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We were very distressed to hear Resolution 12-143 may be brought to the full council for a floor vote, without having it pass through a Committee for approval. The controversial plan to close Haleiwa Mauka (3.4 acre portion of Haleiwa Regional Park) and sell it to a private party should not be rushed through the Council without the proper procedure. Any action taken on this valuable community resource should be transparent, and the public at large should be able to have input, stay informed, and know what their elected officials are doing. Resolution 12-143 should not be acted on by the Full Council because this is a subversion of the established process of public participation.

Please oppose Resolution 12-143. This public parcel is used regularly and extensively by those who enjoy water sports in Haleiwa: canoe clubs (including those of public schools), kayakers, paddle board users and swimmers all use this park. Public parks should not be for sale, and this one in particular is a vital resource for those of us who live and work in the area, and for visitors, also. Please listen to the voices of those of us in this community. Give us a chance to continue to partner with the City on the stewardship of this 3.4 acre coastal park before taking the drastic action of closing it and selling it.

Resolution 12-143 was originally deferred by City Council Budget Committee on Monday, June 25, 2012 based on testimony from 31 individuals who testified in person against this misguided Resolution (not a single person testified in person in support of the Resolution). A total of at least 229 people were also on written record in opposition to Resolution 12-143. There is also a long list of community groups that support keeping the Park open and not selling it including the North Shore Canoe Club, the North Shore Lifeguard Association, Malama Loko Ea Foundation, and the Outdoor Circle.

Please oppose resolution 12-143, and help gain the public's trust that our city government cares about the quality of life of the residents on Oahu and is not beholden to special, private, interests. Please protect this public park for the public.

Mahalo,

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