

July 14, 2013

To: Chair Joey Manahan
Vice-Chair Ron Menor
Committee on Parks

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Re: **Support for Resolution 13-146**, Relating to Community Gardens

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Aloha Chair Manahan, Vice-Chair Menor, and members of the Parks Committee,

I would like to offer my support of Resolution 13-146, relating to community gardens, and urge you to support this measure. Oahu's community garden system has provided small garden plots for hundreds of community members since its inception decades ago. However, despite the demonstrated need and benefits to the city and surrounding communities, the system has not been expanded to keep up with demand; most community gardens require potential patrons to wait several months in order to attain plots due to lack of space.

With an ever increasing interest in gardening as a way to increase the amount of fresh produce in our diet, and the therapeutic and community building benefits of these outdoor spaces, it makes logical sense that our City and County take the time to review plans for expanding this beneficial program.

I urge the Parks Committee to support this measure and urge the City Administration to work with other public and private partners to expand the community garden system on Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Resolution 13-146.

Regards,


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