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Subject: Strong Opposition to Resolution 12-143

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Dear Council Members,

Please vote NO to Resolution 12-143

I am health educator and lawyer working with the justice system. Most of my work is published. My family has lived on the North Shore for almost 40 years and has used Hale'iwa beach park extensively.

I believe this resolution is short sighted and that the basis for the sale of this three acre parcel of planned park land is incorrect:

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), which has jurisdiction over the Haleiwa Regional Park vacant parcels determined that the Haleiwa Regional Park project, for which the Haleiwa Regional Park vacant parcels were acquired, was no longer a viable project;

This Hale'iwa park land should not be considered as "no longer a viable project." The land is currently used by community members including the North Shore Canoe Club and others. The community has been making the park "viable" through its use.

Please consider the success of the North Shore bike path that was built and is maintained by community organizations in collaboration with government.

The City and County can collaborate with community organizations to ensure the park land is more formerly developed and maintained. It is antiquated analysis that the City has to build and maintain the park land solely or sell it to a private entity to do so.

Providing parks and other public gathering places is a well established for keeping communities healthy and promoting resiliency
<http://thrive.preventioninstitute.org/thrive.html>

The City and County is a public entity that was incorporated to represent the community, which it should work with and not do whatever might be easier for bureaucratic control, and for the benefit of a few individuals.

Please vote against this poorly considered resolution that will hurt our community.

Thank you.

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