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Subject: opposition to resolution 12-143

Aloha,

I am writing to urge you to oppose resolution 12-143. This resolution was deferred 6/25/12, partially due to the overwhelming public concern as seen by the testimony delivered by the voters in attendance. All oral testimony was submitted in opposition to the plan to sell City and County land purchased to be used as a park. Having presented testimony on that day, I am very concerned that our opinions may not have been heard by the council chair as the chair has deferred the resolution for a direct vote rather than allowing a committee to further examine this extraordinarily flawed resolution.

My family and I have personally helped to restore this land through my involvement with the Surfrider Foundation. We worked along side with multiple community organizations and with the City and County to restore this very valuable, beachfront piece of park property located in the middle of a critical recreation area of Oahu. The region is currently overwhelmed by the public, seeking access to reach the ocean. Beach Access will only be further limited by developing this land. This resolution suggests the value of this land is simply far less than anyone in the public would agree with.

Although the idea seems painfully obvious to the voting public, public land should not be sold. We should not trade or compromise the very land we live and recreate on for now and future generations for any short term gains. I am not writing in opposition to a hotel in Haleiwa, but rather the decision to consider compromising public land to do so.

Please allow this resolution to pass through committee as is the common practice with the city council, or better yet, simply do away with it.

Thank You,
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