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Hon. Tom Berg, Chair
Members of the Committee
Committee on Parks & Cultural Affairs
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Re: Resolution No. 12-75, Nanakuli Regional Park

Dear Chair Berg and Committee Members:

As the first WHEREAS clearly sets forth, on June 9, 2010, this body adopted Resolution 10-114 which added a park symbol on the Nanakuli "B" site based on the testimony of the DPP director. This WHEREAS should have gone further to indicate that the council received overwhelming supporting testimony from the people of Nanakuli for the placement of the PIM symbol on the Nanakuli "B" site. Two busloads Leeward Coast residents, including many kupuna and keiki attended the hearing to express their strong support.

We agree with the wording found in the first part of the sixth (6th) WHEREAS which states: ". . . *there is agreement that Nanakuli needs a large park and recreational area. . .*". However, we strenuously disagree with the second part which states: ". . . *the specific location of any park facility has yet to be determined and agreed upon by the community.*" As set forth above, the good people of the Leeward Coast overwhelmingly support a regional park at the Nanakuli "B" site. There is no subsequent council resolution that overturns Resolution 10-114 that was decided upon on June 9, 2010.

If it is the wish of this body to place the PIM symbol elsewhere in the Waianae region, an acceptable alternative site should first be selected. Until then, there does not seem to be any logical reason to remove the symbol from the Nanakuli "B" site.

In passing, it should be noted that the Mayor's landfill site selection committee is to announce its recommendations for the location of landfills. In this regard, perhaps the council should await the committee's recommendations before making a decision on Resolution No. 12-75 concerning the Nanakuli Regional Park.

Sincerely,


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