

Bill 19 Testimony

MISC. COM. 195

PROTECT OUR ALA WAI WATERSHEDS

April 9, 2020
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Attn. Budget Committee
Re. Amendment to Budget item 19

Amendment description

- Add funding for Other Professional Services (object code 3006) -\$600,000:
- Add funding for Ala Wai Flood Mitigation - PIG Consultant Contract

Protect Our Ala Wai Watersheds (POAWW) is very grateful to the city council PIG, comprised of councilmembers Kobayashi, Fukunaga and Waters for first forming this committee and then taking steps to involve the community and it's valid concerns and comments on the Ala Wai Flood Control project.

They hired Oceanit as their consultant to work with the community. Phase 1, which was gathering of public input thru many small meetings, gradually allowed the great anger and mistrust that had been generated thru the poor handling of the issue by the Army Corps of Engineers and the City & County Department of Design and Construction under Director Robert Kroning, to be changed into constructive commentary and input.

The PIG hired Oceanit to do a Phase 2, further indepth engineering investigation and analysis of the community stakeholder requests and suggestions. By this time ACE had come around and was holding smaller community invents and I saw Oceanit representatives at all the meetings taking notes.

Oceanit also continued to meet with the community at large and its stakeholders and after being supplied with the ACE modeling software and data began to formulate and validate community ideas. Oceanit, thru its engineering staff, also came up with some ideas that were new but in these early phases of exploration are acceptable to the community.

POAWW feels that Oceanit has been very responsive to requests for information and listening to and responding to community input. They are acting as the city representative at the ACE meetings and are as transparent and as accessible to the community as they can be. In all fairness ACE Jeff Herzog and his committee of Cindy Apcal and Jay Gauldz have also done a 180' since the end of last year and seem to be genuine in their desire to hear and incorporate community input.

POAWW would also like to thank CMs Pyne, Tsuneyoshi, Anderson and Menor for meeting with us and hearing our concerns even though this issue did not directly impact their districts.

POAWW requests that Bill 19 be amended per the PIG request

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**Mahalo,
Sidney Lynch
President, POAWW**

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Budget
Agenda Item Bill 19 - amendment: Adding funding for Other Professional Services (object code 3006)-\$600,000. Add funding for Ala Wai Mitigation-PIG Consultant
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No
Written Testimony We support the work done by Oceanit and the PIG did a good job in helping to gather community input for ecosystem restoration and other concerns into the ACE project.
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 19 - Amendment
Your position on the matter Support
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Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I'm a lifelong resident of Hawai'i on O'ahu. I am writing for support of an amendment. Please add funding for other professional services (object code 3006) -\$600,000 in order to add funding for Ala Wai Flood Mitigation - PIG Consultant Contract.

Written
Testimony

I support the work done by Oceanit. I believe that PIG did a great job in helping to gather community input. I believe that this is a good vehicle to funnel community input into ACE project. Oceanit did a good job in collating and communicating community concerns to ACE.

me ke aloha 'āina,
Nanea Lo

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Agenda Item BILL 19 AMENDMENT
Your position on the matter Support
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony
I support this amendment to continue funding Oceanit because they have done a great job so far providing an objective and informed overview of the Ala Wai project. This work needs to continue to make sure that Honolulu gets an Ala Wai flood mitigation project that provides the best possible result for Waikiki, its mauka neighborhoods and the valleys that stream water during storms. Furthermore, the City Council should require the USACE to deliver a project design that has the lowest cost based on REALISTIC LIFE-CYCLE COSTS, and not just construction capital costs. Oceanit can help achieve this critical objective.

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