



WAHIAWĀ-WHITMORE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26

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**WAHIAWA -WHITMORE VILLAGE  
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

**RESOLUTION**

**ASKING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DENY AND  
REVOKE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS OF KAUKONAHUA RANCH, LLC'S  
KAMANANUI PROJECT ON THE SLOPES OF  
THE WAI'ANAE MOUNTAINS IN THE MOKU OF WAIALUA**

WHEREAS, the Wai'anae mountains form the western border of the Waialua Moku with Mauna Ka'ala being the highest elevation, one of the most significant wao akua (dwelling place of the gods and deities) on O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Ka'ala as well as the other mountain peaks in the Wai'anae mountain range, are sacred to kānaka maoli and play a significant role in the mo'olelo and oli of the Hawai'ian people; and

WHEREAS, the Wai'anae mountain range is home to many endangered species including, but not limited to the kōlī'i blooms, 'ape'ape, 'ohi'a lehua, 'olapa, hapu'u, kanawao, 'apapane, pue'o (Hawaiian short-eared owl), 'ōpe'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat), kāhuli (Hawaiian snail), ua'u (Hawaiian petrel) and that these habitats have been eroded and taken away; and

WHEREAS, the local communities most affected have serious concerns regarding the potential negative impacts to endangered organisms and ecosystems, culturally significant landscapes and the misuse of agricultural lands which should be properly utilized to feed our communities; and

WHEREAS, our rural communities, are in a STATE OF CRISIS due to the continuing pressures on our infrastructure; including our roadways, our sewage systems, our beach parks, and our ecosystems that are at an unsustainable tipping point which adversely affects the health, safety and well-being of our communities which adversely affect the health, safety, and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, this proposed visitor center would be located on one of the most dangerous stretches of Kaukonahua Road, which is considered one of the most dangerous roads on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting received an application to modify the original Conditional Use Permit, Minor, approved in the 2019 Kaukonahua Ranch LLC's Kamananui Project, and these modifications will severely and negatively impact the Wai'anae mountain range as well as the lifestyle of our local families and communities, allowing tourist activities to be the primary use of the land, rather than agricultural use as zoned; and

WHEREAS, these modifications will permanently desecrate the cultural importance of the Area as well as harm and permanently deplete the natural environment; and

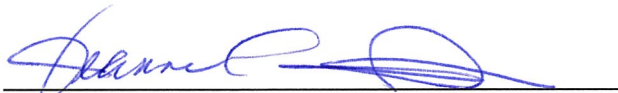
WHEREAS, these modifications serve no beneficial purpose to our communities, rather, they further exploit and commercialize agricultural lands meant to provide locally grown food for our families, not profits for foreigners to further commercialize our natural environment and take money out of our communities; and

WHEREAS, these modifications clearly do not fall within the guidelines of a Minor Permit by the scope and breadth of impact on the land; and

WHEREAS, no proper archaeological and cultural surveys have been conducted, no proper traffic studies have been conducted, no proper environmental studies have been conducted, and no proper community outreach have been conducted; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26 respectfully request the Department of Planning and Permitting deny the request for these proposed modifications, and revoke the original Conditional Use Permit, Minor, as this project, even as originally conceived, far exceeds accessory use on agricultural land. Without a doubt, it is apparent the Applicant, Kaukonahua Ranch, LLC's Kamananui Project, has not met the conditions of the original permit in the 6 years it has been in effect, and has not performed the usual and necessary actions of community engagement.

**The Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26  
ADOPTED this resolution by vote of 9-0-0  
At the Monday, September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting.**



Jeanne Ishikawa  
Chair, Wahiawa-Whitmore Village,  
Neighborhood Board No. 26