

**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2016 11:44 PM

**Subject:** Council Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

All fields marked "\*" are required and must be completed in order for this form to be valid.

Note: Registrations are not accepted prior to the agendas being posted.

**Name(\*)** Linda Hamilton Krieger  
**Phone (\*)** (808) 838-9597  
**Email (\*)** lindahamiltonkrieger@gmail.com  
**Meeting Date (\*)** 2016-06-01  
**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Council  
**Agenda Item (\*)** Bill 15, CD2 FD1-Ozawa  
**Your position on the matter (\*)** Oppose  
**Representing (\*)** Self  
**Organization**  
**Do you wish to speak at the hearing? (\*)** No

RECEIVED  
 CITY CLERK  
 OFFICE OF HONOLULU  
 2016 MAY 31 AM 7:46

**Written Testimony**

As a lifelong resident of the land surrounding the Knewai Spring, and as a kia'i (guardian) of the area's historic and sacred sites, I write to strongly oppose the above-referenced bill, which would eliminate funding for preserving Kānewai Spring, one of the last remaining fresh water springs feeding Maunalua Bay. I was so sad when I heard that Trevor Ozawa had introduced an amendment that would pull the funding for the public purchase and preservation of the Spring, leaving it vulnerable to private development that would take it out of the community's inheritance and violating the public trust spirit that should guide public policy decisions about the few remaining wahi pana in our ahupua'a. This is one of the very last fresh water springs that feeds Paiko Lagoon and Maunalua Bay, which both were once momona (fat) with edible limu, honu and ama ama, but now are so degraded as to be almost unrecognizable to those of us who saw the Bay as it

used to me. Many hands have worked to bring Kānewai back from the brink of destruction. It is an historic place of great cultural and local significance to the people of this area. This wahi pana is one of the places where, in Hawaiian religion, Kāne brought fresh water up from the ground, making East O'ahu habitable. Our children, and their children, should have the opportunity to visit, mālama, and learn at that site, as my generation was able to do when we were keiki. Kānewai should be a public space, cared for by the people who love it, not a private enclave for yet a new set of the uber-rich real estate speculators who are buying up more and more of East O'ahu as places to park their money. You on the Council have an obligation to protect the public trust in the 'āina, the wai, and the wahi pana of East O'ahu. Please remain loyal to the exercise of that public trust, and do your duty by helping us save this special, sacred space. Māhalo for your time in reading my testimony.

**Testimony  
Attachment**

**Accept Terms  
and Conditions  
(\* )**

1