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Testimony from the Friends of Hanauma Bay on behalf of Resolution 17-1: Acceptance of Gift from the Staff of United States President Barack Obama at City Council Committee on Parks, Community and Customer Services meeting of 10 January 2017

Aloha Chair Kobayashi and other Councilmembers,

My name is Lisa Bishop. I am the President of the Friends of Hanauma Bay. The Friends of Hanauma Bay support Resolution 17-1: Acceptance of Gift from the Staff of United States President Barack Obama in the amount of \$1100.00 for the purchase and installment of a memorial plaque at Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve.

The Friends of Hanauma Bay further endorse that the memorial plaque be inscribed:

"In Honor of Mothers Everywhere  
From the Staff of Barack Obama"

President Barack Obama has deep ties to Oahu and Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. According to his staff, he tells the story that his mother would often come to Hanauma Bay to meditate when she was pregnant with him, which is why he is so calm. So the gift of a memorial plaque with this inscription at Hanauma a Bay will be personally moving to the President.

Acceptance of this gift will also be memorable and a source of pride for Hawaii and all of those who are dedicated to the protection and preservation of Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve.

Therefore, we urge this Committee and the City Council to adopt this resolution.

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