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Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

Subject: **Pali Lanes**

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Item: **Testimony** (On behalf of the subject).

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Background: Tim Gillespie born in Honolulu 1941, Grade and High schools completed in Honolulu. Completed financial services career on Oahu – retired. Occupied residences in Kailua and Kaneohe, 40 years. Children raised and attended school there. Tim frequented Pali Lanes starting early 1970s.

My Historical Observations and Comments on the subject are as follows:

Building:

Age: over 50 years (Built in 1961).

The building has survived weather and other issues, and still remains generally in original condition, with the capacity to continue servicing customers and attract visitors.

Unique Structure: There are no other bowling structures quite like it on the island of Oahu, and, to my knowledge, on the other islands. The architecture is special because of the unique **arched style canopy**, which spans the large width of the building. The primary ceiling support is provided by “giant”, multiple high arching beams, anchored into the ground on each end. This is an impressive, and today, a rarely seen style of construction!

Majestic Site: Because of the age, size, and unique structure, the building has stood as a **familiar image** in Kailua, for many decades. The **long and high, arched ceiling**, is always an attraction.

Patronage: I assume will be covered by other testimonies. Miscellaneous information, which may also include events and memories that have kept people long attached to this place. The following are just two of mine to share:

On my daughters 16th birthday, I took her to Dave B’s Skillet at Pali Lanes, for her first “fancy” restaurant dinner. Over the years, we have shared this memory. (She is now over 50 years old).

In the 1970s, on my Wednesday mixed 4 person bowling club night ...“dad” bowled a 269 game consisting of 2 “ten Pin taps” and 10 strikes. An event place and people, well remembered.

Mahalo: I sincerely thank the Review Board for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Tim Gillespie

