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Sherry P. Broder - Chairperson
Giorgio F. Caldarone – Vice Chairperson
Clean Water and Natural Lands
Advisory Commission, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Dear Board Members:

It has come to my attention that the Pacific American Foundation is under consideration for a conservation easement that will run with the Waikalua Loko Fishpond and the adjacent land located in Kaneohe in perpetuity. Part of the land area is to be used to construct an Interpretive Center that has already been funded by the State Legislature in 2015. The easement would protect the future of the pond for the next 400 years regardless of any potential future change in land ownership.

The non-profit, Waikalua Loko Fishpond Preservation Society which began in 1995 and which I was a board member, has had to deal with changes in ownership throughout its tenure and this would go a long way to insure that the overall goals of the Pacific American Foundation will be fulfilled. Much has already been achieved when I retired in 2015 and a summary is provided in the following slide but the main reason for this letter of support is to show what can be achieved if the request by the Pacific American Foundation is granted. Such efforts can go a long way in helping educators and students benefit from the fishpond offers and clearly it is far more than just raising fish in a pond. For all of these reasons I fully support the efforts of Herb Lee and the Pacific American Foundation and if there are any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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