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To: Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Honolulu City Council
Honorable Members, Honolulu City Council

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Bills: Resolution 06-017 and Proposed 06-017 FD1

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Honorable Members of the City Council:

We write in strong support of Resolution 06-017 and the amended version proposed as Resolution 06-017 FD1, which will approve the court-mediated settlement in the Waimea Valley condemnation case and authorize the City's acquisition of a conservation easement and a public access easement in lieu of a fee-simple interest.

The proposed easements are an appropriate way to protect the public interest in Waimea Valley and are critical to ensuring the full preservation of the Valley. We ask that these easements be as protective as possible, allowing reasonable access while recognizing the need for cultural revitalization and environmental conservation. We also ask the City to share the details of those proposed easements with the community as soon as possible.

We commend the City for following through on its commitment to preserve Waimea Valley and ask that the Council give these measures full support. We appreciate your leadership and contributions to saving Waimea Valley.

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