
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU TO DESIGNATE AALA PARK AS A HOMELESS SAFE ZONE.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is the second biggest problem of the
2 State of Hawaii, and the causes of homelessness are complex,
3 requiring a comprehensive approach; and
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5 WHEREAS, Aala Park is located between North Beretania
6 Street, North King Street and River Street, and is bordered by
7 Chinatown, which the homeless frequent, and is a few blocks from
8 the Institute for Human Services, which offers free meals 365
9 days per year; and
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11 WHEREAS, Aala Park was once a homeless safe zone during the
12 Fasi Administration; and
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14 WHEREAS, Aala Park is equipped with restrooms and a water
15 fountain, and homeless in the area have kept the surroundings
16 clean; and
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18 WHEREAS, some homeless do not feel comfortable in, or have
19 been banned from area homeless shelters; and
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21 WHEREAS, until the economy improves and shelter becomes
22 affordable for all, we, as a society owe safe havens to those
23 who are not able to find shelter; and
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25 WHEREAS, safe zones are an alternative for those who will
26 not, or cannot live in a structured facility, such as a homeless
27 shelter or transitional housing, but are comfortable in open
28 areas; and



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1 WHEREAS, safe zones are a fancy free lifestyle ideal for
2 those who prefer to live outdoors; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Mayor and the City
7 Council of the City and County of Honolulu are urged to
8 designate Aala Park as a safe zone for the homeless; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
12 and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the City Council of the
13 City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the Department of
14 Human Services, the Chinese Merchants Association.
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