

April 1, 2022

Attention: Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

CC: Senator Shimabukuro, Representative Gates and City Council member Tupola

Hawaii State Capitol

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Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: Support of SCR88, SD1/SR78, SD1 “URGING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE ON THE WAI‘ANAE COAST AND THE CREATION OF A NEW POLICE DISTRICT FOR WAI‘ANAE THAT IS SEPARATE FROM KAPOLEI AND ‘EWA”.

I strongly endorse & support SCR88 and SR78. I encourage you to explore this testimony and ask that you support this initiative as well.

On January 6th 2021, the Waianae Coast Neighborhood board authored a letter (attached, for your convenience) requesting enhancement of law enforcement along the Waianae Coast that would serve from Nanakuli north-west bound (Nankuli, Waianae proper, Makaha, Kea'au, Waikomo, Mākua, Keawa'ula and Ka'ena) and the potential creation of a 9th policing district.

This letter received unanimous endorsement from the board and directly addresses some of the more prevalent concerns of the community at large in Waianae, who have been actively lobbying for more active and vigorous law enforcement along the Waianae Coast for some time now (attached extracts of historic minutes of multiple meetings of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood board, that highlight this demand).

The letter was addressed to the Mayor (Rick Blangiardi), the prosecuting Attorney (Steve Alm), the Chief of Police at the time (Susan Ballard) and CC'ed the Chair of the Police Commission (Shannon Alivado) and SHOPO.

This matter was also raised to the Police Commission on June 23rd, 2021 and September 1st, 2021.

Even with the constant push by the community for enhanced law enforcement, there has been very little movement in the desired direction, due in large part, to funding deficiency.

Additional funding is imperative to alter the police district structure and secure the staffing and infrastructure required to develop and maintain a 9th policing district, housed in Waianae at the facility that was built in 2016. Additional funding is needed to enhance law enforcement presence and response times along the Waianae Coast.

As of the June 2021 meeting of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board, there were in excess of 11K calls for service the month prior, that is a record number of calls! The need for more police on the Waianae Coast has never been greater!

HPD have actively engaged the community in dialogue since we sent the letter and the neighborhood board even hosted a special meeting for the community to interface with the HPD. Key takeaways from this;

- They mentioned that the HPD had already been considering creating a 9th district, in fact the police substation in Waianae was built for that very purpose. Given the fact that HPD have (of themselves)

identified a need for this, and the fact that the community have requested it, this matter should be receiving some serious attention.

- They freely confided that the current catch and release methodology is contributing to the crime we experience along our coastline, where people are simply not facing prosecution for their offenses and are subsequently released and summarily re-offend. I would like to highlight the fact that lower-level crimes serve as a gateway to more serious and egregious crimes. One of the consequences of a lack of prosecution leaves criminals with a prevailing sense of impunity, this all compounds our challenges.
- According to the Sergeant that attended, district 8 was floating at roughly 78% to 80% staffing capacity and has been for some time, fewer people mean slower response times and will likely also contribute to more overtime.

Finally, it would be hard to quantify the added security and safety of increased policing presence for the general public along the Waianae coast, the issues we encounter are impacting our quality of life directly and as such are in-quantifiable, because they are invaluable. The fact stands; when crime becomes so prevalent that it impacts quality of life, the cost of the crime has exceeded any potential material cost associated with increased law enforcement required to address it.

I ask all engaged parties to support this resolution, in order to create the necessary funding allocations to increase policing presence and facilitate the ultimate creation of a 9th policing district for the Waianae coast.

Thank you for your consideration and taking the time to review this testimony.

Mahalo

Pete Meinster – Resident Makaha



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January 6th, 2021

Attention: Susan Ballard, Honolulu Police Department, Chief of Police, Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of City & County of Honolulu and Steve Alm, Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney.

CC: Shannon L. Alivado, Chair of Honolulu Police Commission, Malcolm F. Lutu, President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO) and the members of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 (WCNB No. 24).

Regarding: WCNB No. 24 request of affirmation/re-affirmation of the respondents' commitment and resolve to enhance enforcement and prosecution of all crime along the Waianae Coast and the continued dedication of resources by the City and County of Honolulu, as necessary to accomplish this task effectively.

Preamble

All laws, statutes, regulations, and ordinances were developed over time to facilitate the effective governance of our society, to set a standard. When that standard is not upheld, one undermines the basis of the rule of law and compromises the effective governance of our society. By allowing a standard to become compromised, one effectively subscribes to a normalization of deviance.

Community experience and response

The community along the Waianae Coast is exposed to and/or witness violations daily. Ranging from reckless endangerment (such as burnouts on roads), vehicle safety & registration issues, vandalism and destruction of public and private property and infrastructure, speeding, jaywalking, littering, loud music, illegal dumping, loitering, illegal fireworks, illegal camping, illegal parking, squatting, substance abuse, theft, unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMV), burglary, etc.

The HPD are, arguably, understaffed and we all understand that they conduct themselves well and perform a valiant effort at managing the situation, given the constraints they operate under. But it is not presenting as a sustainable policing strategy and maintaining the current status quo is not acceptable to the community.

Overall community confidence in enforcement is low, due to slow response times. Staffing density/allocation, which forces triage to the more critical or significant events, and in part, because the public feel there is no point in HPD enforcing something that will not see prosecution.

The addressed officials and our police officers are all public servants, and the public have a need for enhanced enforcement, increased enforcement allocation/density and a commitment to aggressive prosecution of all crime.

Community acknowledgment

The community would like to acknowledge that we share the burden of responsibility for the eradication of crime that originates within our community, this shared kuleana requires enhanced personal responsibility and accountability by the community to remain vigilant, actively observe, record and report any lawless behavior.

No community member or group should ever resort to vigilantism, that introduces risks, increases exposure to possible threats, and invariably results in a failure of due process.

Given that statement, there is a strong sense within our community that community involvement should be more direct and empowered, the community would like to explore options available to enhance community based policing initiatives in a formal, well organized and controlled manner and to empower this group with some form of enforcement authorization, interest ranges from conventional neighborhood watch groups, to a more structured organization that more closely mirrors a community policing group than a neighborhood watch, with some deputized enforcement authority.

This requires more discussion among community members, and we solicit and welcome feedback regarding

challenges we can expect, permissible authority, any instances elsewhere (globally) where community-based policing strategies have yielded positive results and how to make such an implementation a reality.

Strive for holistic solutions for the Waianae coast of 2021 forward

In addition to requesting a formal affirmation/re-affirmation to law enforcement and prosecution along the Waianae Coast, the WCNB No. 24 proposes the following matters for your respective consideration

- 1) We would appreciate receiving a more comprehensive debrief of crime statistics for the Waianae coast than the report we used to get, we have not received any reports since we transitioned to the virtual meeting platform.
 - a. Some of the additional data we request includes (but is not limited to), Crime rate of all crime not just property crimes, number of citations issued within a specified time frame, arrest rate and clearance rate and officer activity that is not necessarily encapsulated in or reflected by the clearance rate.
- 2) We request an evaluation and feedback based on that assessment on opportunities to dedicate more law enforcement officers to district 8, to enhance the law enforcement density and increase presence along the Waianae Coast.
- 3) We request insight into processes the City and County employ to enhance HPD retention and to mitigate direct costs and offset collateral costs associated with attrition; both, attrition due to absence of a competitive wage, and the cost of training new recruits to back-fill the ongoing attrition and what metrics are employed to develop an equitable wage for our existing law enforcement officers.
- 4) As a longer-term solution, we request a commitment from the respondents, to work with us (the WCNB No. 24 and the greater community of Waianae) in the first quarter of 2021, to conduct a cost benefit analysis and to explore the option(s) of splitting patrol district 8 into two smaller, more manageable areas that cover a smaller individual geographic spread.
 - a. The districts cannot be developed solely based on resident density or political/administrative boundaries, one must factor in distance and transportation infrastructure (which affects response time) and enforcement need (which is demonstrable along the Waianae Coast).
 - b. Currently district 8 services the communities of Ewa, Ewa Beach, Westloch, Barbers Point, Kapolei, Makakilo, Campbell Industrial Park, Honokai Hale, Koolina, Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, Makaha, Makua, and Kaena. With the District 8 station located in Kapolei. This is effectively a quarter of the Island of Oahu, when viewed Geographically, yet there are 8 districts total, with 7 spread over the remainder of the island.
 - c. We have an excellent police sub-station in Waianae that could serve a new District station for a potential 9th police district if one were to split the existing 8th district.

Please direct your responses to Board member Pieter Meinster (808-343-3757 | pmeinster@gmail.com) and CC Board Chair Sharlette Poe (808-354-2615 | 96792solutions@gmail.com).

Finally, we would like to invite you to a board meeting in the near future, this will afford everyone an opportunity to engage, observe, discuss and address community concerns regarding these matters and commence the process of community-based policing.

Sincerely
Members of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24.



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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Poe called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was **established with eight (8)** Board members present. Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Calvin Endo, Josiah Jury, Tim Riley, Sharlette Poe, Johnnie-Mae Perry, Joseph Simpliciano, Pieter Meinster, and Tammy Cabral.

Board Members Absent – Kaukaohu Wahilani

Guests: Lieutenant Kent Fernandez, Captain Staton Tanaka, Officer Kurosawa (Honolulu Police Department-HPD), Captain Scot Suiso, Firefighter 3 Nicholas Hayler (Honolulu Fire Department-HFD), Marc Alexander (Executive Director, Office of Housing (HOU) Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), William Aila (Director, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Governor David Ige's Representative), Dennis Drake (US Army Garrison), Chris Sugimoto (Board of Water Supply – BWS), Keahi Renaud (Senator Maile Shimbukuro's Office), Cynthia Rezentes (Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No. 36 – NMNB 36), Ah Ching Poe, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai (Waianae Valley Homestead Community Association – WVHCA), Denice Keliikoa (Valley of the Rainbows), C. Pono Higa (Waianae Ready), Ed Burke (Representative Cedric Gates Office), Momi Kamahale (University of Hawaii Leeward Community College – UHLCC), Laura Kay Rand, Marielle Terbio (Hawaii Foodbank), Michael Eli, Pokii Magallanes, Marsha Robinson, Sharonlee Anderson, Keoki Whitehead, Cathy Alana, Alvin Awo, Stephanie Kawelo, Robin Hermance, Colleen Ganaban, Gerene Tokioka, Robyn Ah Sing, James Manaku Sr., Jo Jordan, Georgie Navarro, Erin Kaneaikala, Christopher Naylon (Residents and Guests), Naomi Hanohano (Neighborhood Assistant).

Pule: Endo led the Pule

Public Safety, Elected City Officials & Community Reports:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Suiso reported the following:

- **July 2019 Statistics:** There were 1 structure fire, 2 wild land/brush fires, 9 nuisance fires and 4 activated alarms (no fire). There were 199 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle collision with pedestrian, 6 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 1 ocean rescue and 2 hazardous material incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip for August 2019 – Grilling Safety** – The following grilling safety tips were provided:
 - Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
 - Grills should be placed away from homes and out from under vegetation.
 - Keep children and pets at least three (3) feet away from the grill.
 - Keep the grill clean and remove grease or fat buildup.
 - Never leave grills unattended.
 - Ensure a gas grill's lid is open before lighting it.
 - Charcoal chimney starters allow people to light charcoal using newspaper.
 - If using starter fluid, only use charcoal starter fluid and never add flammable liquids to fires.
 - Keep charcoal fluid out of children's reach and away from heat sources.
 - Let coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.

Questions, comments, concerns: **Hazardous Material Incident:** Chair Poe asked what type of hazardous materials and where did it happen. HFD noted that he will have to follow up and report back.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Fernandez reported the following:

- **July 2019 Statistics:** There were 52 motor vehicle thefts, 44 burglaries, 172 thefts, and 58 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There was a total of 7099 calls for service.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. **More Breakdown:** Board member Simpliciano noted his concern that District 8 covers such a large area and asked if there could be more of a breakdown of the District so there could be better coverage in Waianae. Fernandez noted that Simpliciano is "preaching to the choir" noting that Captain Tanaka is at this meeting and has been asking for more officers in this area. Fernandez also noted that it is difficult to recruit

new qualified officers but HPD is making an effort to recruit but District 8 is presently filling the beats with officers on overtime.

2. Suggestion: Board member Perry made a suggestion that if HPD arrests someone who seems to be under the influence of drugs and alcohol, take the person to rehab instead of prison.
3. Higher Numbers: Board member Meinster asked what HPD attributes to the higher numbers in July and also asked that if there seems to be a seasonal increase in crime during the summer, does HPD increase staffing seasonally. Fernandez noted there could be many factors especially during the hotter summer months there seems to be more crime or it could simply a single person committing a majority of the crimes. Fernandez noted when he saw the breakdown of the stats, the increase did not seem to be in the Waianae area and also noted that new developments such as the Ka Makana Alii Mall is now included in District 8 stats. Fernandez noted HPD staff remains the same all year round and there are presently over 300 vacancies in the department but despite the shortage the beat officers are doing the best they can with arresting some perpetrators who may have more than 200 prior arrests who continue to be released by the court system.
4. Summer effect: Board member Riley asked if there seems to be an increase in youth perpetrators during the summer break. Fernandez noted that there is not a noticeable increase in youth perpetrators but just in general because more people are out during the summer months in general.
5. Stop Growth: Resident James Manaku noted that District 8 has the best police officers and it would help HPD if there could be some restriction on growth on the Leeward Coast. Manaku also noted that the lifeguards are over worked with the increase of people moving into the area and wants the City to say no to new development in Waianae.
6. Confusing Signs: Resident Poka Laenui noted a problem with conflicting signs along Farrington Highway from Waianae District Park to Waianae High School which states 25 miles per hour (mph) during certain hours and asked "what is the speed limit outside of those hours" and "how many people has been ticketed" and "how many people has appealed those tickets" and "how many tickets has been released" noting his point is that it seems a waste of HPD time and resources to enforce such confusion. Board member Riley noted that the Board had just been informed that the speed limit is 25 mph all the time but during school hours the fine for exceeding the speed limit is higher. Chair Poe noted that the board requested less confusing signs from the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) be installed. Chair Poe noted that the Board is working with HDOT to resolve the issue.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Chris Sugimoto reported:

- Main breaks for July 2019: There was 1 main break on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 85-54 Kaupuni Street.
- General Water Announcements:
 - Summer Water Conservation/Weather-Based Irrigation Controller – The BWS encourages residents to avoid wasting water during hotter months by purchasing an EPA-labeled Weather-Based Irrigation Controller. The controller adjusts watering schedules based on local weather conditions and can allow people to conserve up to 7,600 gallons of water per year. Rebate information is available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com/rebates.
 - Water Emergency Preparedness – Disasters, power outages, and other events can affect BWS' ability to provide water. Residents are encouraged to maintain an emergency preparedness kit containing at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least 14 days. Stay tuned to media reports during emergencies to receive water information bulletins. Additional information is available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com/emergencypreparedness.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Update on Faucet: Board member Jury gave an update on the replacement of the water faucet in the Waianae Kai hunting area by BWS. Jury noted that the installation of the faucet is delayed pending the inspection of a cultural resource person to assure that the location of the piping and placement of the faucet does not harm any cultural or natural resource.
2. Makaha Valley Land Use Lease Update: Board member Jury noted that the land lease has been renewed with the Department of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) to allow hunting in Makaha Valley for protection of the watershed. BWS notified Jury that the land use lease agreement is with DOFAW awaiting their signature to allow hunting in the Valley.
3. Clarity: Resident Pokii Magallanes asked who the cultural resource person is and what are the qualifications needed. Jury noted that he will follow up and report back.
4. Fire Break Spray Concerns: Resident Michael Eli noted his concern with the spraying of the fire break at last month's meeting and since then noted there has been theft and desecration in the area and destruction of his lo'i. Eli asked for action regarding his concern about the destruction of his lo'i and noted that he asked DOFAW representative about the spray who claimed he did not know who did the spraying. Chair Poe asked if Eli got an answer to last month's question regarding what chemical was sprayed. Eli noted that he did not get an answer to that question.
5. Investigation wanted: Resident Cathy Alana asked for an investigation of their computerized system of



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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Poe called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was **established with five (5)** Board members present. Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Calvin Endo, Tim Riley, Sharlette Poe, Johnnie-Mae Perry, Joseph Simpliciano (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Pieter Meinster, and Kaukaohu Wahilani (arrived at 7:00 p.m.).

Board Members Absent – Josiah Jury and Tammy Cabral.

Guests: Lieutenant Kent Fernandez, Captain Stason Tanaka, Officer Kym Johnson (Honolulu Police Department-HPD), Captain Scot Suiso (Honolulu Fire Department-HFD), Marc Alexander (Executive Director, Office of Housing -HOU) Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Victor Flint (Naval Facilities – NAVFAC), William Aila (Director, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Governor David Ige's Representative), Dennis Drake (US Army Garrison), Chris Sugimoto (Board of Water Supply – BWS), Keahi Renaud, Senator Maile Shimabukuro (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's Office), Ed Burke, Benjamin Gates (Representative Cedric Gates Office), CJ Johnson (Department of Transportation Services –DTS), Melva Aila, Richard and Shirley Landford, Michael Eli, Pokii Magallanes, Keoki Whitehead, Cathy Alana, Alvin Awo, Stephanie Kawelo, Robin Hermance, Philip Ganaban, Daniel and Elizabeth Dixon, James Manaku Sr., Jo Jordan, Georgie Navarro, Erin Kaneaikala, Lokana Kelliikoa-Puu, Kilikina Kekumano, Eulogio Mangasar (Residents and Guests), Naomi Hanohano (Neighborhood Assistant).

Pule: Endo led the Pule

Public Safety, Elected City Officials & Community Reports:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Suiso reported the following:

- **August 2019 Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 5 wild land/brush fires, 11 nuisance fires and 1 activated alarm (no fire). There were 230 medical calls, 2 motor vehicle collision with pedestrian, 6 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 2 mountain rescues, 1 ocean rescue and 1 hazardous material incident.
- **Fire Safety Tip for September 2019: Guidelines for senior citizens:**
 - Always call 911 in an emergency
 - Have a list of medications and your medical history ready
 - Know where your advanced directives are (Comfort Care only-Do not resuscitate, Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, etc..)
 - Do you live alone? Endure there is adequate access to reach you
 - Ensure your address is clearly marked and easy to see.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. **Hazardous Material Incident:** Board member Meinster asked what type of hazardous material and where did it happen. Captain Suiso noted that the hazardous material incident in August was a minor Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) leak that was reported by a neighboring business. Captain Suiso noted that he did not have information on the July 2019 hazardous material incidents. Chair Poe noted that she did receive that information from HFD after last month's meeting.
2. **230 Medicals:** Board member Endo noted that 230 medical incidents is a lot and asked if the speed humps on Farrington Highway affects EMS and HFD response time. Captain Suiso noted that the humps do slow down their response time by a few minutes.
3. **More Visibility:** Board member Perry asked if better marking of the speed humps for better visibility would help HFD when they are responding to calls. Captain Suiso noted that more visibility would help.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Fernandez reported the following Waianae statistics:

- **August 2019 Statistics:** There were 9 motor vehicle thefts, 12 burglaries, 62 thefts, and 17 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There was a total of 7099 calls for service.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. **Attempted Murder:** Board member Riley asked if there was any update available regarding the attempted murder incident. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that he does not have any information about that incident.
2. **HPD Recruiting:** Board member Meinster asked about the HPD recruiting effort and if the wages are

competitive. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that HPD now has their own hiring process and they did actively recruit at the Hire Leeward Job Fair. Lieutenant Fernandez did note that wages are competitive but also noted that mainland recruiters are coming to Honolulu and has been successful in getting some HPD officers to relocate due to higher wages and lower cost of living. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that it is much more difficult to be a police officer today due to the use of social media.

3. Streamlining: Board member Perry noted that streamlining of the application process could help in getting more recruits. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that HPD has streamlined the process for applicants but still needs to be stringent to get quality officers.
4. Speed Hump Concern: Resident James Manaku noted his concern about the speed humps on Farrington Highway on first responders. Chair Poe noted that the concern could be brought up in the transportation committee meeting.
5. Reflective Paint: Lieutenant Fernandez requested that the speed humps be painted with reflective paint.

6:45 P.M. Board member SImpliciano arrived. There are now six (6) Board members in attendance.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Chris Sugimoto reported:

- Main breaks for August 2019: The report was not available as of tonight, Sugimoto will report at the October 2019 Waianae Neighborhood Board meeting.
- Follow up from August 2019:
 - Cultural Expert Question: BWS does have a Cultural Expert who has a high level of understanding in the Native Hawaiian Culture. The BWS Cultural Liaison also works with other Native Hawaiian Groups in the community.
 - Water Bill Concern: BWS Customer Care representatives have reached out to Resident Alana regarding her water bill concern and has assisted her to resolve her concerns.
- General Water Announcements: 2019-2020 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule: The BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden continue to offer workshops. The xeriscape workshop schedule features new and popular workshops that offer useful tips on how to maintain a beautiful and water-efficient garden. These are on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year. Workshops begin at 10:30 a.m. and advanced registration is required. Call 748-5315 or email workshops@hbws.org to reserve space. Visit our website www.boardofwatersupply.com to check out the full list of classes offered. The Halawa Xeriscape Garden remains open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents are welcomed to drop by to see dozens of attractive and less-thirsty plants on display, as well as pick up a complimentary seed packet. Provided this evening is a flyer containing information about the current workshop schedule at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. Upcoming workshops include:
 - Saturday, September 21, 2019: Backyard Composting Nature's Recycling
 - Saturday, September 28, 2019: Fancy Funnels
 - Saturday, October 5, 2019: Economical Aquaponics
 - Saturday, October 12 2019: Paint in the Garden: Bamboo
- Water Emergency Preparedness: Natural disasters, power outages, or other unexpected events can affect the BWS's ability to provide water service to the community. September is National Preparedness Month, and serves as an important reminder to have an emergency preparedness kit available for your household. One (1) crucial component of your preparedness kit is a safe drinking water supply. Residents should store at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least five (5) to seven (7) days. Also, in the event of an emergency, it is very important to stay tuned to media reports to receive water information bulletins and take any appropriate actions announced by the BWS or other emergency response agencies. More information about water emergency preparedness, including a how-to video demonstrating how best to store drinking water in your home, is available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com/emergencypreparedness. To receive emergency alerts via email or text message, consider subscribing to the BWS at HNL.info.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Percentage: Board member Feliciano asked what percentage of water is taken by BWS from the Waianae Mountains and what percentage is allowed to go back into the streams in Waianae noting the many dry streams in the area. Sugimoto noted he will take the question back for an answer.
2. Thanks: Resident Manaku thanked BWS for fixing the road at Weidman Street.
3. Another Thanks: Resident Cathie Alana also thanked BWS for their assistance in resolving her billing issue. Alana noted an accident near her home that could have possibly damaged a BWS main and asked Sugimoto to look into it.
4. Water Spigot: Resident Pokii Magallanes requested BWS reach out to the local area Ohana regarding the replacement of the water spigot noting that he feels the BWS Cultural Expert may not be qualified.

7:00 p.m. Board member Wahilani arrived. There are now seven (7) Board members in attendance.



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Pule: Endo led the Pule

Public Safety, Elected City Officials & Community Reports:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Suiso reported the following:

- **October 2019 Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 2 wild land/brush fires, 7 nuisance fires, 1 cooking fire and 6 activated alarm (no fire). There were 213 medical calls, 3 motor vehicle crash/collisions, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- **Safety Tip for November 2019:** Thanksgiving Cooking Safety
Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for home cooking fires followed by Christmas Eve, Day and Thanksgiving Eve. In 2016, US fire departments responded to an estimated 1570 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day. Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor is cooking fires and fire deaths. Cooking equipment was involved in almost half of all reported home fires and injuries and is the second leading cause of home fire deaths. Since Thanksgiving dinner is the highlights of this holiday, fire safety in the kitchen is a big concern. Here are some Thanksgiving fire safety tips:
 - Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking. Do not leave the stove unattended.
 - Set a timer as a reminder to check on the food being cooked.
 - The HFD discourages the use of outdoor, gas fueled turkey fryers which can lead to devastating burns, destruction of property and other injuries.
 - Keep children and pets at least three (3) feet away from the cooking area.
 - If there is any doubt about extinguishing a small fire, get out of the house and call 911. Close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. **Hazmat Incident:** Board member Meinster asked and Captain Suiso noted that the hazardous material was a LP gas leak.
2. **Fire Update:** Board member Wahilani asked and Captain Suiso noted that the August 2018 fire investigation was inconclusive.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Fernandez and Captain Tanaka reported the following Waianae statistics:

- **October 2019 Statistics:** There were 13 motor vehicle thefts, 11 burglaries, 62 thefts, and 13 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There was a total of 2298 calls for service for Waianae.
- **Waianae Coast Emergency Access Route (WCEAR) Update:** Captain Tanaka noted that many community

members' wants to use the WCEAR including HPD which also gets stuck in the same traffic when there is an incident but there are a lot of issues to be resolved prior to using the road which may not be obvious to the general public but these issues need to be answered by other agencies. Captain Tanaka noted that HPD wants to use an abundance of caution prior to allowing drivers to use the WCEAR because of the unresolved issues.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Fire Update: Board member Wahilani asked and Lieutenant Fernandez noted there is no new information regarding the August 2018 fire.
2. Community Help: Board member Meinster asked how the community can help to secure and retain new officers. Captain Tanaka noted that it is tough to be a new officer so it would help if the community show Aloha to the rookies while they are out in the public so they do not quit in their first couple of years. Captain Tanaka noted that District 8 is a tough district and the officers are trying their best.
3. Transportation: Chair Poe noted that she will ask the Transportation Committee to keep the WCEAR on their agenda because there will be more questions that needs to be answered.
4. More Break Down Wanted: Resident Samson Kama asked if HPD could break down the statistics more for each area such as Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae and Makaha. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that the statistics is Board specific.
5. Homeless Concern: A resident noted her concern with a homeless man sitting by their Canoe Halau which had poor hygiene and health and questioned what would have been the best thing to do to assist this person. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that most people would want to call 911 but if someone is not committing a crime there is not much that HPD can do besides offer to call social services but if the individual refuses no one can force services on anyone. Lieutenant Fernandez also noted that HPD's responsibility is enforcing criminal law but now many of the 911 calls is for homeless and other social issues which the patrol officers are not trained to handle. There is the Community Policing Team (CPT) which are equipped to handle these types of situations but calling 911 will get you a patrol officer. Lieutenant Fernandez stressed that being homeless is not criminal.
6. Pokai Bay Street: Resident Sue Carpenter asked how Stored Property Ordinances (SPO) are scheduled noting the problem with homeless encampments along Pokai Bay Street. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that as a patrol lieutenant he would not have that information. Captain Tanaka noted what SPOs are and how they are done. Captain Tanaka also noted that HPD does not schedule SPOs but his CPT Supervisor sits down with other agencies that participates in the SPOs such as the Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and others as needed. HPD can recommend an area that may be in need but many SPOs are complaint driven and the other agencies will make the determination. Captain Tanaka noted that sometimes HPD wants to recommend a certain area to be done but its job at an SPO is to issue citations and keep the area and personnel safe. Captain Tanaka also noted that many times right after an SPO is done, the homeless immediately returns.
7. Needs Coordination: Board member Meinster noted that coordination is needed between multiple departments to prevent the homeless from immediately returning. Chair Poe noted that coordination is also needed with the WCEAR problem because so many agencies are involved with that project also. Captain Tanaka noted that HPD also gets frustrated citing a request to DFM to cut down kiawe bushes which the homeless is living in from the beaches to make the area safer for officers to patrol but the bushes are still there.
8. Locations Wanted: Resident Napua asked if HPD is able to break down the statistics to the location of the crime and is HPD able to show an increase or decrease of certain crimes. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that anyone can go to honolulu.hpd.org website and look at their crime mapping app.
9. Training Needed: Haleiwa resident TJ Cuarisma thanked HPD for their assistance with checking on her dad who lives in Waianae for her recently when she was unable to do so herself. Cuarisma wanted to suggest that new officer training also includes ethnic sensitivity or diversity training such as the military provides to personnel new to the islands. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that new officers do get some diversity training at the academy but noted that the local born officers should take responsibility to teach their culture and make the rookies more culturally aware. Lieutenant Fernandez noted that many District 8 officers do come from the Leeward Coast and HPD works hard to retain the local officers.
10. Thanks to HPD: Resident Cathie Alana thanked HPD for their quick response to assist a resident with a walker who had difficulty walking to a bus stop. Alana also thanked community members for their assistance.
11. More Presence Needed: A resident noted that he resides in the area between Kea'au and Makua which has a problem with many different vehicles speeding along the highway noting a few incidents where people were hurt or killed. The resident noted that more police presence is needed to address the speeding problem and help to prevent the homeless and squatters from returning to the area where an SPO was recently done. Captain Tanaka read some statistics from the recent SPO at Keaau and Waikomos and noted that HPD cannot stay in one area but reminded the community to drive safe.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Chris Sugimoto reported:

- Main breaks for October 2019: There was one (1) main break at 86-233 Kawili Street on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.



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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Poe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was **established with seven (7)** Board members present. Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Tammy Cabral, Calvin Endo (Arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Josiah Jury, Pieter Meinster, Johnnie-Mae Perry, Sharlette Poe, Tim Riley, and Kaukaohu Wahilani.

Board Members Absent: Joseph Simpliciano.

Guests: Lauren Chamberlain, Nico Lopez (Hawaii Marine Animal Response); Rick Turner, James Sheenan, Shaun Curry (U.S. Army Garrison); Councilmember Andria Tupola, Louis Galdeira (Councilmember Tupola's Office); Patrice Tanna, Senator Maile Shimabukuro (Senator Shimabukuro's Office); Representative Cedric Gates; Lokana Keliikoa-Pua, Kapela Eli, Linda Jury, Anela Inez, James Crowell, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai (Residents); Lindon Valenciano (Neighborhood Assistant) were among the 40 plus in attendance virtually.

Pule: Jury led the Pule.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): No representative was present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): No representative was present.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of Tuesday, December 1 2020 Minutes: **Meinster MOVED and Perry SECONDED the Motion to approve the Tuesday, December 1, 2020 regular meeting minutes with amendments.**

Amendments: Page 2 Refuse Service: – Strike out “Meinster noted that there are those who refuse service and he opposes it because it only enables the homeless.” and replace with “Meinster added that only half of the homeless people engaged in the services offered after the Keaau Beach clean-up. He noted that he does blindly support projects without soliciting opinion and conducting appropriate community outreach. Meinster requested testimonials from neighboring properties to existing project houses because these projects will enable a sense of entitlement, when not managed appropriately, at taxpayers’ expense and impacting neighboring residences directly.”

The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 7-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; **Nay:** none; **Abstain:** none).

Approval of Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Agenda: **Perry MOVED and Meinster SECONDED to approve the Tuesday, January 5, 2021 agenda with amendments.** Discussion followed:

- **Enforcement Letter:** Meinster requested to amend the agenda to reflect enforcement letter and add agenda item 4.11 under Board Business.

The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 7-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; **Nay:** none; **Abstain:** none).

Treasurer's Report: There is a remaining balance of \$624.01

Hawaii Marine Animal Response: Lauren Chamberlain and Nico Lopez provided an overview of the Hawaii Marine Animal Response and their mission, which is to prevent human interaction with marine wildlife, respond to injured animals, restore habitat, and educate people. Please call their hotline at 888-256-9840 to report Monk Seal sightings, injured turtles and seabirds, and if anyone is harassing marine animals. If possible, picture and video of the harassing and/or license plate can help enforce the violators.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. **Good Intentions:** Meinster noted to call the Hawaii Marine Animal Response because you could be doing more harm than good to the animals, even though you may have good intentions.
2. **Cultural Liaison:** Nico added that he is the cultural liaison for the organization to ensure that cultural practitioners all over the State has priority and he is looking for a practitioner to represent West Oahu.

Endo entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; eight (8) members present.

Parks, Land, Natural Resources and Agriculture (PLNRA) Waianae Mountain Range Wildlife Management Plan: Jury introduced and summarized the resolution. PLNRA, the Waianae Hunting Association, and Game Management Advisory Commission has been working on a resolution requesting that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) expedite the completion of the Waianae Mountain Range Wildlife Management Plan with regular transparent updates and input with Waianae Neighborhood Board. It is necessary to insure the sustainable yield of the goat population and identify with multiple scientific data the impacts on the natural and cultural resources. Discussion followed:

- Support: Perry thanked the group for moving the resolution forward and noted her support.
- Well-Written: Endo noted that the resolution was very well written.
- Corrections: Chair Poe noted some grammatical that needed to be corrected.

Riley MOVED and Wahilani SECONDED the Motion to adopt the Waianae Mountain Range Wildlife Management Plan Resolution with Corrections. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 8-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Endo, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

PLNRA Kaupuni Neighborhood Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Release Request Resolution: Jury introduced and summarized the resolution. Kaupuni Park is highly-used, is in dire need of work, and a lot of collaborative work was put in for the fund allocation. The resolution requests that the Mayor release the \$1 million appropriated for Kaupuni Neighborhood Park improvements that City Council passed the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. Discussion followed:

- Graffiti: Perry noted her support because of the vandalism and requested for a protective apparatus.
- Funds: Wahilani noted that under the Hawaiian Homestead Act, the CIP funds are still there.
- Efforts: Perry recognized Jo Jordan for being instrumental in supporting the Waianae Valley Homestead.
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: Riley noted this support, but must act fast because there could be a way to use CARES Act funds.
- Copy Request: Meinster noted that Councilmember Tupola requested a copy in chat.
- Correction: Chair Poe requested that "in this order" be removed under the 5th paragraph.
- Hunters: Resident Anela Inez supports the hunters because they know what is best for the ahupuaa.
- Overdue: Resident Lokana Keliikoa-Pua urged that the community support Kaupuni Park because it is long overdue and the park is a focal point. Resident Kapela Eli reiterated that the park needed improvements since they were little and urged for support.
- Letter: Resident Linda Jury reported that they will be sending in a letter to the newly appointed officials to release the funds allocated for Kaupuni Park.
- Area Usage: Chair Poe noted that more than just the homestead uses the park, it is used as an emergency area for the whole area even though it is not an evacuation shelter.

Riley MOVED and Wahilani SECONDED the Motion to adopt the Kaupuni Neighborhood Park CIP Release Request Resolution with Corrections. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 8-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Endo, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

PLNRA Resolution Requesting for the Protection and Preservation of Kea _____: Jury introduced and summarized the resolution. The resolution asks that the City local governmental agencies be held accountable for completing the Stored Property Ordinances (SPO) and waste removal to ensure public and environmental safety. It asks that action be taken to prevent further environmental desecration at Keaau and Waikomo Beaches such as adding barricades and signage to deter beach driving and illegal dumping. Discussion followed:

- Community: Perry thanked those for their efforts with the beach clean-up because it shows that the community cares and is taking control the community.
- Night Park: Meinster suggested that the bullet beginning with "Implementation of night park..." be removed from the 5th paragraph from the bottom. It can be visited at a later stage after the City has a handle on their night park monitoring. Jury appreciated the feedback, noting that the intent is not to restrict use but rather deter those from breaking the law by using permits. Perry suggested that the resolution be adopted as written if they feel that the work already put in would hold more weight.
- Stewardship Clarification: Chair Poe inquired and Resident Stacey replied that regarding stewardship, they are asking that the City be held accountable or take action for City land like Waikomo Beach to be addressed. Chair Poe suggested that formal stewardship be clearly defined for accountability. Perry noted that adopting an area like a park or beach is an option.
- Citizen Citation: Resident Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai suggested special training or citizen citation so violators can be held accountable and Chair Poe noted exploring community partnerships. Wahilani noted that it is a good idea and could be in another resolution.

- **Corrections:** Perry suggested that the resolution be tabled to implement the corrections. Meinster noted that the resolution is great and suggested that "implementation" be changed to "evaluation" for his suggestion earlier. Jury applied the change to "evaluation" and "formal stewardship" be clarified.

Meinster MOVED and Riley SECONDED the Motion to adopt the Resolution Requesting for the Protection

CONSENT; 8-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Endo, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; **Nay:** none; **Abstain:** none).

Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (BEDT) recommendation to move to quarterly meetings from January 2021: Chair Poe notified the Board and the community that the BEDT will meet quarterly instead of monthly because attendance has dropped, however they will be prepared to meet as circumstances arises. The next meeting after the January 2021 meeting will be in April 2021. Discussion followed: **Topics:** Perry inquired and Chair Poe replied that the BEDT Committee discusses resiliency, economic development by engaging with small business owners and entrepreneurs, and managing tourism. Perry inquired and Chair Poe replied that the Nanakuli 1 landfill would be a Housing and Development Committee discussion.

Letter to appropriate City entities from the Waianae Neighborhood Board #24 reaffirming its commitment to support and uphold the parts of Sections 2.3.2, 2.3.3, and 2.3.4 of our Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan that speak to the restriction and limitations of development: Chair Poe introduced and read the resolution, suggesting that the letter be sent to State official as well. She noted that the letter reaffirms their commitment to not permit further development encroachment makai of Farrington Highway in our Coastal Lands areas and no development (of any kind) north of Kepuhi Point.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. **Support:** Perry thanked the group for moving the resolution forward and noted her support.
2. **Well-Written:** Endo noted that the resolution was very well written.
3. **Corrections:** Chair Poe noted some grammatical that needed to be corrected.

Perry MOVED and Meinster SECONDED the Motion to adopt the Letter to appropriate City entities from the Waianae Neighborhood Board #24 reaffirming its commitment to support and uphold the parts of Sections 2.3.2, 2.3.3, and 2.3.4 of our Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan that speak to the restriction and limitations of development. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 8-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Endo, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; **Nay:** none; **Abstain:** none).

Increased break-ins, thefts and damages at our Parks facilities: Chair Poe reported that a number of parks in the community was broken into and items were stolen that impact after-school and summer programs especially with the budget trouble during the pandemic. She urged that the community step up, promoted awareness, and educate each other to prevent break-ins and damage to public facilities.

Law Enforcement Letter: Meinster introduced and provided a brief background of the letter. The intent is to get reaffirmation to resolve our current situation where crime will be actively enforced and prosecuted because no action leads to normalizing a state a deviance. They are requesting a dialogue and debrief of crime statistics, an evaluation to dedicate more officers in District 8, enhancing HPD retention, and split the District 8 into 2 separate districts with the Waianae substation to be a primary station. Discussion followed:

- **Ambitious:** Perry noted that the letter is ambitious letter and HPD would have retained officers a long time ago if they could. She has suggested a police academy or program in high schools.
- **Community Contribution:** Wahilani suggested and Meinster replied that the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) coordinate with the Community Policing Team (CPT), however the community needs to do the work and patrol. Chair Poe noted that the community needs to be involved and contribute their efforts. Cabral agreed and noted that the community needs to be more educated because it is detrimental to the community. Chair Poe noted finding a balance between enforcement and community action.
- **Input:** Meinster noted that the requests are evaluation-based, however he wants to see what the decision making is so that the community can provide their input. Jury reiterated that they want to see the data and have transparency for the Board to make sound decisions.
- **Action:** Resident Keliikoa-Kamai noted that action is needed rather than just watching and she noted her support for starting police programs early. Meinster agreed that a more proactive team is needed. Resident Inez that crime would decrease if the community got together and looked out for one another.

Poe MOVED and Riley SECONDED the Motion to Adopt the Law Enforcement Letter. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 8-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Endo, Jury, Meinster, Perry, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; **Nay:** none; **Abstain:** none).

Elected City Officials & Community Reports:

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Chair Poe noted that she received BWS report and reported that Bodell Construction will installing a 24-inch main water line at 87-195 Hakimo Road from Monday, January 18, 2021 through Sunday, March 7, 2021 for 24 hours a day.



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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Poe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was **established with seven (7)** Board members present. Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Tammy Cabral, Calvin Endo, Josiah Jury, Pieter Meinster, Sharlette Poe, Joseph Simpliciano and Kaukaohu Wahilani.

Board Members Absent: Johnnie-Mae Perry and Tim Riley.

Guests: Rick Turner, James Sheenan, Shaun Curry (U.S. Army Garrison); Councilmember Andria Tupola, Louis Galdeira (Councilmember Tupola's Office); William Aila (Governor Ige's Representative); Patrice Tanna, Senator Maile Shimabukuro (Senator Shimabukuro's Office); Jimmy Hamada (Representative Cedric Gates Office); Linda Jury, Anela Inez, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, Cynthia Rezendes, James Pakele, Jan Makepa, Linda Reeve, Lena Suzuki (Residents); Lindon Valenciano (Neighborhood Assistant) were among the 50 plus in attendance virtually.

Pule: Endo led the Pule.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): No representative was present; Chair Poe shared the following:

- **January 2021:** There were 7 structure fires, 10 wildland/brush fires, 13 nuisance fires, 2 cooking fires, 4 nuisance fires, 137 medical, 1 motor vehicle crash/collision, 1 ocean rescue, and 1 hazardous materials (hazmat).
- **Safety Tips:** 911 safety tips was provided.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. **Vehicle:** Wahilani inquired and Chair Poe replied that there was nothing about vehicle fires, only the crash/collision.
2. **Hazmat:** Meinster requested that HFD include the cause of the hazmat incidents in their report.
3. **Removal:** Simpliciano inquired about the turnaround time for removing burnt vehicles on beaches.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): No representative present; Meinster shared the following: **July 2020:** There were 10 motor vehicle thefts, 16 burglaries, 156 thefts, and 15 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle, and 2832 total calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. **Trend:** Meinster noted that the report is outdated, but there was an increasing trend from February 2020.
2. **Other Statistics:** Resident Linda Jury requested the crime statistics for other neighborhoods if Waianae is overwhelmed. Chair Poe shared the HPD's Nanakuli report.
3. **Action:** Endo reported that action occurs faster when he provides a picture on the website.
4. **Total Calls:** Jury inquired and Chair Poe clarified that the report includes all calls for District 8.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Minutes: **Item was deferred to next regular meeting.**

Approval of Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Agenda: **Meinster MOVED and Wahilani SECONDED to approve the Tuesday, January 5, 2021 as written. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 7-0-0 (Aye: Cabral, Endo, Jury, Meinster, Poe, Simpliciano, Wahilani; Nay: none; Abstain: none).**

Treasurer's Report: **Item was deferred to next regular meeting.**

Landfill- Nanakuli 1 (Uka up Waianae Valley Road into Piliuka): Chair Poe shared a brief background of the project, noting that the topic is on the agenda as a place for discussion.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. **Update:** Resident Cynthia Rezendes provided an update, noting that Nanakuli 1 was 1 of 11 locations studied as the potential landfill. The study determined that only 4 locations fit the bill and Nanakuli 1 was not one of them, however they could still be up for consideration.
2. **Map:** Meinster provided a map of the locations considered for the landfill and raised concerns regarding the



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Re: **SCR 88 SD1, SR78 SD1-Urging The Honolulu Police Department To Allocate Additional Resources To Increase Police Presence On The Waianae Coast And To Create A New Police District For Waianae That Is Separate From Kapolei And Ewa**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith Agaran, and Honorable Committee members:

I serve as the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO") and write to you on behalf of our Union in **strong support** of SCR 88 SD1 and SR 78 SD1 which calls for the creation of a new police district on the Leeward side to provide "adequate police services" to the Leeward communities.

While we strongly support the creation of a new district to police the Waianae area, the resolution does not address how we are expected to staff a newly created district with officers given the severe staffing crisis we are in. As a union, we would like to know how we are supposed to fill a new district with warm body officers and respond to the urging of "an increase in staffing and resources" when we cannot fill the districts, sectors and beats that already exist.

The resolution correctly acknowledges that "increased staffing and resources" are needed to serve the Waianae area. The resolution also refers to District 8 as having the highest number of murders and aggravated assaults in 2020. Having a high crime rate in an area with an inadequate staffing of officers is not coincidental. It is the direct result of not having as sufficient number of officers policing the district, however, it is impossible to staff an area if we simply do not have enough police officers. This problem will be compounded by the Law Enforcement Standards Board that will make it that much more difficult to recruit and retain officers in the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD").

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The recent broad daylight shootout and gun fight in a Waianae neighborhood that left one person dead and another wounded by gun fire is something we should not have to accept or normalize. The people who reside on the Leeward Coast deserve better. But these constant calls to defund the police and putting into place various new boards to make people feel something positive is being done is pure window dressing. We need more police officers in uniform patrolling our neighborhoods and streets to deter and stop crime from happening in the first instance and when they do occur we are able to respond quickly and in sufficient numbers to protect life and property. That is basic policing that is lacking in many of our community areas including Waianae, Nanakuli, Makaha and Maili where many of our police officers were raised and continue to live with their families.

You will recall that former Chief Susan Ballard publicly stated in 2018 and 2019 that HPD was cutting services including the investigation of certain **felony** crimes. She announced to you and the rest of the public that certain reported crimes would simply not be investigated because of the lack of officers. The criminals are smart and know this. This is 2022 and the staffing crisis is worse and the criminals know that. Turnover is constant, new recruits enlist and then cannot make it through our training or they graduate and soon leave for other jurisdictions that offer higher compensation and take our training with them. Our most experienced officers who are eligible to retire get out as soon as they can. The officers who continue to work are fatigued and burned out working excessive hours.

The local residents and business owners of the Leeward Coast have been desperate for a greater police presence for years but it has fallen on deaf ears because nothing productive has been done to increase the number of police officers in District 8 to provide those residents with the level of police protection they deserve. Instead of helping us find ways to recruit and retain officers, we have seen our compensation rates fall substantially behind similarly sized jurisdictions, our retirement benefits slashed by the legislature, and we have been working without a contract for almost a year creating an atmosphere of instability and anxiety. Our current pay and reduced retirement benefits do not attract a sufficient number of qualified recruits, the attrition rate at the police academy is staggering and shocking, and those who are eligible to retire are exiting at the first opportunity. We are in the midst of a staffing crisis yet this resolution calls for an expansion of police services and greater police presence and protection without offering any real world solutions on how to make this all happen. You simply cannot have your cake and eat it too.

As far as our union is concerned, the residents and business owners in Waianae deserve the same level of police service, presence, and protection as those who live in Kahala and Hawaii Kai. It should be no less of a priority to maintain their safety and to protect the property and

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possessions of those who live and work in Waianae than areas that have higher real estate values and income levels. Moreover, the residents and business owners did not only recently call for a greater police presence as the resolution seems to infer. They have been crying out for greater police protection for years, but shamefully no one has responded with any substance. The simple fact is we do not have enough officers to adequately protect the residents of Waianae and other areas, and have made this known for a long time but the situation remains the same. HPD's hierarchy seems more concerned about saving overtime funds and returning the unspent funds to the City council rather than spending it on protecting the citizens of Waianae and other neighborhoods that require greater police protection. Your resolution urges an increase in staffing for the Waianae Coast but again I have to ask you, where do you propose we get the officers from? Please tell us how we are going to staff a new district when we cannot fully staff our current districts. While we certainly support the intent of this resolution, we wish this honorable body would do more to provide substantive support for our officers instead of working earnestly to pass legislation that creates additional and unnecessary certifications and standards that discourages rather than encourages people from joining the police department.

We thank you for allowing us to be heard and to share our concerns on this resolution and hope your committee will also offer concrete and specific solutions to address and mitigate the shortage of police officers so that we can provide the necessary level of police protection to the residents and businesses of Waianae and other communities.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT "BOBBY" CAVACO
SHOPO President

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Dear legislature,

As a safety coordinator of Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch located in Kalihi, I strongly support this resolution to request additional HPD presence and additional staffing & resources for the Waianae Cost Community Policing Team.

It is important to maintain the safety of residents, business owners, workers & patrons as well as protect their property and possessions. Crimes such as drug dealing, illegal gambling, robbery arson, vandalism, theft and burglary are plaguing our neighborhoods & communities.

Increasing the visible presence of uniformed police officers would improve public safety by deterring criminal activity as well as providing more immediate assistance to victims once a crime has been committed.

Increased police presence will ensure domestic tranquility for the people and that tourists are not dissuaded from visiting these beautiful places on Hawaii.

Blessings,
Zhizi Xiong

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Comments:

I totally support SCR88 SD1 DUE TO THE ENORMOUS DEVELOPMENT OF WAIANAE COAST AND UNCONTROLLABLE INCREASE IN CRIME.