant industries for over fifty years, the Kapi'olani CC culinary program realized the need for advanced culinary training and restaurant management education within the State of Hawai'i. With this application Kapi'olani seeks the first of the City County approvals necessary for us to continue to develop and implement such a program.

Although there are approximately 800 students enrolled in two-year culinary education programs throughout the State, if our local students want to meet the increased demands of our culinary and tourism industries through advanced training, currently they must go to the mainland at great expense. However, we have learned through our program at Kapi'olani that we can do it better, as evidenced by the Kapi'olani CC Student Culinary Team's winning of the 2009 American Culinary Federation National Championship. With your support we will be able to create a cost effective advanced training opportunity for our local students here in Hawai'i.

In addition, the Culinary Institute of the Pacific, on the slopes of Diamond Head, will support the economic development of our island and our State. By providing our students with an advanced culinary and management skills, our hotel and restaurant industries will have the additional resources needed to compete in an ever increasingly competitive global tourist industry.

Kapi'olani CC has and continues to work with its community neighbors and is sensitive to the mutually supportive relationship it has with the community. We believe the design of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific is compatible with the Diamond Head Master Plan.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to approve Kapi'olani's permit request. Your support will make a difference to our students, our college, our island, and our State through the Culinary Institute of the Pacific.

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