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ALA MOANA-KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REAPPORTIONMENT  
OF HOUSE AND SENATE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS, a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

WHEREAS HRS, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) In so far as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features, and when practicable, shall coincide with census tract boundaries" and "(6) Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided"; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature designated the entirety of Kaka'ako as the Hawaii Community Development Authority's first Community Development District in order to recognize the neighborhood's potential to provide more housing, parks, open space, commercial, and industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, the current Senate redistricting proposal maintains the Makai portion of Kaka'ako within a district that is contiguous with the Mauka portions of Kaka'ako, Ala Moana, Waikiki, and portions of McCully; and

WHEREAS, the current House redistricting proposal places the Makai portion of Kaka'ako into new district representing Downtown, Chinatown, and Kalihi; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the Mauka and Makai portions of Kaka'ako within a contiguous House District would not affect population deviations, since residential development is not currently allowed in this district; and

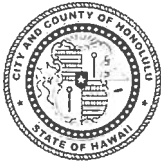
WHEREAS, alternative plans, such as the "Hicks Plan," may also provide better geographical representation while also reducing the population deviation between districts; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission is strongly urged to keep Mauka and Makai portions of Kaka'ako within a contiguous legislative district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is also urged to strongly consider alternative plans that minimize the population deviation and keeps neighborhoods together.

ADOPTED by the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, by a vote of 8-0-1.

RYAN TAM  
Chair



## **DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5**

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### **RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTION FROM NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8 CHAIR OPPOSING THE 2021 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION SUGGESTIONS**

#### **Strongly Urging the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission to Reject the Current Proposed Reapportionment Plan for the State Legislature**

WHEREAS, a fundamental tenet of elections in the United States is the fair apportionment of representation across a given population, and the United States and Hawai'i governments each have legislative bodies with legislators elected to represent individual districts that have an approximate equal number of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the process to ensure that districts have an approximate number of equal citizens in line with the changing population of a place is called reapportionment or redistricting; and

WHEREAS, article IV, section 2, of the Hawai'i State Constitution calls for and explains the procedures for the convening of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission, which is tasked every ten years with creating a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature and a reapportionment plan for United States congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, in creating reapportionment plans, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission's main consideration is the number of people living in an area, but it also considers issues such as natural and manmade physical boundaries separating communities, contiguousness of connected communities, and the issues shared by connected communities; and

WHEREAS, given its many considerations and a short window in which the State Constitution requires reapportionment plans to be finalized, it is understood that creating reapportionment plans is an imperfect and difficult process; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission voted to accept a proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, due to significant increases in population in leeward of O'ahu and in Kaka'ako, the proposed redistricting plan for O'ahu sees many existing O'ahu Legislative districts being redrawn entirely; and

WHEREAS, in particular, urban and east Honolulu districts are being significantly redrawn or combined; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature creates House District 21, which covers the vast majority of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood and the Diamond Head neighborhood;

WHEREAS, these neighborhoods, as drawn on the current maps, are only connected by the Ala Wai Golf course, which is not residential;

WHEREAS, additionally, the proposed reapportionment plan leaves the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighbors who live along the Ala Wai Canal to be included with the representation for Waikīkī instead of with the rest of McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, for the previous decade, McCully-Mō'ili'ili has had four State Representative districts that overlap with our neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the issues facing the neighborhoods with which McCully-Mō'ili'ili shares State Representatives are similar to the issues facing or directly impacting McCully-Mō'ili'i; and

WHEREAS, these neighborhoods include Mānoa, Makiki, Ala Moana, and Kapahulu; and

WHEREAS, the issues that face McCully-Mō'ili'ili are varied from and are not immediately impacted by the issues facing the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, neither McCully-Mō'ili'ili nor Diamond Head will be best served by a Representative who has to consider the varied interests of our two distinct neighborhoods that are not physically contiguous through residential property; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission will be hosting a series of public meetings during November and December 2021, and January 2022, to take testimony on and finalize its reapportionment plans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that that the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 strongly urges the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission to reject the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature adopted on October 28, 2021; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to reject any reapportionment plan for the State Legislature that relies on using the Ala Wai Golf Course or any non- residential property to make a contiguous district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to keep as much of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative as practical or Constitutionally allowed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood must be combined with other neighborhoods to meet Constitutional requirements, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to only combine the McCully-Mō'ili'ili with immediately adjacent neighborhoods that face the same issues as or directly McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission and the Chief Elections Officer of the State of Hawaii.

**The Diamond Head / Kapahulu / St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 approved and adopted this resolution at its Thursday, November 9, 2021 Regular Board meeting, by unanimous consent 11-0-0 (Aye: Allen, Hasina, Narita, Beutel, Kealoha Lindsey, Murakawa, Peralto, West, Salenger, Matson, Wong; Nay: None; Abstain: None)**

  
Andrew L. Salenger, Chair



## HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1 - RESOLUTION #21-3

### OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 2021 REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR HOUSE DISTRICTS 17 AND 51 AND SENATE DISTRICTS 9 AND 25 AND STRONGLY URGING THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REDRAW THESE PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO KEEP THE HAWAII KAI COMMUNITY INTACT.

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Hawaii Kai Neighborhood  
Board meets 7 p.m. the last  
Tuesday of every month  
except Dec. at Hahaione  
Elementary School cafeteria.  
The public is welcome to  
attend.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed reapportionment plan for House District 17 fragments the intact Hawaii Kai community by incorporating the neighborhoods of Queen's Gate, Koko Villas, Laulima, parts of Kalama Valley, Kaiser High School and its environs, Portlock, and the Kaiwi Coastline into House District 51, thereby separating them from the current Hawaii Kai community, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed reapportionment plan exacerbates the error committed in the 2010 reapportionment when parts of Kalama Valley and Portlock were placed in the current Senate District 25, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed change to combine portions of House District 17 with House District 51 creates a non-contiguous district that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2, thereby not wholly containing either of the areas in one Congressional District as per Commission precept, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawaii Kai geographic area in its current boundaries is an intact community and the reapportionment proposal for House Districts 17 and 51 splits both districts into an illogical, incongruent contortion wrapping around the Kaiwi Coastline, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawaii Kai community for many decades has been instrumental in helping to protect and preserve the Kaiwi Coastline for Hawaii residents and visitors alike, has assisted in preserving beaches along the coastline such as Sandy Beach and Wawamalu Beach, has supported the preservation of Hanauma Bay, and has promoted conservation of the natural coastal landscape, most recently with a community purchase of 187 acres across from Makapu'u, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawaii Kai community succeeded in obtaining designation of the Kaiwi Coastline as a Hawaii State Scenic Byway and has developed a Maunaloa to Makapu'u Corridor Management Plan approved by the State Department of Transportation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawaii Kai community has committed time, energy and resources to be the primary stewards of the scenic and fragile Kaiwi Coastline, and

**WHEREAS**, the Queen's Gate, Koko Villas, Laulima, Kalama Valley, Portlock communities and Kaiser High School and its environs are geographically, historically and logically integral parts of the Hawaii Kai community, and

**WHEREAS**, the socio-economic-political infrastructure of the Queen's Gate, Koko Villas, Laulima, Kalama Valley, Portlock neighborhoods and Kaiser High School and its environs are coherent with the Hawaii Kai community as a whole, as well as the East Honolulu communities, and

**WHEREAS**, Districts 17 and 51 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary, and political dividing line between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Koolau Mountains, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed redistricting plan splits the Hawaii Kai area between Districts 17 and 51, thereby fragmenting the voice of the Hawaii Kai community, divides Enchanted Lakes between Districts 50 and 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lakes community, and conceivably, negatively impacts the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimanalo area between two disparate communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the population deviation in the current District 17 can be addressed by moving the Ewa boundary westward beyond Kawaihae Street towards downtown Honolulu, and

**WHEREAS**, in their personal capacity, the Chairpersons of Neighborhood Boards #32 (Waimanalo) and #31 (Kailua) support the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board in their efforts to oppose the proposed reconfiguration of House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board supports the alternate redistricting plans submitted by Bill Hicks for House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25 for the Reapportionment Commission to consider, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Reapportionment Commission Technical Group is strongly urged to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25, to maintain Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between these House and Senate Districts, to extend the Ewa boundary of House District 17 westward beyond Kawaihae Street towards downtown Honolulu as needed to address any population deviation, and to allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and Chairpersons and members of Neighborhood Boards #32 (Waimanalo) and #31 (Kailua).

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: OCTOBER 26, 2021 (13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS)**



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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November 15, 2021

2021 Reapportionment Commission  
c/o Scott Nago, Secretary  
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Subject: Kailua Neighborhood Board Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan and Support for Alternative Plan

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commissioners,

The Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) reviewed the 2021 House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by the Commission at the October 28, 2021, meeting and are now open to public comment.

The plans were evaluated against the HRS 25-2(b) criteria that, in so far as practicable, districts shall be compact and contiguous, and, where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features.

House Districts 51 and 17 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Ko'olau Mountains and political dividing line between Windward Oahu and East Oahu.

The proposed redistricting plan mixes East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawaii Kai Portlock community, and conceivably, negatively impacting the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimanalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage.

The same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward Oahu) and Senate District 9 (East Oahu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward Oahu and East Oahu communities.

An alternative redistricting plan (known as the "Hicks Plan") that uses both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts demonstrates that it is possible to keep more communities intact, reduce the population deviation between districts, and in particular, not mix East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities within a legislative district.

The Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House District 51 to maintain Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between House Districts 51 and 17, and to reestablish Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between Senate Districts 25 and 9.

The KNB unanimously approved the enclosed resolution on November 4, 2021.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Sincerely,

William M. Hicks  
Chairman, Kailua Neighborhood Board

Enclosure: (1) Kailua Neighborhood Board Resolution of November 4, 2021, Requesting the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission Not Mix Windward Oahu and East Oahu Neighborhoods Within the Boundaries of House District 51 or Senate District 25

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF  
HOUSE AND SENATE DISTRICTS**

**REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION  
NOT MIX WINDWARD OAHU AND EAST OAHU NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF  
HOUSE DISTRICT 51 OR SENATE DISTRICT 25 TO KEEP WINDWARD COMMUNITIES INTACT**

November 4, 2021

WHEREAS Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

WHEREAS HRS, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change to combine portions of House District 51 with House District 17 creates a non-compact district that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2, thereby not wholly containing either of the areas in one Congressional District as per Commission instruction, and

WHEREAS, House Districts 51 and 17 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary, and political dividing line between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Ko'olau Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the proposed redistricting plan mixes East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawaii Kai Portlock community, and conceivably, negatively impacting the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimanalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage, and

WHEREAS, the population deviation in the current House District 17 can be addressed by moving the Ewa boundary westward towards Kawaihae Street, and

WHEREAS, the same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward Oahu) and Senate District 9 (East Oahu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward Oahu and East Oahu communities, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board has passed a similar resolution and the Chairperson of the Waimanalo Neighborhood Boards #32 supports the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board in their efforts to oppose the proposed reconfiguration of House Districts 51 and 17 and the proposed Senate District 25, and

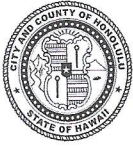
WHEREAS, an alternative redistricting plan that uses both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts, keeps more communities intact, and reduces the population deviation between districts has been submitted to the Reapportionment Commission to consider, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House District 51 to maintain Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between House Districts 51 and 17, and to reestablish Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between Senate Districts 25 and 9, and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and Chairpersons and members of Neighborhood Boards #32 (Waimanalo) and #1 (Hawaii Kai).

Enclosure (1)





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### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO CONSIDER REDRAWING THE HOUSE DISTRICT LINES IN THE KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU, DIAMOND HEAD, and WAIALAE AREAS TO COMPLY WITH HAWAII LAW**

WHEREAS Hawai'i State law directs the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

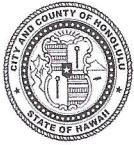
WHEREAS the Hawaii State Constitution Article IV, Section 6 and Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(2) No district shall be so drawn as to unduly favor a person or political faction", "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact", and "(6) Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided"; and

WHEREAS, in mid-October the Reapportionment Commission Technical committee released its proposed maps for both the House and Senate, spurring intense criticism from multiple individuals and communities across the islands;

WHEREAS, several news stories, commentaries, and testimonies from individuals, neighborhood board members, political science academics, and non-partisan government watchdog organizations have raised concerns about gerrymandering in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas - with districts drawn in ways that appear to favor a person or political faction and/or to punish some incumbents;

WHEREAS, a line approximately 1.5 miles in distance can be drawn to connect five House Districts in the Diamond Head, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Waialae areas, with one border wrapping around the residence of a sitting incumbent;

WHEREAS, several individuals have testified their concern that the Reapportionment Commission has engaged in a constitutionally invalid extraction of non-permanent residents; which, if done properly, they contend, would shift a House District from Oahu to the Island of Hawaii, thereby rendering



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moot the Technical Committee's proposed map for all of Oahu and requiring a revised map;

WHEREAS, the Kailua, Hawaii Kai, and Waimanalo Neighborhood Boards worked together to pass resolutions opposing the proposed House District map because it dilutes the voices and voting power of the Native Hawaiian community in Waimanalo, residents of the Hawaii Kai Portlock area in East Oahu, and the Enchanted Lake Communities in Windward Oahu by combining these neighborhoods into one State House District that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2 and is merely connected by narrow stretch of uninhabited land in the Makapuu area;

WHEREAS, the Manoa Neighborhood Board passed a resolution opposing the proposed map for splitting the very cohesive Manoa Valley community down E. Manoa Road and Lowrey Road into two districts - undermining its historical status as an Ahupua'a; now therefore

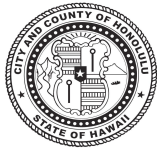
BE IT RESOLVED that the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board strongly urges the Reapportionment Commission to consider redrawing the district boundary lines in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas, in particular - and Oahu in general - in ways that comply with Hawaii law and demonstrate greater compactness, contiguity, and cohesiveness of well-established neighborhoods to avoid the appearance of "unduly favor[ing] a person or political faction", and the submergence of distinct Socio-economic communities in violation of the Hawaii Constitution Article VI section 6 and HRS 25-2(b); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, and members of the Hawai'i State Legislature.

This resolution was adopted by the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 4 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (10-0-0) on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sharon Schneider", is written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Schneider, Chair



## **MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7**

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### **REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REDRAW THE BOUNDARIES OF TG HOUSE DISTRICT 20, SO THAT IT INCLUDES ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF MĀNOA VALLEY**

WHEREAS Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawai'i State Legislature; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i Revised Statutes, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features"; and

WHEREAS the current boundaries of House District (HD) 23 preserve the integrity of the residents of Mānoa Valley to be part of one legislative district, with the small exception of residents who live on the slopes of Round Top west of Mānoa Road until 'Ale'o Pl. and then west of Ferdinand until 'Awapuhi St.; and

WHEREAS the boundaries of the proposed Technical Group (TG) House District 20 has a western boundary that runs along University Ave. as it goes past the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus and then makes a right turn along East Mānoa Rd. and makes a left turn at Lowrey Ave., thus excluding from the TG District 20 all those living east and south of those boundaries, those residents constituting roughly one third of the residents of Mānoa Valley, and instead placing them in TG House District 24; and

WHEREAS to substitute for the loss of residents in the former HD 23, the boundaries move east as far as Koko Head Ave. in Kaimukī in one prong and to Monsarrat Ave. on the slopes of Diamond Head, up to, but not including, Kap'iolani Community College in the other prong; and

WHEREAS therefore, the boundaries of the proposed TG House District 20 neither make it compact nor follow clear geographical features; and

WHEREAS twenty-two residents of Mānoa, with only 48-hours' notice, testified in opposition to the Technical Group's proposed District boundaries; and

WHEREAS for the second meeting of the Reapportionment Commission (October 28, 2021), fifty-one Mānoa residents submitted testimony in opposition to the Technical Group's boundaries; and



WHEREAS several of these testifiers cited Mānoa Valley’s historical status as one ahupua‘a, one watershed; and

WHEREAS the Board of Mālama Mānoa, a community organization representing 4,103 residents of Mānoa Valley, voted unanimously to oppose dividing up Mānoa Valley into TG House Districts 20 and 24; and

WHEREAS the nonpartisan watchdog group Common Cause pointed to the TG House District 20 as a “suspect” district; and

WHEREAS the reapportionment plan of Bill Hicks, Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, contains a House District 23 that includes all of the residents of Mānoa Valley and thus demonstrates that such boundaries can feasibly be drawn within a reapportionment scheme for O‘ahu as a whole; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board no. 7 requests that the State of Hawai‘i Reapportionment Commission respect the geographical and political integrity of Mānoa Valley by redrawing the district boundaries to include all of Mānoa residents within one House District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board no. 7 supports and endorses the “Hicks Plan” that has been recently presented to the Reapportionment Commission and recommends its consideration for keeping compact, contiguous, and cohesive communities intact, including Mānoa House District 23, Lanikai/Enchanted Lake/Waimānalo HD 51, and Hawai‘i Kai HD 17, while achieving a better population balance than the Commission’s Technical Group’s proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State of Hawai‘i Reapportionment Commission, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representative Dale Kobayashi, and Councilmember Calvin Say.

Elton T. Fukumoto - Vice Chair  
Elton Fukumoto, Vice Chair  
Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7

**This Letter Was Adopted Without Opposition by the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7,  
in its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2021.**

**Strongly Urging the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission to Reject the Current Proposed  
Reapportionment Plan for the State Legislature**

WHEREAS, a fundamental tenet of elections in the United States is the fair apportionment of representation across a given population, and the United States and Hawai'i governments each have legislative bodies with legislators elected to represent individual districts that have an approximate equal number of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the process to ensure that districts have an approximate number of equal citizens in line with the changing population of a place is called reapportionment or redistricting; and

WHEREAS, article IV, section 2, of the Hawai'i State Constitution calls for and explains the procedures for the convening of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission, which is tasked every ten years with creating a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature and a reapportionment plan for United States congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, in creating reapportionment plans, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission's main consideration is the number of people living in an area, but it also considers issues such as natural and manmade physical boundaries separating communities, contiguousness of connected communities, and the issues shared by connected communities; and

WHEREAS, given its many considerations and a short window in which the State Constitution requires reapportionment plans to be finalized, it is understood that creating reapportionment plans is an imperfect and difficult process; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission voted to accept a proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, due to significant increases in population in leeward of O'ahu and in Kaka'ako, the proposed redistricting plan for O'ahu sees many existing O'ahu Legislative districts being redrawn entirely; and

WHEREAS, in particular, urban and east Honolulu districts are being significantly redrawn or combined; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature creates House District 21, which covers the vast majority of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood and the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, these neighborhoods, as drawn on the current maps, are only connected by the Ala Wai Golf course, which is not residential; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the proposed reapportionment plan leaves the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighbors who live along the Ala Wai Canal to be included with the representation for Waikīkī instead of with the rest of McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, for the previous decade, McCully-Mō'ili'ili has had four State Representative districts that include our neighborhood, and those Representative districts also include adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in these districts, McCully-Mō'ili'ili is combined with parts of Mānoa (District 23), Makiki (District 24), Ala Moana (District 26), and Kapahulu (District 21); and

WHEREAS, the issues facing these adjacent neighborhoods are similar to the issues facing or directly impacting McCully-Mō'ili'i; and

WHEREAS, the issues that face McCully-Mō'ili'i are varied from and are not immediately impacted by the issues facing the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, neither McCully-Mō'ili'i nor Diamond Head will be best served by a Representative who has to consider the varied interests of these two distinct neighborhoods that are not physically contiguous through residential property; and

WHEREAS, the McCully-Mō'ili'i neighbors who live along the Ala Wai canal will not be best served by a Representative who considers the interests of Waikīkī over the interests of McCully-Mō'ili'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission will be hosting a series of public meetings during November and December 2021, and January 2022, to take testimony on and finalize its reapportionment plans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that that the McCully-Mō'ili'i Neighborhood Board No. 8 strongly urges the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission to reject the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature adopted on October 28, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to reject any reapportionment plan for the State Legislature that relies on using the Ala Wai Golf Course or any non-residential property to make a contiguous district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to keep as much of the McCully-Mō'ili'i neighborhood represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative as practical or Constitutionally allowed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Hawaii Reapportionment Commission is unable to propose a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature in which the McCully-Mō'ili'i neighborhood is only represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative, then the Commission is strongly urged to only combine the McCully-Mō'ili'i with immediately adjacent neighborhoods that face the same issues as or directly McCully-Mō'ili'i; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Commission Office is asked to transmit an electronic copy of this resolution to the electronic mailing list for this Board; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission; the Chief Elections Officer of the State of Hawaii; the Chair of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/Saint Louis Heights Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Waikīkī Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board; and the Chair of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board.



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### A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR PEARL CITY.

WHEREAS, every ten years following the U.S. Census, the State of Hawai'i and the City and County of Honolulu initiate Reapportionment Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Constitution, the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu ("Charter") mandate that reapportionment efforts preserve communities and be contiguous; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu adopted its final maps on October 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission has proposed several maps for adoption for the State Legislative Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City's Reapportionment Commission<sup>i</sup> which convened during the current COVID-19 pandemic, adopted its final Reapportionment maps on October 26, 2021 and thereby cutting off the public comment and consideration time much earlier than needed; and

WHEREAS, the City's plan is not really contiguous, separates the Pearl City community from its current neighbors, and expands<sup>ii</sup> the district immensely; and

WHEREAS, for State elections<sup>iii</sup>, the proposed plans for Pearl City cuts large segments of our community out and separates us from our contiguous district; and

WHEREAS, clearly redistricting is a difficult process that is further complicated with the political nature of appointments and the decision-making bodies themselves; and

WHEREAS, from the Pearl City perspective, each reapportionment cycle it looks as if the political boundaries in urban Honolulu do not really shift to meet the outer areas which are growing, but instead remain mostly static; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, each reapportionment cycle there is an attempt to force the communities of Central and Leeward Oahu into new political areas that often make no sense; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 State Reapportionment redistricting composition was so disproportionate that it required the Hawai'i Supreme Court to intervene<sup>iv</sup>; and

WHEREAS, to avoid these same issues, at minimum, the Hawai'i State Legislature should limit terms for Reapportionment Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, further, while other counties have amended their charters to require residency requirements for reapportionment commissioners, the City and County of Honolulu<sup>v</sup> has not which is a disservice to the people of Honolulu; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board is opposed to the proposed State and City Reapportionment Plans for the Pearl City District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board believes that both the City and State Reapportionment Plans do need meet governing provisions and do not benefit the people of our district; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Senator Clarence Nishihara, Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Representative Gregg Takayama, Representative Roy Takumi, Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Council Chair Tommy Waters.

***The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 unanimously approved at its November 23, 2021 Regular Board meeting, by 10-0-0 vote.***

Respectfully Submitted By:



Larry S. Veray, Chair  
Pearl City Neighborhood Board



Charmaine T. Doran, Chair  
Legislative and Capital Improvements  
Committee

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<sup>i</sup> [https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/clk/clk\\_docs/City\\_Charter\\_Article\\_III\\_Section\\_3-103.pdf](https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/clk/clk_docs/City_Charter_Article_III_Section_3-103.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1Na1ZydRTXFEExMONkBa05ZTecotV\\_ZsDk&ll=21.424464482850397%2C-157.94665481249996&z=12](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1Na1ZydRTXFEExMONkBa05ZTecotV_ZsDk&ll=21.424464482850397%2C-157.94665481249996&z=12)

<sup>iii</sup> <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/Proposed-Oahu-House-Districts.pdf>

<sup>iv</sup> [https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2012ReapportionmentFinalReport\\_2012\\_03\\_30.pdf](https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2012ReapportionmentFinalReport_2012_03_30.pdf)

<sup>v</sup> [https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/clk/clk\\_docs/City\\_Charter\\_Article\\_III\\_Section\\_3-103.pdf](https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/clk/clk_docs/City_Charter_Article_III_Section_3-103.pdf)







November 16, 2021

We, the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board, opposed the 2021 proposed Reapportionment Plan of House District 51 and House District 17 and urge the Reapportionment Commission to redo the district boundaries to keep current communities intact.

WHEREAS due to possible negative impacts to a rural and federally recognized Native Hawaiian community and other unique aspects of our community, and

WHEREAS moving the boundary of our community will have negative social and economic impacts on the nature of one of the two Native Hawaiian majority communities on O'ahu, and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan for House Districts 51 and 17 fragments an intact Hawai'i Kai community by separating the neighborhoods of Kalama Valley, Portlock and the Ka'iwi Coastline from the current Hawai'i Kai community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan for House Districts 51 and 17 fragments an intact Kailua community by separating the Enchanted Lakes community from the current Kailua community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan for House Districts 51 and 17 exacerbates the error committed in the 2010 reapportionment which included parts of Kalama Valley and Portlock in the current Senate District 25, and

WHEREAS the proposed House District 51 and Senate District 25 are not compact and are contiguous only by means of a narrow beach corridor, and both districts would straddle Congressional Districts 1 and 2 and will not be wholly contained in a Congressional District as per Commission precept, and

WHEREAS Districts 51 and 17 are currently well-drawn with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a logical natural boundary, which has traditionally been the geographic and political dividing line between the windward and leeward sides of the Ko'olaus, and

WHEREAS the proposed reconfiguration splits Enchanted Lakes between Districts 50 and 51, diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lakes community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reconfiguration splits Hawai'i Kai between Districts 51 and 17, diluting the voice of the Hawai'i Kai community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reconfiguration could conceivably dilute the Native Hawaiian voice of Waimānalo by squeezing it between two disparate communities, and

WHEREAS the Neighborhood Board Chairs of Waimānalo, Kailua and Hawai'i Kai share in support of each others efforts to oppose the proposed reconfiguration of House Districts 51 and 17,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reapportionment Commission Technical Group is urged to redo the proposed boundary configuration for House Districts 51 and 17, maintaining Makapu'u point as the natural geographical boundary between the two districts, leaving House District 51 largely intact as the population deviation is minimal, and extending the Ewa boundary for Hawai'i Kai beyond Kawaihae Street towards downtown to address the population deviation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be delivered to the Reapportionment Commission, Office of State Representative Lisa Marten, Office of State Senator Chris Lee and the Office of City Council Member Esther Kia'āina.

A draft resolution was approved by the Hawaiian Affairs and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday October 26, 2021 by vote of 5-0-0 and submitted to the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board for consideration at its Monday November 08, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This resolution was approved by the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board for consideration at its Monday November 08, 2021 Regular meeting unanimously, by a vote of 10-0-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimeona Kane", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kimeona Kane, Chair Waimānalo Neighborhood Board

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MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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January 5, 2022

Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair  
Reapportionment Commission  
% Mr. Scott Nago, Chief Election Officer  
Office of Elections  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

**Subject: Joint Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 and Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus  
Neighborhood Board No. 10  
Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan and Support for Alternative Plan**

Aloha Chair Mugiishi, and Reapportionment Commissioners,

The Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 and Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 each reviewed the 2021 House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by the Commission.

Two of our Neighborhood Boards had unanimously adopted Resolutions opposed to the previously proposed reapportionment plan. These Boards simultaneously supported an alternative plan that would respect both Makapuʻu Point as a natural boundary between Windward Oʻahu and East Honolulu and Kaʻena Point between the North Shore and Leeward Oʻahu. The proposed redistricting plan mixes Windward Oʻahu and East Honolulu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawaiʻi Kai Portlock community, and negatively impacts the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimānalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage.

Proposed House District 51 is not compact, in its original form it was barely contiguous, and unnecessarily divides the Hawaiʻi Kai and Enchanted Lake communities. The same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward Oʻahu) and Senate District 9 (East Honolulu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward Oʻahu and East Honolulu communities.

An alternative redistricting plan (known as the “Hicks Plan”) that uses both Makapuʻu Point and Kaʻena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts demonstrates that it is possible to keep more communities intact, reduce the population deviation between districts, and in particular, not mix Windward Oahu and East Honolulu communities within a legislative district. On December 18, 2021 the Reapportionment Commission posted a final proposed plan that changed the boundaries of 30 of the 35 Oʻahu House districts. These maps are time stamped as being last modified at 10:38 on December 17, 2021, meaning they were finalized before the Oʻahu Advisory Council, which is chartered by the Hawaiʻi Constitution to serve in an advisory capacity to the Reapportionment Commission, had conducted a quorum meeting and provided its recommendations which include using Makapuʻu Point as a boundary. The significant Hawaiʻi Kai, Waimānalo, and Kailua issues with the Reapportionment Commission’s original plan approved on October 28, 2021 for public review were made even worse with the final plan! Hawaiʻi Kai is split even more. Please look at the following maps and ask which is better?

Mahalo nui loa for considering the Boards’ testimony. Should you have any questions, please contact the Board Chairs by email.

Sincerely,

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DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG  
CHAIR, MĀNOA  
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7



IAN ROSS  
CHAIR, MAKIKI/LOWER PUNCHBOWL/  
TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

Attached: Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 adopted resolution "Requesting The State Of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission To Redraw The Boundaries Of T.G. House District 20, So That It Includes All Of The Residents Of Mānoa Valley."



## **MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7**

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### **REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REDRAW THE BOUNDARIES OF TG HOUSE DISTRICT 20, SO THAT IT INCLUDES ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF MĀNOA VALLEY**

WHEREAS Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawai'i State Legislature; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i Revised Statutes, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features"; and

WHEREAS the current boundaries of House District (HD) 23 preserve the integrity of the residents of Mānoa Valley to be part of one legislative district, with the small exception of residents who live on the slopes of Round Top west of Mānoa Road until 'Ale'o Pl. and then west of Ferdinand until 'Awapuhi St.; and

WHEREAS the boundaries of the proposed Technical Group (TG) House District 20 has a western boundary that runs along University Ave. as it goes past the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus and then makes a right turn along East Mānoa Rd. and makes a left turn at Lowrey Ave., thus excluding from the TG District 20 all those living east and south of those boundaries, those residents constituting roughly one third of the residents of Mānoa Valley, and instead placing them in TG House District 24; and

WHEREAS to substitute for the loss of residents in the former HD 23, the boundaries move east as far as Koko Head Ave. in Kaimukī in one prong and to Monsarrat Ave. on the slopes of Diamond Head, up to, but not including, Kap'iolani Community College in the other prong; and

WHEREAS therefore, the boundaries of the proposed TG House District 20 neither make it compact nor follow clear geographical features; and

WHEREAS twenty-two residents of Mānoa, with only 48-hours' notice, testified in opposition to the Technical Group's proposed District boundaries; and

WHEREAS for the second meeting of the Reapportionment Commission (October 28, 2021), fifty-one Mānoa residents submitted testimony in opposition to the Technical Group's boundaries; and

WHEREAS several of these testifiers cited Mānoa Valley’s historical status as one ahupua’a, one watershed; and

WHEREAS the Board of Mālama Mānoa, a community organization representing 4,103 residents of Mānoa Valley, voted unanimously to oppose dividing up Mānoa Valley into TG House Districts 20 and 24; and

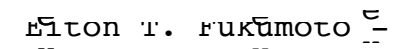
WHEREAS the nonpartisan watchdog group Common Cause pointed to the TG House District 20 as a “suspect” district; and

WHEREAS the reapportionment plan of Bill Hicks, Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, contains a House District 23 that includes all of the residents of Mānoa Valley and thus demonstrates that such boundaries can feasibly be drawn within a reapportionment scheme for O’ahu as a whole; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board no. 7 requests that the State of Hawai‘i Reapportionment Commission respect the geographical and political integrity of Mānoa Valley by redrawing the district boundaries to include all of Mānoa residents within one House District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board no. 7 supports and endorses the “Hicks Plan” that has been recently presented to the Reapportionment Commission and recommends its consideration for keeping compact, contiguous, and cohesive communities intact, including Mānoa House District 23, Lanikai/Enchanted Lake/Waimānalo HD 51, and Hawai‘i Kai HD 17, while achieving a better population balance than the Commission’s Technical Group’s proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State of Hawai‘i Reapportionment Commission, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representative Dale Kobayashi, and Councilmember Calvin Say.

  
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Elton Fukumoto, Vice Chair  
Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7

**This Letter Was Adopted Without Opposition by the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7,  
in its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2021.**



## RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE AND SENATE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that residents are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

WHEREAS HRS, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) In so far as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features"; and

WHEREAS, the maps as proposed by the Commission are wildly divergent in some areas on Oahu and include new districts that do not consistently adhere to the criteria as laid out in HRS 25-2(b), some new districts appear to be well below the resident number goal, while others are well above; and

WHEREAS, several news stories, commentaries, and testimonies from individuals, neighborhood board members, political science academics, and non-partisan government watchdog organizations have raised concerns about gerrymandering in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas – with districts drawn in ways that appear to favor a person or political faction and/or to punish some incumbents; and

WHEREAS, it appears the Commission has radically under extracted non-resident military from the total population count, thus rendering the plan as proposed by the Commission is unconstitutional and may be subject to legal challenges, such as was the case in 2011, thereby threatening the timely completion of a legally acceptable plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed House and Senate district boundaries include significant shortcomings, such as mixing East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities into single districts, dividing Mānoa Valley into two districts, dividing Mililani Town into multiple districts, and including a relatively high population deviation between districts of about 8%; and

WHEREAS, alternative redistricting plans currently shared with the Commission do a far better job of redrawing the maps in a way that meets the legal criteria, better retains historical communities, and do so without large differences in population between proposed districts; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to use the alternative "Hicks Plan," or some other similarly devised plan, instead of the Commission's proposed plan as the baseline for developing legislative district boundaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Representative Jackson Sayama, and Councilmember Calvin Say.

***The Palolo Neighborhood Board No.6 adopted this resolution at its Wednesday, December 8, 2021 regular Board meeting, by Unanimous Consent.***

Joshua Frost, #6 Palolo Neighborhood Board Chair

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# Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 ZOOM, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ka'ano'i Walk called the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum established with (11) members present. Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Ka'ano'i Walk, Amy Luersen, John Reppun, Rick Towill, Clifford Loo, Jessie Maka'ina'i, Flora Obayashi, Ian Masterson, Dan Bender, Hi'iaka Jardine, and Ken LeVasseur.

Members Absent: Art Machado, Mailani Maka'ina'i, and Rocky Kaluhiwa.

Guests: Dr. Graham Knopp (GK Environmental); Representative Lisa Kitagawa; Chair Bill Hicks (Kailua Neighborhood Board #31); Chair Kimeona Kane (Waimānalo Neighborhood Board #32); Brandi Higa (Mayor Rick Blangiardi's Representative); Brenton Awa, -Peter Fields, Susan Burr, Ralph Kanoho Jr., Garnett Howard, John Ford (Residents); Partner Akiona (Neighborhood Assistant). Total Participants: 30

HK Construction Development on Wailehua Rd. (TMK 4-7-014: 051, 052, 055): Dr. Graham Knopp gave a presentation on the environmental assessment process, Special Management Area (SMA) boundaries, drainage improvements, wetlands designation(s), cesspool/septic tank usage, and his work regarding a water quality study done for the HK Development project on Wailehua Road.

Discussion followed: A lengthy discussion between Dr. Knopp, Board members, and community members regarding the information shared followed the presentation. Many Board members presented clarifying points, remarks, and wording to Dr. Knopp and information regarding his presentation.

Luersen MOVED, Obayashi SECONDED that given the significant concerns by the community raised regarding the cumulative impacts of the proposed project in Ka'alaea (TMKs 4-7-014:051,052 and 055) including but not limited to shoreline management area, wetlands, climate change, storm water management and control and wastewater control, Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 OPPOSES this project moving forward. Further, KNB #29 urges the Department of Planning and Permitting to require a full EIS that includes: an updated Drainage Report that reflects updated reality of increased severe rainfall events due to climate change; alternatives to the proposed action; and full mitigation of environmental impacts. Discussion followed. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS roll call vote of 11-0-0.

Legislative Redistricting on O'ahu: Chair Bill Hicks presented his reapportionment proposals for the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission. Chair Kimeona Kane joined the presentation to explain his stance and that of the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board regarding the "Hicks Plan." A discussion commenced between Hicks, Kane, Board members, Representative Kitagawa, and community members to clarify any concerns, misunderstandings, and questions regarding the proposed plans.

LeVasseur MOVED, Obayashi SECONDED for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 to oppose the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission's proposed plan and SUPPORT the approach of the Hicks Plan for the House and the Senate that includes key concepts that uses Makapu'u Point as a boundary, minimizes population deviation and keeps communities together as much as possible. Discussion followed. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS roll call vote of 11-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Walk adjourned the meeting at 9:29pm.

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Submitted by: Partner Akiona, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Lindon Valenciano, Neighborhood Assistant  
Final Review by: Chair Walk, NB #29

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