



RESOLUTION 2025-01

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING DENY REVISIONS TO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 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 Mount 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, Mount 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 Hawaiian people; and

WHEREAS, the Wai'anae mountain range is home to many endangered species including but not limited to the Koli'i blooms, 'Ape'ape, Ōhi'a lehua, Ōlapa, Hāpu'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 already considered the most dangerous road on Oahu; and

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

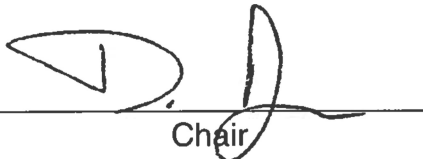
WHEREAS, these modifications serve no beneficial purpose to our communities, rather, they further exploit and commercialize agricultural lands meant to grow food not profits for foreigners, and further commercialize the natural environment and take money out of our communities; and

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

WHEREAS, no proper archaeological, cultural surveys, traffic studies, environmental studies or community outreach has been conducted for this project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board 35 respectfully requests that the Department of Planning and Permitting deny the request for modifications to the original Conditional Use Permit, Minor. In addition, should these or any future modifications be requested, the Kaukonahua Ranch LLC's Kamananui Project should be required to resubmit their application as a Conditional Use Permit, Major as the project, even as originally conceived, far exceeds the scope and degree of accessory uses on agricultural land allowed under a minor permit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; the Honolulu City Councilmembers of District 2 and 8, Matt Weyer and Val Okimoto; the State Senators of District 17 Donovan Dela Cruz, District 23 Brenton Awa and District 22 Samantha Decorte; the Representatives of State House District 37 Trish La Chica, District 38 Lauren Matsumoto, district 44 Darius Kila, District 45 Christopher Muraoka, District 46 Amy Peruso and District 47 Sean Quinlan; and the Waianae Coast, Mililani-Waipio, Wahiawa-Whitmore Village, North Shore, Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Boards 24, 25, 26, 27 and 36.

Signed by:  _____
Chair

Approved by a vote of 7-0-1 on September 16, 2025