



## RESOLUTION

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URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT UNDER THE H-1 FREEWAY IN KAHALA.

WHEREAS, homelessness is one of the most difficult problems facing our island community; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Statewide Homeless Point-in-Time Count estimated that there was a total of 4,940 homeless persons living on Oahu, with 2,173 of those individuals classified as unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, the area under the H-1 Freeway in Kahala, just prior to the onramp to Kalanianaʻole Highway, is a heavily-trafficked area, in large part due to its proximity to popular destinations such as Kahala Mall, Kapiolani Community College, and Waiālae Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, a number of individuals have been reported to be living in tents or other structures and camping in the area under the H-1 Freeway; and

WHEREAS, trash, debris, and human waste have rendered the site of this encampment unsanitary and unsafe both for its inhabitants and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the encampment has also become an eyesore for local residents as well as for tourists who drive past the area; and

WHEREAS, in response to the persistence and intractability of homelessness, the Hawaii State Legislature approved \$12 million in new funding for social services and the removal of encampments in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has collaborated with the City Administration on past cleanup and enforcement efforts relating to unlawful encampments, such as the clearing of an encampment on Atkinson Drive near the Ala Moana Center in August 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Highway Maintenance Division has, on several occasions, cleared and cleaned up encampments on state property located under the H-1 Freeway; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that jurisdictional issues and a shared interest in keeping public land accessible to the public require that the State take an active rôle



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in addressing the recurring problem of the encampment under the H-1 Freeway in Kahala; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the State of Hawaii, and in particular, the Hawaii Department of Transportation, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, and state legislators representing the Kahala area, to work together to address, on a permanent basis, the encampment under the H-1 Freeway in Kahala, just prior to the onramp to Kalaniana'ole Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the State to consider means of discouraging individuals from camping at the site, such as changes in landscaping or design; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, the Director of the State Department of Transportation, State Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, State Senator Stanley Chang, the Mayor, and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JAN 10 2017**

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 17-22**

Introduced: 01/10/17 By: TREVOR OZAWA

Committee: PUBLIC HEALTH,  
SAFETY AND WELFARE

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT UNDER THE  
H-1 FREEWAY IN KAHALA.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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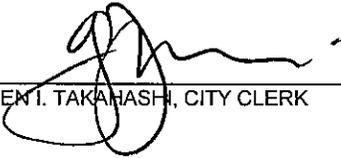
02/07/17 PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE CR-48 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.

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02/22/17 COUNCIL CR-48 AND RESOLUTION 17-22 WERE ADOPTED.  
9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN,  
MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN T. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER