Aloha,

My name is Robert Crone. I am a resident and homeowner in Kailua since 1992. I am also an architect, urban planner and member of Docomomo Hawaii. I was an architect involved in historic preservation at Hickam Air Force Base from 1984 until my retirement in 2005. I have also been a member of Historic Hawaii Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for over 25 years.

I have a long history in support of the historic preservation of meaningful buildings both in Hawaii and on the mainland in my professional work and in my advocacy.

I oppose adding the Pali Lane to the Hawaii List of Historic Places. I do not think the Pali Lanes warrants such inclusion. I do not believe the architecture or the history of the building warrant inclusion. I believe this nomination is a politically motivated misguided effort by a certain segment of the Kailua population to inhibit positive urban design in the town of Kailua. I support good urban planning and urban design in the town of Kailua, not blocking it by retaining unwarranted structures.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment and offer my view on this topic so important to the past, present and future of Kailua.

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