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August 1, 2017

Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Transportation and Planning

RE: Support for Bill 57 (16)

Aloha Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Bill 57 (16) to update the Ko'olau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan. I am in strong support of the plans to expand Hawaiian Memorial Park so that we have a place to say aloha to our loved ones.

I have a personal connection to the cemetery since it is the resting place of four generations of the Mahukona and Chan Ohana including my great grandfather, Officer David Mahukona, a solo bike officer for the Honolulu Police Department, who died in 1923 in the line of duty. My grandfather, Libert Koko Chan from Hana, and grandmother, Hazel Mahukona Chan from Papakolea, are also buried here along with numerous other family members including my dad's two brothers.

My mom and dad now live with me. My mother has early onset Alzheimers. While most of our ohana now lives on the west side of Oahu because it offered the most affordable choices in housing, we have continued to bury family at Hawaiian Memorial Park – because everyone wants to be together. Four times a year, I take my father to the park to place flowers on the graves. The rest of the family takes turns to make sure that those that have passed are not forgotten.

Hawaiian Memorial has been working Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) for over five years now to address the feral cat population at the park. Like other preservation areas, they also face challenges of feral chickens and pigs. But unlike other areas managed by government and/or private land owners, Hawaiian Memorial has acted responsibly and with compassion to address the problem. They have been strong supporters of our mobile spay/neuter efforts and embraced Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts to reduce the feral cat population which affects the entire community.

Hawaiian Memorial Park and their staff are wonderful stewards to the families resting here and important supporters of our animal welfare efforts. They exude compassion and caring every day. Please look favorably on this bill and support their expansion. If you have any questions, please contact me at [alicia@poidogsandpopoki.org](mailto:alicia@poidogsandpopoki.org).