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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 28 AND HR 28 TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY  
TO ADDRESS MAJOR CONCERNS ALONG KALIHI STREET**

TO: House Committee on Transportation; Rep. Joe Souki, Chair and Committee

FROM: Neighborhood Board #16 – Kalihi Valley  
by William E. Woods-Bateman, Chair

It is very easy for our neighborhood board to fully support these resolutions. We have conducted many community-based surveys and organized a “Kalihi Street Task Force” based on the very real problems outlined by the resolutions. No sidewalks results in kids, elderly, handicapped, anyone wanting to walk down the street to actually walk in Kalihi Street. Sometimes people can do a jaugernaut around utility poles, barriers, boulders, ditches, etc.

When Kalihi Street originated there were no planning or building standards for rights of way, utilities, side walks, and roadways. The road was widened at the Makai side to Kalihi Uka Elementary School some years ago. However, from that point to the end of the street at the Kalihi Nature Park it is a hopscotch mix of widths, utility poles, dangerous curve, and no sidewalks.

We hope you will support this resolution as we have had difficulty getting a professional assessment of the problems and possible solutions. Our community task force, which included FACE, board members, Kalihi Valley Health Center Healthy Living Program, our Councilmember Rod Tam and his staff, and residents was able to conduct a “lay persons” assessment that we thought would be a strong basis which resulted in a request for a formal assessment by the City and County of Honolulu. For this and other very specific requests we have never been able to get any results to formally study this community concerns.

While we are cognizant that the area we are concerned is primarily under City jurisdiction, the City needs help and support to put this on a priority level. A feasibility study is that important first step to actually assessing the problems and possible solutions.

Neighborhood Board #16 – Kalihi Valley sincerely asks you to support these resolutions to help our community move towards a safer future.



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TO: House Committee on Transportation; Rep. Joe Souki, Chair and Committee Hearing on Monday, March 24, 2008, 10:00 AM Capitol room 309

FROM: Lance Bateman

Even though many candidates for Mayor and Governor (including the last two Honolulu Mayors) run proclaiming their Kalihi roots, Kalihi receives sewage treatment plants, prisons, and the fewest parks per capita of the island of Oahu.

Even though one Mayor had a house in Kalihi, the street of Kalihi above Kalihi Uka Elementary School displays the lack of even basics for a major through-way in the valley. A lack of guttering leads to increased uncontrolled runoff, and the lack of sidewalks means pedestrians must walk in the mud or compete in the main street into the valley with vehicles.

The Healthy Living project of Kokua Kalihi reports they have gotten 1500 bicycles into the community – yet the community continues to have few options for using these in a safe manner.

There is concern about the increased traffic expected due to development of the Kalihi Valley Nature Park – which the current road just cannot handle. We don't want limits on the park – we need our road addressed.

And the Mayor's S-Curve (the reference given the part of Kalihi Street starting around 3050 Kalihi Street) with poor sight ability, problems when encountering a bus, and dangers to any pedestrians – has been a major topic of discussion of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board for many years, with no action by the City and County of Honolulu.

I recognize that bringing Kalihi Street up to full current standards for width, curbing and sidewalks may not be fully possible. However, making best effort is important for this section of the City and County, while considering methods of minimizing the taking of property, and possibly addressing any impact on parking.

I truly appreciate the House hearing this resolution, and hope that such encouragement may finally convince the City and County of Honolulu that it is time to stop ignoring the needed improvement for Kalihi Valley.

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**From:** Connie [conniew@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 5:30 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony @Capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** Re: HCH 28 & HR 28/HCR 91 & HR 73 Kalihi Streets

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Mahalo, Connie Wickware (2879 Kalihi Street 96819. 847-7771)

PS Thanks Mr. Mizuno for notifying us about this testimony

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To House Committee on Transportation  
Monday, March 24, 2008  
10:00 a.m. Room 309

From Pascual Dabis  
1979 Iwano Place  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Subject: HCR 78 & HR 28 requesting City & County of Honolulu  
to conduct feasibility study on major concern on Kalihi Street.

HCR 91 & HR 73 requesting City & County of Honolulu  
to conduct feasibility study to repair & repaving the side streets  
or Kalihi streets

I am in favor of the resolution. As a resident and home owner for 51 years, I'm concerned  
with the condition of our roads. I drive every day on Kalihi street and constantly avoid potholes

I urge the committee to approve the resolution.

Sincerely yours,



Pascual Dabis  
Phone No. 845-8701

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**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 8:51 AM  
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3432 B1 Kalihi Street  
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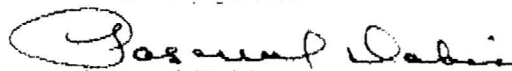
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