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Meeting Date (*) 2015-04-22
Council/PH Committee (*) Council
Agenda Item (*) CR124
Your position on the matter (*) Oppose
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Organization Animal Haven
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Written Testimony

Animal Haven opposes the executive operating budget. Animal Haven handled 1/4th of the calls of the "Humane" Society for \$59,000. Glen Teramoto at Budget and Fiscal Services said we were one of the best contractors they had. Dennis Kamakura said we went above and beyond the duties in the contract and had no valid complaints about our services. We underbid all other contractors only to have the bid cancelled right after opening them. The stated reason was "costs". Then \$70,000 was put in the budget in a line item last year to give the "Humane" Society - a private company, money for planning and development of their new private facility, on their private property, for them to make private profit off of. This served no public purpose, circumvented the grant process that all other nonprofits must go through, and

was not required by their current contract, and it was earmarked by name for them, so there was no competitive bid for the funds. Oahu SPCA needed money to plan and design their new facility. We needed money to plan and design our new facility. But we don't have rich board members who give campaign contributions. Now, the Council is trying to give the "Humane" Society a \$700,000 increase for the next five years, for the inevitably rigged animal control contract bid. Again, Animal Haven handled 1/4th of the calls despite getting 1/50th of the amount of money this Council is proposing they be given today - for doing a criminal and incompetent job, based on a catch and kill mentality from the 1950's. In the meantime we continue to get calls from HPD to help them with chickens, as well as lots of calls from the public. We took about 60% of all cases - and many more calls, off of HPD's duties. The "Humane" Society has no intentions of taking rooster calls, and the proposed "pilot project" employing Boy Scouts and terminator to trap at the Hawaii Kai Kiss and Ride cannot be justified to the rest of the island that goes without services. Frank DeGiacomo, President Animal Haven

**Testimony
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