



**MĀLAMA HONUA  
CHARTER SCHOOL**

September 22, 2021

Suzanne Case, Chair and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Post Office Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Aloha Kākou,

Subject: Testimony in Support of Agenda item D-8:  
**Consent to Sublease under General Lease No. S-5468, Hui Mālama O Ke Kai Foundation,  
Lessee, to Mālama Honua Public Charter School Foundation, Sublessee, Waimanalo,  
Ko'olaupoko, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 4-1-009:265.**

Mahalo nui for allowing us to submit this joint testimony on behalf Hui Mālama O Ke Kai (HMOKK) and the Mālama Honua Public Charter School (MHPCS) in Waimanalo.

We are extremely excited about this partnership in allowing us to better serve our Waimanalo and surrounding community through this new lease agreement.

MHPCS was one of the last remaining charter schools to be established in 2014 as an extension of the “Mālama Honua” voyage around the world. The school was formally welcomed into Waimanalo at a historic meeting of community members and leaders at the HMOKK site in 2013. Starting as a K-2 school, we have grown to be a fully articulated K-8 school and graduated our first 8<sup>th</sup> grade “mind of the navigator” class this summer at HMOKK.

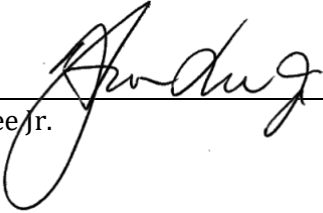
For the last 7 years we have searched for one site in Waimanalo to locate our school. Over the last year, both HMOKK and MHPCS turned our attention to working out the details of this partnership which led to this request before you today. Support both within our respective organizations and within the community in which we primarily serve has been inspiring and filled with the prospect of what each brings to a renewed mission of hope to better serve our community in an even more rich and dynamic pooling of resources.

Please know that we commit to aloha and mālama this special 'āina in our community. More importantly to create a new legacy of excellence in education infused with the best that Hawaii has to offer in navigating the years and journey ahead for our keiki.

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Very truly yours,

**MĀLAMA HONUA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**  
Governing Board of Directors

By:   
Herb Lee Jr.

September 22, 2021  
Date

**HUI MALAMA O KE KAI**  
Board of Directors

By:   
Mailelailii Vickery

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