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Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 12:43 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Testimony HCR28/HR28 & HCR91/HR73

March 22, 2008

Don Aguilar
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Re: Testimony for HCR28/ HR28 & HCR 91/ HR73

To whom it may concern,

My name is Don Aguilar. One of my New Year's resolution was to focus on my physical wellness for it affects the other dimensions of my life; emotional, spiritual, and mental. My short term goal was to run the Aloha Run. Amazingly I accomplished it and was very pleased with my performance. Who said New Year's resolutions doesn't work? The reason I was able to complete the run in 86 minutes was because I followed a regimen of running three times a week. I would run up and down Kalihi Valley and some of it's side streets. I love running in my neighborhood rather than in the treadmill in a gym because I get a chance to meet my neighbors. As I pass them I greet them with a smile and hello. I emotionally connect with them because it is unexpected and genuine. And my hope is to unconsciously plant a seed of inspiration that they too will adopt a regular fitness exercise program of their own. We all know the benefits of exercise done on a consistent basis--reduces stress, increased energy, and fewer sick days. However, if we were to encourage Kalihi residents to get out and become physically fit by either walking or running, it would be very dangerous because the Kalihi streets are not conducive for such activities because of the great disrepair of the its roads and sidewalks. I literally have dodge oncoming vehicles and jump over potholes because there are no sidewalks. I thank God I haven't gotten into an accident. I love the outdoors. Kalihi Valley which is situated by majestic mountains on both sides should be enjoyed by more people. Just imagine, with safer streets and sidewalks, it will not only enhance Kalihi environmentally but influence its residents to adopt a lifestyle of physical wellness. Again this will reduce stress and other cardiovascular diseases, saving the State money in the long run.

Therefore, I am in full support of HCR 28/ HR 28 & HCR 91/ HR 73.

Sincerely,

Don Aguilar

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From: jjdonovaniii@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:59 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Kalihi Road Repair

To whom it may concern:

Our representative, John Mizuno, has asked that we contact you about the upcoming hearing on Monday March 24 concerning the resolution to fix the streets in Kalihi Valley.

While we applaud the intention to add sidewalks on Kalihi Street and know that it would make it easier for us to walk the dog we would like to point out that we have been requesting that our road, Merkle Street, on the downhill side of Kamaikai, be repaved for over 2 years.

My wife has sent several letters about this topic and we have been hounding Mr Mizuno and Mr. Tam about our road since they first came to us asking for our vote.

Needless to say, our road is in such bad shape that it difficult to negotiate in a car let alone walk on. In some places the sub-base is showing thru.

Many of our neighbors have expressed dismay over the fact that the city has allowed the road to get so bad. I also believe that several of them have contacted Mr Mizuno.

We have taken matters into our own hands and attempted to patch the road as best we can. I personally have asked for and received asphalt from some of the recent construction projects in the valley to repair the road. While these temporary patches help they tend to ware away as the rain falls.

All of us on the downhill side Merkle off Kamaikai Street would be most appreciative if someone from the council would join with Mr Mizuno to have our road repaired. In the long run it would save the city money as it will only continue to get worse as time goes by. Also when a garbage truck slides down as a result of traction loss I am sure a lawsuit will follow.

We hope this helps,

Sincerely,

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