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Subject: Water and Other Responses

Aloha Andrew,

Please forward this email to Nancy, Darrell, Jonathan, chair and commissioners on our feed back regarding water.

As the newly elected/appointed by na kupuna, as the Executive/Project Director for the Waimanalo Ahupuaa Business and Community Association based in Waimanalo, we have concerns below...both myself and representing the fisher people, Mr. Sam Marquez attended the meeting to understand what the water issue was all about and what the DHHL is doing...we met and talked after the meeting and sending in to you our concerns, we want you to make copies and make sure each commissioner has our written input.

One observation, there were 15 people from our community who were community people and not staff that came to the meeting...that was a very low number to carry any kind of votes by the commissioners on water and we request that commissioners also attend these meetings...Uncle Joe Tassill did not attend due to being off island...talked with him at the Celebration For Life funeral for the late Kahu Ryan Kalama who passed.

The other observation and in our discussion prior to the meeting about the amendments to the HCCA 1920, since 1984...and still have not gotten it when we requested that information more than a year ago.

These amendments are important to your plans and our plans for Waimanalo and all homestead lands on all islands. We would like to request again a list of all amendments made during and after 1982...to the present.

We have a feeling that these amendments were never passed through the US congress and is illegal until it is passed by all US congressional members as Kuhio had the act set-up so it would not be taken over by third parties, protecting the rights of the people from the time of the kingdom to the present.

Objectively, the first main issue is Jurisdiction...and this is where we are stomped...and amazed at how is it that so called stakeholders have the main say in properties that came from the kingdom, to us, via Kuhio and to us, na kanaka Hawaii?

Secondly, with the lands came the water so there is no doubt in our minds that WATER must be free to Kanaka Hawaii...anyone who is not tied to third parties or stakeholders...including Hawaiians who work for any State of Hawaii agency, department or groups. Jurisdiction dictates that no third parties are allowed, yet they are all over your paper work and people working within this government...is a conflict of interest...we have to insist on doing things right to manage our lands...it is ass backwards, to put it bluntly as I am told by na kupuna, that night.

We do not want to be dragged into something that is illegal and so far the DHHL is making some wrong moves to make money for the State in the wrong way with the wrong approach...I would be happy to come and explain.

Thirdly, how can we plan if this department is not sending information in a timely manner? After sending out 27,000 post cards only 15 showed up from Waimanalo?

There is a problem and the commissioners must fix it by first looking at the amendments and going over them in every community so they are clear about what they mean...and who can do what on our lands.

There is more, but I will stop here...I am open for any questions...you all have my information to contact me and I will answer any questions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter...call or write to me any time.

Mahalo Piha,
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