



Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd.  
dba Borthwick Mortuary & Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery  
1330 Maunakea Street, Honolulu, HI 96817  
P: 808-522-9309 F: 808-522-9310

RECEIVED  
CITY CLERK  
C & D OF HONOLULU  
2017 JUL 28 PM 3: 23

July 26, 2017

Council Chair Emeritus Ernie Martin  
Honolulu Hale, Room 203  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Senator Daniel Inouye request to acquire 203 acres from Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery for a State Veterans Cemetery

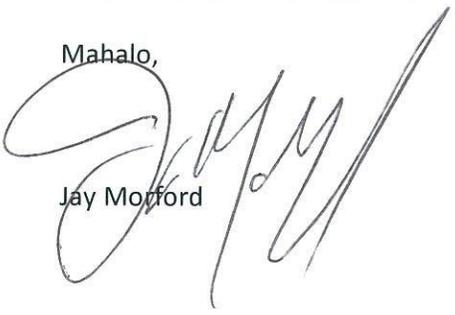
Dear Council Chair Emeritus Martin,

I recently provided some documentation to Vice Chair Anderson that he has agreed to let me share with you. The documents provide history of the 203 acre parcel owned by Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery will be heard at the Transportation and Planning Committee, Bill 57 (2016) Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan Update, Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery ("HMPC") Amendment on August 1st.

Please review the history around HMP's property, the original intent of what the land would be used for and the partnership with the State of Hawaii that allowed for the State Veterans Cemetery on Oahu. Cemetery was a recognized use by the State of Hawaii. Please take these facts into consideration as you review our presentation in front of the committee. Please support our amendment for the community growth boundary change that will allow Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery the opportunity to apply to the Land Use Commission for entitlement.

Mahalo,

Jay Morford

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Morford", is written over the typed name.

MISC.COM.-3558



Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd.  
dba Borthwick Mortuary & Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery  
1330 Maunakea Street, Honolulu, HI 96817  
P: 808-522-9309 F: 808-522-9310

July 24, 2017

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine  
Vice Chair, Transportation and Planning Committee  
Honolulu Hale, Room 203  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Senator Daniel Inouye request to acquire 203 acres from Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery for a State Veterans Cemetery

Dear Councilmember Pine,

I recently provided some documentation to Vice Chair Anderson that he requested I share with you. The documents provide history of the 203 acre parcel owned by Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery that is currently being heard at the Transportation and Planning Committee, Bill 57 (2016) Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan Update, Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery ("HMPC") Amendment.

In 1983, HMPC purchased a 203 acre parcel from Castle Estate Trust for future cemetery plans. At the time of purchase, cemetery was a designated and defined use for the property. During this time, the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) had very limited space and the State of Hawaii was looking for another location on Oahu for a new Veterans Cemetery. The State of Hawaii conducted a study and it was found that the best location for the new Veterans Cemetery was in Kaneohe at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery.

In 1985, Senator Daniel Inouye approached HMPC for the entire 203 acre parcel for the Veterans Cemetery. The 203-acre parcel was preferred over the State owned 89-acre parcel because it met the minimum requirement of acreage needed to qualify for matching Federal funds to construct the new veterans cemetery and would provide a place for veterans well into the future.

In 1987, rather than exchange the entire 203 acre parcel with the State, HMPC agreed to donate 33 acres of the parcel to the State of Hawaii through DLNR so that the land area would meet minimum federal standards, thereby allowing the development of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery that opened in 1992.

A few years following this transaction between DLNR and Hawaiian Memorial there was a change by DLNR that no longer defined cemetery as an allowable use on our remaining property (156.6 Acres). That has put us in the position we are in today. In order for us to proceed to the State Land Use Commission to obtain an "Urban" State Land Use District designation, and subsequent County P-2 Preservation District zoning, it is essential that HMP be consistent with the County Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan. HMP's amendment for the community growth boundary only establishes

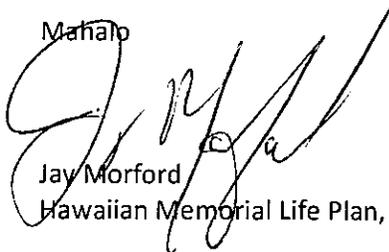
that the City recognizes cemetery as an acceptable use on the designated petition area. We still need to apply at the State Land Use Commission for an Urban Designation.

Please consider the history around HMP's property, the original intent of what the land would be used for, and the partnership with the State of Hawaii that allowed for the State Veterans Cemetery on Oahu. Cemetery was a recognized use by the State of Hawaii on the 203 acre parcel.

Please take these facts into consideration as you review our presentation in front of the committee and support our amendment for the community growth boundary change that will allow Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery the opportunity to apply to the Land Use Commission for entitlement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo



Jay Morford  
Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd.

Cc: Council Vice Chair Anderson

DANIEL K. INOUE  
HAWAII

PRINCE KUMU FEDERAL BUILDING  
SUITE 7325, 300 ALA MOANA BOULEVARD  
HONOLULU, HI 96850  
(808) 540-7660

United States Senate  
ROOM 722, HART SENATE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3934

May 2, 1985

Mr. John H. Felix  
700 Bishop Street  
Suite 1012  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear John:

Enclosed you will find a copy of letter that I have sent to the Governor and veterans groups regarding the proposal to develop a state veterans cemetery on 203 acres currently belonging to your company.

I will keep you advised of the responses received.

Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator

DKI:bnl  
Enclosures

DANIEL K. INOUE  
HAWAII

Room 4000 Federal Building  
Suite 7125 300 Ala Moana Boulevard  
Honolulu HI 96813  
Phone 546 7550

## United States Senate

ROOM 722 HART SENATE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON DC 20510  
(202) 224-3934

May 1, 1985

The Honorable George R. Ariyoshi  
Governor  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear George:

I am writing to advise you of the status of my efforts to compel the federal government to develop a second federal veterans cemetery on Oahu.

As you know, I have introduced S. 387, which would require the construction of such a cemetery. The measure was referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs which requested executive comment on the bill from the Veterans Administration and the Office of Management and Budget. While a formal response has not yet been received, I have been advised that both agencies will strongly oppose the passage of the legislation. They will instead suggest that the State participate in the State cemetery grants program whereby the VA provides 50 percent of the cost of constructing a State veterans cemetery.

While this response is entirely predictable, I am afraid that it may prove compelling at a time when living veterans are threatened with substantial reductions in available services. Additionally, the fact that the State has already authorized, and the counties developed, local veterans cemeteries on the islands of Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, further undermines the strength of our argument since these cemeteries are, or should be, eligible for the federal grants program.

Accordingly, I have concluded that there exists only the slimmest chance of there being constructed a second federal veterans cemetery on Oahu in the foreseeable future.

It is therefore with some regret that I must recommend that the State seriously reexamine the possibility of contributing to the development of a veterans cemetery on

The Honorable George K. Ayevochi  
May 1, 1968  
Page 1

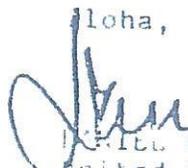
Oahu. A plan to this effect, which I believe to be of considerable merit, has been suggested by the Hawaii State Veterans Council, The Regional Office of the Veterans Administration and the proprietors of Hawaiian Memorial Park. Essentially, the proposal calls for the development of a State veterans cemetery on a 203-acre parcel in Kaneohe currently owned by Hawaiian Memorial Park. The parcel could be obtained by the State for the 85 acres of adjacent State land which the Governor had suggested as appropriate for cemetery purposes when the State had determined that the dedication of Diamond Head Crater did not permit consideration for cemetery use. I am told that such an exchange would be beneficial to all concerned given the superior qualities of the larger parcel for an independent veterans cemetery.

If the State agrees to proceed with the project, the Congressional delegation would then attempt to secure federal funds for the construction of the cemetery. Such assistance would be greater than that offered under the current matching grants program, and I believe would have a far greater chance of success than our current efforts to place the entire burden on the federal government.

I continue to believe that the preferred alternative would be a federally developed and maintained facility. However, since this does not appear to be possible, I am certain that we can agree that our State's veterans are deserving of a thorough exploration of reasonable alternative proposals.

Please advise me of your thoughts on this matter.

loha,

  
DANIEL K. INOUÉ  
United States Senator

DKI:bnl

cc: Mr. Franklin Sunn  
Thomas Kaulukukui, Jr.  
/Mr. Bob Winters

# United States Senate

ROOM 722, HART SENATE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3934

May 2, 1985

Mr. Melvin E. Mossman  
President  
Hawaii State Veterans Council  
4115 Sierra Drive  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Dear Mr. Mossman:

I am writing to advise you of the status of my efforts to compel the federal government to develop a second federal veterans cemetery on Oahu.

As you know, I have introduced S. 387, which would require the construction of such a cemetery. The measure was referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs which requested executive comment on the bill from the Veterans Administration and the Office of Management and Budget. While a formal response has not yet been received, I have been advised that both agencies will strongly oppose the passage of the legislation. They will instead suggest that the State participate in the State cemetery grants program whereby the VA provides 50 percent of the cost of constructing a State veterans cemetery.

While this response is entirely predictable, I am afraid that it may prove compelling at a time when living veterans are threatened with substantial reductions in available services. Additionally, the fact that the State has already authorized, and the counties developed, local veterans cemeteries on the islands of Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, further undermines the strength of our argument since these cemeteries are, or should be, eligible for the federal grants program.

Accordingly, I have concluded that there exists only the slimmest chance of there being constructed a second federal veterans cemetery on Oahu in the foreseeable future.

It is therefore with some regret that I must recommend that the State seriously reexamine the possibility of contributing to the development of a veterans cemetery on

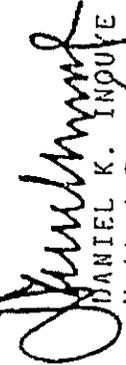
Honorable  
May 2, 1986  
Page 3

Oahu. A plan to this effect, which I believe to be of considerable merit, has been suggested by the Hawaii State Veterans Council, the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration and the proprietors of Hawaiian Memorial Park. Essentially, the proposal calls for the development of a State veterans cemetery on a 203-acre parcel in Kaneohe currently owned by Hawaiian Memorial Park. The parcel could be obtained by the State for the 85 acres of adjacent State land which the Governor had suggested as appropriate for cemetery purposes when the State had determined that the dedication of Diamond Head Crater did not permit consideration for cemetery use. I am told that such an exchange would be beneficial to all concerned given the superior qualities of the larger parcel for an independent veterans cemetery.

If the State agrees to proceed with the project, the Congressional delegation would then attempt to secure federal funds for the construction of the cemetery. Such assistance would be greater than that offered under the current matching grants program, and I believe would have a far greater chance of success than our current efforts to place the entire burden on the federal government.

I continue to believe that the preferred alternative would be a federally developed and maintained facility. However, since this does not appear to be possible, I am certain that we can agree that our State's veterans are deserving of a thorough exploration of reasonable alternative proposals.

Please advise me of your thoughts on this matter.

Aloha,  
  
DANIEL K. INOUÉ  
United States Senator

DKI:bml

JOHN WAIHEE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
P. O. BOX 521  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

FEB 16 1989

RECEIVED FEB 16 1989

WILLIAM W. PATY, CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LIBERT K. LANDGRAF  
DEPUTY

AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM  
AQUATIC RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
CONSERVATION AND  
RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT  
CONVEYANCES  
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
LAND MANAGEMENT  
STATE PARKS  
WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John Henry Felix, President  
Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association  
P. O. Box 1246  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744-1246

Dear Mr. *John* Felix:

Subject: Donation of Land for Addition to Proposed State  
Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, Oahu

This is in further reference to your November 12, 1987 letter (copy attached) informing us that in the event a State Veterans Cemetery is developed on the 89.5 acre parcel of State land in Kaneohe identified as Tax Map Key: 4-5-33:02, the Trustees of Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association will donate approximately twenty-five (25) acres from its adjoining lands for addition to the State cemetery site. You indicate that this 25 acres will be parceled out from the Association's property identified as Tax Map Key: 4-1-33:01 and is to be used for the expressed purpose of providing additional land for internments and the construction of a chapel and related cemetery facilities.

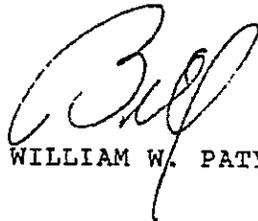
We are happy to inform you that the State has decided upon the Kaneohe site for the State's Veterans Cemetery on Oahu. Accordingly, we would appreciate your providing us with a map delineating the 25 acre portion that will be donated to the State.

We appreciate very much the generous and community-minded gesture of the Trustees in donating this land. We will present this matter to our Board of Land and Natural Resources for review and acceptance upon your delineation of the 25 acre portion.

Mr. John Henry Felix, President  
Page Two

Meanwhile, please call Sojin Serikaku of our Land Management staff at 548-6460 if we can be of any assistance in expediting the land transfer.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM W. PATY

Attachment

cc: Mr. J. Douglas Ing  
Mr. Moses Kealoha  
Major General Alexis Lum -  
Department of Defense  
Mr. Larry Lee - Office of Veterans  
Services

# Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association

"Perpetual Endowed Care"

45-425 Kamehameha Highway • Post Office Box 1246 • Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 • Telephone 247-6675

March 13, 1989

Mr. William Paty, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Donation of Land for Addition to Proposed State Veterans  
Cemetery - Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Paty:

This is to confirm the offer of the Trustees of Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association to donate 25 acres of land, being a portion of Tax Map Key: 4-5-33: 1, as mentioned in your letter of February 10, 1989.

With the donation of the 25 acres, the Trustees are agreeable to donating an additional 8 acres on the easterly side adjacent to the 25-acre parcel. The total 33-acre parcel is outlined in red on the attached map. Under this agreement, Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association retains eight acres of its land (denoted in green) which was considered by the State for veterans cemetery use.

With this confirmation offer, Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association requests consideration be given to realign the roadway easement across the State land as shown on the attached map. This realignment will enable Hawaiian Memorial Park to service its remaining lands and at the same time provide the State favorable access for the development of cemetery plots on both sides of the roadway.

The cost of the access easement improvements is to be borne by Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association, except for that portion of the roadway directly benefiting the State Veterans Cemetery.

We trust that this offer of donated land and proposed access easement improvements meet the objective for implementation of the much needed State Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. William Paty  
March 13, 1989

Please contact us if there are any questions on this matter.

Very truly yours,

*John Henry Felix*  
John Henry Felix  
President

Enclosure

cc: A. Fukushima, Community Planning, Inc.

cc w/encl: Major General Alexis T. Lum  
Major Jerry Matsuda, DOD Engineering  
Board of Trustees, HMPCA

JHF:da

bcc: Don Botelho

# Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association

"Perpetual Endowed Care"

45-425 Kamehameha Highway • Post Office Box 1246 • Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 • Telephone 247-6675

April 26, 1989

Joseph Connant  
Executive Director, HFDC  
7 Waterfront Plaza, Suite 300  
500 Ala Moana Blvd.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention: Mr. Al Ahana  
Project Coordinator

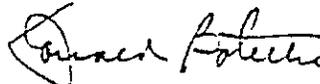
Dear Mr. Connant:

Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery presently holds a revocable permit for the right of entry to HFDC property (TMK 4-5-33:02). This is the 89.5 acre State parcel next to Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery - the proposed site for the State Veterans Cemetery.

We understand that land transfers affecting this property are now in process. We wish to retain the existing right of entry to your property. This would make for a smooth transition while the transfers of land and gifted properties are being processed and consummated.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Donald Botelho  
Executive Vice President

DB:fk

cc: J. H. Felix  
J. Farias, Jr.  
H. Howlett

JOHN WAIHEE  
GOVERNOR



6/2/89  
Info → CC: Felix  
Farias  
Hanks  
JOSEPH K. CONANT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
P. O. BOX 29360  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96820-1760

IN REPLY REFER

TO:

89:DEV/1964B

May 26, 1989

Mr. Donald Botelho  
Executive Vice President  
Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association  
P.O. Box 1246  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Dear Mr. Botelho:

Thank you for your letter dated April 26, 1989, regarding the 89.5 acres of State lands adjacent to the Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, which is the site of the proposed State Veterans Cemetery.

We are informed by the Land Management Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) that an easement is presently being prepared to provide Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Association (HMP) continued access across the 89.5 acre State owned parcel after transfer to the Department of Defense, Office of Veterans Services takes place. Until land transfer is completed and the new easement becomes effective, the DLNR Land Management Division has indicated that they have no objections to your continued entry to the property. Should you require further verification, please contact Mr. Sho Serikaku, DLNR Land Management Division at 548-7517.

Should there be any questions, please contact Mr. Al Ahana, Project Coordinator, at 543-2940.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH K. CONANT  
Executive Director

cc: S. Serikaku, DLNR Land Management  
L. Lee, DOD Office of Veterans Services  
J. Matsuda, DOD Engineering Branch