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Dear City Council,

I was a volunteer with Malama O'Manoa for the walking tour of Historic Homes in Manoa Valley on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. 20 homes were featured on this tour and 7 of those homes were open so people could view the interior features also. There were more than 700 residents of Hawaii who walked the 1.5 mile tour, which is a positive indication of the interest of our island residents in these historic homes, and their value to the community, and the State.

Just recently the 100 year old home at 2289 Kamehameha Avenue was torn down to make way for 3 large 6 br/4 bth homes to be built on the 15,000 sq.ft. lot for "it's highest and best use?". Not only is this an ugly and massive development, as compared to the gracious home it is replacing, this will also compound the heavy traffic and tight parking situation on Oahu and Kamehameha Avenues with the Honolulu Christian Church and the UH student parking in the area.

I hope that you will pass CB3, so that owners will be encouraged to preserve these architecturally significant historic homes, and they can continue to provide an education to our posterity in the future. With proper monitoring, and the possible de-listing of homes that are non-compliant, I hope you can also agree that the property tax exemption for compliant homes should be kept.

Thank you for your attention and allowing me to testify for the protection of historic properties and its contribution to our island community.

With Much Aloha,

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