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To: DLNR Hawaii, Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
From: Lorraine Minatoishi, Ph.D., AIA
Subject: Historic Nomination for La Mariana Sailing Club Tiki Bar

Dear Chairperson Suzanne D. Case,

We believe that the La Mariana Sailing Club and Tiki Bar in Honolulu, Hawaii is eligible for the historic register. The restaurant is located at 50 Sand Island Access Rd, Honolulu, HI 96819.

This historic restaurant was first opened in 1955 and it is significant under criteria A and C for its association with the Tiki Pop environment era, first introduced by Don the Beachcomber in the 1930s and made more popular during the 1950s post-war economic boom. Under criterion A, the building represents an era of tourism and celebrity culture that was prevalent on the island the 1950s. Under Criterion C, the building holds high integrity and maintains its traditional tiki bar style and character, complete with furnishing such as rattan furniture and beachcomber lanterns. This is one of the last remaining authentic tiki bars on the island.

It is my understanding that under Chapter 6E, the State is required to preserve historic properties on lands which are owned or controlled by the State or its political subdivisions and which have historic value.

It has come to our attention that the land lease that the La Mariana Sailing Club and Tiki Bar have with the State will be ending soon and as a result this historic landmark is a threatened resource. This historic landmark should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and preserved for generations to come.

Please feel free to contact me via phone (808) 942-7474 or email (LM@mahawaii.com) to discuss this request further.

I sincerely appreciate your time in reading this letter and reviewing this request.

Best,

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