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Aloha Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board,

Mahalo nui for your consideration in approving the nomination of the Makai Golf Course for State Historic Status. It is a miracle of design, accomplished over 50 years ago by famous Golf Course Designer and Landscape Architect Robert Trent Jones, Jr.

It is far more than a golf course to us residents - it is a significant portion of Princeville, the first Master Planned Community on Kaua'i, it is a water management system that protects us from our heavy rains here on Kaua'i, and protects the natural beauty and wildlife that are such a part of these Islands.

Please accept our attached letter in favor of its registration as a State Historic Place.

Kind regards and aloha,

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Nomination to the State Historic Register of the Makai Golf Course at Princeville

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RE: LOG: 2023PR01035; DOC: 10CH15; Hearing November 17, 2023

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Dear Board Members,

Please place all 27 holes of the original Makai Golf Course on the State Historic Register.

Preserving these lands for golf or open space is critical to the visitors, part-time and full-time residents of the North Shore of Kaua'i. It is a prime example of how thoughtful development has been done in the past with Princeville as Kaua'i's very first Master Planned Community, only the second in Hawai'i. Despite its being designed over 50 years ago, it is most forward-looking.

These approximately 300 acres of land are much more than just Open Space. These lands were identified in the original Princeville Master Plan (from the earliest County Planning Map PR-700 to its current implementation) BY THE DEVELOPER as the most beautiful of the 995 acres. The Princeville development team from Eagle County Development Corporation determined that this open space should be preserved for all to enjoy. They hired Golf Course Designer and Landscape Architect Mr. Robert Trent Jones, Jr. to develop these 27 holes of golf to preserve the beauty of this land, make it work with the natural environment of the North Shore, engineer great water management and protect the birds and bats that would come to be protected under newer laws preserving endangered and threatened species.

To make the lands useful and functional beyond just beautiful, Mr. Jones developed a sophisticated design that could challenge golfers, but more important to the community, could manage the abundance of rainfall that the North Shore of Kaua'i usually receives. This land has a golf course laid on top of it, and that course is designed to direct the rainfall through natural channels to the Historic Hanalei River and on to the Ocean. It is a natural "sponge", with features designed into the course itself to guide the excess rainfall appropriately. Any dramatic overflow from rainfall or a dam break between the lakes goes into a three-layered parking lot. In addition, the golf course lakes are holding ponds for the partially treated effluent from the sewage plant that is used to water the golf course.

These courses have significant historical import – Mr. Jones' design, his creativity involved in preserving and caring for the land, the important tournaments that have been played here, the importance of these open spaces for the community. It should be recognized as historically important as has the Honoka'a Course on Hawai'i Island. The preservation of the beauty of this land and its availability to the larger community is of critical importance to all of Kaua'i and to Hawai'i.

We clearly endorse your placing it on the State Historic Register as a way to honor Mr. Jones, the famous Golf Course and Landscape Architect, and to honor the people of this land.

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono o Hawai'i

Mahalo nui loa,
Andrew and Frances White