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City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3005

Honolulu Country Club
1690 Ala Puumalu Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Distinguished Councilmembers,

Re: Salt Lake Waterway Dredging Project

We write in support of Councilmember Cachola's request to include \$2 million in funds in the FY 08-09 budget earmarked (with additional federal funds) for continuation and completion of the vital task of dredging the Salt Lake waterways that began in 2005.

As you know, the Salt Lake waterways serve as the main drainage system for the entire Salt Lake community and the Aliamanu military reservation. Prior to 2005 the waterways had not been dredged in decades, causing them to eventually become blocked to the point that they overflowed their banks and completely flooded the Honolulu Country Club golf course in 2003 and 2004. As you might imagine, the reaction from the surrounding community to the standing, stagnant water was not at all positive, and since the perception was that this was a problem caused by Honolulu Country Club, the Club bore the brunt of complaints from the community.

The dredging begun in 2005 dramatically improved the situation as evidenced by the fact that during the record 44 straight days of rainfall in 2006 little, if any, flooding occurred. We therefore urge you to approve the inclusion of funds necessary to complete this important task to ensure that drainage runoff in the Salt Lake basin remains free flowing and unimpeded in future years.

Thank you for allowing us to express our support of Councilmember Cachola's proposal.

Respectfully,

Gary Brown
Executive Vice President

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