



[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Letter of Support for November 21, 2025 Meeting, Choy Residence, TMK: (1) 2-9-012: 043

From Patti Choy <halamango@gmail.com>

Date Fri 11/21/2025 7:47 PM

To DLNR.HP.ArchitectureHistorian <DLNR.HP.ArchitectureHistorian@hawaii.gov>

Hawaii and National Register of Historic Places Nomination
Duke Cho and Mary Choy Residence
2515 Alaula Way
Honolulu, HI 96822
TMK: (1) 2-9-012: 043

Project No. 2025PR00789

I am writing to support the nomination of the Choy Residence for the Hawaii and National Register of Historic Places, as requested by the new owners of the home, Aaron and Katherine Wallen.

This past March, I was relieved when the Wallens purchased my family's home with the intent to restore it to its original condition and to make it their primary residence. The request to nominate their new home for the Hawaii and National Register of Historic Places ensures the architectural integrity of the residence will be preserved and maintained.

I believe the significance of this Mid-Century Modern residence is well documented in the registration form, along with its unique features that are highlighted in the description of the home. As a whole, the home holds its own within the context of the Mid-Century Modern movement in Hawaii and on the continent.

There are just a few additional notes I want to make. Namely, the home serves as a good example to emphasize that simplicity can make a strong statement. In this case, simple materials allow one to experience a quiet tropical flair with modern strokes that encompass strong lines balanced and softened by a flood of natural light and a sense of airiness.

The element of transparency that runs through the home allows one to see through rooms, through sliding doors and through huge plate glass windows to other parts of the home and creates a sense of openness that is unique to the residence.

Moving in and out of rooms with high and low ceilings and through various types of entry ways creates a quiet drama and allows for a true indoor-outdoor living experience.

I am pleased to support the Wallen's request to nominate their new home for the Hawaii and National Register of Historic Places. We fully understand with their commitment to restoring and preserving the home, it will live on as an example of a tropical Mid-Century Modern design and, hopefully, stand as a teaching resource to a new generation of architects.

Patrice Choy

💧 Shut Down Red Hill

💧 Not Pau Yet!