
HOUSE 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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30 WHEREAS, safe zones are a fancy free lifestyle ideal for
31 those who prefer to live outdoors; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2011, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City and
 4 County of Honolulu are urged to designate Aala Park as a safe
 5 zone for the homeless; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
 9 Honolulu, Chairperson of the City Council of the City and County
 10 of Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Human Services,
 11 the Chinese Merchants Association.

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