

KEEP PUBLIC LANDS IN PUBLIC HANDS

**TESTIMONY BY PETER V.Z. COLE IN OPPOSITION TO
RESOLUTION R12-143 BEFORE THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**

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I oppose Resolution 12-143 CD1 Version B. At past North Shore Neighborhood Board meetings addressing the sale of the mauka portion of Haleiwa Beach Park (aka Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka or Haleiwa Regional Park), a large majority of island residents demonstrated that they adamantly opposed the sale of public parkland, and, in particular, the sale of such land to Andy Anderson for hotel development. The current scheme by Andy Anderson to acquire public parkland at a bargain price with the presumption that he can build a hotel on it stinks to high heaven.

This land was obtained by the City in the early seventies through eminent domain as an addition to the makai portion of Haleiwa Beach Park. The Trust for Public Land and North Shore Community Land Trust, have presented a viable alternative whereby the City could retain ownership of the park, generate revenue off the land by leasing portions of it to Kamehameha Schools and Jameson's for access and parking, and lease the remainder of the park to a community organization to further develop and maintain this portion of the park.

To pass this resolution, which appears to enable private, for profit commercial use of this public parkland, is simply the wrong thing to do.

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