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Hawaii Historic Places Review Board  
Hawaii Historic Preservation Division  
Dr. Alan S. Downer, Administrator

Subject: Carlos and Altha Panfiglio Residence  
34 Kaapuni Drive  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Dear Board Members:

I am writing in support of the above mentioned property for inclusion in the Hawaii Registry of Historic Places.

The Panfiglio Residence is architecturally significant because it is among the most outstanding representative works of its renowned architect Alfred Preis on a pristine iconic Hawaii beach site. The house living room's wooden ceiling structure is an important piece of fine art in itself. It is well articulated, elegant and beautiful. It behooves the State to preserve and exhibit this piece of architecturally integrated art of the Father of the now nationwide Art in Public Places Program in his own state.

This house was also the retirement home of Dr. Ernest Sui Fook Ching and his Family. Dr. Ching was a Hawaii physician who had a pioneering practice in Seattle Washington's China Town for many decades. His legendary contributions were revered and well celebrated in the Pacific Northwest. Having his house in the Hawaii Registry of Historic Places would be a worthy reminder of a respected Proud Son of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of voicing my support of this important endeavor.

Aloha,



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