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RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PUBLIC RECREATIONAL BOATING ZONE IN PEARL HARBOR

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor is a natural estuary with 4 major lochs, 36 miles of shoreline and approximately 5,000 acres of water surface; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor or Pu'uloa is a cultural, military, and historically significant site for the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, in 1887 the U.S. government obtained exclusive use of Pearl Harbor ("Harbor") and eventually integrated the harbor has a significant part of U.S. Navy operations in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, the Pearl Harbor Navy Complex ("Complex") which includes the harbor and surrounding lands (Exhibit A), has been a top priority for the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the focus of numerous superfund studies and remediation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Navy continues to actively work with the community, the EPA, and the Hawai'i Department of Health to implement long-term dredging, testing, and remediation projects for the Complex area; and

WHEREAS, according to the EPA "there are no immediate threats to human health or the environment at the site"; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu's *Primary Urban Plan (2004)* states:

"In the Aiea-Pearl City region, Pearl Harbor's East Loch is a major visual feature and potential recreational asset for the region"; and

WHEREAS, similarly, the *Aiea-Pearl City Livable Communities Plan (2004)* under Future Recreation Projects 2006 - 2025iv includes the following item: "Discuss with the Navy the possibility of limited recreational boating in East Loch from Neal S. Blaisdell Park"; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's Morale, Welfare, Recreation ("MWR") program includes long-standing and successful boating and leisure watercraft activities in Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the MWR program encourages recreational canoeing, sailing, and kayaking from locations near the East Loch of Pearl Harbor for all military personnel, veterans, Department of Defense employees and their guests; and

WHEREAS, public ocean access and coastal recreational opportunities are of central importance to life in Hawai'i; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board ("Board") supports the establishment of a recreational zone in the East Loch of Pearl Harbor for public boating and other leisure watercraft activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board respectfully requests that the State of Hawai'i and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Command collaborate to create a public recreational boating zone for the Pearl City community and the people of Hawai'i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that to maintain national security in Pearl Harbor the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard regularly evokes security protocols such as patrols vi and that these types of activities may continue with a public recreational zone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages the State of Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resources and the City's Department of Parks and Recreation to explore developing small-scale facilities for recreational boating and watercraft activities near the Neil Blaisdell Park and/or the Aiea Bay State Recreation Area; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation, Governor David Ige, Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard District 14, the State of Hawai'i's Military Liaison, Senator Clarence K. Nishihara and all members of the Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committees, Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Representative Sam Kong and all members of the Corrections, Military, & Veterans Committee, Representative Gregg Takayama, the Chairs and Members of the Aiea Neighborhood Board, Ewa Neighborhood Board, Waianae Neighborhood Board, Kailua Neighborhood Board, and the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 voted at its November 23, 2021 Regular Board meeting, by 9-0-0 vote.

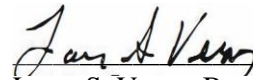
Respectfully Submitted By:



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Comments:

Aloha, and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I live in Pacific Palisades (ahupua'a Manana) and visit Blaisdell park often with my family. Every day I see the beautiful water of Pearl Harbor but, as I am not a member of the military, I must drive miles East or West for access. Many of my neighbors have boats and fish and they also cannot use the harbor. The military does not use or need all of the harbor and they even have their own recreational facilities and access, whereas the public does not. Access for the public must be a priority for the state and the military in order for us to be good neighbors to one another. Many civilians who live in this neighborhood support and even work for the military.

Mahalo,

Malia Albert