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Additional Testimony



ALA MOANA-KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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**RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS
TO THE ALA WAI PROMENADE**

WHEREAS, Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ("the Board") formed a Community Action Committee ("the Committee") to develop and promote ideas which could improve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has initially focused on the Ala Wai Promenade, which includes a 0.3-mile walkway along the Mauka side of the canal, between Ala Moana Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue ("the Promenade"); and

WHEREAS, the Committee has observed that the Promenade is perceived to be hidden, unsafe, and neglected; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recently observed graffiti removal, healthier vegetation, and overall improvements to the condition of the Promenade; and

WHEREAS, these improvements show the potential for the Promenade to become a premier public space linking Ala Moana and Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, increased activity along the Promenade waterfront could enhance safety and increase the community benefits from this public space; and

WHEREAS, realizing the full potential of the Promenade will require increased community awareness, leadership, cooperation, and a sustained civic effort; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 urges local government officials and community stakeholders to achieve the following:

1. Restore and maintain irrigation, trees, and landscaping along the Promenade; and
2. Improve the connectivity and accessibility of the Promenade by installing a signalized crosswalk at the Kalakaua Avenue end of the Promenade, and also adding crosswalks to all legs of the intersections at Kalakaua/Kapiolani and Kalakaua/Ala Wai Boulevard;
3. Promote increased activity at the Promenade by identifying festivals, art or tree lighting installations, markets, mobile food/beverage vendors, or other activities that could provide needed amenities and attract users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board and the Committee are authorized to work with local government officials and community stakeholders to promote and advance these ideas.

ADOPTED by the Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, by a unanimous vote of 7-0-0.

RYAN TAM, Chair