KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

May 22, 2019

TO: Suzanne Case, Chair
& Members, Board of Land & Natural Resources

FROM: Leialoha Kaluhiwa, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

SUBJECT: Denial of Administrative Hearing Requested by Kama`aina Care, Inc.
Re: Non-Renewal of Kane`ohe Bay Waters Commercial Use Permit No. CO038251

Aloha Chair Case and Board Members:

The Ko`olapoko Hawaiian Civic Club supports the recommendation of your staff to deny an administrative hearing concerning non-renewal of a commercial use permit for Kama`aina Care, Inc., in Kane`ohe Bay.

We have reviewed the justification offered by your staff which explains the reasons for the denial, and concur with their explanations.

The fact that this commercial permit was approved, in the first place, is troubling to us. Back in 2006, when the applicant apparently first received the approval of the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council, our community was very concerned at this exception granted to the permittee that seemed to run contrary to the Kane`ohe Bay Master Plan. We were even more concerned when we learned that permits were renewed several times since then.

Unfortunately, since DLNR statutorily is the lead on calling meetings of the KBRC, we have been unable to register our opposition to these renewals due to the scarcity of meetings of that council. Many in our community have observed that the kayak business has continued unabated, often unescorted, and exceeding the numbers of 16 seats per day as restricted by the permit.

We commend the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation for taking decisive action to resolve this matter.

Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o on this important matter

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