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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 11 and PROPOSED CD1 to BILL 11 (2102)

We have worked with government for years to assure that the Windward side of Oahu remained a Green Belt as originally conceived in the Master Plan.

I am one voter asking that you vote in favor of PROPOSED CD1 to BILL 11 (2012)

Large land owners and businesses may try to promise support but they only have so many votes they can give you in an election. There are thousands of Windward homeowners and families who will find responsible alternatives if their city council members don't heed the community and its voice.

The parks should not be commercialized.

They are havens for the people of Oahu – from all neighborhoods and districts. Kailua does not want to be mistaken for Waikiki or Coney Island! Just because we happen to have some of the most beautiful park settings doesn't mean we have to give away the beauty to enrich a few businesses who cater primarily to tourists.

Liko Martin wrote a song in the late 60's about the loss of what we had - Nanakuli Blues. I'd venture to say that almost everyone in this room knows the line: "The beaches they sell to build their hotels"

Our beach parks are already stressed from natural causes – loss of sand, erosion of valuable park land that may never come back. Let's not allow commercialism to take away the rest.

Remember our State motto – The Life of the Land is Preserved in Righteousness.

The land is ours to use, to protect and to leave in good condition for the generations who will follow us.

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