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July 15, 2013

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of Resolution 13-146

Aloha Committee on Parks Chair Joey Manahan and members of the committee,

I strongly support Resolution 13-146, which seeks to identify city lands suitable for additional community gardens.

As a resident of a community that does not currently have a community garden, I am excited to learn the City is considering expansion of this great program. I along with many others in my community would welcome the opportunity to have a community garden as a place to, among other things, relax, grow food for my family, and gather with my community.

Passing Resolution 13-146 is an important first step towards providing additional community gardening opportunities. It is my hope that the City Council will consider using a portion of the 25 acre Pupukea Paumalu city-owned parkland as a one of the new community gardens. This location is ideal because its adjacency to the elementary school, neighborhood park, Kamehameha Hwy, and bike path make it a very convenient place for area residents. Community interest and support for such a resource is very strong.

Though the North Shore is a rural area, many residents live too close to the ocean - and salty breezes that come with it to have a viable home garden. Many others do not have yard space to accommodate a home garden. And yet others rent their homes and do not have permission to dig up their lawns for gardens.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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