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**Subject:** Public Works and Sustainability Committee Testimony - Reso 12-290 - OPPOSITION  
 Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to Resolution 12-290 **Establishing a City Policy to Continue the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill as an Oahu Landfill.**

The communities on the Leeward Coast has been inundated with many of the services that are not wanted in other locations within the City and County of Honolulu, i.e. refineries (transferred from the docks of Honolulu Harbor), H-Power, the largest power plant on the island [once considered to include nuclear power alternatives], and a heavy industrial park along with the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill.

While the Leeward Coast community has been "host" to the only (recent) MSW landfill on Oahu since 1989, the City Council continues to allow continuing projects which, in many other communities would be considered as detractors for quality of life, to be built on the Leeward Coast. When will environmental justice considerations be undertaken to stop this continuation of locating the negatively perceived businesses from proliferating in the community?

The City Council has allowed a consideration be given for a light industrial park to be built at the entrance to the Joint Pearl Harbor-Hickam Lualualei Annex (Lualualei Naval Magazine) which, when munitions are finally relocated to other facilities on island would allow for the eventual return of those lands to the State/County. How is that going to be of benefit to the community when the lands returned are primarily agricultural lands?

What about when the City Council overrode an overwhelming community response of NO! to Hale Wai Vista, utilizing the last available commercial pad at Wai`anae Mall for affordable housing which doesn't necessarily meet the needs of our most vulnerable affordable housing needs families and whose location is having impacts on other neighboring residential areas?

When will the City Council recognize that there are values in the Leeward Coast that are not measured in dollars and cents but in family values and our natural resources?

This resolution is one more slap in the face of a community which is looking for something better for themselves and their future families. Promises apparently do not mean much to those who continue to state, our values (keep a landfill out of "our" communities) is more valuable than keeping this landfill operational in someone else's community. While this resolution does a great job in demonstrating a technical analysis of the process that has occurred leading to the continuation of keeping Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill open today, where is the analysis which demonstrated it has only been after hard fought battles that the operations of this landfill has even moved from marginal to mediocre to current management? Where is the recognition that this landfill was once initially fined with one of the largest fines in the United States for it's mismanagement? Where are the City's guarantees (not WMI's guarantees) that these past incidents will not happen again, i.e fines for mismanagement and also the overflow of waste from the facility into our near shore beaches and waters?

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How can any of you in good conscience continue to push this monstrosity onto a community which only wants a fair share in improving the lot of the entire community and not be known as the dumping ground for the rest of the island?

I beseech you to search your consciences and honestly answer what your position would be if this landfill were located in your community for 40 years. (1989-2030-ish).

Please allow the process to move forward with the CCH Planning Commission and the State LUC since that process is not completed at this time. Allow this issue to be looked at from a larger perspective and with other eyes.

Mahalo for your consideration to not advance this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Wai`anae Resident