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City and County of Honolulu Councilmembers
530 South King Street
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Dear City and County of Honolulu Councilmembers:

My name is Cedric Gates, I am currently the COO of the Active Hawaii Organization, a 501c3 Nonprofit based out of the Waianae Coast. The Active Hawaii Organization is also a member of Department of Parks and Recreation's **Adopt-a-Park Program (AAPP)**. I am the Chair of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board, and previous Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. I am testifying as an individual, and a life-time resident of the Waianae Coast. I'm writing to express my full support of **BILL 9 (2016)** relating to the City and County of Honolulu's effort into establishing a process for the City to work with Hawaiian Civic Clubs and community groups to bring more awareness to the rich culture rooted in parks across Oahu by erecting signs and other markers detailing the area's Hawaiian history.

I support **BILL 9 (2016)** because I believe it's important that community residents understand the history and cultural aspects that lie within our communities across Oahu. By educating residents about the importance of the land I believe people will be less incline to vandalize property and respect the city's investment in improving our parks and beaches and in result this will create the social norm to "Malama the Aina".

I absolutely support the intent and integrity of this measure because it will provide a cultural experience for community residents and visitors as well as encourage good stewardship of our community parks and beaches.

I would like to ask that you all support **BILL 9 (2016)** because I believe it is in the best interest of your constituents and communities County-Wide.

Sincerely,

Cedric Gates