

HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD

February 29, 2020

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RE: Construction at Sherwood Forest

At its regularly scheduled Board meeting of February 25, 2020, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board took action by a unanimous vote to support the Waimanalo community's efforts to protect Sherwood Forest. The City and County's Waimanalo Bay Beach Park Master Plan would destroy the last remaining coastal forest of its size on Oahu.

The area is in a Coastal Zone Management Area and is on the State's Historic Register, having iwi buried there. The deconstruction of Sherwood Forest despoils one of Oahu's most beautiful beach areas, eliminates vital green space and destroys plant and animal life, including endangered hoary bats, endangered ground-nesting birds such as shearwaters, and indigenous plants.

The Plan, which includes a sizeable parking lot and water infrastructure for future development, appears to rely on outdated assessments and data that no longer accurately reflect the community's current needs and priorities, including issues related to traffic congestion and water use. The City and County's implementation of the Plan has severely damaged the community's trust in the City. The City and County should address the community's current concerns and provide the community the opportunity to take part in decisions that will affect their own neighborhood.

Sincerely,

PAIGE ALTONN

Hawaii Kai **Neighborhood Board #1**

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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.

Aberta Ineyo

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cc (via email): Senator Laura Thielen Representative Gene Ward Members of the City Council Members of the HK Neighborhood Board

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