

Testimony of Schuyler "Lucky" Cole, Haleiwa resident, on
Resolution #12-143; the proposed sale of Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka

I oppose this resolution and the City's administrative process that produced it. We are in the year 2012 not in the 80s when as managing director, Andy Anderson, established this process for the sale of "excess" public park lands. Many will testify it is not excess.

I do not agree that this is the best location for a "Haleiwa Hotel". However, it appears the administration and key Councilmembers do; it also appears the City intends to approve its future use as a hotel. Given this apparent plan, if you can call it that, the City has the process "bass ackward". You do not sell land by an auction to only two parties before you up zone it for a hotel. You do the planning and change the land use to allow a hotel on City owned land and then sell it via a public open bidding process to the highest bidder, who might be Andy or Kamehameha Schools or Aqua Hotels or whomever.

As elected officials, the public expects the Council to make the best use of all park lands and, if necessary, to make the best deal for the taxpayer as well. This resolution clearly demonstrates an obsolete, non-transparent process for the disposition of public lands.

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