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Written Testimony of Marilyn Cole, a Haleiwa resident, on

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Council resolution #12-143; the proposed sale of Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka

I oppose resolution #12-143. The City's decision to sell Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka did not originate within the community and appears to have been initiated and negotiated behind closed doors by private interests without public scrutiny. Our island community does not support the sale of these public lands.

The process of extreme devaluation of the tax assessed values the past two years raises concerns and warrants careful review. The current assessed value of \$83,400 for six parcels of 3.43 oceanfront acres does not reflect the market in any way and is ludicrous. Adding insult to injury, where is the City going to purchase comparable property on the North Shore for the low upset price of \$300,000?

The City Council has a fiduciary responsibility to hold, not sell, highly valuable, highly usable park lands in trust for public use once acquired by eminent domain. To sell these lands with no public mandate represents a failure of this responsibility.

Please defeat this resolution and hold these lands for the enjoyment of future generations.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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