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HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD
State Historic Preservation Division
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 555
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
ATTN: Register Program
Via email: DLNR.Intake.SHPD@hawaii.gov

Re: Haleiwa Jodo Mission
66-279 A Haleiwa Road
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96816
(1) 6-6-006:010

Aloha Members of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board:

I am writing in support of Haleiwa Jodo Mission's nomination to the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places.

I have been an active member of Haleiwa Jodo Mission since about 1990. Although my active membership is short, when compared to some others, I'm very honored to be among the fourth generation of my family to be actively involved. Having spent many hours of my childhood in Haleiwa, I have always felt a special affinity and connection to Haleiwa/Waialua and the Haleiwa Jodo Mission, which has been a part of our family for over a century.

In 1901, my great-grandfather arrived in Haleiwa from Yamaguchi-ken, Japan, via Hawaii Island. He was part of the committee that worked to establish Haleiwa Jodo Mission in 1912, with Rev. Muroyama. My great-grandmother was also an active member.

As a family of carpenters, three generations of my family – from my great-grandfather forward - physically contributed toward erection, repair, and maintenance of the buildings at Haleiwa Jodo Mission. Therefore, Haleiwa Jodo Mission is quite significant for my family.

The “old temple” is a very simple building, reflective of old Hawaii, and has a storied history, worthy of being preserved through listings on the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places. Restoration and preservation of the temple building will also assist Haleiwa Jodo Mission in its efforts to continue supporting the North Shore community.

I hope you will favorably consider Haleiwa Jodo Mission's inclusion on the registers.

Thank you very much,
Melanie Matsui