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Chairperson Ernie Martin
Budget Chairperson Ann Kobayashi
Councilman Trevor Ozawa
City Council Members

Re: Statement of Opposition to Amendment to Bill 15, CD2, FD1 Ozawa

Dear Chairpersons Martin and Kobayashi, Councilman Ozawa, and City Council Members:

I wholly endorse reinstatement of funding for the preservation of Kanewai Spring and oppose Councilman Ozawa's proposed amendment to delete funding for the purchase of Kanewai Spring. It appears that Councilman Ozawa has been misled by fear mongering among certain neighbors of the Kanewai Spring, who suggest, without any support whatsoever, that illegal rentals will take place on the property that will threaten their properties. This is groundless supposition that flies in the face of the years of stewardship of the Spring by the community, the efforts of the Trust for Public Land to negotiate the purchase, and the very need to protect this irreplaceable resource. The Trust for Public Land is not in the business of serving commercial interests, let alone illegal activity.

I urge you to continue support for this project and for the recommendation of the Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission's strong recommendation to fund purchase of the Kanewai Spring. You will not have many such opportunities in this lifetime to preserve a natural resource.

Very truly yours,

Marie Riley