



**STATE OF HAWAII**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM  
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
677 QUEEN STREET, SUITE 300  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
FAX: (808) 587-0600

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**Karen Seddon**  
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation  
Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

March 2, 2012 at 11:10 a.m.  
Room 325, State Capitol

In consideration of  
**HCR 24 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 593  
KULIOUOU ROAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII;  
HCR 25 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 619  
KULIOUOU ROAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII; and  
HCR 26 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 644  
HOKIOKIO PLACE, HONOLULU, HAWAII.**

The HHFDC supports HCRs 24 through 26. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to sell the leased fee interest in these single family homes to their respective leasehold owners.

All three properties were built in 1980 as part of the Kauhale Aupuni O' Kuliouou affordable for-sale development. Only 4 lessees remain out of the 197 homes in the development. The long-term leases in this development included a clause giving the lessees the contractual right to purchase the leased fee interest in their land.

The fair market value of the leased fee interest in these properties as of July 1, 2011 are as follows:

- 593 Kuliouou Road -- \$228,700;
- 619 Kuliouou Road -- \$230,000; and
- 644 Hokiokio Place -- \$201,700.

A title search conducted by Title Guaranty of Hawaii on July 27, 2011, showed that these parcels were classified as Government lands previous to August 15, 1895.

HHFDC conducted a public meeting on the proposed sale on August 10, 2011, at Niu Valley Intermediate School, Honolulu, Hawaii, following publication of notice in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser newspaper on August 4 and 7, 2011. There was no objection to the proposed sale raised at that time.

HHFDC has also worked with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs during the interim to keep them informed of these findings and intent to sell the leased fee interest in these parcels. Copies of the draft resolutions were provided to OHA on October 3, 2011.

The attached documents provide more information on these properties to the Committee:

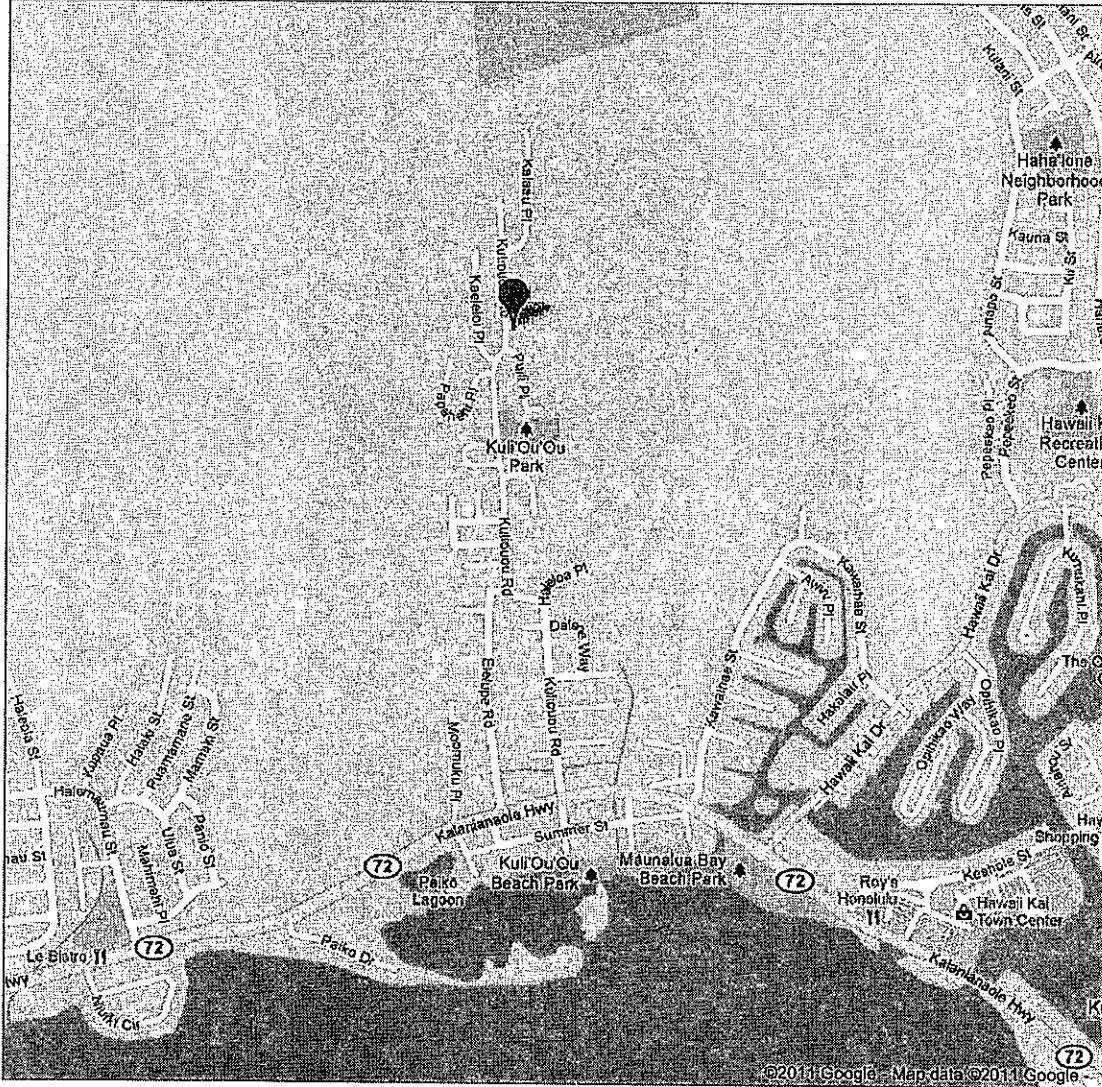
1. A map showing the general location of the parcels;
2. A map showing the leasehold parcels in relation to the other parcels in the subdivision;
3. A photo of each parcel; and
4. A copy of the title report prepared for these parcels.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of these concurrent resolutions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Address 593 Kuliouou Rd  
Honolulu, HI 96821

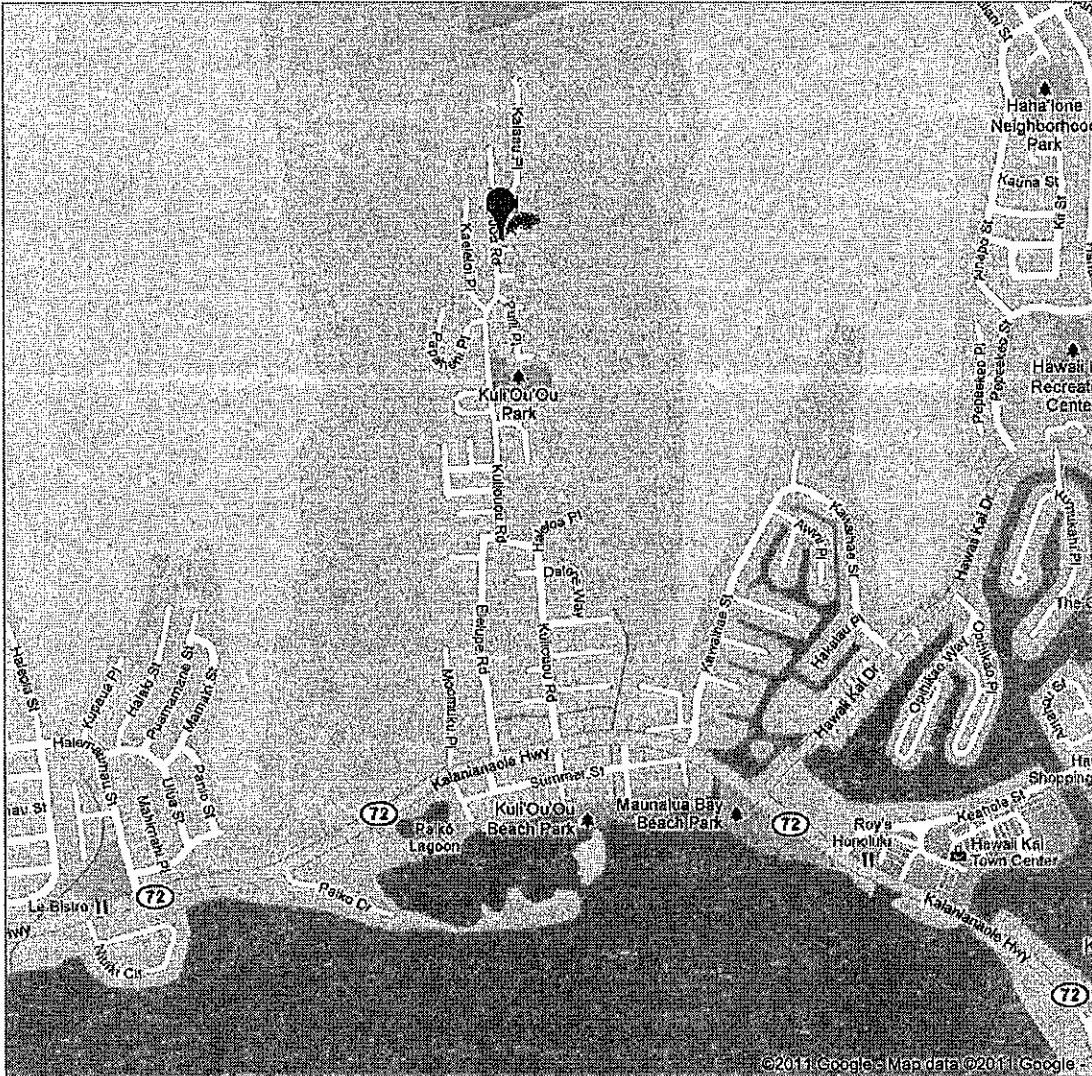
Notes TMK No. 1-3-8-16-57  
5,139 square feet



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Address 619 Kuliouou Rd  
Honolulu, HI 96821

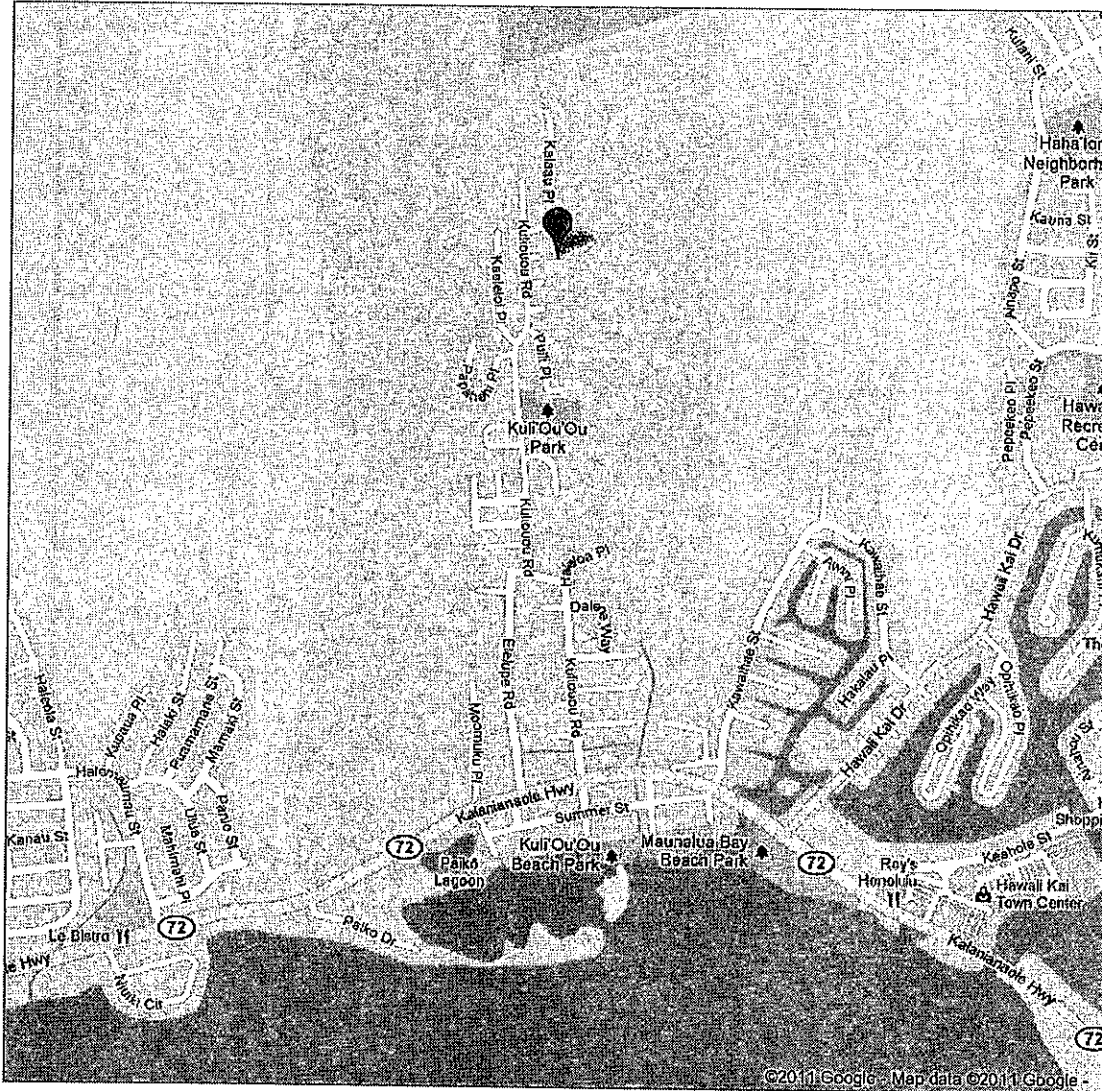
Notes TMK No. 1-3-8-17-1  
5,225 square feet



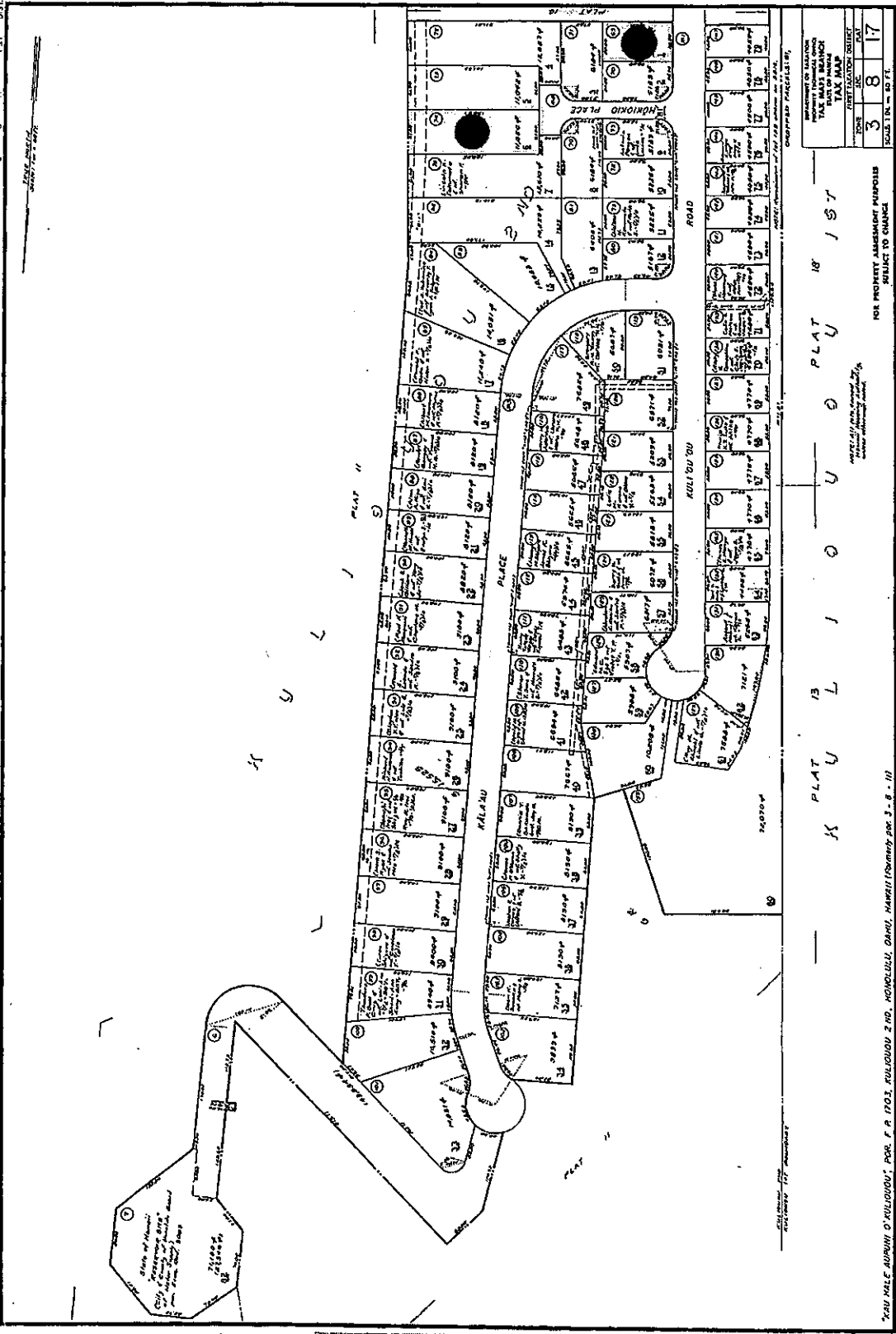
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Address 644 Hokiokio Pl  
Honolulu, HI 96821

Notes TMK No. 1-3-8-17-6  
11,026 square feet







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 DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
 HONOLULU, HAWAII

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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION	
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DATE OF RECORDING	
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NET PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PURPOSES  
 SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLAT 13 L I O U O PLAT 18 1 5 7

KALIYOU ROAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII (CORRECTION) PAR. 3, 8, 11

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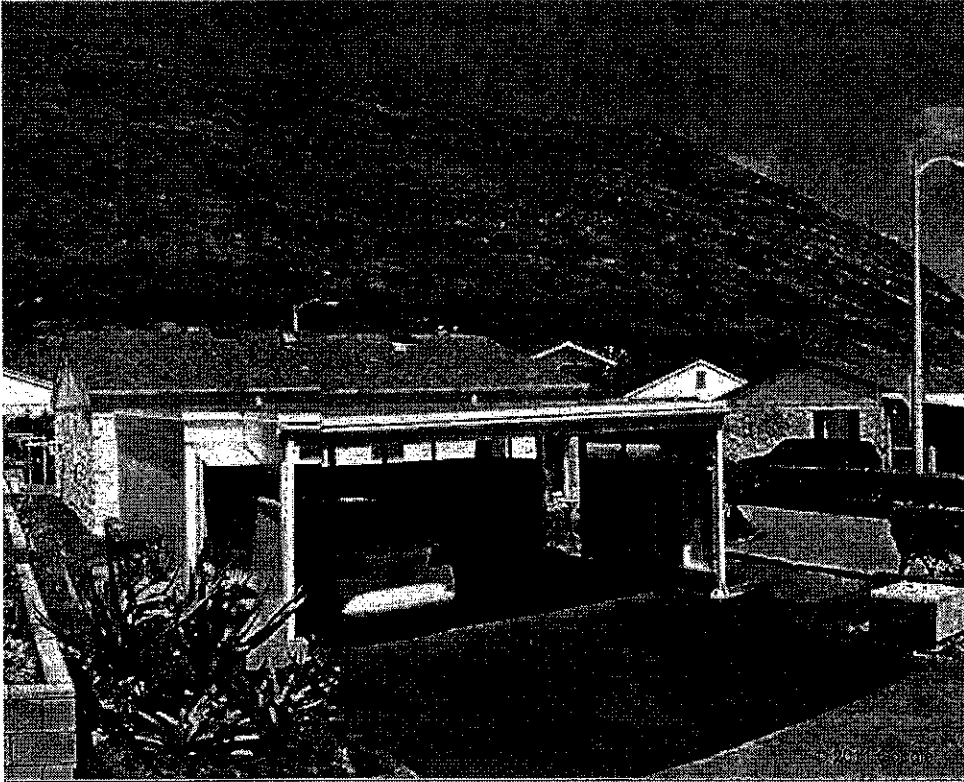
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Address is approximate

593 Kuliouou Road

TMK No. 1-3-8-16-57

5,139 square feet





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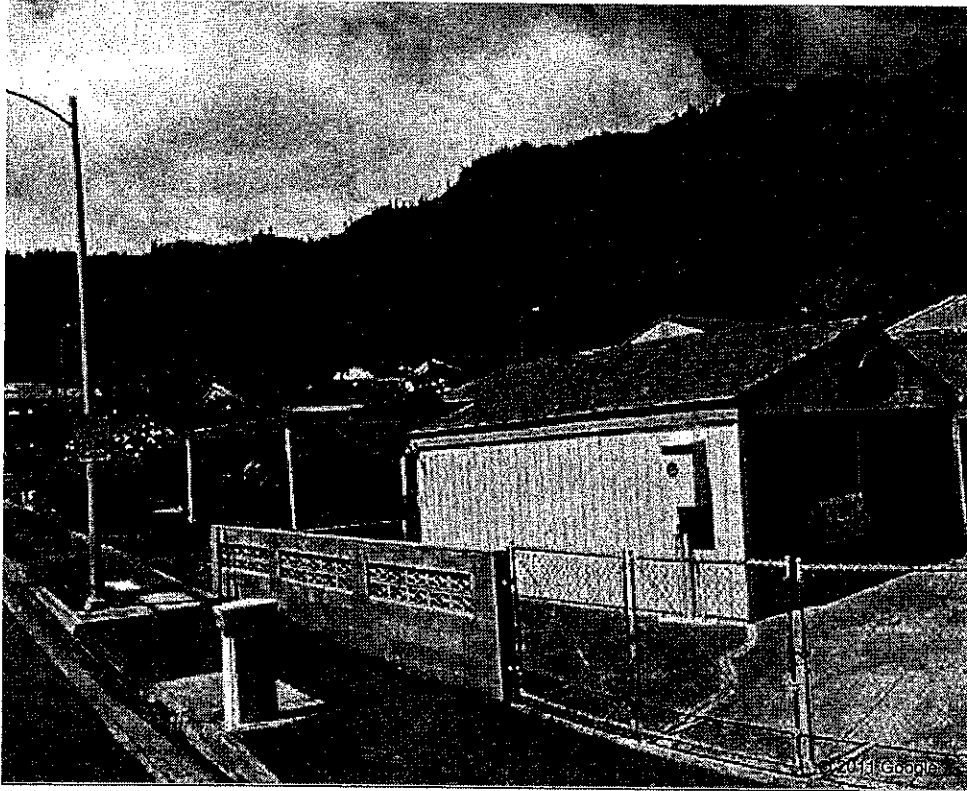
Address **611 Kuliouou Road**

Address is approximate

619 Kuliouou Road

TMK No. 1-3-8-17-1

5,225 square feet



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Address **Hokiokio Place**

Address is approximate

644 Hokiokio Place

TMK No. 1-3-8-17-1

11,026 square feet (includes portion of hillside)



# TITLE GUARANTY OF HAWAII

INCORPORATED

235 QUEEN STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Phone No. (808) 539-7743

Residential Title

Fax No. (808) 521-0288

Lorna Kometani, Housing Sales Coordinator  
HHFDC-Real Estate Services Section  
677 Queen Street, Suite 300  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: TMK (1) 3-8-016-057

## LIMITED LETTER REPORT

Maximum liability limited to  
**\$3,500.00**

In accordance with your request, we have made a search as to the Fee Simple ownership of the property identified as Tax Map Key (1) 3-8-016-057, containing an area of 5,139 square feet, and find that the land as of August 15, 1895 was a portion of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou.

1. Land is classified as Government Land as of August 15, 1895.
2. HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY acquired title through Grant No. S-15,528, as attached.

Dated July 27, 2011

Inquiries concerning this report  
Should be directed to  
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Re: TMK (1) 3-8-017-001

## LIMITED LETTER REPORT

Maximum liability limited to  
**\$3,500.00**

In accordance with your request, we have made a search as to the Fee Simple ownership of the property identified as Tax Map Key (1) 3-8-017-001, containing an area of 5,225 square feet, and find that the land as of August 15, 1895 was a portion of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou.

1. Land is classified as Government Land as of August 15, 1895.
2. HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY acquired title through Grant No. S-15,528, as attached.

Dated July 27, 2011

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Lorna Kometani, Housing Sales Coordinator  
HHFDC-Real Estate Services Section  
677 Queen Street, Suite 300  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: TMK (1) 3-8-017-006

## LIMITED LETTER REPORT

Maximum liability limited to  
**\$3,500.00**

In accordance with your request, we have made a search as to the Fee Simple ownership of the property identified as Tax Map Key (1) 3-8-017-006, containing an area of 11,026 square feet, and find that the land as of August 15, 1895 was a portion of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou.

1. Land is classified as Government Land as of August 15, 1895.
2. HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY acquired title through Grant No. S-15,528, as attached.

Dated July 27, 2011

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STATE OF HAWAII

*Land Patent No.* S-15,528

ORIGINAL

(Grant)  
Issued On

Pursuant to Section 171-95(a)(1),  
Hawaii Revised Statutes

*By* THIS PATENT the State of Hawaii, in conformity with the laws of the State of Hawaii relating to public lands and pursuant to the approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources on December 15, 1978,

makes known to all men that it does this day grant and confirm unto

HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY,  
a public body and a body  
corporate and politic, State of Hawaii,

hereinafter called the "PATENTEE,"

for the consideration of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00),  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, for LOT 1; LOT 5, PART 1;  
and LOT 9,

all of the land situate at KULIOUOU 2ND, HONOLULU, OAHU, HAWAII, being a portion of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioouou, being LOT 1, containing an area of 6,528 square feet, more or less, and LOT 5, PART 1, containing an area of 32.560 acres, more or less, and LOT 9, containing an area of 10.347 acres, more or less, all more particularly described in and delineated on, respectively, Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" attached hereto and made parts hereof, said exhibits being survey descriptions and survey maps prepared by the Survey Division, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii, designated as C.S.F. No. 18,931, C.S.F. No. 18,932 and C.S.F. No. 19,076, respectively.

RESERVING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS,  
THE FOLLOWING:

(1) All minerals as hereinafter defined, in, on or under the land and the right, on its own behalf or through persons authorized by it, to prospect for, mine and remove such minerals and to occupy and use so much of the surface of the ground as may be required for all purposes reasonably extending to the mining and removal of such minerals by any means whatsoever, including strip mining. "Minerals", as used herein, shall mean any or all oil, gas, coal, phosphate, sodium, sulphur, iron, titanium, gold, silver, bauxite, bauxitic clay, diaspor, boehmite, laterite, gibbsite, alumina, all ores of aluminum and, without limitation thereon, all other mineral substances and ore deposits, whether solid, gaseous or liquid, including all geothermal resources, in, on, or under the land, fast or submerged; provided, that "minerals" shall not include sand, gravel, rock or other material suitable for use and used in general construction in furtherance of the Patentee's permitted activities on the land and not for sale to others.

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(2) All surface and ground waters appurtenant to the said land and the right on its own behalf or through persons authorized by it, to capture, divert or impound the same and to occupy and use so much of the said land as may be required in the exercise of this right reserved.

(3) All prehistoric and historic remains found in, on or under said land.

Provided, however, that as a condition precedent to the exercise of the rights reserved in Paragraphs 1 and 2, just compensation shall be paid to the Patentee for any of Patentee's improvements taken.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the following terms, conditions and covenants:

1. That LOT 9 shall be used for drainage purposes and for community open-space recreational purposes only.
2. That LOT 9 is subject to a reservation in favor of the State of Hawaii of public access (trail) over and across said LOT 9 from the public road to the forest reserve.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said granted land unto the said

HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY

its successors and assigns forever, subject, however, to the reservations, conditions and covenants herein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of Hawaii, by its Board of Land and Natural Resources, has caused the Seal of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to be hereunto affixed and this Patent to be duly executed this 12th day of December, 1980.

STATE OF HAWAII  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
AT ITS MEETING HELD ON

8/25/78, 12/15/78, 11/21/80

By S. Uno  
Chairman and Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Devin Watson  
Deputy Attorney General  
Dated: August 25, 1980

By Devin Watson  
Member

Written by: .....

Proofed by: .....



STATE OF HAWAII

SURVEY DIVISION  
DEPT. OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
HONOLULU

May 28, 1980

C.S.P. No. 18,931

PORTION OF THE GOVERNMENT (CROWN) LAND OF KULIOUOU

LOT 1

Kuliouou 2nd, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

Beginning at the southeast corner of this parcel of land and at the northeast corner of Kuliouou Road, the coordinates of said point of beginning referred to Government Survey Triangulation Station "KOKO HEAD 3" being 11,562.55 feet North and 7055.71 feet West, thence running by azimuths measured clockwise from True South:-

1. 85° 37' 40.00 feet along the north end of Kuliouou Road;
2. 176° 37' 474.16 feet along Lot 541 (Map 7) of Land Court Application 578;
3. 266° 37' 4.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
4. 356° 37' 220.72 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
5. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou on a curve to the left with a radius of 378.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
350° 37' 79.02 feet;
6. 344° 37' 89.07 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
7. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou on a curve to the right with a radius of 422.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
350° 37' 88.22 feet  
to the point of beginning and containing  
an AREA OF 6,528 SQUARE FEET OR 0.150 ACRE.

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
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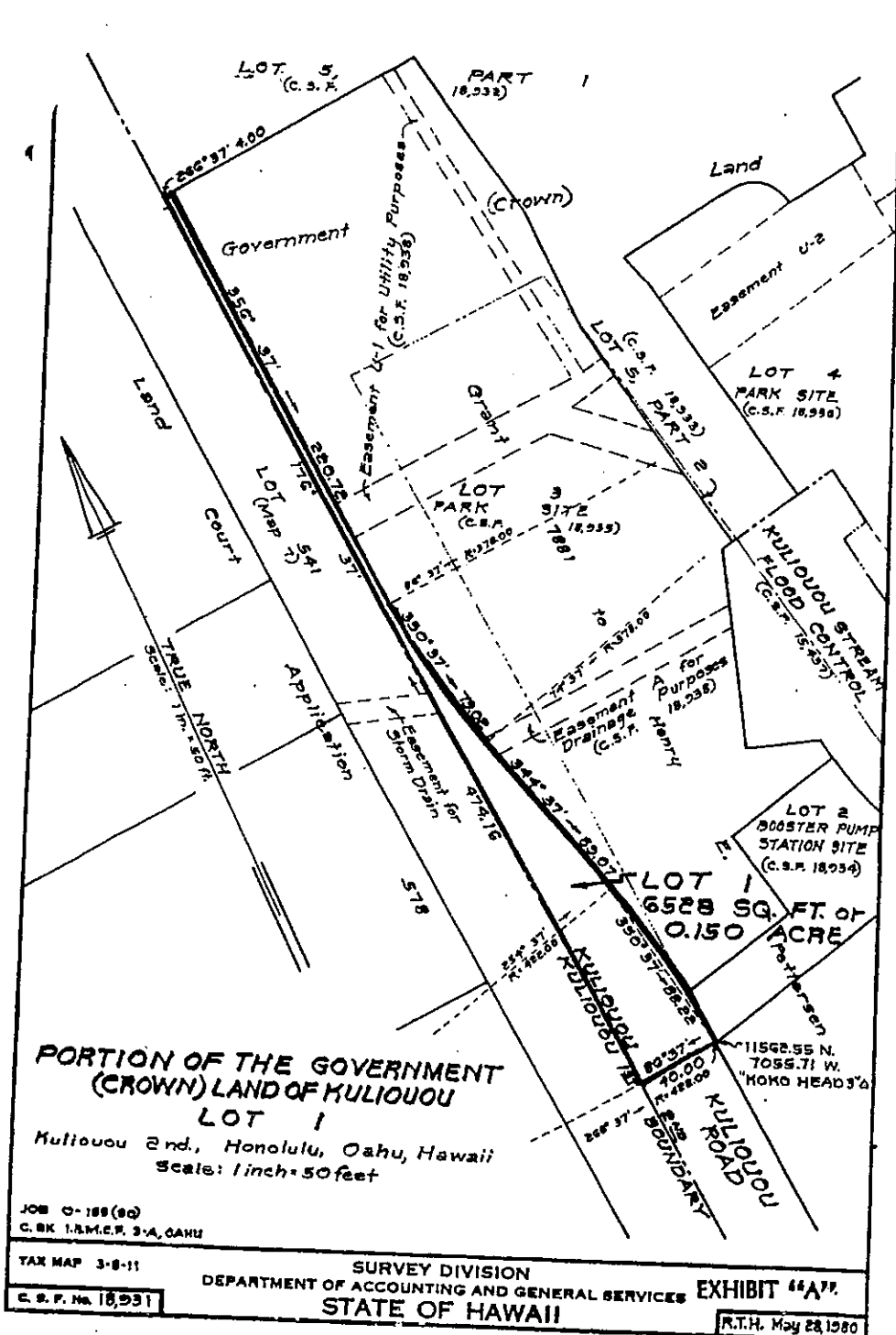
By: Raymond S. Nakamura  
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Land Surveyor

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and Govt. Survey Records.

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EXHIBIT "A"





**PORTION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
(CROWN) LAND OF KULIOUOU  
LOT 1**  
Kulioou 2nd., Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii  
Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet

JOB C-188 (90)  
C.B.K. I.R.M.C.P. 3-A, OAHU

TAX MAP 3-8-11

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
STATE OF HAWAII

EXHIBIT "A"

C. S. F. No. 18,931

R.T.H. May 28, 1980

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STATE OF HAWAII

SURVEY DIVISION

DEPT. OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
HONOLULU

May 28, 1980

C.S.F. No. 18,932

PORTION OF THE GOVERNMENT (CROWN) LAND OF KULIOUOU

LOT 5

*LWS*

PART 1

Kulioou 2nd, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

Beginning at the southwest corner of this parcel of land and on the east boundary of Lot 541 (Map 7) of Land Court Application 578, the coordinates of said point of beginning referred to Government Survey Triangulation Station "KOKO HEAD 3" being 12,033.52 feet North and 7123.62 feet West, thence running by azimuths measured clockwise from True South:-

1. 176° 37' 2345.49 feet along Land Court Application 578;
2. 266° 37' 164.66 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou;
3. 339° 22' 180.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou;
4. 249° 22' 41.65 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou;
5. 181° 15' 396.28 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou;
6. 271° 15' 82.34 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou;
7. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou on a curve to the right with a radius of 40.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
185° 12' 09" 73.17 feet;
8. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou on a curve to the right with a radius of 40.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
281° 21' 40.00 feet;
9. 191° 21' 53.36 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulioou;

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EXHIBIT "B"

10. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou on a curve to the right with a radius of 20.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
252° 26' 35.01 feet;
11. 313° 31' 195.58 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
12. 1° 15' 1115.63 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
13. 356° 13' 30" 525.54 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
14. 351° 12' 1044.81 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
15. 83° 25' 163.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
16. 173° 25' 32.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
17. 83° 25' 147.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
18. 353° 25' 32.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
19. 83° 25' 44.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
20. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou on a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
128° 25' 28.28 feet;
21. 83° 25' 62.04 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
22. 339° 01' 40" 15.56 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
23. 349° 25' 124.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
24. 79° 25' 36.66 feet along the north end of Kuliouou Stream Flood Control;
25. 168° 39' 127.47 feet along Grant 7881 to Henry E. Pettersen;
26. 179° 48' 20" 57.48 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;

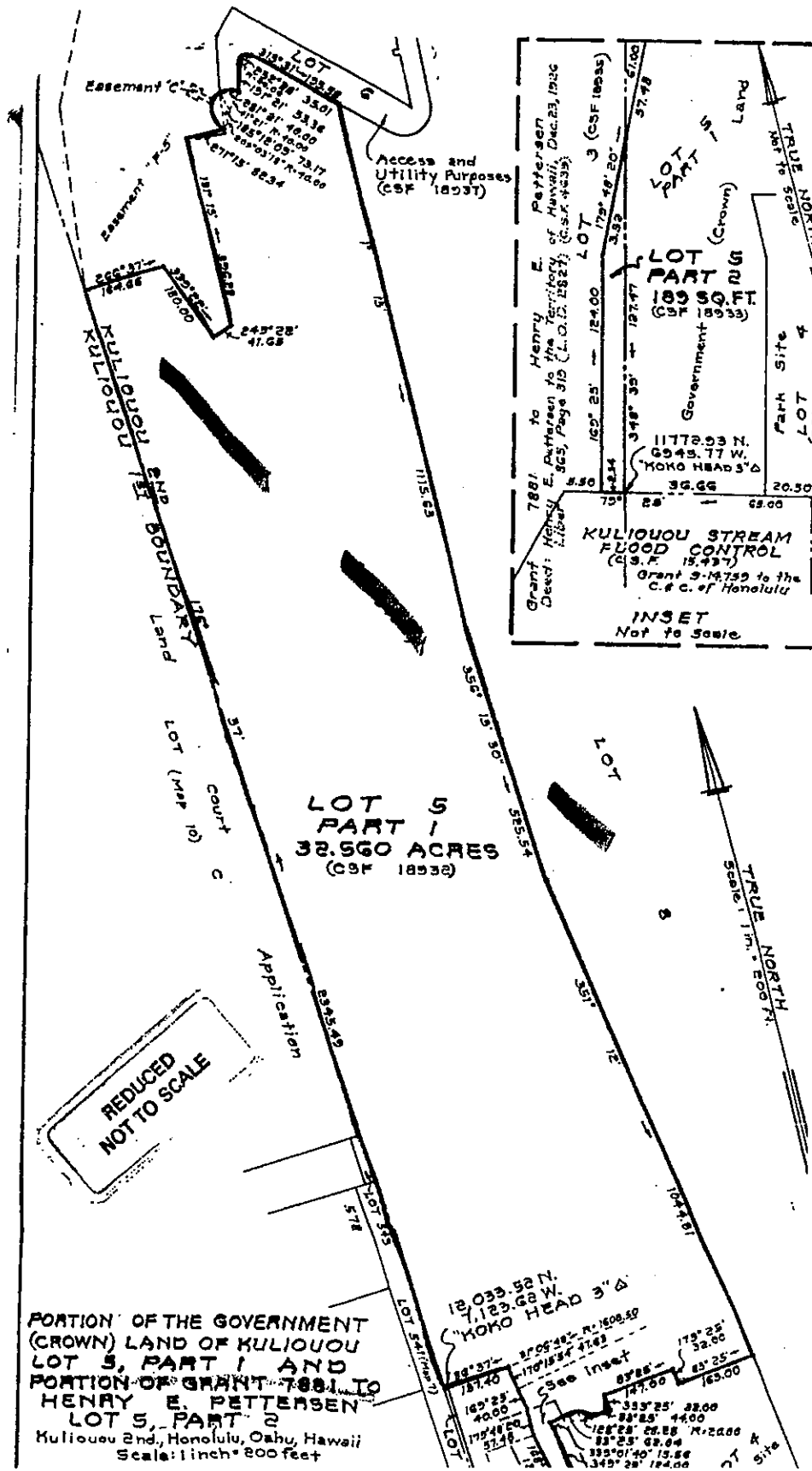
27. 169° 25' 40.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulicouou;
28. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulicouou on a curve to the right with a radius of 1608.50 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
170° 15' 54" 47.63 feet;
29. 86° 37' 137.40 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kulicouou to the point of beginning and containing an AREA OF 32.560 ACRES.

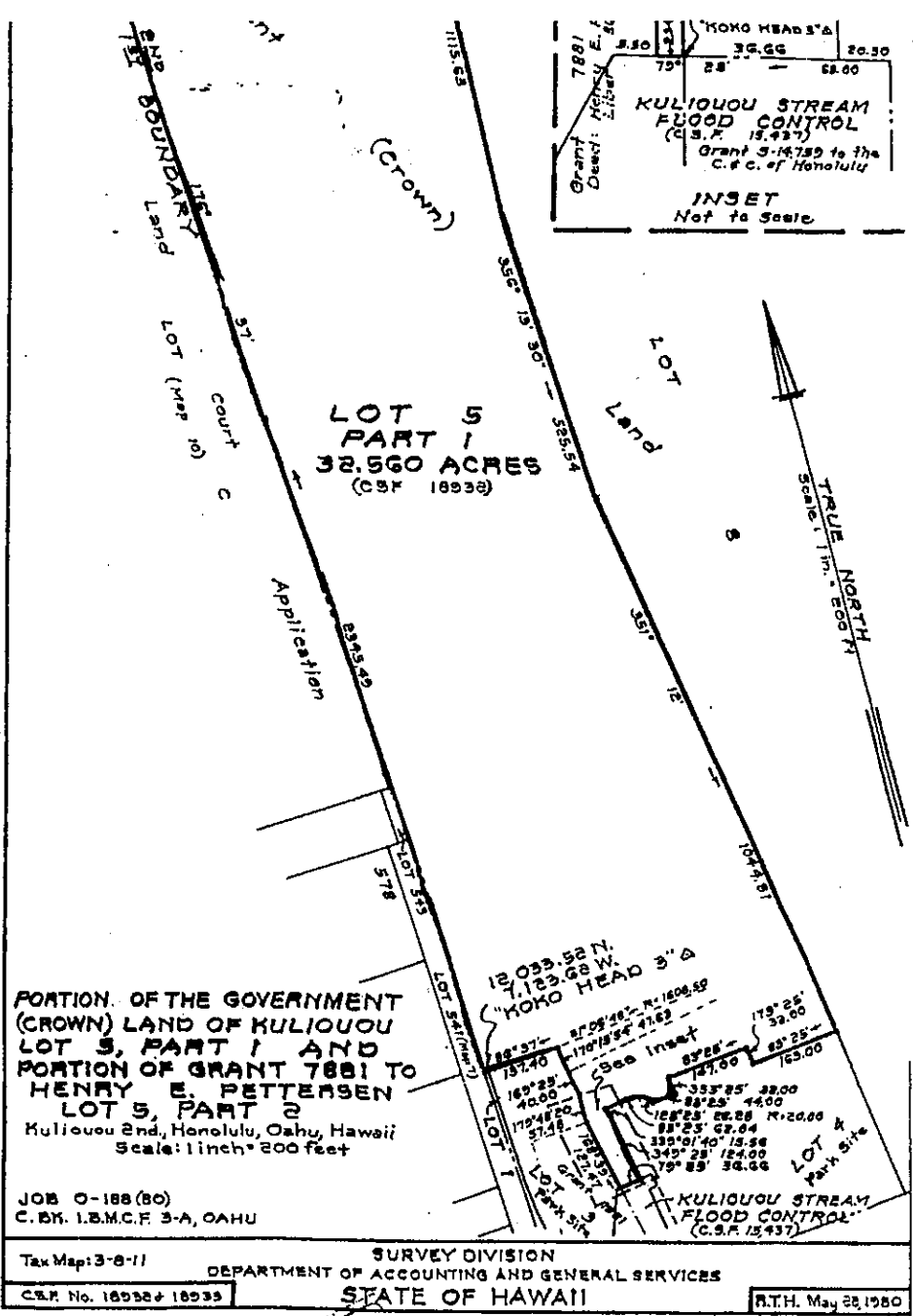
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STATE OF HAWAII

SURVEY DIVISION

DEPT. OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
HONOLULU

November 20, 1980

C.S.F. No. 19,076

LOT 9

FLOWAGE EASEMENT LOT

Kuliouou 2nd, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

Being a portion of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou.

Beginning at the northwest corner of this parcel of land, the southwest corner of Kuliouou Forest Reserve, Governor's Proclamation dated February 13, 1914 and on the boundary between the lands of Kuliouou 1st and Kuliouou 2nd, the coordinates of said point of beginning referred to Government Survey Triangulation Station "KOKO HEAD 3" being 15,103.10 feet North and 7305.09 feet West, thence running by azimuths measured clockwise from True South:-

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|--------------|---|
| 1. 257° 48'  | 704.19 feet along the Kuliouou Forest Reserve, Governor's Proclamation dated February 13, 1914; |
| 2. 347° 48'  | 322.58 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                     |
| 3. 2° 39'    | 79.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                      |
| 4. 317° 39'  | 57.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                      |
| 5. 2° 39'    | 123.65 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                     |
| 6. 92° 39'   | 12.50 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                      |
| 7. 2° 39'    | 10.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                      |
| 8. 272° 39'  | 12.50 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                      |
| 9. 2° 39'    | 112.73 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                     |
| 10. 133° 31' | 419.71 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;                     |

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EXHIBIT "C"

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- 11. 43° 31' 66.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 12. 11° 21' 114.72 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 13. Thence along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou on a curve to the left with a radius of 40.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
5° 12' 09" 73.17 feet;
- 14. 91° 15' 82.34 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 15. 1° 15' 396.28 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 16. 69° 22' 41.65 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 17. 159° 22' 180.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 18. 86° 37' 164.66 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 19. 176° 37' 729.45 feet along Lot C (Map 10) of Land Court Application 578 to the point of beginning and containing an AREA OF 10.347 ACRES.

Subject, however, to Easement C for Drainage Purposes described as follows:

Beginning at the east corner of this easement, the direct azimuth and distance from the end of Course 12 of the above-described Lot 9 being:  
59° 03' 40" 17.03 feet, thence running by azimuths measured clockwise from True South:-

- 1. Along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou on a curve to the left with a radius of 40.00 feet, the chord azimuth and distance being:  
39° 35' 30" 10.00 feet;
- 2. 129° 35' 30" 23.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 3. 39° 35' 30" 3.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 4. 129° 35' 30" 20.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 5. 219° 35' 30" 16.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;



November 20, 1980

- 6. 309° 35' 30" 20.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 7. 39° 35' 30" 3.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou;
- 8. 309° 35' 30" 23.00 feet along the remainder of the Government (Crown) Land of Kuliouou to the point of beginning and containing an AREA OF 548 SQUARE FEET.

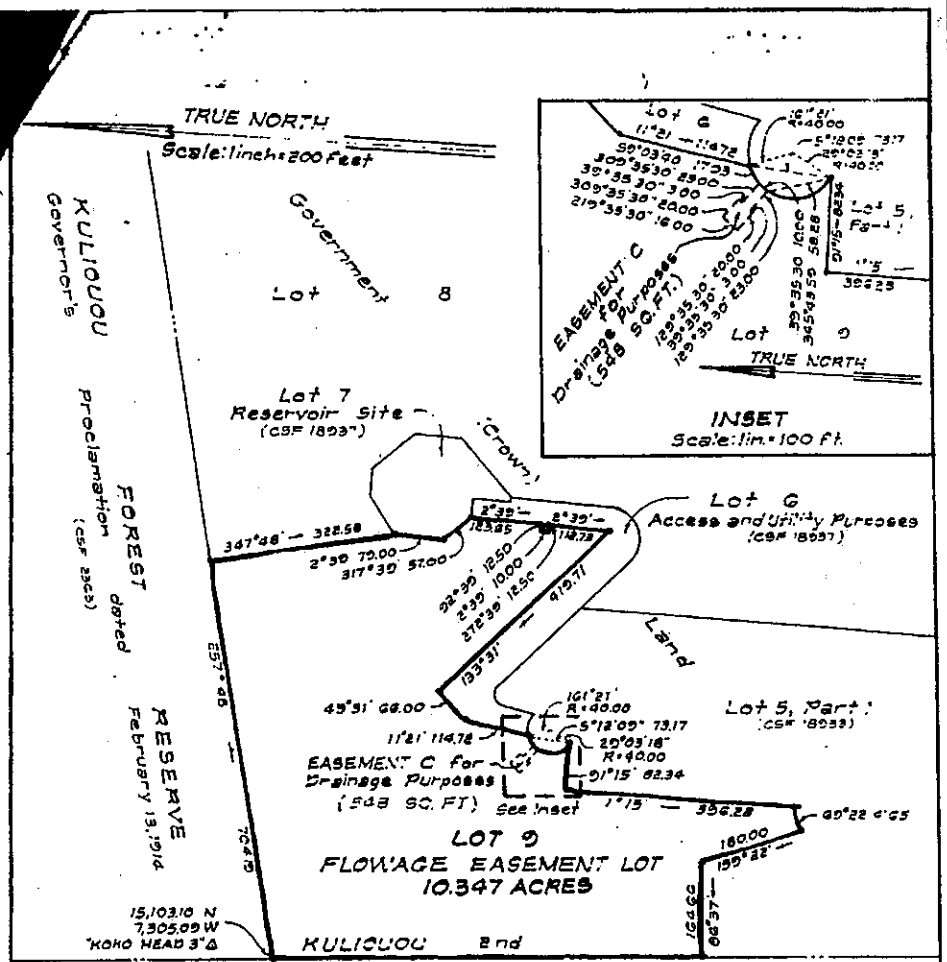
Reserving to the State of Hawaii an easement for public access (trail), over and across the above-described Lot 9 from the public road to Kuliouou Forest Reserve.

SURVEY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
STATE OF HAWAII

By: Robert T. Hashimoto  
Robert T. Hashimoto  
Land Surveyor

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Compiled from data  
furn. by Wm. Hea & Assoc.,  
Inc. and Govt. Survey  
Records.



KULIOUOU End  
 KULIOUOU 1st 174° 37' 729.45 BOUNDARY  
 Lot C  
 Court Application 578  
 (Map 10)

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LOT 9  
 FLOWAGE EASEMENT LOT  
 Kuliouou End, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii  
 Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet

JOB O-464(80)  
 C. BK 19, R.T. Hashimoto

TAX MAP 3-B-11 SURVEY DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES EXHIBIT "C77"  
 C. S. F. No. 19076 STATE OF HAWAII NOV 20 1980



**HCR 24, HCR 25, HCR 26, HCR 27, HCR 28, HCR 29, HCR 30, and HCR 31  
APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN CERTAIN LANDS**

House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources  
House Committee on Housing

March 2, 2012

11:10 a.m.

Room 325

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HCR 24, HCR 25, HCR 26, HCR 27, HCR 28, HCR 29, HCR 30, and HCR 31, which approve the sale of the leased fee interest in certain lands. These resolutions were all offered for consideration by the Legislature in accordance with Act 176, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2009, as amended. Among other things, Act 176 requires a two-thirds majority vote of both houses of the Legislature before any specific lands controlled by the State can be sold (including, but not limited to, ceded lands).

HCR 24, HCR 25, HCR 26, HCR 27, and HCR 28 involve the sale of ceded lands. In the 1993 “Apology Resolution,” the United States Congress, referring to Native Hawaiians’ loss of control of their lands, stated:

[t]The Republic of Hawaii . . . ceded 1,800,000 acres of crown, government and public lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii, without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii or their sovereign government.

Sales of ceded lands raise significant concerns for OHA and its beneficiaries, because the Native Hawaiian people’s claim to ceded lands has yet to be resolved. OHA urges your committees to consider these unresolved claims carefully as they deliberate regarding each specific sale.

HCR 29, HCR 30, and HCR 31 do not involve the sale of ceded lands. Accordingly, the comments offered above are not meant to apply to these three measures.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on these important measures.

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HCR 24

I, Lee Chin Wang, as the new owner of 593 Kuliouou Road, Honolulu, HI 96812 would like to purchase the leased land. Although we just moved in a few months ago, we already love this neighborhood. It would be very helpful for me and my family if we could invest the monthly lease rent on the mortgage. Most of my neighbors already purchased their leased lands, and I would like to be one of them. Your help and approval will be greatly appreciated! Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Lee Chin Wang