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To: Committee on Water & Land Senator Loraine Inouye, Chair Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Richard Oshiro

Subject: HCR 47: ENCOURAGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PLAN FOR THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO, AND REVITALIZATION OF HANS L'ORANGE PARK.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, and Committee members, my name is Richard Oshiro and I am a long-time resident of Waipahu. Although I also serve on the Waipahu Neighborhood Board, I am not testifying on its behalf today. I strongly support HCR 47.

Hans L'Orange Park is one of our treasures in Waipahu. As the resolution describes in detail, Hans L'Orange Park has a celebrated past and has served our community well for nearly 100 years. However, it urgently needs to be spruced up to continue serving our community for another 100 years. We need to urge the City and County of Honolulu to start the planning process to revitalize and make the necessary improvements to Hans L'Orange Park,

I ask for your support on this resolution and thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you today.