

To the Honolulu City Council

Subject: Budget bill 16 (2009) CD1, referring to the proposed \$120,000 appropriation for Manoa's "Triangle Park"

Budget item: "Plan, design & construct improvements to City owned parcel bounded by Manoa Rd, East Manoa Rd & Gore Way, including landscaping & on street parking along Gore Way." \$120,000.

Testimony from Malama O Manoa:

Chair Apo, Vice-Chair Garcia, and Council Members:

The triangular city-owned plot of land of over an acre at the fork of Mānoa and East Mānoa roads, known locally as Triangle Park, is a major element of the entryway landscape into Mānoa Valley. The park has received minimal attention from the City over the years, perhaps because it is a passive open space. The park's unkempt condition may give visitors driving into Mānoa Valley an incorrect impression of the pride that valley residents take in their neighborhood.

Mālama o Mānoa is a community-based non-profit organization founded in 1992 to promote community; celebrate our cultural diversity and heritage; and preserve, protect and enhance the special qualities of historic Mānoa Valley. Our organization's Parks and Open Space Committee has had preliminary conversations with various City departments about opportunities to jointly steward this area and make it a special place.

Therefore, at its regular meeting on May 13, 2009, Mālama o Mānoa's Board of Directors voted to support Budget Bill 16 (2009) CD1. We look forward to the opportunity to work with the City as together we mālama this historic neighborhood.

Please include the proposed appropriation for Triangle Park in the city budget. Thank you.

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