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Cc: Mayor Peter Carlisle; Martin, Ernie; Kobayashi, Ann; Anderson, Ikaika; Office of Councilmember Stanley Chang; Gabbard, Tulsi; Cachola, Romy; Harimoto, Breene; Garcia, Nestor
Subject: Oppose Resolution 21-143

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The City Council Budget Committee will hear

Resolution 12-143

on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 1 pm at City Hall

in the Committee Meeting Room.

This Resolution attempts to secure City Council approval of the City's plan to conduct a Park closure and sale of the 3.4 acre Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka.

I oppose the closure and sale of 3.4 acre Haleiwa Beach park Mauka. Our Hawaiian Motto: Preserve our lands in righteousness.

These are my understandings.

1. A large part of the 3.4 acre Park was condemned from Kamehameha Schools for the public purpose of a Park.

Many people are uncomfortable with the notion of the government using its power to take land from one party for a public purpose and then using its power to transfer it to another private party for private purposes.

2. The 2011 North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan that the Council and the Mayor approved just one year ago documents that there is a "shortage of community-based parks" in the North Shore area and that these specific 3.4 acres should be improved as "Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka" to meet these needs.

3. The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu personally signed a

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thank you letter in March 2012 to the Hui o Hee Nalu for their maintenance and care of Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka under an official City and County of Honolulu Adopt-a-Park agreement.

4. Even after being asked to bid to obtain their former property back, Kamehameha Schools has amicably offered an alternative for the City where the City retains the Park and receives a monthly fee from Kamehameha Schools for educational usage and safe access to Loko Ea Fishpond.

5. The Park is widely used by Kamehameha Schools students and families for access to Loko Ea Fishpond and the Park also serves as an important parking and relaxation area for canoe paddlers, standup paddlers, and other beach users.

While I live on Maui, we are also trying to keep our public lands public. So much attempt has been to usurp them into the hands of developers. Please hold the line for the sake of the Hawaiian people and all peoples of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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