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RESOLUTION 16-273 - SUPPORT

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui

Sensible Growth, Respect for the land

January 9, 2017

Aloha to the Parks, Community and Customer Services Committee,

The Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan community organization serving East Honolulu, established in 2004. Our mission is to uphold the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan which sets guidelines for sensible development respectful of Hawaiian cultural and natural resources that make East Honolulu a unique place to live.

The work the Hui does in Maunalua goes mauka to makai in Maunalua. Our community driven works include: Hawea Heiau Complex and Keawāwa Wetlands, Aloha 'Āina O Kamilonui, Pahua Heiau, The Ka Iwi Coast, Public Rights of Way in East O'ahu and the care and protection of Maunalua Bay.

The Livable Hawaii Kai fully and whole heartedly supports the initiative to honor famed lawai'a and konohiki of Maunalua, Joe Lukela, through Resolution 16-273 to rename a portion of the Maunalua Bay Beach Park to the Joe Lukea Beach Park in honor of Mr. Lukela for his contributions to our community

Joe Lukela was well respected and revered for his traditional knowledge of the ocean area of Maunalua. Lukela held the konohiki rights for the abundant ocean fishery of Maunalua for over 50 years until his death in 1966. The konohiki system was a traditional Hawaiian concept of ocean resource management.

The honor for Mr. Lukela at Maunalua Bay Beach Park also provides the Maunalua community the opportunity to learn more about the great culture and history of Maunalua Bay. This history will be shared through the two community groups initiating this action: Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center and Maunalua.net and Mr. Lukela's descendants who share his story today.

We strongly support Resolution 16-273 for Mr. Lukela, for his 'ohana and for our Maunalua community, and we look forward to it becoming a reality.

Aloha,
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