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February 27, 2012

Letter of Support for Weed & Seed District One
Including Chinatown, Liliha & Kalihi

CBCA supports Weed and Seed and are requesting funding be given so we can reduce crimes damaging our neighborhood such as drugs, prostitution, gambling, graffiti and burglaries.

Chinatown is an important area and has a history of such repeated crimes making it an unsafe place for tourists and residents alike. Recent passage of laws limiting contact with middle and high school students with drug dealers and prostitutes have helped some but a regular HPD and Weed and Seed programs are very urgently needed.

Mahalo!

Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock,
President, CBCA
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The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
& Members of the Ways and Means Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Re: SB 2261 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

I am appealing for your support of SB2261 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

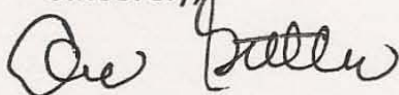
The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

I am a long time resident and have been active in the community for many years. I also work at Kaimiloa Elementary School and have the privilege working with the Weed and Seed Officers and Site Coordinator. They participate with our school projects and also support our safety. They are a positive role model for our youths in this community. They encourages the residents to work with them in keeping our community clean from graffiti free and unwanted trash and most of all educate us that we need to work as a team.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource that needs to be continued. Your support of this important program will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community. I urge you to support SB2261.

Sincerely,



Dolores "Dee" Gettle
Resident

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Ewa Makai Middle School
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Ewa Beach, Hawai'i 96706

February 26, 2012

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
& Members of the Ways and Means Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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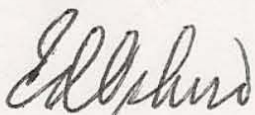
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The Weed and Seed officers are looked upon as not only policeman but as active participants and leaders in our school setting. They have done presentations to our students about---bicycle and pedestrian safety, careers in law enforcement, and drug and alcohol awareness. They have also interacted with our students as referees in football, basketball and other sports. They have assisted us in mass evacuation and other safety drills too.

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Sincerely,



Ed Oshiro



Friends of Chinatown

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February 27, 2012

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
& Members of the Ways and Means Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chairman Ige, Vice-Chairwoman Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Re: SUPPORT SB 2261 - RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

Decision Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012

The Friends of Chinatown supports SB 2261 to fund the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach. Our community needs this resource.

The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has made significant difference in reducing violent and drug-related crimes.

Weed and Seed is a critical community resource that provides the organizational tools and consultants/personnel that crime ridden neighborhoods need to grow positive friendly communities that. Discourages criminal activities.

Your support of this critical program ensures our community partners are able to continue building strong network of committed citizens earnestly preventing crime. Weed and Seed is critical in our community thus I humbly urge that you support SB 2261.

Sincerely,

Sandra Pohl
Secretary
Friends of Chinatown



February 24, 2012

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
& Members of the Ways and Means Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Re: SB 2261 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

Please vote in favor of SB2261 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

All of the collaborative efforts involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses have helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes tremendously in our communities.

Since the Ewa Beach/Ewa Weed and Seed program took root in our community a sense of value, family and pride thrives amongst young and old alike. Each taking the time out to get active and actually call in when they see crime or suspect something is not right. Parks are cleaner, streets are safer and illegal activity is no longer running rapid in our streets. The illegal activities are now less visible, but it still exists and I am afraid that if we do not have this type of program we will lose the progress and momentum we have gained since 2006.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource that needs to be continued. Your support of this important program will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community. I would like to thank you for your consideration of this very important issue and once again I humbly ask you to support SB2261.

Sincerely,

Tesha H. Malama

Long-time Ewa Beach Resident

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The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

I am a long time resident in Ewa Beach. Before Weed and Seed came to this community it was considered the "Wild West". I have been active working with the Weed and Seed Officers and the Site Coordinator and I have seen a tremendous change. Without them, our community will go back to how it was. They bring the community together and together we have done great things to serve everyone here. Especially to live in a safer community.

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Sincerely,



Cal Kimo Sueoka
Resident