

Item # 2 KCS 10-276

RECEIVED
NOV 8 11 26 AM '10
CITY CLERK
HONOLULU, HAWAII

October 21, 2010

Councilmember Todd K. Apo
Council Chair
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testimony on resolution ^{10 276}~~10-275~~ for Kapiolani Community College (87/PRU-3)

Dear Councilmember Apo and Members of the City Council:

We support the granting of a Major Modification to the Plan Review Use Permit (PRU) No. 87/PRU-3 for the proposed Kapiolani Community College Culinary Institute of the Pacific through the passage of Resolution 10-276. However, we want to express our concern about at least one of the proposed conditions for approval, Condition No. 5c.

Kapiolani Community College, University of Hawaii, is leasing TMK: 3-1-42:11, the property for the Culinary Institute of the Pacific, from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Furthermore, TMK: 3-1-42:11 is located within the Diamond Head State Monument.

The development of the Culinary Institute by Kapiolani Community College has been through extensive review and amendment process with and by the Diamond Head State Monument Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), a committee established in statute under Chapter 6E-32, HRS to advise the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, on projects and issues affecting the Monument and surrounding lands. The CAC has given its support for the project to proceed.

Portions of Condition No. 5c are unwarranted at this time and may affect the viability of the project to proceed in that it requires Kapiolani Community College to expand the TIAR, to address a possible 17-foot road widening and dedication of same planned along Diamond Head Road and Kapiolani Community College.

The City and County of Honolulu should take this matter up with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, the owner of the property as a separate issue, as most of the proposed Diamond Head Road widening project affects state lands. A piecemeal approach can and should be avoided.

The Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee believes that this project should be allowed to proceed, without the College being required to widen Diamond Head Road.

Respectfully submitted by the Members of the Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee.

Sidney E. Snyder, Jr.
Vice Chairperson
Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee
to DLNR, State of Hawaii

MISC. COM. 1691 Z

cc: DLNR, Parks Division, Attn: Yara Lamadrid-Rose & Committee members