

Written Testimony by Vance Kaleohano Farrant
Submitted on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023
To the Board of Land and Natural Resources
Regarding the Legacy Land Program Applicant: Ho'okua'aina

I strongly urge the BLNR to fund Ho'okua'aina's application for funds to purchase lands in Pālāwai, Kailua, O'ahu.

Part of my mom's family goes back more than five generations in Kailua, including the Maunawili area specifically. Until a short time ago, my grandpa's family had a farm right near where Ho'okua'aina works today, and while I grew up in Paumalū on the north shore, we always come to Tūtū's house in Kailua every holiday.

Since 2020, I have researched with Ho'okua'aina to understand and communicate the holistic value of their work. Their restoration of lo'i kalo (wetland taro agriculture) creates habitat for native waterbirds, among other valuable ecological functions. However, my expertise and research can attest even more strongly to the immense social value generated by their work. In my 41 interviews conducted with staff, interns, and other community members who have spent time with Ho'okua'aina, the majority of people made clear that Ho'okua'aina has played a transformative role in their lives by providing a safe and healthy environment for them to form deep relationships with the land and community. Here are a few examples of quotes:

"My whole life course totally changed because of Ho'okua'aina."
~21 year-old, former staff member

"Kapalai changed how I carried myself and how I treated others. I became more humble, determined, appreciative, and down to earth." ~19 year-old, former intern

"They [the volunteers] all said that they felt so much better after, like they got cleansed from the inside out. I feel that when I eat the poi, too." ~77 year-old, poi customer

From youth who never finished high school to those attending prestigious colleges, from children to elders, from locals to visitors, a wide variety of people told me that Ho'okua'aina has shifted their future plans towards a greater emphasis on caring for community and environment:

"I plan to continue cultivating 'aina wherever I go, and hopefully, I will have my own 'aina one day where I can produce food and create thriving 'aina."
~23 year-old, former staff member

“I want to do this work for the rest of my life. I want to bring Ho‘okua‘āina to Kaua‘i and offer a similar space with a family-based structure and a mission of growing food and building community.” ~21 year-old, former staff member

Through the people they inspire, Ho‘okua‘āina contributes to exponential growth in the number of people stewarding our social-ecological systems in Hawai‘i. Ho‘okua‘āina’s expansion to Pālāwai promises to substantially increase our local food sovereignty. However, I am most excited to see the tremendous social impact that this expansion will have, even beyond the shores of Hawai‘i, where people will be inspired by Ho‘okua‘āina’s transformative model of stewardship.

Ho‘okua‘āina’s work honors the ancestors of Kapalai, Pālāwai, and the surrounding area, including my own kūpuna. I am humbled to share stories of this region and its caretakers today.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,

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April 26, 2023

TO: Chairperson Chang, and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources
FR: Tara Flynn, Board Member, Ho'okua'aina
RE: Written and In-Person Testimony in support of allocating \$2.3 million from the Land Conservation Fund to Ho'okua'aina toward completion of the purchase of 116.49 acres at Pālāwai, Kailua, O'ahu.

Aloha Board Members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to give testimony in support of allocating \$2.3 million from the Land Conservation Fund to Ho'okua'aina toward completion of the purchase of 116.49 acres at Pālāwai, Kailua, O'ahu.

Having been involved with Ho'okua'aina in various ways since its inception, and knowing the Wilhelm 'Ohana through the years since their dream of offering an 'aina-based center for food production and community connection, I can assure that Pālāwai lands under their stewardship will provide maximum benefit to the public.

I have witnessed the steadfast work ethic, partnering with community, effective planning and development of the programs and staff through the years that has culminated in an incredible place of physical and spiritual nourishment to the land and its people. The stories of transformed lives through the cultivation of kalo is endless and inspirational.

Ho'okua'aina's proven ability to manage these resources already exists and should be scaled and expanded to Pālāwai. This will ensure its protection against subdivision and development, protection of its many cultural and historic sites, protection of its watershed, streams and native habitat, and will provide food security through agricultural production and community education.

They are Kua'aina, the backbone strengthening the well-being of the community, and are Ho'okua'aina, cultivating community based stewardship that will last for generations to come. It is my honor to serve such an organization and work with the greater community in this effort.

Mahalo piha for your time and consideration on this recommendation,

Tara Flynn

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Board of Land & Natural Resources Department of Land & Natural Resources

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Aloha Board Members,

On behalf of Ho'okua'āina, we ask your support for the grant award to Ho'okua'āina as well as the grant award to Kauluakalana. As a family and organization we have been restoring land across the street from the Pālāwai lands for the last 16 years cultivating a culture of individual well-being and community waiwai (wealth) through the practice of aloha 'āina.

We have experienced the impact our work has made in the community as well as the interest and demand for more of it on a larger scale. This truly is an amazing opportunity for all of Hawaii to bring life back to these lands and utilize them for all purposes that are pono for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration and full support.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Michele and Dean Wilhelm
Co-Founders and Directors

HUI MAUNAWILI-KAWAINUI

Maunawili, Kailua, O'ahu

April 25, 2023

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Hui Maunawili-Kawainui stands in full support of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission's recommendation to provide funds to Ho'okua'aina for the acquisition of Palawai and to Kauluakalana for the acquisition of Makali'i in Maunawili, Kailua. The Hui works in continuing partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana and the Hawai'i Land Trust's (HILT) initiative to purchase and protect Palawai (116 acres) and Makali'i (59 acres.) The Hui and its many individual and organizational members have been working for years to protect these lands as part of more than 1,000 acres of privately held Maunawili lands which have high natural, cultural, historical and agricultural significance and are at risk of subdivision, sale and development.

Who We Are. Hui Maunawili-Kawainui (Hui MK) is a coalition of descendants and residents of Maunawili and Kailua and 11 respected Hawaiian cultural and environmental organizations based in Maunawili and Kailua. Hui MK's mission is to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the Kailua ahupua'a (traditional land division) as a place of healthy forests, free-flowing fresh water, abundant agriculture and rich natural, cultural and historic resources. We support the purchase, preservation and restoration of conservation and agricultural lands in Maunawili and the protection and preservation of forests, fresh water resources, wetlands, traditional lo'i lands, important ancient and historic sites, and historic trails and roads. Our purpose is to protect and revitalize Maunawili's forests, prime agricultural and culturally significant lands. Since its founding in 2006, Hui MK has consistently worked with State and County government, TPL and HILT, other organizations and the community at large to ensure that Maunawili's highly significant lands are protected

Maunawili Valley is the largest stream watershed area in Ko'olaupoko, covering 9,408 acres. Essential to the community's health and well-being, the valley is fed by more than 50 streams and freshwater springs and provides critical habitat for endemic plant and animal species. Maunawili is part of a priority watershed vital for recharge of virtually pristine fresh water flowing to important traditional riparian farmlands and the Kawainui wetland (the largest wetland in the state, a designated Ramsar Wetland of International Importance.) Kawainui provides flood control for Kailua, O'ahu, traps sediment and channels clean water to the Kailua Bay marine eco-system. On a larger scale, mauka Maunawili forests and the adjoining wide, densely-vegetated wetland contribute to carbon capture in our warming world.

Palawai and Makali'i. The Palawai and Makali'i lands under consideration consist of nearly 150 acres of traditional lo'i kalo land, 75 acres of which are the highly productive Hanalei soil. Fed by Maunawili's many springs and streams which originate in the Ko'olau, these lands were extensively farmed in kalo which was famed

for its sweetness and requested by the ali'i. Five streams converge on the Palawai property to form the main stem of Maunawili Stream. This stream flows along the base of Olomana, adjacent to Makali'i, passes under Kalaniana'ole Highway, and then joins Kahanaiki Stream to flow into Kawainui Marsh and eventually to Kailua Bay. Makali'i is home to the storied Makali'i Spring, valued source of fresh drinking water which also fed the lo'i kalo and gardens.

Palawai was last farmed in the 1980s when the golf course was developed. Makali'i was last farmed in 2012 when the last of the farming families were evicted by the current landowner. Both Palawai and Makali'i have suffered decades of neglect and the land is literally choked by invasive species, aggressive vines and weeds.

Pre-contact and historic Hawaiian cultural sites, including agricultural terraces, irrigation ditches, trails, house sites, and possible places of worship have also suffered neglect. At present, few sites at Palawai and Makali'i have been surveyed or studied by archaeologists or Hawaiian cultural practitioners. Extensive remnants of cultural and historic sites reflect the valley's centuries of agricultural use and traditional Hawaiian cultural practices of the area.

Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana. Hui Maunawili-Kawainui fully supports Ho'okua'aina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai and Kauluakalana as the proposed future owner and steward of Makali'i.

- The principals of both non-profit organizations and 'ohana are long-term residents of Maunawili, deeply rooted and connected to the 'aina and the community.
- Ho'okua'aina successfully farms kalo in Maunawili on a 7.6 acre parcel adjacent to Palawai. They annually harvest 30,000 pounds of kalo and have grown into the largest producers of kalo on O'ahu today.
- Kauluakalana is currently steward of a 15 acre parcel at Kukanono, including Ulupo heiau and the north-east bank of Kawainui. Ten acres of this parcel are cultivated in lo'i kalo, yielding thousands of pounds of kalo per year. Recently Kauluakalana has received a Right of Entry from the State to farm 25 acres (Manu 'ili) just across Kalaniana'ole Highway from Maunawili where they have already restored three acres to kalo, 'uala and ko production: the first time this land has been cultivated in more than 100 years.
- Both organizations have demonstrated success with stream and spring restoration enabling water to once again flow through 'auwai, lo'i kalo and wetlands, providing habitat for native species and gradually revitalizing the ecosystem.

Both Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana are known for their inspirational and transformative leadership through 'aina-based education programming for youth, schools, young adults and the community.

- Ho'okua'aina hosts an established mentoring and internship program for at-risk youth, an apprenticeship program with Windward Community College that leads to a two year degree and certificate program, and multi-visit programs for area schools K-12 that provides opportunities for students to engage with the land, grow their own food and return with their families. Programs for college students and weekly community volunteer events further expand Ho'okua'aina's community reach.
- Kauluakalana draws on their traditional Hawaiian knowledge, cultural backgrounds and expertise to implement community-based 'aina restoration work and 'aina education programs. They annually engage thousands of pre-K to post-secondary students, teachers, administrators, 'ohana and other community members via school field trips, volunteer service, summer programs, work-based learning internships and cultural restoration programs for families. Through these programs they open opportunities for the community of all ages to participate in the restoration of their own 'aina, cultivating the land and the community simultaneously.

Community Benefits. Through the purchase and preservation of the Palawai and Makali‘i properties, the community will reap numerous benefits including:

- protection of these lands from subdivision, development and further damage to their precious natural and cultural resources;
- protection of a major area of the Kawainui watershed, restoration of streams and springs and improvement of water quality and integrity;
- restoration of Maunawili’s traditional lo‘i kalo and other traditional farming practices that once made the valley a true “breadbasket” for the island; and initiating a sustainable agriculture program to enhance local food security and provide habitat for endangered species.
- stabilization and protection of Hawaiian cultural and historic sites, many of which have not been surveyed or investigated. These include agricultural terraces, ‘auwai, house sites, trails and paths and a stone workshop.
- development of aloha ‘aina educational programs that improve community access to and understanding of the significance of these important sites.

Protecting these lands is a major step toward fulfilling our community’s long standing goal of protecting Maunawili’s mountains, forests, streams, agricultural lands and sacred places which are so central to the community’s health and well-being, sense of place and cultural identity. We look forward to collaborating in the stewardship of these lands in close partnership with TPL, Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana and HILT and other community partners.

Mahalo,
Hui Maunawili-Kawainui

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From: [Julie Kaomea](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of Kauluakalana's Legacy Land Application
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 9:06:50 PM

Aloha mai e Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I write in strong support of Kauluakalana and Trust for Public Land's Legacy Land application for funds to acquire and protect Makali'i in Kailua, O'ahu, in order to preserve the Maunawili stream system and fertile agricultural landscape.

Furthermore, I fully support Kauluakalana as the future steward of Makali'i as the organization has an excellent track record in community land stewardship and 'āina restoration.

As a university professor of Indigenous and Native Hawaiian Education, I am particularly impressed by the extensive research base that undergirds Kauluakalana's efforts in 'āina restoration and 'āina education.

Kauluakalana's president, for instance, received her PhD in 'āina education in my university department where I was fortunate to serve as her dissertation advisor. Upon completing her doctorate, she collaborated with Kauluakalana's executive director to apply her doctoral research findings and his extensive experience in native habitat restoration to their 'āina-based restoration efforts and educational programming at Kūkanono and Manu.

Under the able stewardship of the dedicated and educated individuals of Kauluakalana, these lands of Makali'i can, likewise, be revitalized as 'āina momona, and become rich and fertile sites for 'āina-based education and the growth and nurturing of successive generations of aloha 'āina within our community.

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration of this application.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM C.1.
BLNR Meeting, April 28, 2023

APPROVE GRANT AWARDS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND, AS REQUESTED IN APPLICATIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS AND RIGHTS IN SPECIFIC PARCELS OF LAND HAVING VALUE AS A RESOURCE TO THE STATE

Aloha e Chair Chang, First Deputy Ka'akua, Deputy Director Manuel and all Board Members,

My name is Maya Kawailanaokeawaiki Saffery and I am the President of Kauluakalana, one of the community organizations with an application being recommended for funding from the Legacy Land Conservation Program by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for the purposes of supporting the protection and restoration of the lands of Maunawili in Kailua, O'ahu, specifically the small valley of Makali'i. I humbly submit this testimony with our Executive Director, Kaleo Wong in **strong support of the Commission's recommendation** of up to \$1.56 million for the Acquisition of Approximately 59.27 Acres at District of Ko'olaupoko, Island of O'ahu (Makali'i), Tax Map Key Numbers (1) 4- 2-006:001 and (1) 4-2-006:008 (por), with a Conservation Easement Held by the City & County of Honolulu and Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (Agenda Item C.1.C). Moreover, it brings us great joy to fully support the application of our partner in this effort to protect Maunawili, Ho'okua'āina (C.1.A), as well as the other two applications being recommended for this Legacy Land Conservation Funding.

As kupa, kama'āina, and Kanaka Hawai'i of Kailua who have been raised by the lands and leaders of our ahupua'a, we understand what Kailua once was, what challenges and opportunities are facing our people, places and practices today, and what our ahupua'a can be again if we commit to taking on those challenges and opportunities for the benefit of our 'āina and community. The incredibly significant lands of Maunawili are one of these opportunities, and as Kauluakalana, we are humbly stepping forward to take up the kuleana - the responsibility and privilege - to protect and revive these lands, thus contributing to the transformation of our ahupua'a to both the Kailua of generations past and the Kailua we hope to grow for generations to come.

Kauluakalana is a community-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization led by those with deep, intergenerational ties to Kailua who are committed to preserving and revitalizing the natural and cultural integrity of our community. We are committed to fulfilling our mission of restoring and growing healthy relationships between people and place through two interlocking, community-based activities: 'ĀINA EDUCATION and 'ĀINA RESTORATION.

1. Every year, we engage learners from keiki to kūpuna, professionals and 'ohana in 'āina learning experiences including school field trips, volunteer service learning days, youth intersession and summer programs, work-based learning internships, and family-oriented cultural restoration programs. Through our 'āina education programs, Kauluakalana opens up safe spaces for learners to reconnect and contribute to the restoration of their own community because we understand that in addition to cultivating our land, we also need to cultivate our community to ensure healthy, abundant futures for everyone: kānaka and 'āina.

2. Through a community-based approach to land stewardship that is culturally-grounded and scientifically-sound, our ‘āina restoration work aims to enhance the ecological integrity of our lands and waters as well as the vibrancy of our Kailua community as whole.

The foundation of our organization's ‘āina education and restoration work is firmly planted in a significant area of land at the piko or center of Kailua within the ili aina (small land division) of Kūkanono. We currently steward a 15-acre parcel at Kūkanono, which involves removal of invasive species, planting of native species, expanding the cultivation of kalo and other food crops, and caring for sites of cultural and historical significance like Ulupō heiau, the largest and perhaps oldest heiau of its kind on O‘ahu and Kawainui, traditionally the second largest fishpond in our islands and now the largest remaining wetland in all of Hawai‘i. We have converted 10 of the 15 acres to lo‘i kalo and māla, harvesting thousands of pounds of kalo and other food crops per year to feed our community.

Due to the success of these restoration efforts at Kūkanono, we recently received a Right of Entry permit from the State of Hawai‘i to cultivate 25 additional acres of land within the ‘ili ‘āina of Manu (just across Kalaniana‘ole Highway from Maunawili). Since June 2021, we have already restored three acres at Manu to kalo, ‘uala, and kō production: the first time this ‘āina has been cultivated in over 100 years. After we began restoring lo‘i kalo at both Kūkanono and Manu, several pairs of the endangered ‘alae ‘ula returned to nest and raise their young like the newly hatched baby in the picture here. And according the State Wildlife biologist, the only documented nest of the endangered ‘alae ‘ula currently in all of Kawainui are in our lo‘i kalo below Ulupō heiau.

We are part of a long genealogy of those who have cared for this significant site including Chuck “Doc” Burrows, the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club and more. Lessons learned, skills practiced, and relationships cultivated during these years of on-the-ground experience in ‘āina restoration and education at Kūkanono and Manu provide the solid foundation upon which we will build and expand our land and community restoration work into Makali‘i.

Makali‘i is located on the lower slopes of Olomana. It is about 60 total acreages, it is bordered by the Olomana subdivision and Kalaniana‘ole Hwy, and is truly an extension of our current ‘āina education and restoration work at Kūkanono and Manu. Our vision for the stewardship of these lands of Makali‘i is to revitalize its waters, re-cultivate its agricultural lands, and restore its native habitats, all the while transforming Makali‘i into a new piko, or center of stewardship and learning in Kailua where we will expand our culturally-rich, ‘āina education programming. Makali‘i holds stories to rediscover and retell, and culturally and historically significant sites to care for. New practices and techniques will be learned and implemented through the restoration and cultivation of land and people. Part of this expansion will include providing access to schools, community groups, cultural practitioners, and the broader community to Makali‘i as an outdoor classroom, living lab, and safe space for cultural revitalization, community regeneration, identity reclamation, and the renewal of kuleana in Kailua.

Protection of watershed lands

The valley of Makali‘i is part of an intact traditional hydrological system wherein the Kawainui watershed covering 9,400 acres feeds the Maunawili kahawai (stream) system. Maunawili’s sub-streams originate high in the peaks of the Ko‘olau mountains and flow in a northerly direction until five of the six branches converge to form the main stem of Maunawili Stream. The stream then flows along the base of Olomana, adjacent to Makali‘i, under Kalaniana‘ole Highway, and is joined by Kahanaiki Stream just as the two streams flow into Kawainui fishpond and wetland, then out into Kailua Bay. Kawainui was the second largest fishpond in Hawai‘i and is now the largest remaining

wetland in Hawai‘i at 830 acres. Kawainui plays a unique watershed role as a source of flood control and sediment filtration protecting Kailua town and the Kailua Bay ecosystem through groundwater recharge and improved water quality. The health of Kawainui depends on the health of Makali‘i and all of Maunawili.

Protection of watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply

One of the largest concentrations of ma uka pūnāwai (freshwater springs) in Ko‘olaupoko exists in Maunawili Valley, where more than 50 springs recharge the streams that eventually join Maunawili Stream. One of those major springs is Makali‘i Spring. Identified in 1850s land claims and testimonies, Makali‘i spring was described as a vital feature for residents in this community, as it not only fed lo‘i kalo by the same name, but functioned as a source of fresh drinking water. One of our organization’s first activities in Makali‘i will be to protect these water resources by conducting spring restoration and monitoring to restore and maintain the flow of clean water from Makali‘i spring through reopened lo‘i kalo (wetland taro patches), māla (gardens), and agroforestry lands, directly into Kawainui, and out to Kailua Bay.

Spring restoration in Makali‘i along with agricultural and agroforestry restoration will allow the valley to serve its significant watershed function in Kailua once again by slowing down surface water flow and increasing groundwater recharge and water supply. Our work will also mark a stark departure from the nature of water use and management in Maunawili from the more recent past. Most notably, the diversion of water in the back of Maunawili to Waimānalo marked the first time in Hawai‘i’s history that water was taken from one ahupua‘a to another and millions of gallons of water are still being taken from Kailua to Waimanalo to this day.

Protection of agricultural lands

From its earliest settlement until the early 1980s, land use in Maunawili was agricultural. Makali‘i spring watered Makali‘i lo‘i kalo and dryland terrace farming was also common. In the late 1860s, following the succession of epidemics that devastated the native population of Kailua, the lands of Makali‘i were converted to rice cultivation, mainly by Chinese rice farmers. For the next seven decades, rice cultivation would dominate Makali‘i along with Maunawili and Kailua. Through most of the 20th century Makali‘i was known for its springs and its small tight-knit farming community with several related families. Even after the highway opened in the 1950s and then the subdivisions went in, this farming community continued to farm a variety of crops in Makali‘i valley until very recently, about 2012, when the last of the farming families in Makali‘i were evicted once their leases expired.

The Makali‘i property is still zoned for agricultural use and contains approximately 5 acres of productive Hanalei soil, but due to years of neglect after the last of the Makali‘i farmers were removed, the land is currently overgrown and suffocating under a layer of invasive trees and vegetation. Our acquisition of Makali‘i will preserve critically important agricultural lands to restore māla, lo‘i kalo, and agroforestry. By activating community-based ecosystem restoration of Makali‘i, Kauluakalana will grow a variety of traditional cultural foods like kalo, ‘uala, mai‘a, ‘ulu, kō, niu, pia, uhi, and ‘awa. In addition, we plan to cultivate a variety of non-traditional truck crops and orchard crop trees, which will enhance local food production, create agricultural jobs, and diversify the local economy. As opposed to tilling and cultivation, agroforestry has proven to provide a number of ecosystem services including reducing erosion, runoff and soil loss, improving soil quality and content (nitrogen, carbon, and phosphorus), and improving soil moisture and percolation of freshwater back into the groundwater system.

Protects Native Forest & Habitat for Native species

Makali‘i, on the lower slopes of Olomana, is the natural habitat for endangered species including 3 species of pinapinao (Hawaiian damselflies) and the O‘ahu ‘elepaio (flycatching forest bird). Four species of endangered Hawaiian waterbirds traverse the area seeking water and nesting grounds: ae‘o (Hawaiian stilt), ‘alae ‘ula (Hawaiian mudhen), ‘alae ke‘oke‘o (Hawaiian coot), and koloa (Hawaiian duck). Olomana’s forests also support foraging and roosting habitat for the endangered ‘ōpe‘ape‘a (Hawaiian hoary bat).

As I mentioned earlier, the ten acres of lo‘i and māla at Kūkanono that Kauluakalana has restored over the last several years are now transformed into a sanctuary and habitat for native water birds and marine life. Due to our success at Kūkanono, DOFAW granted us a Right of Entry to restore lo‘i in their bird ponds in Kawainui. Initially, these modern-built bird ponds failed. However, after we began restoring lo‘i kalo at both Kūkanono and Manu, several pairs of the endangered ‘alae ‘ula returned to nest and raise their young. It is this kind of experience that we will lean on in ensuring Makali‘i resumes these important habitat and ecosystem functions as well.

Cultural Significance & Overall Vision

I turn back now to the cultural significance of Makali‘i. When conducting a search of Makali‘i in the Hawaiian language newspaper databases, there are only a few definite Makali‘i-Kailua search results. By far the most significant of these are the 1880 mele ma‘i and 1881 mele inoa for H. L. Kaleimomi*, in which the dark, cool, appealing, refreshing, comforting, embracing, enticing, exhilarating waters of Makali‘i are evoked over and over again. But these mele do not just speak of the many qualities of this extraordinary water. Perhaps more importantly, they talk about *returning* (“ho‘i”) to these waters with lines such as:

Ho‘i nō e ka ‘olu i Makali‘i i ka nu‘a wai ‘olu lipo i ke alo

Let cool comfort return to Makali‘i into the presence of its lush, dark, exhilarating water

Ho‘i mai kāua i ka poli lipolipo wai ‘olu o Makali‘i

Let us return to the poli, to the embrace of the dark, refreshing water of Makali‘i


It is through this imagery of water and returning within these two Native texts in our Native language that we at Kauluakalana define our new-but-old vision for Makali‘i. For cool comfort to return to Makali‘i (“Ho‘i nō e ka ‘olu i Makali‘i i ka nu‘a wai ‘olu lipo i ke alo”), there must also be a returning of people to care and cultivate its land, to restore and manage the flow of water to nourish those lands, and to relearn and relive together as a community the stories and songs that remind us what Makali‘i once was and can be again if we commit to returning, regenerating, and revitalizing.

In order to help bring this vision to reality and protect these significant lands in Kailua for generations to come, I strongly urge you to approve **the recommendation of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission in regards to our application for Makali‘i (C.1.C) as well as Ho‘okua‘āina’s application for Pālāwai (C.1.A).**

ke aloha ‘āina,



Maya Saffery
President, Kauluakalana



Kaleo Wong
Executive Director, Kauluakalana

Testimony for Ho‘okua‘aina at the Legacy Land and Conservation Commission - Meeting 80
February 9, 2023 - To be read in person

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Mark Kunimune. I was raised in Kailua and currently reside there. My family lived in Pohakupu, so Kawainui and Maunawili were my playgrounds. I have fond memories riding my bike through the marsh and up the valley — fishing for tilapia, moss sliding, hiking, and just being adventurous. I currently serve on the board of directors of Ho‘okua‘aina.

Kailua was a thriving ahupua‘a pre-contact. There was a perfect marriage between the kai and wai. The fresh water filtered through the Ko‘olaus, met with the ocean, and created the perfect environment to feed the people of the surrounding areas. Kawainui was an abundant 400 acre fish pond and Maunawili a lush valley of lo‘i and other crops. The Hawaiians were experts at harmonizing with the ‘aina, utilizing the resources in their natural state and flow.

Our modern world has moved away from harmonizing with mother nature. Ho‘okua‘aina is a living example of a modern organization that is bringing us back to realign with our natural resources. To take a title from a Ted-x talk from a few years back, they are “Looking back to move forward”.

Not only is Ho‘okua‘aina a shining example of appropriate and effective agricultural resource management, they also exist to help people grow, especially Native Hawaiians. I have worked side by side with several of the young adults in the lo‘i doing back breaking work and sharing stories. I learned that these future leaders of Hawai‘i thrive in the lo‘i like the kalo planted there. Many of them work at Ho‘okua‘aina while attending college studying to be lawyers, doctors, business professionals, and teachers. They want to make sure the essence of their foundation consists of what the lo‘i can teach them. I am always impressed with how young they are, yet so wise in their thinking. They are living examples of “looking back to move forward”.

I have another tie to Ho‘okua‘aina. I taught paramedics at KCC for 11 years. I would bring my students, as well as their field instructors, to work in the lo‘i. Over the years, we found that the lo‘i is also a place of healing, especially for our first responders.

As paramedics, they are exposed to not only physical dangers, but were also at risk to extreme emotional and psychological threats. Personal Protective Equipment and decontamination can reduce the physical risks. However, the prolonged exposure to the emotional and mental risks are rarely addressed.

As a la‘au lapa‘au practitioner taught us early on, the lepo (mud) is the perfect place to “cleanse” one’s self from the negative vibe that is in the air on an emergency scene. The ‘aina not only absorbs it, but also replenishes folks with a positive vibe.

We have used, with success, the lepo at Ho‘okua‘aina on occasion following a catastrophic emergency to help “decontaminate” paramedics from the toxic vibe they absorbed while on scene.

The expansion of additional land will help Ho‘okua‘aina provide these same experiences to a broader population. The essence of aloha at Kapalai will have the space to grow. The ‘aina of Maunawili will be able to be utilized as it once did in the pre-contact years.

O‘ahu is the most densely populated island. However, in spite of the many people, we still have lands like Maunawili that are available to be used as they once were. We can still work on being more self-sustained and not so reliant on the outside for our food supply. If we can learn to grow food on O‘ahu, doing so on the neighbor islands will easily fall into place.

‘Aina can, once again, play an integral role in keeping our bodies, minds, and spirits healthy.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify.

Me ka pono
Mark Kunimune

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
In Support of Agenda Item C(1)(1)(D), "Approve Grant Awards from Available Funds in
the Land Conservation Fund ... for the Acquisition of Interests and Rights in Specific
Parcels of Land Having Value as a Resource to the State: Division of Forestry and Wildlife,
up to \$650,000, for the Acquisition of Approximately 515.75 Acres at District of Kona,
Islands of Moloka'i (Makolelau 5th Parcel) ..."**

**Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources
April 28, 2023, 9:15 AM
Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 132 and via Teleconference**

Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of Hawai'i and Palmyra strongly **supports** the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) application for the acquisition of Makolelau on Moloka'i. **We ask the Board to approve the grant award as recommended by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission under Agenda Item C-1.**

The Makolelau property contains one of the best, last examples of native Hawaiian mesic and dry forest and shrubland on Moloka'i. This endemic forest type is highly threatened statewide. A number of rare native plant species occur on the property. Of particular note is the dryland violet or pamakani (*Viola tracheliifolia*) and *Schiedea lydgatei* both of which are federally listed as endangered and known only from this area on island. Also present are the critically endangered *Neraudia sericea* and *Zanthoxylum hawaiiense*.

The parcel is adjacent to four other parcels acquired by the State which connects the over 8,200-acre Kawela ahupua'a, which houses TNC's flagship preserve at Kamakou, to the 5,200-acre Kamalō and Kapualei managed area. Together these properties will create an over 13,500-acre managed corridor that would complete a series of protected areas encompassing the south shore of the island. This south shore area has been managed by TNC and partners through the East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership since the early 2000s.

This acquisition would open up access to over 1,000 acres and almost an entire ahupua'a for public enjoyment, including hiking and potentially permitted hunting opportunities. DOFAW acquisition would link State lands and provide improved and more efficient management. Acquisition of this parcel would also improve protection of watershed forests, endangered species, and would facilitate improved protection of nearby coastal and marine areas and cultural/historic resources. This acquisition would also promote community co-management opportunities. TNC supports the Legacy Land Commission's recommendations that DLNR

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engage in a community outreach and dialogue process to develop a management plan for the Makolelau 5th Parcel to be completed within 24 months of closing on the land acquisition deal.

TNC is proud to have assisted DOFAW in the acquisition of this land to ensure its protection. The acquisition of Makolelau presents many key opportunities for DOFAW and the people and resources of Moloka'i. We feel the State is best suited for the long-term conservation and management of the land, and Makolelau will strengthen the East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership. Please **support and approve the DOFAW Makolelau 5th Parcel grant award recommended by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.**

Mahalo for your support and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural resources.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and Palmyra is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 nature preserves and work in over 50 coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties, and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and for the many benefits they provide to people.

April 25, 2023

Board of Land & Natural Resources
Department of Land & Natural Resources

In SUPPORT of Grant Award to Ho‘okua‘aina, up to \$2,900,000, for the Acquisition of Approximately 116.49 Acres at District of Ko‘olaupoko, Island of O‘ahu (Pālāwai), Tax Map Key Numbers (1) 4-2-006:008 (por), (1) 4-2-007:001, and (1) 4-2-008:001, with a Conservation Easement Held by the City & County of Honolulu and Hawaiian Islands Land Trust

In SUPPORT of Grant Award to Kauluakalana, up to \$1,560,000 for the Acquisition of Approximately 59.27 Acres at District of Ko‘olaupoko, Island of O‘ahu (Makali‘i), Tax Map Key Numbers (1) 4-2-006:001 and (1) 4-2-006:008 (por), with a Conservation Easement Held by the City & County of Honolulu and Hawaiian Islands Land Trust

My name is Deborah Pope. My family has lived immediately adjacent to the lands in question for 72 years. In addition, I am on the Board of Ho‘okua‘aina and am a founding member of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui.

My extended family and I are in full support of the funding recommendations from the Legacy Lands Commission to award grants to Ho‘okua‘aina for the purchase of Pālāwai and to Kauluakalana for the acquisition of Makali‘i. These are lands with which we are intimately familiar and organizations for which we have great aloha and full confidence.

We share Hui Maunawili-Kawainui’s mission to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the Kailua ahupua‘a as a place of free-flowing fresh water, abundant agriculture, healthy forests and rich natural, cultural and historic resources.

Community stewardship of Palawai and Makali‘i is critical to fulfilling that goal.

We cannot overstate how important this land acquisition is to our community’s long standing goal of protecting Maunawili. These lands, the streams and springs, ag lands, mountains, forests and sacred places are so central to our community’s health and well-being, our sense of place and cultural identity. How exceptional that after decades of neglect these resources are still undeveloped and available!

We cannot overstate our confidence in Ho‘okua‘aina and Kauluakalana. They have clearly demonstrated the vision, the skills and the capacity to malama the ‘aina and its people.

The case has been made in the application and presentations and on the comprehensive site visits and hearings held by the Legacy Land Commission. We as a community have been at this for decades. The opportunity to acquire these lands is finally here --the time is now.

Mahalo for your consideration and full support.

Deborah Pope

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April 26, 2023

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Sent Via Email: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov
Board of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Re: Testimony in Support of BLNR Agenda Item C.1(B) Approve Grant Award from Available Funds in the Land Conservation Fund to (B) Kīpuka Kuleana, up to \$1.845 M, for the Acquisition of a Conservation Easement over ~3.45 Acres at Halele'a, Kaua'i (Kamealoha Kuleana) TMK (4) 5-9-003:009

Aloha Chair Chang & Board Members,

Trust for Public Land ("TPL") is a non-profit land conservation organization and our mission is to protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. For 44 years we've worked to protect over 77,000 acres and 49 special places throughout Hawai'i. Our Aloha 'Āina Program protects lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture and returns these lands to Native Hawaiian organizations for community and cultural stewardship. Our Sustainable Hawai'i Program conserves lands that support local food production, our forests and their native species, and clean water sources with the goal of improving Hawai'i's self-sufficiency, and food and water security.

Project Structure: Trust for Public Land is partnering with Kīpuka Kuleana, lineal descendants, and the landowners to acquire a conservation easement over Kamealoha Kuleana to protect it in perpetuity. Kīpuka Kuleana, a Native Hawaiian Kaua'i nonprofit will hold the conservation easement over Kamealoha, along with the County of Kaua'i. Kīpuka Kuleana's mission is to perpetuate kuleana to place through the protection of cultural landscape and family lands in Kaua'i. Kīpuka Kuleana will partner with lineal descendants and the Hā'ena community who will lead stewardship of Kamealoha Kuleana.

Kamealoha Kuleana is one of the last kuleana parcels owned and cared for by lineal descendants in Hā'ena. Protecting Kamealoha Kuleana would preserve in tact lo'i kalo (wetland taro) terraces that span the property from mauka to makai, a stream and spring fed 'auwai (irrigation ditch) along its border, iwi kūpuna (ancestral remains), and the former home of Alexander Hailama, an 'ōahi (firebrand) practitioner and kumu (teacher). Limahuli is the state's second-most biodiverse valley. Limahuli stream is home to all five species of 'o'opu (native fish), two species of 'ōpae (native shrimp), and hīhīwai (native stream snail). The hale (house) of 'ōahi practitioner Hailama once stood at Kamealoha where he trained La'amaikahiki, the last student of 'ōahi. Practitioners of 'ōahi \

would prepare long papala logs and hike them up the cliff to Makana, where they would call the winds, light and hurl the logs from the peak to the valley below setting the skies ablaze.

On Kaua'i, long-time families are losing connections to ancestral lands due to escalating land values, rising taxes, restricted access, and development pressure. Surrounded by gated luxury mansions, this 'āina is a powerful assertion of Hawaiian values, lifeways and commitment to upholding kuleana against all odds. Protecting Kamelaoha Kuleana with a conservation easement will ensure that it can serve as a kīpuka (place of community caretaking and cultural restoration) for future generations.

Landowner Negotiations: The owners of the property have signed willing seller letters and expressed their willingness to negotiate a conservation easement sale if an agreement on price and terms can be reached.

Matching Funding: We are working to raise the remaining \$750,000 needed to fund the Conservation Easement acquisition from the County of Kaua'i's Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Program. If the County contributes funding to the conservation easement acquisition, it will require that it co-hold the conservation easement with Kīpuka Kuleana. We will be presenting at the next County Open Space Commission meeting in July.

Community Support: Protecting Kamealoha Kuleana will enable community-based management of the Limahuli ahupua'a from mauka to makai, connecting the forested watershed at Limahuli Garden mauka of the property managed by National Tropical Botanical Garden, to Hā'ena State Park just one parcel north stewarded by non-profit Hui Maka'āinana o Makana, to the Hā'ena Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area makai of the property which implements community-driven pono fishing regulations and ocean resource management. Hā'ena is pioneering a model for the rest of the state in community-led ahupua'a scale management of its lands, waters, and resources and Kamealoha Kuleana is a critical piece of the puzzle to achieving the community's vision.

There has been an outpouring of support from Hā'ena and the broader Kaua'i community to protect Kamealoha. Please see the enclosed **23 Testimonies and Letters of Support** from a wide range of community organizations, residents, leaders, and schools that support the protection of Kamealoha Kuleana including former Councilmember Mason Chock, OHA Trustee Dan Ahuna, Representative Nadine Nakamura, former Chair of DHHL and DLNR William J. Aila Jr., Manager of He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve, Kawika Winter, Kanuikapono Charter School, and Island School.

We are now humbly asking for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve the Legacy Land Conservation Grant, as recommended by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission to Kīpuka Kuleana for up to \$1.845 M, to acquire a conservation easement over Kamealoha Kuleana. We look forward to continuing to work in close partnership with BLNR to protect Kamealoha Kuleana and its natural and cultural resources for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,



Reyna Ramolete Hayashi
Aloha 'Āina Project Manager, Trust for Public Land

From: [Mac Meuldijk](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kamealoha Kuleana: Legacy Land Conservation Program
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:30:00 AM

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

My name is Mac (Michaela) Meuldijk, I am from Hanalei and Wailua, and I am a student at Island School. I am in full support of adding the 'āina of Kamealoha in Hā'ena to the Legacy Lands Conservation Program (LLCP) and protecting this kuleana in perpetuity through a conservation easement.

When I visited Kamealoha Kuleana, I learned that the Lineal family (the Wanns) are more than capable of managing and stewarding the conservation effort to restore this land. I know with Lei Wann's guidance and support with the LLCP, the 'āina of Kamealoha in Hā'ena would be in great hands. Lei is a dedicated person to her ohana and 'āina. The North Shore of Kauai has had a huge impact on my life, and I would hate to see it fall into the trap of money. Please understand that your decision has the power to preserve ancient and sacred land. It would do well for all of us.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Mac Meuldijk

This email has been sent from a student at Island School.

From: [Piko Vaughan](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kamealoha Kuleana
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:09:39 AM

Aloha! My name is Piko Vaughan and I am in the 9th grade at Island School. On behalf of my fellow friends and ohana, we would like to support the Wann ohana in keeping their kuleana land. I love Kamealoha because for about the past three years, I was able to camp there. Kamealoha provides a welcoming place, a place to learn, and somewhere that should be preserved forever. One of my greatest memories there was catching prawns and crayfish in the auwai. Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Piko Vaughan

Will NOT be Speaking In Person or on Zoom

This email has been sent from a student at Island School.

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

My name is Sam DeBonet, I am from Hā'ena Kauai, and I am a student at Island School. I am in full support of adding the 'āina of Kamealoha in Hā'ena to the Legacy Lands Conservation Program (LLCP) and protecting this kuleana in perpetuity through a conservation easement.

When I visited Kamealoha Kuleana, I learned that The Lineal family (Wanns) are more than capable of managing and steward the conservation effort to restore this land. Kamealoha is one of less than 5 kuleana left in Ha'ena. It is the last kuleana, this northwest of the pae 'aina. The Wanns have a special connection to the land and want to restore it for the community and preserve it for generations to come. With the Wann 'ohana leading malama efforts on the land, it will benefit the community at large. As a surfer, I see that the property could potentially serve as a public/private beach access for the families who contribute to the stewardship of this land. Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

From:
Mason Chock
Kupu A'e Leadership Development
121 Lihau St. Kapaa, HI 96746

To:8-Feb-23

To:
Trust for Public Land
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1512
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Letter of Support for State Legacy Land Conservation Funding and County Open Space Funding to Protect and Acquire a Conservation Easement over Kamealoha Kuleana, Limahuli, Hā'ena, Kaua'i

I am writing to express my strong support of Kīpuka Kuleana's and Trust for Public Land's efforts to protect the kuleana land known as Kamealoha in Limahuli, Hā'ena, Kaua'i through a conservation easement acquisition.

Kamealoha is one of the last kuleana parcels owned by lineal descendants of Limahuli, Hā'ena. It is the second-most biodiverse valley in Hawai'i, and home to native 'o'opu, 'ōpae, hiihiiwai, and an intact marine ecosystem where Hā'ena residents continue fishing and limu gathering. Kamealoha consists of an agricultural terrace system, archaeological sites, burials, and fruit trees. It is also famed for its affiliation with the customary practice of firebranding or 'ōahi which was uniquely practiced at the cliff Makana.

Protecting Kamealoha would fulfill the Hā'ena community's vision of community-based stewardship over their natural and cultural resources. Kīpuka Kuleana, a Native Hawaiian Kaua'i nonprofit will hold the conservation easement over Kamealoha. Kīpuka Kuleana's mission is to perpetuate kuleana to place through the protection of cultural landscape and family lands in Kaua'i. Kīpuka Kuleana will partner with lineal descendants and the Hā'ena community to steward and protect Kamealoha in perpetuity.

It is not often we hear of a perfect land acquisition opportunity where credible kamaaina stewards, a non profit support system, community vision and neighbors come together for a shared endeavor. So when the stars align perfectly to the purpose of the Legacy Land Conservation Fund, we must respond and do everything in our power to support such a request and help to protect the culture, history and lineage of our ancestors.

Kamealoha is a critical and special piece of the puzzle ensuring community-led protection and stewardship of this region from ridge to reef. I wholeheartedly support this effort and encourage the State Legacy Land Conservation Commission and Natural Resources Preservation Commission to recommend funding to protect Kamealoha.

Mahalo nui loa,



Mason Chock
President,
Kaua'i Team Challenge LLC
DBA Kupu A'e Leadership Development



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February 8, 2023

Chair Dawn Chang, BLNR
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Legacy Land Conservation Commission
State of Hawai'i DLNR
1151 Punchbowl Street Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: ITEM 2.D. Kipuka Kuleana – Kamealoha Kuleana/conservation easement
Helele'a, Kaua'i**

Aloha mai e Chairperson Chang and LLCC,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Mana i Maui Ola Strategic Plan recognizes the connection that Native Hawaiians have to the 'āina as a foundational strength. To our kūpuna, the land was life. Imbued with mana, our 'āina provides everything we need to survive. On an intimate level, Kānaka Maoli are connected to the land by the generations of kūpuna who lived on the land before us and whose iwi rest here. Thus, the emotional ties we have to our families, and the aloha we have for them, extends to the land that feeds us.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is partnering with descendants—the Wann and Akana 'ohana — and the nonprofit, Kīpuka Kuleana to protect **Kamealoha Kuleana** through a Conservation Easement and perpetuate its historic legacy as a stronghold of Hā'ena traditions, kalo farming, and the practice of 'ōahi.

Kamealoha Kuleana ("the place of love and gratitude") is one of five remaining kuleana lands in Hā'ena, Kaua'i and the last kuleana, this northwest of the pae 'aina. This kuleana land is still held and cared for by the lineal descendants of the original Māhele claimants.

Kamealoha Kuleana contains historical and intact lo'i kalo (wetland taro) likely dated between 400-1200 years old. These lo'i terraces span the property from mauka to makai, a stream and spring fed 'auwai that runs along its border, iwi kūpuna (ancestral

remains), and was the home of Alexander Hailama, an ‘ōahi (firebrand) practitioner and kumu who taught and prepared for ‘ōahi ceremonies at Kamealoha. Hailama and La‘a were two of the last practitioners to do ‘ōahi in 1924. It is important to know that there are at least two known burials on the property.

The Lineal family, the Wann’s having been caring for this land alongside other lineal descendants for centuries and are more than capable of managing and stewarding the conservation effort to restore this land. Their ancestors were born on the South west boundary of the property. Their family is integral in the caring of the Kamealoha kuleana parcel which is part of the larger lo‘i and ahupua‘a system of Limahuli. Today, it serves as an educational site for school and educational groups.

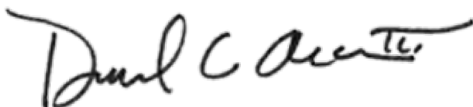
Moreover the Wann ‘ohana has been vital stewards and advocates for the Hui Maka‘ainana o Makana - Lo‘i Kalo Stewardship located in the ahupua‘a of Haena in the moku of Halele‘a, Kaua‘i. The Wann ‘ohana was a lead family in the organization of the first Community Based Fishing Area (CBFA) in Hawai‘i. As a lead member of Hui Maka‘ainana o Makana, the Wann family was supported by and worked in partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the success of the CBFA for Hui Maka‘ainana o Makana.

On Kaua‘i, long-time families are losing connections to ancestral lands due to escalating land values, rising taxes, restricted access, and development pressure. Surrounded by gated luxury mansions, this ‘āina is a powerful assertion of Hawaiian values, lifeways and commitment to upholding kuleana against all odds. Protecting Kamelaoha Kuleana will ensure that it can serve as a kīpuka (place of community caretaking and cultural restoration) for future generations.

As the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau Trustee, I fully support the descendants—the Wann and Akana ‘ohana and their partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the nonprofit Kīpuka Kuleana to protect Kamealoha Kuleana through stewardship and a Conservation Easement and perpetuate its historic legacy as a stronghold of Hā‘ena traditions, kalo farming, and the practice of ‘ōahi.

Mahalo nui for your time and support to perpetuate kuleana, ahupua‘a-based natural resource management and connection to place through protection of cultural landscapes and family lands.

‘O wau iho nō,



Dan Ahuna
Trustee – Kaua‘i & Ni‘ihau, Office of Hawaiian Affairs

From: [Lyla Nakayama](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kamealoha Kuleana: Legacy Land Conservation Program
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 12:38:18 PM

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

My name is Lyla Nakayama, I am from Kilauea, Kauai, and I am a student at Island School. I am in full support of adding the 'āina of Kamealoha in Hā'ena to the Legacy Lands Conservation Program (LLCP) and protecting this kuleana in perpetuity through a conservation easement.

When I visited Kamealoha Kuleana, I learned that there are at least two known burials on the property. Protecting this kuleana not only protects cultural heritage but also the archaeological significance of the site. Not only are there ancient burial sites but the entirety of it is a part of a bigger lo'i and ahupua'a system of Limahuli. Protecting this kuleana will again not only protect the cultural heritage and the archaeological sites, but it will also extend the agricultural lands. Being one of the last of 5 kuleanas left in Ha'ena I believe that Kamealoha would benefit greatly from the LLCP given all of Lei Wann's hard work and dedication to the 'āina.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

This email has been sent from a student at Island School.

From: [PAMELA BURRELL](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kamealoha Kuleana, Haena Kaua'i
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 12:50:47 PM

Dear members of the State Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

I am writing to you in strong support of continuing the funding for this kuleana land project. Watching this project take hold and come in to fruition over recent the years, one can feel the love and gratitude of place and traditions in full view. It is truly heartwarming. As tourists walk thru the loi on the way to Ke'e beach..I'm sure a deeper respect and sense of place is felt by all.

In the past, I have danced at the sacred hula platform and one can feel the power of that area. It must be preserved. I also witnessed, a few years back, the lighting of the fires for the 'oahi ceremony. What a treat that was after so many years hearing of that ceremony. The 'oahi fires were not totally successful but it was a great attempt to bring back tradition and honor our home culture.

I know there must be many requests for funding across the island chain, but please continue honoring this restoration. It is filled with aloha aina.
Come visit yourselves. You will feel the mana.

Warm regards from a mainland transplant that was blessed to live in Limahuli Valley 50 years ago while Juliet Wickman still owned the land. I hold this place still dear to my heart.

Pamela Burrell
Kalihiwai, Kaua'i

From: [Lynn Moffitt Wilson](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kamealoha Kuleana
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 2:47:56 PM

This is clearly such a remarkable place for us to honor and respect and so very deserving of the funding required to maintain this historical treasure.

One of the few left.

I urge you to consider how very deserving this special kuliana land is to preserve the heritage for our children and all future generations to come.

I have watched over the years the care and grooming that has gone in to returning this property to it's former magnificence and it would be so very negligent and regrettable if we did not support this valiant work with our funds.

Most sincerely,
Lynn Moffitt Wilson



KANUIKAPONO

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

February 8, 2023

Chair Dawn Chang, BLNR
Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Legacy Land Conservation Commission
State of Hawai'i DLNR
1151 Punchbowl Street Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support for Kamealaoha Kuleana

Aloha mai e Chairperson and Members of the Board of Land & Natural Resources,

Kanuikapono is a Hawaiian-focused public charter school located in Anahola, Kaua'i that serves more than 200 students in grades K-12. The school's vision guides a high quality educational program rooted in 'Āina and Culture.

'Āina-based education is a key component to our educational program. As defined by a collective of Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools, 'Āina-based learning experiences allow learners to create authentic, reciprocal relationships with the land, people, and resources of a specific community. This becomes an integral part of the learner's identity and a catalyst for a personal commitment to the health and well-being of that community. It is situated in learning that honors the past, present and future in order to ensure the sustainability and productivity of all forms of life. More specifically, 'āina-based education embodies the wisdom of the 'ōlelo no'eau: 'O ka hā o ka 'āina, ke ola o ka po'e (The health of the land is the health of the people).

Kamealoha Kuleana ("the place of love and gratitude") is one of five remaining kuleana lands in Hā'ena, Kaua'i and the last kuleana, this northwest of the pae 'aina. This kuleana land is still held and cared for by the lineal descendants of the original Māhele claimants.

Kamealoha Kuleana contains historical and intact lo'i kalo (wetland taro) likely dated between 400-1200 years old. These lo'i terraces span the property from mauka to makai, a stream and spring fed 'auwai that runs along its border, iwi kūpuna (ancestral remains), and was the home of Alexander Hailama, an 'ōahi (firebrand) practitioner and kumu who taught and prepared for 'ōahi

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ceremonies at Kamealoha. Hailama and La‘a were two of the last practitioners to do ‘oahi in 1924. It is important to know that there are at least two known burials on the property.

The Kamealoha Kuleana land has been a site that our kula visits as a place for ‘āina-based learning. Our school partners with organizations such as Hui Maka‘ainana o Makana, Limahuli Gardens and Na Maka Onaona who utilize sites such as the Kamealoha Kuleana parcel for our secondary grade classes focusing on loko i‘a (Hawaiian fishponds) and lo‘i kalo (taro cultivation). So far, our students have engaged in lessons such as Mo‘olelo Mapping (place-based learning through history, art, and music), cultural site maintenance and restoration and Invasive Species & Predator Management.

Kanuikapono Public Charter Schools supports Kamealoha Kuleana and kuleana lands to maintain and further develop our education-based partnerships which are extremely vital and impactful to ‘āina-based learning. Kamealoha Kuleana offers an incredibly unique learning environment in the ahupua‘a of Hā‘ena, and moku of Halelea‘a.

Mahalo nui for your time and support to Native Hawaiian education and ‘āina-based learning programs. Please contact me at kanoe.ahuna@kanuikapono.k12.hi.us, should you have any questions.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ahuna'.

Kanoe Ahuna, Ph.D.
Executive Director/Principal



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 6, 2023

Trust for Public Land
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1512
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Letter of Support for State Legacy Land Conservation Funding and County Open Space Funding to Protect and Acquire a Conservation Easement over Kamealoha Kuleana, Limahuli, Hā'ena, Kaua'i

I'm writing to express my strong support of Kīpuka Kuleana's and Trust for Public Land's efforts to protect the kuleana land known as Kamealoha in Limahuli, Hā'ena, Kaua'i through a conservation easement acquisition.

Kamealoha is one of the last kuleana parcels owned by lineal descendants in Limahuli, Hā'ena. Limahuli is the second-most biodiverse valley in Hawai'i, home to all five native 'o'opu, both native 'ōpae, hihiwai, and an intact marine ecosystem where Hā'ena residents continue fishing and limu gathering. Kamealoha consists of an agricultural terrace system, archaeological sites, burials, and fruit trees. Kamealoha is also famed for its affiliation with the customary practice of 'ōahi (display of firebrands), which was practiced at the cliff Makana.

Protecting Kamealoha would fulfill the Hā'ena' community's vision of community-based stewardship over their natural and cultural resources. Kīpuka Kuleana, a Native Hawaiian Kaua'i nonprofit will hold the conservation easement over Kamealoha. Kīpuka Kuleana's mission is to perpetuate kuleana to place through the protection of cultural landscape and family lands in Kaua'i. Kīpuka Kuleana will partner with lineal descendants and the Hā'ena community to steward and protect Kamealoha in perpetuity.

Protecting Kamealoha will help Hā'ena mitigate and adapt to climate change. Farming kalo and other crops supports local food security. Agroforestry helps sequester carbon and reduce heat. Kalo farming facilitates ground water re-charge, functions as a flood retention basin, and provides sediment filtration preventing run off into our oceans and fisheries.

I've had the blessing of working on master plans for the National Tropical Botanical Gardens and Hā'ena State Park, which neighbor this property. Kamealoha is a critical and special piece of the puzzle ensuring community-led protection and stewardship of this region from ridge to reef. I wholeheartedly support this effort and encourage the State Legacy Land Conservation

Office of Representative Nadine K. Nakamura

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Commission and the Kaua'i County Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission to recommend funding to protect Kamealoha.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadine K. Nakamura". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Nadine K. Nakamura
Representative, District 15
State of Hawai'i

Office of Representative Nadine K. Nakamura

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E Luna Ho‘omalua Haase, Hope Luna Sinto, me nā lālā o ka Papa Legacy Lands Conservation Commission.

Aloha nui nō kākou,

I am Devin Kamealoha Forrest, a kupa of Hā‘ena and I am in full support of adding the ‘āina of Kamealoha in Hā‘ena to the legacy lands.

It seems fitting that this meeting is occurring during ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i month as these Hā‘ena lands that are being contemplated on was once a place where my Great Grandmother Rachel Mahuiki, one of the last Native Hawaiian language speakers, would often frequent and utilize. And much like my Tūtū, these lands are also one of the last of its kind in Hā‘ena. This ‘āina is legacy lands as it is cared for by the legacy of the many generations of kūpuna that have passed on not only the ‘āina, but the mo‘olelo, practices, and kuleana that are associated with it.

“Ho‘okahi lā o ka malihini,” an proverbial saying that embodies the true meaning of aloha and our Hawaiian worldview, a stranger is but a stranger for a day then, they become part of the community. However, while this may have been true in ancient history, it is less so today. Most of the malihini that come to Hā‘ena do not wish to become part of the community and instead wish to transplant the worldview of the place they have come from; the big fence, keep out culture, into rural areas like Hā‘ena where community cohesion and an ‘ohana lifestyle are necessary for survival and harmonious coexistence.

The Wann ‘ohana that are this generations kahu of this ‘āina are the beacon and guiding light in this community. They are a reminder to those malihini that want to supplant Native Hawaiian culture and ideals of community inclusion and cooperation with exclusionary tactics and no trespassing rhetoric, that Native Hawaiian traditions and customs were here, are here, and will continue to be perpetuated for as long as Hawai‘i exists.

By making this ‘āina part of the legacy lands the Commission would not only be saving one of the last Native Hawaiian spaces in Hā‘ena, but they will also be fulfilling the duties of the State as contemplated in Article 12 section 7 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution. Preserving and protecting this ‘āina also protects the traditional and customary practices that are associated with it. This protection will also ensure that these traditional and customary practices are perpetuated and are not regulated or fenced out of existence by the incursion of foreign ideals.

Mahalo nui again for your time and deep contemplation.

Na‘u nō me ke aloha

Devin Kamealoha Forrest.

From: [William](#)
To: [Reyna Ramolete](#); thiswann@yahoo.com
Subject: [External] support for funding request
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:09:52 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Aloha Rayna! I write this e-mail request to support the descendants of Kamealoha, and Kipuka Kuleana, in their request for funding to complete the purchase of their family's Kuleana parcel with the intent of long term protection. The family currently continues the Hawaiian Practice of Lo'i Kalo and Malama Aina. This Aina has a rich history of preparing for Oahi ceremonies as the physical layout of Ke Pali Ohai O Makana is critically important to the practice.

Many of Hawaii's important ceremonial lands are being disenfranchised from families and their desire to protect in perpetuity. This type of protection meets the criteria and mission of the Trust for Public Lands mission. Please give Kipuka Kuleana full consideration of their funding request. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 808-330-0376. Mahalo!

William J. Aila Jr. Former Chairman of both the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

2/7/23

Aloha, to whom it may concern,

Please support the Wann Ohana in the quest to preserve Kameloha as one of the last kuleana left in Ha'ena. They have and will continue to support our people via this space with necessary teachings to connect the past to grow our future. We need to preserve Kamealoha!

Mahalo for your Consideration,

Alexander Amorin

From: [Mauliola Cook](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Kamealoha Kuleana
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 5:49:11 PM

February 8, 2023

Kīlauea, Kaua‘i

To: The State Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Re: Testimony for funding to protect Kamealoha Kuleana

Aloha to the Commission

I am Maui Ola Cook. I have been a resident of the islands since 1978 and have lived on Kaua‘i since 1986. I lived with the Akana ‘ohana in Kalihiwai for 20 years, as the late Johnny Boy Akana was my life partner.

I am a Teaching Artist and have taught creative dance and ‘Ike Hawai‘i in schools throughout the state since 1986. Most of my teaching has been in North Kaua‘i at Hanalei and Kilauea public elementary schools, as well as at Kanuikapono Public Charter School in Anahola and Kawaikini Kula Kaiapuni in Puhi.

I am a passionate advocate for the protection of the Kamealoha Kuleana, the work of the Wann and Akana ‘ohana and the Kīpuka Kuleana.

Presley Wann has been a devoted cultural practitioner and has participated in an aloha ‘āina lifestyle for as long as I have known him. He and his ‘ohana have always treasured their ‘ohana ‘āina in Hā‘ena, spending every free moment they could living on the land and caring for it. Presely Wann, as president of the Hui Maka‘ainana O Makana, has worked and traveled tirelessly to advocate for the protection of the lo‘i kalo in Hā‘ena and to establish the Hā‘ena Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Rules. His work supported by the ‘ohana of Hā‘ena (the Hashimoto, Tai Hook, Chandler, Maka and many others) has helped to control the decimation of ocean resources that have sustained the ‘ohana of that wahi pana for generations. These Hā‘ena ‘ohana can be seen working every weekday and weekends on the beautifully tended lo‘i kalo of Hā‘ena, producing food for their community and beyond.

The powerful books, Hā‘ena by the late Dr. Carlos Andrade and Kaiāulu by Dr. Mehana Blaich Vaughn, help us to understand the important legacy of

knowledge, cultural traditions and environmental sustainability that are imbedded in the hearts and minds of the ‘ohana of that area.

Lei Wann, the daughter of Presley Wann, continues her father’s ways of working with dedication and devotion to preserve and protect Hawai’i’s land waters and culture. She worked with plants for years at the Waipa foundation, was a superb classroom teacher at Kawaikini kula kaiapuni and now continues Kawika Winter’s powerful legacy as head of the Limahuli Garden and Preserve.

The unmatched beauty of Hā’ena is part of what motivates the ‘ohana of that place to work so hard to care for and preserve their homeland. It is also a large part of what attracts millionaires to want to buy up the land, fence it off, plant any manner of alien plants and divert the water without awareness of the effects of their actions.

If you were to look at the statistics of how the land is currently being used, who owns it, what it costs now to own it and maintain the land taxes you would understand why it is so important to support local families to be able to maintain their ownership and stewardship of the lands they love so deeply.

I am honored to be able to express my most profound support of Kīpuka Kuleana’s efforts to protect the Kameaoha Kuleana.

I will be teaching school on Friday morning and so will not be able to provide oral testimony.

‘o wau no me ka ha’ a

Mauli Ola Cook

(aka Christine Anne Cook)

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[EXTERNAL] RE: Kamealoha Kuleana (Hā'ena, Kaua'i) Written Testimony

Puakea Mo'okini-Oliveira

Wed 2/8/2023 9:16 PM

To: DLNR.FW.LLCC <llcc@hawaii.gov>

Aloha. Please find my written testimony for Meeting 80 of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission Item 2.D

February 8, 2023

P. Puakealaha'ole Mo'okini-Oliveira

PO Box 731

Hanalei, HI

RE: Kamealoha (Hā'ena, Kaua'i)

To Esteemed Legacy Land Commissioners,

I am Puakea Mo'okini-Oliveira and I am submitting written testimony on behalf of Kamealoha Kuleana, one of very few of its kind: still held and tended by lineal descendants in Hā'ena, Halele'a, Kaua'i.

At this point, dear reader, you must be familiar with variations of meanings of kuleana as *responsibility, privilege, or right*. In today's landscape of rising seas and living costs, families, especially lineal descendants from un-developed areas, are being pushed and priced out. People separated from place is dangerous and creates the potential for severing relationships to and by 'āina – that which feeds. Kamealoha Kuleana lands have never been about families' ability to claim "ownership" to 'āina. Kuleana lands have always been about Hawaiian families having places to tend, be fed from, to be raised, to exist. And we all share in its aloha.

I know of Kamealoha through Lei and the Wann 'ohana – a family well-known as cultural practitioners and maka'āinana from Hā'ena. As a 'ōiwi stream researcher, it means a great deal to be able to access Limahuli estuary via Kamealoha, with permission from the Wann 'ohana. There, we can assess the conditions of Limahuli stream – the lifeblood of Limahuli valley and the lo'i of Kē'ē. Kamealoha is also a staging ground for surveys to understand the status of our native stream animals. In the cooling waters of Limahuli stream, 5/5 endemic gobies, 2/2 native shrimp, and a native freshwater snail reside. As maka'āinana, the Wann 'ohana take pride in tending to the intact lo'i terraces, where their ancestor, one of the last remaining 'ōahi (fire-branding) practitioners resided. After big flooding events, I've witnessed 'ohana making sure surrounding 'auwai (irrigation canal) were free from debris, ensuring the impact to the freshwater and nearshore ecosystems were minimal, if not obsolete.

Kamealoha Kuleana is not only about the Wann 'ohana, but the community of people it is helping to raise in 'āina. Kamealoha also has a front row seat to the Wann 'ohana's icebox. Their Tūtūs and their Tūtūs before them, watched the tides, currents, and surrounding skies for signs of when to go. These lessons live through the Wann's today. And those of us lucky enough to know them, have been fed from their connection to those reefs there. Kamealoha is where haumāna stop to rest before

heading down to the shoreline. Where families and friends gather to spend nights camping, and simply being in place. One night, we went with our headlamps, overturning small cobbles where the sea sipped the stream. Stone after stone we turned, until, "I think I found one!" Sure enough, in Lei's hands she carried a stone with a tiny (<3 mm) black and gold-flecked hīhīwai – one of Hawai'i's endemic neritid snails, making it's steadyclimb upstream.

Kamealoha's ecological, biological, and cultural importance is immeasurable because they are intertwined. This is what kuleana lands are about. Kamealoha and all it provides to the Wann 'ohana is then shared with the rest of Hā'ena and beyond. The Wann 'ohana have been raised by and in turn mirror all that Kamealoha is. Kamealoha teaches us about tending, being in place, and aloha. We must do the same for Kamealoha and 'ohana of Hā'ena now.

Me ka ha'aha'a a me ka 'oia'i'o,
Puakea Mo'okini-Oliveira

From: [mimi_campbell](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Testimony for funding to protect Kamealoha Kuleana
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 3:37:36 AM

February 9, 2023

Kīlauea, Kaua‘i

To: The State Legacy Land Conservation
Comission

Re: Testimony for funding to protect
Kamealoha Kuleana

Aloha to the Comission

My name is, Mimi Demetra Campbell. I have been a resident of the islands since 2016. I currently work as an interior designer and offer assistance to our kupuna in need.

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‘o wau no me ka ha’a

Mimi Demetra Campbell

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From: [Kanana Kuhaulua](#)
To: [DLNR.FW.LLCC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kamealoha Kuleana Testimony
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:42:39 AM
Attachments: [Kamealoha Testimony.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

Below and attached is my testimony for Kamealoha Kuleana. I would like to read my testimony via zoom if that is possible.

Mahalo a nui for your time and consideration,
Kanānāikahaku Kuhaulua

Dear Members of the State Legacy Land Conservation Commission:

‘O wau iho nō ‘o Kanānāikahaku Kuhaulua, a no Anahola, Kaua‘i mai au. My name is Kanānāikahaku Kuhaulua, and I am from Anahola, Ko‘olau here on Kaua‘i. I am a mother, daughter, granddaughter, educator, and contributing community member. I have three children, who are 19, 13 and 8, respectively. I have been blessed to know Leipuaahi Wann for the past fifteen years, and consider myself fortunate to know such a loving, hardworking, honest, and selfless individual, whose family contributes and reaches every moku (district) of this island. I have worked with Lei in different educational and community driven capacities, where she has poured out and shared her knowledge and love for ‘ohana (family), ‘āina (land) and most importantly keiki (children). For as long as I’ve known Lei, her focus has always been growing and connecting individuals to ‘āina, where ‘āina represents all sources that feed and sustain us physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Lei has always generously shared her ‘ohana’s resources, and in this case specifically, I’m speaking in regards to access to their Kamealoha Kuleana.

Lei and I first met in 2008 at Kawaikini Public Charter School’s inception, and through Kawaikini, Lei has both formally and informally taught all three of my children. Through Kawaikini, hundreds of haumāna (students) have been able to experience life as it may have been in olden Kaua‘i because Lei and her ‘ohana allowed students and families to camp and experience their kulāiwi (homeland) and ‘āina momona (abundant land) while learning about ahupua‘a (land divisions and watersheds), kilo (observations) and pilina (the importance of relationships). Kamealoha is not just a dear place to the Wann ‘ohana, but it is a place dear to many students and families from Kawaikini because as its name implies, it is a place, like its people, that lovingly embraces you, and if you don’t have family lands, or places to connect to, Kamealoha becomes that special place.

In addition to Kawaikini, I have worked with Lei at Kamehameha Schools Ho‘olauna Series, where Lei’s expertise and love for ‘āina was shared with hundreds of Native Hawaiian children over multiple summers. I’ve also worked as a kumu for Lei at Limahuli Garden’s Nā Laua‘e o Makana Series, which is a program that she specifically created to support the youth in the Hā‘ena community. Lei and her ‘ohana know the blessings and the struggles of coming from an ‘āina that is sometimes separated from the rest, especially during the rainy seasons, and I have witnessed first-hand, both the growth and appreciation of the families and their children for this program and this ‘āina.

I have worked at Waipā, Kanuikapono Public Charter School, Alu Like, Hawai'i Land Trust, and am currently developing the Hawaiian Language Program at Island School, and Lei and her 'Ohana has always supported my teaching endeavors through allowing me to bring my students to work and stage lessons at Kamealoha. Through Kamealoha, students not only learn about 'āina, but they're able to live the lessons taught and connect to 'āina, which is more important today than ever before because of the impacts of Covid. There is also so much more meaning and mana (power) to hear generational mo'olelo (stories) from the descendants on their one hānau (ancestral land), and as an educator and a mother, I have witnessed so many student, and individual transformations. Kamealoha Kuleana is always an 'āina that everyone remembers and wants to return to because of how the place and its people make you feel.

On a more personal note, Kamealoha Kuleana, Lei and the Wann 'Ohana, also helped my family through one of our greatest struggles, and during a time when my family needed to be surrounded with love in a safe space. Lei, the Wann 'Ohana and Kamealoha Kuleana was our pu'uhonua (city of refuge), all of whom without, I am not sure where we would be today. My family is one like many others, who do not have 'āina associated with our names, but we understand that the land shapes us, just as much as we shape the land. Every summer my children and I look forward to being able to spend any length of time in Hā'ena, particularly at Kamealoha, to rejuvenate ourselves and reconnect to the things that are really the most important in this life and get away from technology and the many distractions technology has brought about.

Kamealoha is a hidden treasure. I don't know of any other place that I can rest my head near flowing waters and then wake up and wash in an ice-cold stream where I know families used to gather to bathe and wash their dishes. I don't know of any other place, protected by a beautiful mountain whose family still practices an ancient artform that we hear about in song. I don't know of any other place so near to a freshwater spring that nourishes a community, whose lineal descendant was able to have access to that wai donated back and protected. I don't know of any other place where in the same day one can either hike up mauka (towards the mountains) to gather food to eat or plants to make beautiful adornments, work in a lo'i, or go down to the kai (ocean) and be greeted by seals, surf on a sacred break from ancient stories, or even learn how to holo (fish) as the ancestors of the land once did from actual lineal descendants, or observe their descendants who still do. I don't know of any other 'āina momona that has been cared for and protected by a single family such as Lei's, surrounded by millionaires and large expensive structures, and yet humbly open to anyone who loves the land and wants to learn. I am but one humble makuahine (mother), kaikamahine (daughter), mo'opuna (granddaughter), kumu (educator) a kanaka kaiāulu (community member), but I represent many who love and cherish this place and the Wann 'Ohana, and many of whom would suffer a great loss as a result of not being able to return to and care for an 'āina that has given and done so much by simply still being here. E mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono...please allow the Wann 'ohana, and all of us who love them, to continue to perpetuate the life of this precious 'āina 'o Kamealoha.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kanānāikahaku A.N.K.D. Kuhaulua

[EXTERNAL] Support for Protect Kamealoha Kuleana (Haena, Kauai)

Pelika Andrade

Thu 2/9/2023 7:15 AM

To: DLNR.FW.LLCC <llcc@hawaii.gov>

Aloha nui kâua,

My name is Pelika Andrade, a native of Kauai and hoa'âina to Halele'a. I am sending this email in support of Kipuka Kuleana, the Wann 'Ohana and the Trust for Public Land to protect Kamealoha Kuleana, securing this special place for the families, and community, who have tended and cared for it over generations. Kuleana lands that are continually held and cared for by Native Hawaiians are becoming more and more scarce every year as land taxes increase beyond living wages and people are pushed out from increased external interests. These Kuleana land bases are the heartbeat of our communities as they represent an unbroken chain of relationship, genealogy, kuleana, and all that our Hawaii embody. We must do all we can to keep the chain unbroken.

In regards to the 'Ohana that care for Kamealoha Kuleana (Wann 'Ohana), they are true gems of the community. Just within the last 2 generations, their contributions have been the founding of Hui Maka'ainana o Makana (a non profit that is tending to the 15 acres of Ha'ena State Park as lo'i, a community center, and cultural advocate), the designation of the first CBSFA (community based subsistence fishing area) across Hawaii, the establishment of Kawaikini Charter School and place-based learning, and the strengthening of the Limahuli National Tropical and Botanical Garden within the Hawaiian Community. They are scientists, business owners, conservationists, historian, health care professionals, public servants, fishermen/women, and most importantly, kupa'aina to Haena. They have opened up Kamealoha Kuleana to support 'Ohana gatherings, community educational programs, as well as tending their lo'i to feed their 'Ohana and broader community. Kamealoha Kuleana and the Wann 'Ohana represent the essence of Hawaii and securing them within Haena will be a benefit to Halele'a and Hawai'i for generations to come.

Please except this testimony in support of Kamealoha Kuleana as I am unable to provide spoken testimony at this time.

Mahalo nui,
Pelika Andrade

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I la Maika'i

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"Make your thoughts, choices, and actions reflect your hopes... not your fears!"

[EXTERNAL] Testimony for Kamealoha Kuleana

Jordan Lemke

Thu 2/9/2023 7:36 AM

To: DLNR.FW.LLCC <llcc@hawaii.gov>

Greetings,

I am writing in support of the Kamealoha Kuleana lands in Hā'ena, Kaua'i.

This 'āina absolutely needs to be protected and kept in the hands of the decendants, as it is currently. Kaua'i, especially North Shore Kaua'i is rapidly losing its roots and identity to the hands of greedy haoles. The wahi pana of Hā'ena and the hana the decendants are doing is critical to ensuring that the "Old Hawaiian Way" remains so that it may continue to be perpetuated for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Jordan Loudon
Resident of Wailuanuiaho'āno

[EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Kamealoha Kuleana

Emily Cadiz

Thu 2/9/2023 7:38 AM

To: DLNR.FW.LLCC <llcc@hawaii.gov>

Aloha kākou,

My name is Emily Cadiz, I was born and raised in Mililani, O'ahu and I have been living on Kaua'i for the past 7 years. I am writing this letter in **support of the Wann 'Ohana, Kīpuka Kuleana, and the Trust for Public Lands, to protect the Kamealoha Kuleana parcel.**

I have known the Wann 'ohana for 8+ years and have been the Education Program Director for Hui Maka'āinana o Makana since 2016. Before Hui Maka'āinana o Makana was formed and started their stewardship agreement with State Parks, the Kamealoha Kuleana was the 'āina that housed and fed Hā'ena education and programs. With Lei's career as a teacher at Kawaikini Charter School, she started to build education programs for the lineal descendants and community right from their Kamealoha 'āina.

Kamealoha Kuleana has historical importance that goes back even further, as the 'āina of the families who carry the kuleana of so many Hā'ena traditional practices and heritage. 'Oahi ceremony and practice, lo'i kalo farmers, lei and hula practitioners, lawai'a (fishermen), are just to name a few of the rich history and practices that are perpetuated today in Hā'ena. We know the intrinsic value that knowledge and practices are embedded in a place and the familial relationships to place; and Kamealoha Kuleana has been a beacon of light for Hā'ena.

As an 'āina that restored our education so that we have been able to grow it into what it is today, it is important to our organization and community, to continue to protect these kuleana parcels in perpetuity for the lineal families and community of Hā'ena. The significant increase of land taxes and "new neighbors" buying out and moving into our local and Hawaiian communities is a huge problem across Hawai'i, and the story of so many. Especially in Hā'ena, where we have less than five lineal families from Hā'ena that are still able to hold onto their 'āina. People like Uncle Presley Wann, Lei Wann, and their family, have been selfless leaders in our community, paving the way for community-based efforts in restoration, education, research, policy and management. They have poured decades into helping communities from State to International level, in telling the stories and sharing lessons and messages of hope to empower people of place to take action for their community.

As they return to their piko, the 'āina of their kupuna....as they return to tend the fires of their own home, we stand in solidarity with the Wann 'Ohana and the Kamealoha Kuleana. We support the efforts of Kīpuka Kuleana and Trust for Public Lands. Mahalo for the opportunity to share and support the families and communities close to my heart.

Mahalo nui loa,

Emily Cadiz

Program Director, Hui Maka'āinana o Makana

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in favor of funding Kamealoha Kuleana

Marion Paul

Thu 2/9/2023 9:38 AM

To: DLNR.FW.LLCC <llcc@hawaii.gov>

Aloha kakou,

I am writing in support of the \$1.85 million funding request to the LLCP to fund the purchase of Kamealoha Kuleana.

Now more than ever, these lands and cultural heritage sites need our protection. I can think of no better way to allocate our funds than to protect these lands in perpetuity.

Mahalo,

Marion

Marion Paul
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Kilauea, HI 96754-3022
808-634-3196

[EXTERNAL] Support for Kamealoha Kuleana

Laurel Brier

Thu 2/9/2023 11:29 AM

To: DLNR.FW.LLCC <llcc@hawaii.gov>

Written testimony in support of funding to protect Kamealoha Kuleana.

Given the cultural and environmental significance of this area and the great community support it has received the past decades to restore and protect it, we petition the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Brier

Kaua'i Women's Caucus

He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve
Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, Hawai'i

February 9, 2023

Testimony in support of a conservation easement for Kamealoha Kuleana (Item 2D, 2/10/2023)

Aloha to Chair Haase and the members of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

I urge you to support the awarding of a conservation easement and associated funding for the Kamealoha Kuleana in Hā'ena, Kaua'i. Their application package provides the background information you will need to make your decision, so I will instead focus my testimony on validating the ecological and cultural value of this property, and to the integrity of the 'ohana who is submitting this application.

For 13 years, I was the Director of Limahuli Garden and Preserve, and in that capacity I lead the mālama 'āina initiatives on the 1,000 acre property just mauka of the property in question, so I am very familiar with it and the surrounding area. Kamealoha Kuleana is one of the last undeveloped kuleana lot in Hā'ena, and for that reason alone is worth protecting from speculative development. However, beyond that, the 'auwai on this property is important for 'o'opu (native fishes) connectivity, particularly between the springs and the stream, so it has high conservation value.

Finally, I can personally attest to the integrity of the 'ohana who is submitting this proposal. The Wann 'ohana has produced multiple generations of community leaders who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our community. This property has helped to shape who they are. In fact, this property has helped to produce some of Hā'ena's most revered kūpuna in our past. With your help in protecting it, it will continue to produce kūpuna for the future generations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,



Kawika Winter, PhD

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April 26, 2023

Sent Via Email: <mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Board of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Re: Testimony in Support of BLNR Agenda Item C.1 (A) & (C) Approve Grant Awards from Available Funds in the Land Conservation Fund to (A) Ho'okua'āina, up to \$2.9 M, for the Acquisition of ~ 116.49 Acres at Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu (Palawai); and (C) Kauluakalana, up to \$1.56 M for the Acquisition of ~ 59.27 Acres at Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu (Makali'i)

Aloha Chair Chang & Board Members,

Trust for Public Land ("TPL") is a non-profit land conservation organization and our mission is to protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. For 44 years we've worked to protect over 77,000 acres and 49 special places throughout Hawai'i. Our Aloha 'Āina Program protects lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture and returns these lands to Native Hawaiian organizations for community and cultural stewardship. Our Sustainable Hawai'i Program conserves lands that support local food production, our forests and their native species, and clean water sources with the goal of improving Hawai'i's self-sufficiency, and food security.

Trust for Public Land is partnering with Ho'okua'āina and Kauluakalana, and Hawai'i Land Trust to protect and purchase Palawai (~116.49 acres) and Makali'i (~59.27 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a 17 year effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili which was at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

Project Structure: The entire project is structured as three separate but connected projects: The agricultural lands will be transferred to two nonprofits to ensure that these lands are restored back to 'āina momona (fat, fertile land). **Palawai** (TMKs: 4-2-007:001, 4-2-008:001, and 13.693 acres of TMK 4-2-006:008) will be transferred to Ho'okua'āina and **Makali'i** (TMK: 4-2-006:001, and 13.546 acres of TMK 4-2-006:008) will be transferred to Kauluakalana for community stewardship. Not before the Board today, but important to note is that The State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Wildlife (DLNR-DOFAW) will own and manage Maunawili Forest & Queens Retreat/ Keko'owai (TMKs 4-2-006:008, 4-2-008:005, 4-2-009:001) as a forest reserve in close partnership with local nonprofits who will help steward and restore cultural and historic sites, agroforestry, and lo'i kalo.

Protecting Palawai and Makali'i would preserve the Maunawili stream system (Palapū, 'Ōma'o, 'Ainoni, Makawao, & Olomana streams), Makali'i spring, an ancient lo'i

kalo complex, 'auwai (irrigation ditch), po'owai (dam), fertile Hanalei soil, the lower slopes of Olomana ridge, habitat for endangered Ae'ō (Hawaiian stilt), 'Alae 'ula (Hawaiian mudhen), 'Alae ke'oke'o (Hawaiian coot), and Koloa (Hawaiian duck), and a rich agricultural and cultural landscape. These lands should be returned to community stewardship so they can be revitalized as 'āina momona for food and water security, perpetuate 'āina-based education, and restore lo'i kalo, agroforestry, stream and spring health, native forest, and habitat for endangered water birds.

Landowner Negotiations: Trust for Public Land just recently signed an Option Agreement with the landowner, HRT Realty, LLC (HRT) over the property.

Matching Funding: We have successfully secured matching funds for Palawai and Makali'i from the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Program (CWNL) with a recommendation from the CWNL Commission, and a City Council Resolution which passed unanimously. This State Legacy Land Conservation funding is all that is needed to move toward closing the two projects.

Community Support: Protecting the 1,084 acre Maunawili Forest and Lo'i lands, including Palawai and Makali'i has been a longstanding vision of the Kailua community and Hui Maunawili-Kawainui. Since 2006, the Hui has been working to protect prime agricultural and culturally significant lands in Maunawili.

On April 27, 2021, the Hawai'i State Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 189 (SD1 HD1) supporting the purchase, preservation, and restoration of agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley, O'ahu, and returning these lands to community stewardship.

On June 7, 2022, The Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) unanimously passed a motion to "support the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, and Hawai'i Land Trust to protect and acquire the Palawai and Makali'i properties in Maunawili" and "request the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Governor approve and release the requested funds from the State Legacy Land Conservation Fund to protect and acquire Palawai and Makali'i".

Please see the enclosed **Kailua Neighborhood Board Resolution, Senate Resolution, 43 Letters of Support** from a wide range of community organizations, schools, businesses, and community members, and **39 Letters from youth and students** that support the protection of Palawai and Makali'i.

1. Kailua Neighborhood Board Resolution
2. Senate Concurrent Resolution 189
3. Hui Maunawili Kawainui
4. Hika'alani
5. Hui Kawainui Kailua Ka Wai Ola
6. Kailua Historical Society
7. Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club
8. Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima
9. Ke Kahua O Kūali'i
10. Hui O Ko'olaupoko
11. Windward YMCA
12. KUA – Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo
13. MA'O Organic Farms
14. Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife
15. University of Hawai'i, Windward Community College
16. University of Hawai'i, John A Burns School of Medicine, Department of Native Hawaiian Health
17. Kalaheo High School
18. Kalaheo High School – Natural Resources Pathway
19. Kailua High School – Hawaiian Program
20. Ka'elepulu Elementary School
21. Olomana School

22. Le Jardin Academy
23. Kailua United Methodist Church
24. Pikoakea
25. Global Village Kailua
26. Earl Kawa'a
27. Becky Wong (Kailua Elementary School)
28. Makenzie Arita (Ka'elepulu Elementary School)
29. Jana Price (Ka'elepulu Elementary School)
30. Alohi Baker
31. Suzy Mitchell
32. Creighton Litton
33. Kevin & Melissa Veenstra
34. Laurel Paleka
35. Ida Hanohano
36. Brenda Wong
37. 'Ohana Coleman
38. Glenn Miyataki
39. Jody & Jay Johnson
40. Kamalani Holokai
41. David Laeha
42. Moanikeala & Keoki Nanod-Sitch
43. Natalie Mansfield
44. Ron & Sabrina Najarian
45. Mahina Kaomea
46. 39 Letters from Youth & Students

We are now humbly asking for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve the Legacy Land Conservation Grants, as recommended by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission to Ho'okua'āina, for up to \$2.9 M, to acquire Palawai (~ 116.49 acres); and Kauluakalana, for up to \$1.56 M, to acquire Makali'i (~ 59.27 acres). We look forward to continuing to work in close partnership with BLNR to protect and acquire Palawai and Makali'i with the goal of returning these precious natural and cultural landscapes to community stewardship for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,



Reyna Ramolete Hayashi
Aloha 'Āina Project Manager
Trust for Public Land

KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

The Kailua Neighborhood Board supports the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, and Hawai'i Land Trusts to protect and acquire the Palawai and Makali'i properties in Maunawili.

Whereas, in Maunawili Valley there are more than 1,084 acres of what was once a thriving "breadbasket" for the island that supports critical waterways, dozens of cultural and historic sites, and fertile agricultural and conservation lands;

Whereas, these lands are privately owned and in danger of sale and development;

Whereas, for years, the Kailua community and Hui Maunawili-Kawainui have fought to safeguard these lands and return them to community-based stewardship for bio-cultural restoration and sustainable agriculture;

Whereas, nonprofit, Ho'okua'aina, with the support of Trust for Public Land, is working diligently to protect and acquire the Palawai property, totaling approximately 116.49 acres, in Kailua, O'ahu (TMKs: 4-2-008:001, 4-2-007:001, and a 13.693 acre portion of TMK 4-2-006:008);

Whereas, nonprofit, Kauluakalana, with the support of Trust for Public Land, is working diligently to protect and acquire the Makali'i property, totaling approximately 59.27 acres, in Kailua, O'ahu (TMK 4-2:006:001 and a 13.546 acre portion of TMK 4-2-006:008);

Whereas, Ho'okua'aina would own the Palawai property and Kauluakalana would own the Makali'i property, stewarding them in close partnership with the Kailua community to: cultivate lo'i kalo, dryland farming, and agroforestry, restore streams, springs, wetlands, and native forests, create habitat for native and endangered water birds, care for Hawaiian cultural sites, provide 'aina-based education, and increase food security;

Whereas, Conservation Easements co-held by the City and County of Honolulu and Hawai'i Land Trust, and State Legacy Land Deed Restrictions would protect these lands for these conservation and cultural purposes in perpetuity;

Therefore, the Kailua Neighborhood Board:

- a. supports the protection of Palawai, Makali'i and Maunawili Forest & Queens Retreat to return these lands to community management and stewardship for bio-cultural restoration and sustainable agriculture;
- b. requests the Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission, Honolulu City Council, and the Mayor approve and release the requested funds from the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund to protect and acquire a Conservation Easement over Palawai and Makali'i;
- c. requests the State Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Governor approve and release the requested funds from the State Legacy Land Conservation Fund to protect and acquire Palawai and Makali'i. (Planning, Zoning, and Environment Committee motion.)

The Motion to support the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, and Hawai'i Land Trusts to protect and acquire the Palawai and Makali'i properties in Maunawili PASSED by ROLL CALL VOTE; (15-0-0) (AYE: Akao, Akau, Granite, Hicks, Kalama-Kingma, Thurston, Tobar-Honold, Tomasa, Trecker, Vermillion, Weller, Wong, Kobayashi, Lipton, Zuckernick; Nay: None; Abstain: None.).

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND
RESTORATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN
MAUNAWILI VALLEY, OAHU TO PROTECT THE IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND
HISTORIC SITES, TRAILS, AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

1 WHEREAS, Maunawili Valley in the ahupuaa (land division) of
2 Kailua is celebrated in story and chant for its association with
3 akua (gods), alii (chiefs), cultural heroes, and important
4 historical figures, including Queen Liliuokalani; and
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6 WHEREAS, Maunawili Valley contains wetlands, streams, and
7 freshwater springs that provide most of the water that flows to
8 the Kawainui Marsh ecosystem and more than fifty springs and
9 smaller streams are present, including Maunawili Stream, the
10 most significant stream in the Kailua ahupuaa; and
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12 WHEREAS, ancient and historic sites throughout Maunawili
13 Valley include heiau (temples or sacred sites), sacred stones,
14 petroglyphs, Hawaiian burials, ala hele and alahula (paths or
15 trails), house sites, grinding stones, irrigated and dryland
16 agricultural terraces, large auwai (irrigation ditches) related
17 to extensive loi (taro patches), and nineteenth and early
18 twentieth century structures related to agriculture and food
19 production; and
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21 WHEREAS, Kawainui Marsh is a designated Ramsar Wetland of
22 International Importance; and
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24 WHEREAS, the 1994 Kawainui Master Plan recommended that the
25 State acquire the privately-owned wetland/semi-wetland areas in
26 Maunawili, noting that they are hydrologically part of the
27 economic, ecological, and cultural resources of Kawainui Marsh,
28 separated only by the highway, and that acquisition would



1 protect the wetlands from future undesired developments and
2 inappropriate alteration of the landscape and waterways; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is a need to protect and conserve the
5 Maunawili wetlands, semi-wetlands, Maunawili's Hanalei soil,
6 which is the most fertile soil in Hawaii, fresh water resources,
7 ancient and historic sites, and historic trails within the vital
8 context of agricultural sustainability; and

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10 WHEREAS, there is a need to provide managed and restricted
11 access to the State's Maunawili and Olomana Trails in proximity
12 to Maunawili Historic Wetland/Semi-Wetland areas and The Queen's
13 Retreat; and

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15 WHEREAS, there is a long history of public interest in
16 acquiring and protecting lands in Maunawili, but the State has
17 not been able to secure these Maunawili lands, which remain
18 privately owned; and

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20 WHEREAS, HRT Realty, LLC, owns more than one thousand acres
21 in Maunawili, including most of the aforementioned biocultural
22 resources as well as the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course; and

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24 WHEREAS, HRT Realty, LLC, has expressed an interest in
25 selling its Maunawili lands, or a significant portion thereof,
26 for community benefit and stewardship, to the Department of Land
27 and Natural Resources and nonprofit, 'āina-based educational
28 organizations, working in partnership with The Trust for Public
29 Land, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, and the
30 Kailua community; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui is a group of
33 descendants and residents of Maunawili and Kailua who represent
34 a coalition of respected Hawaiian cultural and environmental
35 organizations, who have joined to protect prime agricultural and
36 culturally significant lands in Maunawili; and

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38 WHEREAS, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui seeks to restore the health
39 of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and
40 traditional role in the ahupuaa of Kailua as a source of free-
41 flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich
42 cultural resources; and



1 WHEREAS, Governor David H. Ige has declared a state goal to
2 double local food production by 2030, which is in line with
3 Maunawili's legacy as historically fertile ground to produce
4 food crops; and
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6 WHEREAS, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui members have met with
7 representatives of HRT Realty, LLC, and are now working in
8 partnership with The Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit
9 organization that has helped to protect lands throughout Hawaii,
10 to identify ways to acquire HRT properties in Maunawili; and
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12 WHEREAS, this is a rare opportunity to secure Maunawili's
13 irreplaceable resources for the health and welfare of the people
14 of Hawaii today and for future generations; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that this body affirms
19 support for the purchase, preservation, and restoration of
20 agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley, Oahu,
21 and for the protection and preservation of important ancient and
22 historic sites and trails and waters in Maunawili; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body believes that it is
25 in the best interest of the people of the State to realize the
26 larger, community-based vision of restoring Maunawili to its
27 vital and traditional role in the ahupuaa of Kailua as a source
28 of free-flowing fresh water and place of abundant agriculture
29 and rich cultural resources; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Department
32 of Land and Natural Resources and other relevant state entities,
33 as well as the City and County of Honolulu, and Hawaii's
34 Congressional delegation, to work with The Trust for Public
35 Land, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, Ho'okua'aina, and Kauluakalana in
36 their efforts to acquire these important and rich agricultural,
37 cultural, and historic lands and return them to community
38 stewardship; and
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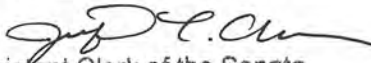
40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
42 delegation, the Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Land and



1 **Natural Resources**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
2 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council, Councilmember of
3 District 3 of the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of
4 the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, members
5 of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawaiian Islands State Director
6 of The Trust for Public Land.

I hereby certify that this is a full, true, and correct copy of the original filed in this office.

Dated: APR 27 2021


Assistant Clerk of the Senate
State of Hawai'i



April 13, 2022

Reyna Ramolete Hayashi
The Trust for Public Land
1164 Bishop St., Suite 1512
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter in Support of Protecting and Acquiring Maunawili Agricultural and Lo'i Lands (Palawai, TMK 4-2-007:001 and 4-2-008:001; and Makali'i, TMK 4-2-008:005)

Hui Maunawili-Kawainui stands in full support and continuing partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana and the Hawai'i Land Trust's (HILT) initiative to purchase and protect Palawai (116 acres) and Makali'i (59 acres) in Maunawili, Kailua, O'ahu. The Hui and its many individual and organizational members have been working for years to protect these lands as part of more than 1,000 acres of privately held Maunawili lands which have high natural, cultural, historical and agricultural significance and are at risk of subdivision, sale and development.

Hui Maunawili-Kawainui's larger vision is to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of fresh-flowing water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources. Palawai and Makali'i are critical to fulfilling that goal.

Maunawili Valley is the largest stream watershed area in Ko'olaupoko, covering 9,408 acres. Essential to the community's health and well-being, the valley is fed by more than 50 streams and freshwater springs and provides critical habitat for endemic plant and animal species. Maunawili is part of a priority watershed vital for recharge of virtually pristine fresh water flowing to important traditional riparian farmlands and the Kawainui wetland (the largest wetland in the state, a designated Ramsar Wetland of International Importance.) Kawainui provides flood control for Kailua, O'ahu, traps sediment and channels clean water to the Kailua Bay marine ecosystem. On a larger scale, mauka Maunawili forests and the adjoining wide, densely-vegetated wetland contribute to carbon capture in our warming world.

Palawai and Makali'i. The Palawai and Makali'i lands under consideration consist of nearly 150 acres of traditional lo'i kalo land, 75 acres of which are the highly productive Hanalei soil. Fed by Maunawili's many springs and streams which originate in the Ko'olau, these lands were extensively farmed in kalo which was famed for its sweetness and requested by the ali'i. Five streams converge on the Palawai property to form the main stem of Maunawili Stream. This stream flows along the base of Olomana, adjacent to Makali'i, passes under Kalaniana'ole Highway, and then joins Kahanaiki Stream to flow into Kawainui Marsh and eventually to Kailua Bay. Makali'i is home to the storied Makali'i Spring, valued source of fresh drinking water which also fed the lo'i kalo and gardens.

Palawai was last farmed in the 1980s when the golf course was developed. Makali'i was last farmed in 2012 when the last of the farming families were evicted by the current landowner. Both Palawai and Makali'i have suffered decades of neglect and the land is literally choked by invasive species, aggressive vines and weeds.

Pre-contact and historic Hawaiian cultural sites, including agricultural terraces, irrigation ditches, trails, house sites, and possible places of worship have also suffered neglect. At present, few sites at Palawai and Makali'i have been surveyed or studied by archaeologists or Hawaiian cultural practitioners. Extensive remnants of cultural and historic sites reflect the valley's centuries of agricultural use and traditional Hawaiian cultural practices of the area.

Ho‘okua‘āina and Kauluakalana. Hui Maunawili-Kawainui fully supports Ho‘okua‘āina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai and Kauluakalana as the proposed future owner and steward of Makali‘i.

- The principals of both non-profit organizations and ‘ohana are long-term residents of Maunawili, deeply rooted and connected to the ‘āina and the community.
- Ho‘okua‘āina successfully farms kalo in Maunawili on a 7.6 acre parcel adjacent to Palawai. They annually harvest 30,000 pounds of kalo and have grown into the largest producers of kalo on O‘ahu today.
- Kauluakalana is currently steward of a 15 acre parcel at Kukanono, including Ulupo heiau and the north-east bank of Kawainui. Ten acres of this parcel are cultivated in lo‘i kalo, yielding thousands of pounds of kalo per year. Recently Kauluakalana has received a Right of Entry from the State to farm 25 acres (Manu ‘ili) just across Kalaniana‘ole Highway from Maunawili where they have already restored three acres to kalo, ‘uala and ko production: the first time this land has been cultivated in more than 100 years.
- Both organizations have demonstrated success with stream and spring restoration enabling water to once again flow through ‘auwai, lo‘i kalo and wetlands, providing habitat for native species and gradually revitalizing the ecosystem.

Both Ho‘okua‘āina and Kauluakalana are known for their inspirational and transformative leadership through ‘āina-based education programming for youth, schools, young adults and the community.

- Ho‘okua‘āina hosts an established mentoring and internship program for at-risk youth, an apprenticeship program with Windward Community College that leads to a two year degree and certificate program, and multi-visit programs for area schools K-12 that provides opportunities for students to engage with the land, grow their own food and return with their families. Programs for college students and weekly community volunteer events further expand Ho‘okua‘āina’s community reach.
- Kauluakalana draws on their traditional Hawaiian knowledge, cultural backgrounds and expertise to implement community-based ‘āina restoration work and ‘āina education programs. They annually engage thousands of pre-K to post-secondary students, teachers, administrators, ‘ohana and other community members via school field trips, volunteer service, summer programs, work-based learning internships and cultural restoration programs for families. Through these programs they open opportunities for the community of all ages to participate in the restoration of their own ‘āina, cultivating the land and the community simultaneously.

Lastly we know Ho‘okua‘āina and Kauluakalana to be excellent stewards and partners in the work of land conservation who work well with our Hui, with TPL and HILT, DLNR and the larger community.

About Hui Maunawili-Kawainui (Hui MK) is a coalition of descendants and residents of Maunawili and Kailua and respected Hawaiian cultural and environmental organizations based in Maunawili and Kailua. Hui MK’s mission is to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the Kailua ahupua‘a (traditional land division) as a place of healthy forests, free-flowing fresh water, abundant agriculture and rich natural, cultural and historic resources. We support the purchase, preservation and restoration of conservation and agricultural lands in Maunawili and the protection and preservation of forests, fresh water resources, wetlands, traditional lo‘i lands, important ancient and historic sites, and historic trails and roads. Our purpose is to protect and revitalize Maunawili’s forests, prime agricultural and culturally significant lands. Since its founding in 2006, Hui MK has consistently worked with State and County government, TPL and HILT, other organizations and the community at large to ensure that Maunawili’s highly significant lands are protected.

Community Benefits. Through the purchase and preservation of the Palawai and Makali‘i properties, the community will reap numerous benefits including:

- protection of these lands from subdivision, development and further damage to their precious natural and cultural resources;
- protection of a major area of the Kawainui watershed, restoration of streams and springs and improvement of water quality and integrity;
- restoration of Maunawili’s traditional lo‘i kalo and other traditional farming practices that once made the valley a true “breadbasket” for the island; and initiating a sustainable agriculture program to enhance local food security and provide habitat for endangered species.
- stabilization and protection of Hawaiian cultural and historic sites, many of which have not been surveyed or investigated. These include agricultural terraces, ‘auwai, house sites, trails and paths and a stone workshop.
- development of aloha ‘aina educational programs that improve community access to and understanding of the significance of these important sites.

Protecting these lands is a major step toward fulfilling our community’s long standing goal of protecting Maunawili’s mountains, forests, streams, agricultural lands and sacred places which are so central to the community’s health and well-being, sense of place and cultural identity. We look forward to collaborating in the stewardship of these lands in close partnership with TPL, Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana and HILT and other community partners.

Mahalo,
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Aloha nui,

I am writing on behalf of Hika'alani, a Kailua community-based non-profit, in strong support of the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase and protect Palawai (approximately 116 acres) and Makali'i (approximately 59 acres) in Kailua, Maunawili, O'ahu.

Hika'alani, along with other Kailua organizations and individuals, formed the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, to protect the forest and lands of Maunawili from sub-division and possible conversion to "gentlemen agricultural estates." In recent years in Hawai'i, we have seen agricultural subdivisions turn into "fake farms" too often. They all result in the same outcome: the loss of our most fertile lands that can increase local food production and decrease our dependency on imported food. Fortunately, the Hui and others were able to voice opposition to these subdivision efforts, and eventually, the landowner abandoned those plans.

Protecting Palawai and Makali'i is part of the long-term effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect approximately 1,084 acres in Maunawili, including Maunawili Forest & the Queen's Retreat. Being able to mālama Palawai and Makali'i would preserve the Maunawili stream system, freshwater springs, ancient lo'i kalo and 'auwai, fertile Hanalei soil, a section of the Olomana ridge, and a deep agricultural and cultural landscape. We support Ho'okua'āina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai and Kauluakalana as the proposed future owner and steward of Makali'i.

Hika'alani was founded by Hawaiian cultural leaders of Kailua, O'ahu, to restore cultural identity to places and practices that once defined Kailua as a land of abundance and excellence. The mission of Hika'alani is to reestablish centers of stewardship and learning at storied places in Kailua where the community can again gather, as Hawaiians did in centuries past, to restore and revive cultural practices. Maunawili is one such area within Kailua, with ancient and historic sites throughout the valley that include heiau (places of worship), sacred stones, petroglyphs, Hawaiian burials, trails, house sites, grinding stones, irrigated and dryland agricultural terraces, irrigation ditches related to extensive taro fields, and nineteenth and early twentieth century structures related to agriculture and food production.

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Maunawili is also the natural habitat for native and endangered species, including three species of Hawaiian damselflies, the 'ōpe'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat), the O'ahu 'elepaio (monarch flycatcher), and numerous native plants. In addition, several endangered species of Hawaiian waterbirds traverse the area seeking water and nesting spaces.

Hika'alani is very familiar with the work of both Ho'okua'āina and Kauluakalana. Ho'okua'āina has been growing kalo at Kapalai in Maunawili for over a decade. Its vision is to create a gathering place for people in the community to connect with and care for the 'āina, to perpetuate Hawaiian culture through the cultivation and preparation of kalo, and to be a place that brings healing to people. Kauluakalana was founded by kama'āina of Kailua, and has been the steward of Ulupō heiau (place of worship) and the surrounding lo'i kalo. Kauluakalana seeks to restore and grow healthy relationships between people and place through retelling our Kailua stories, replanting and eating our ancestral foods, and caring for the sacred sites, lands, and waters of Kailua.

Under the stewardship of Ho'okua'āina and Kauluakalana, Hika'alani envisions our youth being able to help clean and maintain the heiau found in Maunawili, help control the invasive species and revitalize the native species in the area, restore plots of kalo or taro and the irrigation systems that feed them, and learn the important stories and history of this area. In this way, the next generation will understand and appreciate the struggles of their ancestors to survive and can celebrate their resilience, and keep their stories alive.

We strongly support the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase and conserve the Maunawili lands to protect the forested foothills from development and to avoid any further damage to Maunawili's precious natural and cultural resources. Acquiring and being able to steward these lands would fulfill our community's long-standing goal of protecting our beloved mountains, forests, streams, and sacred places.

Mahalo,



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To Whom It May Concern,

Hui Kawainui Kailua Ka Wai Ola strongly supports the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is the culmination of years of effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili, including Maunawili Forest and Queen's Retreat, which was at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

Protecting Palawai and Makali'i would preserve the Maunawili stream system, freshwater springs, ancient lo'i kalo and 'auwai, fertile Hanalei soil, a section of the Olomana ridge, and a rich agricultural and cultural landscape. We support Ho'okua'aina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai, and Kauluakalana as the proposed future owner and steward of Makali'i. All of these Maunawili lands should be returned to community stewardship so they can be

revitalized as 'āina momoma, perpetuate 'āina-based education, and restore lo'i kalo, agroforestry, stream and spring health, native forest, and habitat for endangered water birds.

The mission of Hui Kawainui Kailua Ka Wai Ola is to care for the living waters of Kawainui that flow through the Kailua ahupua'a by employing ancient and contemporary knowledge and to educate, restore, revitalize, and manage these culturally significant water resources. As a working group, our Hui primarily seeks collaboration with other Kailua Hawaiian organizations, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Parks, and private landowners to educate the community about protecting and restoring the water resources and wildlife habitats of the Kawainui-Hāmākua Ramsar Wetlands. The Maunawili Valley lands of Palawai and Makali'i are adjacent and connected to Kawainui. The Maunawili watershed flows directly to Kawainui, then from Kawainui to Hāmākua, so in order to heal and revitalize the Kawainui-Hāmākua Ramsar Wetlands, the waters of the Maunawili watershed must be revitalized and protected. It is all connected and revitalization of Maunawili leads to revitalization of Kawainui.

Restoring and protecting the watershed can be accomplished by implementation of measures such as bioremediation zones and wetland and bird habitat restoration. Lo'i kalo agricultural as proposed in Maunawili is one of the most beneficial natural bio-remediators, so we propose replacing alien invasive plants in Maunawili and Kawainui with native Hawaiian sustainable agriculture, such as lo'i kalo and loko iā ((fishpond) fish cultivation. Studies have shown lo'i kalo and loko iā provide favorable habitats for endangered water birds, lead to increased populations of these birds, and restore and revitalize polluted waters. Restoration of Maunawili and Kawainui also involves restoration of native lowland forests to restore the health of the watershed, improve water quality and provide bird habitats.

Kawainui-Hāmākua are Ramsar wetlands and come under Ramsar Convention recommendations which we support. The Ramsar Convention recognizes that Kawainui is sacred to Native Hawaiians and hold tremendous historical and cultural significance that extends into Maunawili Valley. We share common goals and interests with Ho'okua'āina and Kaulaukalana in Maunawili and we will be working in sync with these organizations. The members of Ho'okua'āina and Kaulaukalana are founding members of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and the Board Members of Hui Kawainui-Kailua are also founding members of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, so we hold common goals and interests, a collective legacy to pass on, and we are all working to restore and protect these valuable lands and waters in the Kailua ahupua'a.

All of these related organizations strongly support and engage in education about the cultural and natural resources of our ahupua'a. Children are the next generation of environmental and cultural caretakers so educating them about the importance of wetlands and how to use them wisely as well as educating them about the cultural values and sites connected to these areas is essential for ongoing stewardship and historical and natural preservation.

If these lands of Palawai and Makali'i are not protected and were egregiously subdivided and developed for high end residential use, this would be devastating to efforts to heal and protect the Kailua ahupua'a watershed, and cultural sites and lands that are sacred to Native Hawaiians.

Government should safeguard the cultural value of wetlands and the rights of indigenous people to engage in the application of traditional knowledge in wetland management. Protecting Palawai and Makali'i is the pono (right, correct) thing to do in order to conserve indigenous and traditional knowledge systems and to save an ecosystem from destruction.

Because an ahupua'a is a pie-shaped piece of land that begins at the top of a mountain and fans out to the sea, each of these pieces of land divisions contains an agricultural lowland area, an upland forested region, and usually an inland wetland or ocean bay fishpond. Destruction of one part of these land divisions, for example grading and development of a wetland, effects the health and integrity of every other part of the ahupua'a. Urban development of a wetland, as was proposed in Maunawili Valley in, would ultimately effect the water quality of Kawainui, Kailua Bay and beyond. Ancient Hawaiians maintained an agricultural system within each ahupua'a that recognized the interconnectedness between each region and resource of the area. For example, maintaining the health of the native forested areas determined a healthy flow of waters for lowland agricultural, and the health of streams and oceans. Maintaining the health of agricultural areas, growing kalo instead of houses, also protects the health of the streams and ocean waters.

Therefore, it is Hui Kawainui Kailua Ka Wai Ola's wish that the Palawai and Makali'i lands of Maunawili be acquired by the Trust for Public Lands so that they are protected and restored to lo'i kalo traditional Native Hawaiian agricultural use, so that restoration of the native forest takes place, spring and stream waters are revitalized and sacred cultural sites on these lands are protected and preserved. Restoration of these lands and waters will bring restoration of Native Hawaiian cultural practice to Maunawili as well as 'aina-based education, Native Hawaiian sustainable farming practices, and improved habitats for endangered birds and fish for generations to come.

Mahalo.

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The Kailua Historical Society promotes an understanding of Kailua's diverse history through publications, lectures, public programs, and tours. We are the only agency doing so, an effort spanning more than 20 years. Since Kailua's history has its origins in Maunawili, many of our efforts have focused on this geographical area of our ahupua'a.

Palawai and Makali'i, separated only by Maunawili Stream, represent the close historical connection each ili had in that fertile acreage in close proximity to Kawainui Marsh. Originally the Hawaiians grew kalo, then, working with the Chinese immigrants, they shifted to rice, and then, under HSPA management, they began experiments in sugarcane breeding. Kailua's first attempt at urbanization occurred here, for as the labor force increased, stores were established, a school was begun, and cemeteries came into existence. The Kailua Historical Society has

published parts of this fascinating story, but recognizes the need for more research and educational sharing to be done. The intersection between Palawai and Makali'i highlights how and where that prospect could be achieved.

KHS has had a long and close connection with the efforts of both Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana. We share similar goals, and have worked extensively to document their efforts, and especially to understand what historical cultural efforts preceded their own on the aina they presently occupy.

If Palawai and Makali'i were to be subdivided and developed for residential use, the prospects for further historical research would be severely constrained, and the possibilities for walking tours significantly restricted. Keeping Palawai and Makali'i free from future residential development, greatly enhances opportunities for sharing the narrative about Kailua's origins, both as to pre-history and to the very intensive contact period of history.

The Kailua Historical Society strongly supports these collaborative local efforts to reclaim Maunawili lands so that community stewardship can genuinely occur. We look forward to participating in all of these efforts that might help restore and revitalize this aina we treasure.

Mahalo,

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To Whom it May Concern,

There can be no doubt that our islands are in big trouble over climate change and food security. Chip Fletcher, Interim Dean of UHM's School of Ocean, Earth Science, and Technology, spells it out in the starkest of terms:

- Hope is our biggest enemy. We aren't going to manage this with hope. But giving up, or taking a pessimistic approach, won't help either. We must remain optimistic, and optimism is embedded in action.
- Climate change threatens Hawaii supply lines. To thrive, we need to unify the community and accelerate local food production...
- An agricultural revolution must take place. Producing beef generates 100 times more greenhouse gas than plant based food...
- Every part of society must experience transformational change – nobody, no segment of society, can sit this one out.

("Questions with Chip Fletcher," *Honolulu Star Advertiser*, May 5, 2022)

The Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club – in urgent recognition of a seminal opportunity for positive change in our ahupua‘a – strongly supports the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai‘i Land Trust to purchase and restore to health the once productive and culturally significant ‘ili ‘āina of Palawai (116 acres) and Makali‘i (59 acres) in Maunawili Valley, Kailua, O‘ahu.

We do so out of optimism embedded in action.

We do so in order to thrive, unify community, and accelerate local food production,

We do so in recognition of the need for an agricultural revolution.

We do so because of the imperative for transformational change, because we cannot sit this out.

We are partners in the years-long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect 1,084 acres in Maunawili – including Palawai and Makali‘i – from subdivision, sale, and gentrification. We support the Hui’s vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua‘a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

We are in wholehearted support of Ho‘okua‘āina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai and of Kauluakalana as the proposed future owner and steward of Makali‘i. We do so because both organizations are dedicated not only to feeding our community but to the education of our community – our youth in particular – in the Hawaiian cultural traditions and practices that are at the core of our ability to feed ourselves. The credentials of both organizations are impeccable and their track records, unassailable. What each is doing now in small – at Ulupō, Manu, and Kapalai – is on the verge of becoming something big.

Established in 1959, the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club (KHCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the perpetuation of our Hawaiian people, culture, and natural resources. We have held fast to the same threefold mission in the nearly six decades of our existence; we strive to: 1- advance the appreciation, study, and practice of Hawaiian culture, 2- enrich the lives of Hawaiians and our Kailua community, and 3- care for the lands, waters, and storied places of our ahupua‘a.

We were the State-authorized curators of Ulupō Heiau for 30 years – at first alone and later in partnership with ‘Ahahui Mālama i ka Lōkahi. In 2017, we initiated the transfer of this responsibility to the 501(c)(3) non-profit Hika‘alani in the belief that Hika‘alani had the energy, vision, and staffing to do more at Ulupō than could our once-a-month civic club septuagenarians. By early 2018, we were convinced that the Hika‘alani team at Ulupō, led since 2015 by Kaleo Wong and Maya Saffery, reified our best intentions there and embodied a much more competent version of our younger selves. Thus, we enthusiastically concurred with the Hika‘alani BOD’s decision, in 2019, to urge Wong and Saffery to take full charge of caring for Ulupō through the founding of their own 501(c)(3) non-profit: Kauluakalana.

Now, in mid-2022, we are in complete awe of the transformation that Kauluakalana has accomplished at Ulupō and the Army Corps of Engineers’ “bird pond” at Manu. We view this as the

passing of a legacy of stewardship across three generations of a single family, from the hi'ikua (carried on the back, no longer present) generation of Uncle Charlie Rose, to our own kaniko'o (cane-using, twilight) generation of Kailua descendants, to the ao mālamalama (full light of day, enlightened) generation that we have helped to raise.

We are confident that Palawai and Makali'i, under the turned-down-hands ("huli ka lima i lalo" – a Hawaiian proverb consistent with Fletcher's "optimism embedded in action") of the Wongs and Safferys at Kauluakalana, and their Wilhelm allies at Ho'okua'āina, will soon be in the care of those best equipped to "hear" and honor the 'āina, to act in its best interest, and to ensure that it serves as the model and anchor of 'ōiwi food sovereignty in the heart of our Kailua home.

'O au nō me ka ha'aha'a.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kapalai'ula de Silva', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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To Whom it May Concern,

Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima strongly supports the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase and protect the 'ili 'āina of Makali'i (~59 acres) and Palawai (~116 acres) in Maunawili Valley, Kailua, O'ahu.

“Strongly supports,” in fact, is too weak a phrase for the depth of our conviction. For several years now, our ancestral lands in Maunawili – 'āina as fertile and productive, as storied and tradition-rich as any in the islands – have been in immanent danger of short-term, profit-driven subdivision and gentrification. Their conversion into pretend farms and gentlemen's estates is a path from which there can be no return. It is a path leading directly away from self-sustenance, from watershed reclamation and preservation, from the restoration of native forests and fauna, from the identification and curation of Hawaiian cultural sites, and from a myriad of invaluable, irreplaceable opportunities for 'āina-based cultural connection and education.

I founded my hula school, Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima (HMI), in January 1976, five months after I graduated as kumu hula from Aunty Maiki Aiu Lake. In the 46 years since Aunty

Maiki's little blessing of the concrete slab in my mother's back yard, HMI has become something of an anchor institution in the often troubled seas of contemporary Hawaiian culture. I credit this success to the many loyal students of that concrete slab (and its later iterations) who have established themselves in all walks of life without surrendering their ties to the core values of our ancestors. I credit it, as well, to HMI's early and ongoing focus on the land to which we are most closely attached – to Kailua, Ko'olaupoko, Oahu – and to Kailua's enormously rich legacy of celebrated places and people, of chant, dance, story, and song. Briefly put, our love for our ancestors and land has allowed us to hold fast in the turning tide.

We share this aloha 'āina commitment – as well as a long history of collaboration and mutual respect – with Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina, the two non-profit entities that would become the owner-stewards of Makali'i and Palawai. And we are in complete accord with Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, the umbrella organization responsible for orchestrating our kama'āina community's mission to ultimately reclaim more than one thousand acres of the land celebrated by Queen Lili'uokalani's "Aloha 'Oe" as the incomparably beautiful home of rain-swept cliffs, thriving native forests, irresistible blossoms, and sweet farewells. We, of course, are advocating for a return, not a farewell, to that 'āina momona and the practices that sustained it. It is our belief that the long-term well-being of our ahupua'a requires that these lands be returned to enlightened community stewardship. It is our belief that the purchase of Makali'i and Palawai for Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina respectively, is an essential first-step in the process. One need only to visit the Ulupō, Manu, and Kapalai sites at which the two organizations are currently based to witness the transformation of weed- and invasive-choked land into once again beautiful, fertile, productive 'āina. One need only to visit the websites of the two organizations to understand the educational renaissance that they have initiated and inspired.

My hālau has been the curator of traditional mo'olelo and mele for Maunawili as well as the source of new compositions for the valley, its wahi pana, and its guardians. Of these works, the most significant is Samuel Keko'owai's *Makalei ka Laau Pii Ona a ka Ia*, a story of epic length and scope that describes the same imbalance of man and nature that results, then and now, in the loss of a people's well-being. Keko'owai's mo'olelo tells of the return of pono that comes from the realignment of priorities and leadership as embodied in a boy who listens to his ancestors and upholds their aloha 'āina values. One of the mele that accompanies this return to pono describes the procession of a multitude of generations arriving at its new home in the spring-fed waters of Maunawili:

A lulu ka 'iako pala 'ehu ke oho
Ke kai lena i ka piko o Kanikapo'o,

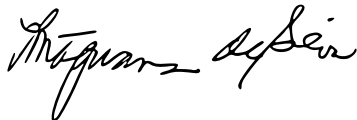
The outrigger is at rest, the hair bleached red
The golden sea at the center of Kanikapo'o

‘O ka ‘aoa lā i Nu‘umea,
Moa‘ulanuiākea,
I Makawao lā kapu ai,
I ka loko i Hālauwai lā,
Ka‘ina ma–i
Ka‘i mai a kumu, ka‘i mai e ulu,
Ka‘i mai pupupu, ka‘i mai la‘ola‘o.
Ka‘i ‘āuna mai!

The place for offerings is at Nu‘umeal
At Moa‘ulanuiākea
The kapu is set at Makawao
At the pond in Hālauwai
Enter in procession
Enter and establish yourself, enter and grow
Enter and flourish until we can hold no more
Enter in droves!

So much and yet so little has changed. Among the members of my hālau are descendants of the mid-19th century taro farmers, kuleana holders, and kaukau ali‘i of Maunawili: the ‘ohana Kaleleiki, Kalama, Boyd, and Kanī‘aupio. Many others are in their first, second, and even third generation of residency in the valley: the ‘ohana Hu, Yamamoto, Thomas, Lapilio, Saffery-Wong, Medosi, Pope, Stender, Phillips, Wilhelm, de Silva, Smith, Ka‘iama, and Ching. We are among the “fish” waiting to be led home by the boy and the Mākālei, the fish-attracting branch of his ancestors. But what none of us has today is what they had then: a significant Maunawili land base – a Hālauwai, a pu‘uhonua, if you will – where our culture can be taught and practiced without negotiation, where we can learn again to feed ourselves, where we can care for our sacred spaces, and where we can celebrate in chant, dance, and story the incredibly rich and deep traditions of this ‘āina. We envision just such a home at Makali‘i and Palawai; a gathering place above and a flourishing land below.

Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,



Māpuana de Silva
Kumu Hula, Hālau Mōhala ‘Ilima



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Ke Kahua O Kūali'i organization has been rehabilitating, restoring, and cultivating 14-acres that is known as Palalupe and Pohakea, two 'ili along the great water of Kawainui. In this space, we strive to inspire our community to build lasting and caring relationships with our culture, each other, and the island we live on. As community and cultural partners focused on the revitalization and protection of Kawainui, our collective efforts to save vital agricultural lands is

focused on the protection of Palawai and Makali'i. As Ke Kahua O Kūali'i is focused on Palalupe and Pohakea, we are connected to the greater Kawainui complex which includes Ho'okua'āina or Kauluakalana through our collective efforts to Mālama Āina.

The loss of vital agricultural land and cultural resources will forever be replaced by subdivided developed high end residences. These developments are not meant to sustain the ideals, values and visions of our kupuna. Replacement of traditional resources for short term financial gains is not a sustainable goal.

Ke Kahua O Kūali'i, Kawainui stakeholders and community beneficiaries benefit from Palawai and Makali'i being protected restored, and stewarded by Ho'okua'āina and Kauluakalana. Āina-based education, Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and awareness training and protection of our native habitat for fish and endangered water birds help to strengthen our collective efforts.

Mālama Āina, Mālama 'Ohana, Mālama e na Kupuna is our richness in life, our love of these lands and the heart of our community.

A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too big when done together by all.

Mahalo,

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Hui o Ko'olaupoko is a 501(c)3 non-profit watershed management group established in 2007 to work with communities to improve water quality through ecosystem restoration and storm water management, focusing specifically in the Ko'olaupoko region of Oahu. HOK implements innovative, on-the-ground projects that effectively manage and protect water quality and natural resources in Hawai'i. Projects include riparian ecosystem restoration, low-impact retrofits (LIR), xeriscape gardens, and residential rain gardens. are vetted and prioritized to produce the greatest positive impact on water quality and ocean health. In concert with proactively addressing water quality with restoration projects, HOK develops outreach and

Protecting ocean health by restoring the 'āina: mauka to makai



educational opportunities for multi-generational learning. This includes field trips, in-class room education, outreach presentations, volunteer water quality monitoring, and research partnerships with local higher educational institutions.

In February 2021, HOK began work at the Kawainui Marsh State Wildlife Sanctuary levee through at grant partnership with the Hawai'i Division Of Forestry And Wildlife (DOFAW). The role of Hui o Ko'olaupoko in this project is to bring together community volunteers to assist with hand pulling of invasive weeds and replanting areas with native wetland plants. The result will be a mosaic of mudflats, open water, restored native bird habitat, and native wetland plants on almost 20 wetland acres of the northeastern portion of Kawainui. Through these community events, we are able to share about the rich cultural, historical, and geologic features of the land surrounding Kawainui Marsh. The Maunawili forest is the main source of fresh water to the marsh. The protection of these uplands will create a corridor of restoration throughout the watershed and increase community access and educational opportunities.

We strongly support Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, Hawai'i Land Trust, and the Maunawili and Kailua communities' efforts to purchase and conserve the Maunawili Forest lands. This partnership will protect the forested foothills from development and avoid any further damage to the area's precious natural and cultural resources. Protecting these lands will support our community's long standing goal of protecting our beloved Maunawili's mountains, forests, streams, and sacred places.

Mahalo,

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The Windward Y is a community-based nonprofit organization whose purpose is to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The protection of our local lands like **Palawai and Makali'i** is vital in protecting our island home for future generations, connecting people to place and culture, and revitalizing and stewarding the 'āina.

The Windward YMCA has been the land owner of the 3.25 acre parcel of land directly adjacent to Ulupō heiau **for the past 60 years. Much of this land is included in the area** currently called **Ulupō Nui**. As a partner, neighbor, and land owner, we have fully support the efforts of Kauluakalana to protect, preserve, and restore this sacred space for the Kailua community. It is from first-hand experience watching their stewardship of the land

at **Ulupō Nui** that we now support their efforts to extend their reach in expanding and stewarding other local lands for the betterment of our entire community. **In the YMCA's** 'āina-based efforts, we frequently turn to the guidance and wisdom of the experienced leaders of Kauluakalana. Our partnership is built on mutual support, trust, and understanding of the importance of strengthening our local community and all community members who call this place home. Through partnerships with youth programming, community service work days at **Ulupō**, and our monthly Houseless Service Care event, we have witnessed the strength, reach, and impact of collectively working together with our fellow community-based organizations like Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina.

Specifically, we at the Windward YMCA have been fortunate to be able to work directly with the leadership and staff of Kauluakalana for the past 5 years in support of their mission to restore and grow healthy relationships between people and place through the aloha 'āina practices of retelling Kailua-specific stories, replanting and eating ancestral foods, and caring for the sacred sites, lands, and waters of their beloved ahupua'a of Kailua. We have been consistently impressed with their knowledge, work ethic, and intentionality in restoring **Ulupō Nui and reconnecting our community to this special place.** We have also partnered with Kauluakalana in youth program efforts that educate and inspire youth in our community. We believe that organizations like Kauluakalana, Ho'okua'āina, and the YMCA are absolutely vital in nurturing the potential of youth, encouraging the holistic health of our community members, and strengthening the foundations of our local community.

Allowing lands such as **Palawai and Makali'i** to be subdivided and developed for high end residential use is counterproductive to the restorative 'āina and cultural practices of organizations like Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina who seek to care for the land rather than take from it. Additionally, we all have a responsibility to the youth in our Windward communities to preserve spaces of learning for them and nurture them in a way that allows them to grow up to be active, thriving, and contributing members of our community. Our future generations can only benefit from **Palawai and Makali'i** being protected, restored, and stewarded by Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, and the community for 'āina-based education, Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and as native habitat for fish and endangered water birds. The Windward Y envisions a future with thriving Windward community members who are deeply rooted in respect and care for one another and our 'āina. Preserving and protecting these Maunawili lands is vital for a healthy future for our island-home.

Mahalo,



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Kua'āina Ulu Auamo's (KUA) means grassroots growing through shared responsibility, our acronym KUA, means backbone. We work to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being. KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a statewide network of 36 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko l'a, and a growing group of over 60 Limu practitioners and supporters called the Limu Hui.

A primary function of KUA includes the support and development of an 'auwai, a stream of resources, tools, bridges, relationships, and networks that help to cultivate and take our communities' work to greater levels of collective impact. A core catalyst for the flow in this 'auwai includes the empowerment and support of community stewardship efforts moving from management to ownership, just like this project. Though Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana and Hui Maunawili-Kawainui are not currently direct participants in our networks we are connected to them and are familiar with their work, the leadership they provide and the communities they touch on. A number of our founding communities have also worked with the Trust for Public



Land and the Hawai'i Land Trust who are proven long term supporters of 'āina based stewardship

Across the world and in Hawai'i today there is growing understanding that indigenous and local communities, especially when empowered and supported can provide some the greatest solutions to the complex environmental issues of our times. These include protection of biocultural resources but also the increased sense of grassroots empowerment, a deeper citizen conservation ethic, the support and protection of local and indigenous situated knowledge and traditional practices, the development of community-based conservation skills, community environmental resilience and greater civic environmental governance and stewardship. We are proud to support this special project for those among many other reasons.

Pūpūkahi i holomua e ho'okanaka
(Let's unite to better the human condition)

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May 24th 2022

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Wai`anae Community Re-Development Corporation (WCRC) and MA`O Organic Farms, I am writing to express our strong support for the Trust for Public Land, Ho`okua`aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai`i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali`i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O`ahu.

WCRC is a grass-roots, tax-exempt non-profit organization located in the Wai`anae moku (region) on the island of O`ahu in the State of Hawai`i. Our organizational mission is to grow organic food and youth leaders through the operation of a native Hawaiian owned social enterprise called MA`O Organic Farms (MA`O).

In 2001, MA`O established the Youth Leadership Training (YLT) program to provide youth from the community opportunities for post-secondary education advancement and attainment. MA`O is also in the midst of a 10-year expansion. Three-years ago, we purchased 250-acres in Lualualei Valley and have increased our climate adaptive, agroecological internships and training programs. Many of these graduates are now young farmers leading MA`O which is one of the largest food producers in Hawai`i.

At MA`O, we understand the importance of providing concerted stewardship to maintain and increase healthy and abundant landscapes for the benefit of future generations. We are in support of the year-long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acres landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat because these actions are vital to the restoration of the ahupua`a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

Over the past 10-years we have known, admired and worked in collaboration with Ho`okua`aina. As part of Hau`oli Mau Loa Foundation's Hope For Kids Cohort program for the last 6 years, we have seen the important progress they have made in order to be good stewards of `aina and leaders in their community as food producers but more importantly as a pu`uhonua (a place of safety) for our youth.

Today, our young people struggle to realize their full potential due to a myriad of challenges -- access to nutritious food, shrinking and polluted lands and water, unaffordable housing, and even institutional racism -- we need to reconnect our young people and empower them to lead so malama (care for) our lands as a means to heal ourselves and our society. This requires that we support and

also challenge youth to embrace the hana nui (hard work) required to protect and cherish Hawai'i's land and water resources.

We are in awe of their intentionality, commitment and drive to malama (care for and steward) for both the land and the people of Kailua and O'ahu. Frankly, post-pandemic, Ho'okua'aina is an excellent model of aloha 'aina for a 21st century Hawai'i. With more land in their care, they will be able to expand opportunities for our youth, families and community to heal, rebuild and restore our pilina (relationship) and connections to one another.

Our shared hope is that these fertile agricultural lands of Palawai and Makali'i will be returned to the community through ownership by Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana and dedicated in perpetuity for lo'i kalo restoration, dryland farming, agroforestry, native forest restoration and 'aina based education to grow both food and community.

Please contact me with any questions at kukui@maoorganicfarms.org or call me at 808-696-5569.

Me ka mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kukui Maunakea-Forth'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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DOFAW has partnered with TPL and the Hui to protect this special place and intends to acquire the balance of the Mauawili lands (~909 acres) for the management of the cultural, historic, watershed, recreational, and agroforestry values of the area. The mission of DOFAW is to responsibly manage and protect watersheds, native ecosystems, and cultural resources and provide outdoor recreation and sustainable forest product opportunities while facilitating partnerships, community involvement, and education. Malama I ka aina. We have cultivated long-standing

successful relationships implementing land management practices that benefit wildlife and produce food with the community groups involved and look forward to continuing the collaboration for the benefit of the land and people of this place.

If the land were to be subdivided as proposed, it would block the ability of mauka to makai management of the Kawainui drainage and the community would not be able to participate in active management and utilization of the lands in perpetuity. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to obtain a land base that will significantly impact the food security and sustainability and cultural revitalization that is critically needed on Oahu.

Mahalo,



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Windward Community College’s mission is to offer *“innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai‘i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide the Ko‘olau region of O‘ahu and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.”*

Through our partnership with Ho‘okua‘āina, WCC students will be able to use these areas for learning experiences and cultural practices. The work that they do builds leadership, STEM skills and student confidence and self-agency. The protection of these lands are absolutely critical for these efforts. We envision this area growing our youth and community members into leaders, researchers, scholars and practitioners.

Mahalo,

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Dear Ms. Reyna Ramolete Hayashi,

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian Health Community Engagement Division is pleased to provide this strong letter of support to the Trust for Public Land, Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai‘i Land Trust’s efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali‘i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O‘ahu. We support this vital plan because it will allow the key organizations, Kauluakalana and Ho‘okua‘āina, to gain legal ownership and stewardship of these lands. Through the community stewardship and legal ownership of Palawai by Ho‘okua‘āina, and Makali‘i by Kauluakalana, they can in turn effectively oversee this land to perpetuate Native Hawaiian health through ‘āina momona, ‘āina-based education initiatives, restoration of lo‘i kalo, and other natural resources environmental management efforts.

DNHH is committed to be a center of excellence in education, research, and quality healthcare practices committed to the optimal health and wellness of Native Hawaiians, their families and communities, while embracing traditional Hawaiian values and practices. As an academic center of excellence committed to Native Hawaiians and Pacific Peoples (NHPP), we actively seek partnerships with others in the community who share our mission and vision. **Kauluakalana** has been a key community partner to our division and was a significant contributor to our 2020 Assessment and Priorities for the Health and Well-Being in NHPP. Through their partnership, the report has been widely used to support various federal, state and local initiatives to work towards achieving health equity in the state. **Ho‘okua‘āina** has been an integral community partner in our health research training programs. Through their partnership we have been able implement effective health research training programs targeting NHPPs, and work towards increasing the number of NHPP health care professionals in the state and address disparities in health.

We believe that the strategies and activities you are proposing are critically needed to secure a long-term plan to protect Palawai and Makali‘i. The health of this land plays a significant role to the health of the people in this community, as well as the larger community in the state as well. As our focus is on overall health and wellbeing, we are eager to support this plan because it will play a significant role in working to achieve NHPP health equity. We are confident that through the stewardship of Palawai by Ho‘okua‘āina, and Makali‘i by Kauluakalana, more efforts can be made to effectively manage and restore these lands, and work towards addressing the glaring health disparities among NHPPs.

Sincerely,

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Kalāheo High School is located on the Mahinui-end of Kailua. As an organization, Kalaheo High School is a community of learners where individuals prepare for the challenges and opportunities in a diverse and global society. We strive to find real-world opportunities for our students to enhance their education and shape their after high school paths. As a contributor to the Kailua community, the preservation of Palawai and Makali'i will allow our students to have more opportunities to experience environmental conservation. We have been in partnership with Kauluakalana for over 3 years. They have been mentors for many of our students and we look forward to continuing to partner with them.



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As a school in Kailua, we are directly affected by any potential housing development. It affects our enrollment totals and has the potential to overcrowd our already fully enrolled school.

We strongly advocate for Palawai and Makali'i to be protected, restored, and stewarded by Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, and the community for 'āina-based education, Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and as native habitat for fish and endangered water birds. Due to the experiences our students have had with Kauluakalana, we have seen students change their career paths to environmental conservation. The real-world opportunities allow them to increase their sense of belonging. Our students are working on the 'āina in their community. They are tied to the land and are more vested in creating solutions to positively impact our Kailua community.

It is our wish to see Maunawili to be fully restored and a hub of environmental conservation and 'āina-based education.

Mahalo,

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Our Natural Resources program at Kalaheo High School focuses on Natural Resources and Wildlife Management. The mission of our Kalaheo Natural Resources Pathway is for students to promote the safe and responsible use of our natural resources through pono land management practices, conservation, and environmental stewardship. The protection of Palawai and Makali'i aligns with our pathway mission and will be a great management model for our students.

We have had the privilege of partnering with both Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina to provide field trips, guest speakers, and work-based learning opportunities for our students since 2017. Kauluakalana has hosted more than 300 Kalāheo students over the last 5 years. These field trips are filled with rich history lessons of Kawainui and meaningful restoration efforts. They

have influenced both our Art Department and our Career and Technical Education Department at Kalaheo. We now have 3 murals on campus surrounding mo'olelo of Kawainui.

Kauluakalana offers internship or work-based learning opportunities for my upper-level Natural Resources students. They have supported eight student interns over the course of three years (2018-2021). The Kauluakalana staff hosted the students 1-2 times per week, 2-3 hours at a time. Students received valuable hands-on work experience with tasks such as water quality monitoring, soil testing, and lo'i restoration. They were able to take their knowledge from the classroom and apply it to real world problems. The hands-on work experience they gained at Ulupō allowed one student to better understand her science curriculum as she stated, "AP Environmental Science makes sense now." Participating in the internship program has greatly expanded their knowledge and allowed them to connect to real-world experiences. Six of the students who have participated in the internship program with Kauluakalana have gone on to pursue degrees related to environmental science and/or natural resource management including, Environmental Science at George Mason University, Natural Resources and Environmental Management at UH Mānoa, and the Ho'okua'āina Ahupua'a Systems Apprenticeship Program through Windward Community College (WCC).

Ho'okua'āina has supported about five of our Kalāheo graduates throughout their post-secondary education at WCC with their Ahupua'a Systems Apprenticeship Program. This program provides hands-on work experience and college mentorship for Ko'olaupoko residents. The Apprenticeship Program is rooted in 'āina restoration and Hawaiian values that help guide and motivate participants to set educational goals and obtain a college degree. Two of my former students just graduated from the program and are going on to receive a bachelor's degree from UH Mānoa. My students benefited from the support structure that the program provides and are eager to continue on their path of 'āina-based education.

I have witnessed firsthand the growth and development of both Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina. As both organizations have expanded their restoration efforts, the 'āina of Kawainui and Maunawili has seen an increase in kalo production, native plants, and native waterbird nesting areas, including the endangered 'alae 'ula. Both organizations are focused on restoring 'āina as well as people/community. The health of the community depends on the health of the land and vice versa. This partnership between Kauluakalana and Ho'okua'āina and the protection of Palawai and Makali'i will further these efforts and preserve our valuable Kailua resources.

If the property were subdivided and developed for residential purposes, there would be an increase in pollution and runoff, loss of habitat, and environmental degradation. The increase in residential areas will put increased pressure on our water resources, which are already limited due to our current water shortage situation. On O'ahu, we have already lost much of our forested areas due to over-development and we continue to see proposed housing developments all over the island. If we do not protect spaces like Palawai and Makali'i, we will continue to witness extinctions of our precious endemic species. These spaces also play a vital role in watershed regeneration. Our keiki and future generations rely on their protection.

It is to all our benefit for Palawai and Makali'i to be protected, restored, and stewarded by Ho'okua'āina and Kauluakalana. Our current and future students at Kalāheo will especially benefit from increased outdoor learning spaces and pono land-management models such as this. The protection of Palawai and Makali'i will provide the growing community for 'āina-based education a space to practice farming, observe native habitat for fish and endangered waterbirds, and engage in Hawaiian cultural practices.

The Kalāheo Natural Resources Pathway supports the protection of these Maunawili lands and hopes to learn from and contribute to the stewardship and restoration of these vital resources.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carli Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carli" and last name "Gardner" clearly legible.

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The Hawaiian Program at Kailua High School educates students on the Hawaiian language, culture and hula through 'āina centric learning, mo'olelo and mele. It is important for our students to visit places like Kauluakalana because when they're able to stand where their kūpuna stood and see what they saw, it leads to more meaningful learning and creates lasting experiences. Prior to the pandemic, Kailua High School had a very successful after-school program with Kauluakalana. Moving forward, we plan to work very closely with the proposed future owner and steward of Makali'i to engage students in 'āina-based education and to apply what we have learned in school to an environment beyond the classroom.

Our students will benefit from the protection and restoration of Palawai and Makali'i because it will provide more opportunities for them to get hands-on experience, a deeper understanding

and connection to their own 'āina through place-based learning, and real life work exposure for students interested in pursuing a career in aloha 'āina. This opportunity will also give our students the chance to be a part of something bigger than themselves and to make a powerful and impactful difference in their own community while building meaningful connections with each other and cultivating a sincere sense of pride for our school.

Our hope is that students at Kailua High School will be able to learn more about their home, their community and where they go to school through 'āina-based learning to become productive members of our community and foster a deeper sense of belonging.

Mahalo,

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Ka'elepulu School began our partnership with Kauluakalana in spring of 2021. The Kauluakalana team has hosted us at Ulupō and visited our school over the past year. Through hana, mo'olelo, growing and eating kalo, Kauluakalana has helped our staff, students and 'ohana learn more about the history of Ka'elepulu and our community, and re-envision our school's mo'olelo and strengthen our role in the community. This has helped us to progress toward our mission of working together in a KĀKOU (inclusive) way to support the growth and success of every student in becoming lifelong learners and contributing citizens.

In addition to our work with Kauluakalana, our staff visited Ho'okua'aina in 2019 and learned about the important work their team is doing in Maunawili to restore culture and community. We were also fortunate to visit and learn about the Queen's Retreat in 2020 with Dr. Paul Brennan. Our staff, students, and families have benefited from being able to work with these community organizations and leaders, and having access to these wahi pana as public and protected spaces is critical in being able to continue this work. Development, division,

and private ownership of these lands would be a detriment to our community and rob our students of these meaningful learning experiences that strengthen their understanding of and connection to 'āina, Hawaiian culture, and history.

As Ka'elepulu and Kawainui are the two lokowai of Kailua, we as a Ka'elepulu School team believe it is our shared kuleana to not only learn about Ka'elepulu but the greater Kailua community. The preservation and restoration of Palawai and Makali'i is crucial to our students being able to learn about where they come from, and to be an active part of the efforts to steward these vital resources in the future.

Mahalo,



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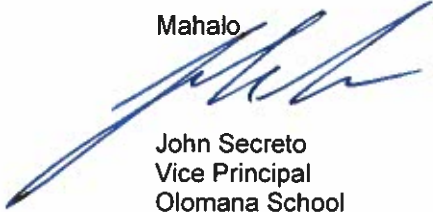
Olomana School is a public school which offers students an alternative approach to education. Our mission is to produce productive citizens by promoting positive values and strengthening academic success. Working with Ho'okua'aina will connect our students to land and learning through placed based instruction, as it relates to history, science, and sustainability. Our partnership will help create a direct pipeline to higher education.

If the land were to be subdivided Olomana School will lose the opportunity to expose students the importance of land stewardship and the value of learning from the methods of their ancestors. The lessons and values learned from Ho'okua'āina, and Kauluakalana support the preservation of culture an ecosystem and community.

By protecting and restoring the Palawai and Makali'I Olomana School has the potential to expand our partnership with Ho'okua'āina, and Kauluakalana. By engaging our students in cultural practices, land stewardship and sustainability we enhance the potential to retaining residents in the windward community. Students currently have the opportunity to work with Ho'okua'āina, Olomana School and Windward Community College to earn college credits and certifications. With the preservation of Palawai and Makali'I there is the potential for more early college and post high school credits and credentials.

Our wish is that Olomana School, Ho'okua'āina, and Kauluakalana will continue to grow and provide opportunities to enrich the learning experience and opportunities to develop skills that will carry them into the future. Additionally, we wish to help our student become contributing members of the Windward community, and one vehicle for this is our partnership with Ho'okua'āina, and Kauluakalana.

Mahalo

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Secreto', is written over the word 'Mahalo'.

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Le Jardin Academy is committed to community stewardship and ʻāina-based learning. Our partnership with Hoʻokuaʻāina has deeply impacted our students, families and educators, helping us to cultivate a sustainability ethic rooted in Hawaiian culture. In fact, our students have been so transformed by their experiences with Hoʻokuaʻāina that the graduating class of 2020 asked Dean Wilhelm to be their graduation speaker, a tribute to his incredible influence and the degree of gratitude our community feels for the work he and his family does.

We believe that Palawai and Makali'i are precious ecosystems that require intentional and culturally integrated stewardship. We face unprecedented economic, health and environmental crises. Any land that can serve to grow food and, in so doing, grow healthy, resilient communities, must be prioritized for such purposes. Le Jardin Academy's 850 students and families will undoubtedly engage regularly with the opportunities that Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana will create at Palawai and Makali'i. Importantly, we believe that Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana help our community overcome economic and cultural barriers that currently fracture Ko'olaupoko, providing common ground and common purpose that galvanize a sense of connection that is the heart of community resilience.

Please protect and revitalize our shared natural and cultural heritage, and provide us the opportunity to heal and strengthen as a community, by allowing Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana to lead us all in learning from, stewarding, and restoring 'aina in Maunawili.

Mahalo,

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Kailua United Methodist Church seeks to foster a meaningful relationship with God, one another and the community around us. Our partnership with Kauluakalana helps us in our mission to draw closer to both the land and to our community. Through the protection of Palawai and Makali'i Kauluakalana will be able to maintain and enrich the land where we are located as an institution and where many of our residents reside. We plan to partner with Kauluakalana to learn about this land and to nurture it. Caring for the earth and the community around us is essential to our church's mission.

Dividing and developing the land would limit the beautiful and culturally meaningful land that is available for Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana to cultivate the land and to lead 'aina-based



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education, cultural projects, and even beneficial to the native habitat and animals. Many of our members have grown weary of the over-development of the windward side of the island and want to maintain the historic nature of the land they grew up in.

We have already benefited from the work at that both Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana have been doing adjacent to our property and we are looking forward to deepening our relationship. We plan to learn from them and support the community in partnership with them. On top of that, many of our members are members of the military and believe that learning about the land and Hawaiian culture is critical to their service while on Oahu.

Our desire for the lands of Maunawili is for the land to proclaim the beauty and majesty of God. We believe that God's intent for all of creation is to use the land for our interest and allow the land and the creatures of the land to live into the fullness of their creaturehood. Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana would do this and more. They would help educate the community on the values of caring for the land and provide many other opportunities to serve the community through their farming and enrichment opportunities. We fully support their purchase and protection of the land and are looking forward to seeing the fantastic work they will accomplish in the future.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Belting".

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Pikoakea Therapeutics, is therapeutic healing center in Kailua. We provide traditional Hawaiian healing practices rooted in Lomilomi, La'au lapa'au, Acupuncture, and Skincare. We have been serving our Kailua community now for over 12 years. Over the years, we have also partnered with a number of other organizations across the islands, to provide cultural education classes to our community, teaching Lomilomi, La'au lapa'au and sustainability through Aloha 'Aina concepts. Some of these organizations include, Ho'okua'aina, Keiki O Ka Aina, Kamehameha Schools, Chaminade University, and many of our Punanaleo Charter schools. Our mission is to be a source of healing, through perpetuating our traditional Hawaiian healing practices, by providing healing spaces and services to our community, growing and nurturing upcoming traditional Hawaiian healing practitioners, and through providing cultural classes to families that promote "a healer in every home".

We believe our mission aligns with the mission of Ho'okua'āina for many reasons. We are both a part of the same beautiful Ahupua'a, of Kailua. In fact our very business and our business name, Pikoakea, was first birthed in Maunawili. As previous residents of Maunawili, and neighbors to Ho'okua'āina, we spent a great deal of time exploring and being inspired by the sacred lands and valuable resources of this beautiful place. One in particular place that deeply inspired us, was while volunteering at a lo'i up at the top of Maunawili near Maunawili falls. Many of the lo'i of Maunawili are spring fed Kalo farms, just like Ho'okua'āina. One of the highest springs of Maunawili that sits just below Awāwalo, is called Pikoakea. This spring was a historical *source* of life giving water for much of Kailua. While spending time in this sacred place, we felt very connected and drawn to Pikoakea. With the blessing of the stewards of that land, the name, Pikoakea Therapeutics was born. Our mission has and continues to be a *source* of life to our community. That is exactly what Ho'okua'āina has been doing for many years.

Ho'okua'āina is literally a *source*, a *lifeline* if you will, for our communities island wide. They are not only a food source, they have become an inspiring catalyst of the food sovereignty movement throughout our island. They are a source of bringing purpose and identity to our youth through education, and through growing and cultivating future farmers. They are now undertaking a new and very big kuleana, one that is deeply meaningful to the families of our ahupua'a. Should Ho'okua'āina be granted this opportunity to purchase the lands of Palawai, and Makali'i, they will become a very valuable source of protection for the 'ĀINA and the sacred lands of Maunawili, and to continue to preserve and protect native resources and species that are being threatened by development.

Our island continues to be burdened with high end developments that don't serve the people of Hawai'i. It's no secret that these expensive developments are not being built with the local people or our future resources in mind. They are drawing foreign investors, and outside residents that continue to outbid and push out local residents from their own birthlands! The insane rapid increase of property values due to high end developments, have continued to be the very root of devastating issues, such as drastic increase of property taxes, and 0 affordable housing, leading to a mass exodus of local people. We need to put an end to this! Enough is enough! Instead of contributing to the housing crisis in Hawaii, I pray that the Trust for Public Lands, would instead consider the endless benefits of protecting these lands and the abundant resources of Maunawili, by putting them into the hands Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainu. These organizations have always surrounded themselves with other organizations, and community members that have also been *sources* and stewards of life for our island! I believe these valuable relationships will continue to grow and expand, creating more networks of food sustainability, cultural centers of education, what we call generational waiwai, wealth that goes far beyond monetary wealth.

As a business owner of Kailua, and previous resident of Maunawili, we have grown to deeply love and respect this incredible organization. Ho'okua'āina has given us the opportunity to root ourselves in the lepo(mud), to become connected to the land and to each other. They have fed us, they have mentored our children, and they continue to inspire us to truly become a community, to become an 'ohana. As the song says, keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands. We must remember we are all here, whether we are descendants of this land, born of this land, or transplants, we are all called to care for her, to love her, and make her a better place for future generations. When I think of the potential of what can be birthed through these lands, my heart and my spirit is renewed with great hope and inspiration.

Just as it says in their very name, Ho'okua'āina is not only a backbone of our community, but they are an alaka'i, a leader and a source of support for many of us in this community. I could

not think of better stewards to protect, to feed, and nurture these lands that we call Palawai & Makali'i. Ho'okua'aina has already proven to be an incredible steward of the lands that ke Akua has entrusted to them. And it is because everything they do is done with integrity, is done with their community in mind, with the strength of ke Akua, and with genuine aloha. What more could we all ask for.

Mahalo,

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As a small business owner in Kailua for over 26 years, operating a brick and mortar in the heart of Kailua town, we have participated in Ho'okua'aina community events since 2016. We have seen Ho'okua'aina's reach grow to become an integral part of the Kailua community using Hawaiian traditions to bring people together.

It is imperative to preserve this land. Let us learn from mistakes and failures of the past. Preserve Palawai and Makali'i vs. develop it. There are other parcels of land on O'ahu that can be zoned for residential use, there are no other parcels on O'ahu that can replicate the rich resources of what Palawai and Makali'i have.

Evolving global issues supports and reinforces the urgency for our island to become self-sufficient. Let us not waste the opportunity to prepare for future generations and allow Palawai and Makali'i to be stewarded by Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, and the community for 'aina-based education, Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and as native habitat for fish and endangered water birds.

Mahalo,
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I wish to make my ike (knowledge) known about the importance of preserving kalo (taro) agriculture lands for the long-term. This needs to be community driven while promoting food sustainability for present and future generations. I strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu.

As a former kalo farmer growing up in Halawa Valley, Moloka'i, but now living on O'ahu in Kailua, I know firsthand the importance growing your kalo (or other foods) for immediate and long term sustainability, security, and survival. On Moloka'i we and others in Halawa valley and other communities that had access to water, farmed and grew 80 % of our basic daily needs. Today, 80 % of our daily needs comes from stores and markets with food brought in on shipment containers. The choices are farming or residential. Our government officials and business leaders have done a poor job to date to help farmers and protect kalo farmers' water rights, and an excellent job of rezoning valuable agriculture land for development. If there is one thing we learned from the Covid-19 pandemic is that we need to place more in the way of resources, regulations and funding, to support farming and food sustainability on all the islands, for ourselves and our communities. Through this plan Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana will ensure efforts that will preserve these valuable ancestral kalo lands and allow us to grow our own food.

The Ho'okua'aina founder and director, Dean Wilhelm, is trained by me in 'ike Hawai'i (Hawaiian knowledge), kalo farming, and agriculture. For over 21 years I worked with him and his family to transform the Kapalai marsh in Maunawili to Ho'okua'aina, a kalo farm, culture and education center, and economic engine for many youth, children, students, families, and the community at large. When Ho'okua'aina is granted permission to own and manage these lands, I am committed to instruct them on Hawaiian lo'i kalo cultural engineering practices; finding the punawai, and po'ouwai, and its construction; finding and restoring the auwai system; ensuring the water has its way out to supply water to all the lo'i along its path; and the importance of returning the water to the kahawai, and why this is important. Please do all you can to support their effort to permanently preserve these valuable ancestral kalo lands.

A mahalo nui loa no keia manawa e kamilio me na luna nei.

Owau no o kumu Kumu Kawa'a.

Earl Kawa'a



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As a teacher in the heart of Kailua, I strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years-long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support Hui Maunawili-Kawainui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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education, and restore lo'i kalo, agroforestry, stream and spring health, native forest and habitats for endangered water birds.

My name is Becky Wong. I am a Special Education teacher at Kailua Elementary, a public school, located in the heart of Kailua. As a teacher it is my kuleana (responsibility) to demonstrate and provide opportunities to my students that strengthen their sense of belonging, responsibility, excellence, aloha, total well-being, and overall sense of Hawaii.

I demonstrate through my teaching, an understanding of lineage and place and a connection to past, present and future to strengthen our students' sense of belonging. If this property were to be subdivided and developed for high end residential use, what is this telling our students? How does this reinforce a sense of belonging for our students? How are we supposed to build a connection to the past, present and future?

I demonstrate through my teaching, a commitment and concern for others to strengthen our student's sense of responsibility. We create relationships with our community partners such as Ho'okua'aina, and as a school make a commitment to help our community partners. . Ho'okua'aina provides a learning space for our students and in return our students care for the 'aina by helping to harvest, plant and restore the land. This relationship helps to educate present and future students about the importance of pilina (relationship) and kuleana.

I demonstrate through my teaching, a love of learning and the pursuit of skills, knowledge and behaviors to reach our full potential. Partners such as Ho'okua'aina and Ulupo, allow other avenues of learning. Some students are very successful in a traditional school setting, but what about those who struggle in a traditional setting? How do we motivate those students to strive for excellence? How do we encourage a love of learning? Oftentimes, students who are not as successful in a traditional classroom are successful in non-traditional ways of learning. Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, and other 'aina-based education organizations provide opportunities through Hawaiian cultural practice and farming that allow us to strengthen our students' sense of excellence.

I demonstrate through my teaching, empathy and appreciation for the symbiotic relationships between all to strengthen our students' sense of aloha. Working together with our community builds that sense of aloha. It allows us to help each other as well as the 'aina and its living creatures that make Hawai'i, Hawai'i.

I demonstrate through my teaching healthy living by making choices that improve our mind, body, heart and spirit to strengthen our students' sense of total well-being. These stewards allow for our community to get outside and get moving. These programs live in the sometimes overlooked parts of our community. They provide an opportunity for us to

take our students and families to places that maybe they've never been to before, and to be outside, and to explore, and to get dirty and find a place where we can call home.

I demonstrate through my teaching an appreciation for the rich history, diversity and indigenous language and culture of Hawai'i to strengthen our students' sense of place. The more developments we allow, the less we have of a Hawai'i that has a rich history. We are taking away those parts of history that we have the opportunity to learn from if we continue to allow development to happen in these spaces. The result of these actions means less indigenous language and culture for students to explore and learn. Our culture becomes endangered if this is allowed to take place. Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, and the community for 'āina-based education and Hawaiian cultural practice give our students opportunities to learn about Hawaii and its rich history of diversity, language and culture.

As a teacher in the heart of Kailua, I support Hui Maunawili-Kawainui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources and experiences. It is my responsibility as a teacher in Hawaii to provide these opportunities to my students who live in Hawaii. They have a right to know the past, to learn in the present and to teach the future generations.

Mahalo,
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April 18, 2022

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Makenzie Arita, a 4th grade teacher at Ka'elepulu Elementary School, strongly supports the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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Ka'elepulu's School's mission is to provide place-based learning to all students. This mission relates to the protection of Palawai and Makali'i as these areas are a part of the land we learn from. Our school, along with my class has participated in various Kauluakalana field trips. This program helps to enrich students' place-based learning as well.

If the property were to be subdivided and developed for high end residential use, this would limit the resources available not only to our community, but to our keiki.

Ka'elepulu's students benefit from the resources and learning that the Palawai and Makali'i provide. These resources and learning can only continue if the Palawai and Makali'i are restored, and stewarded by Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, and the community for 'āina-based education, Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and as native habitat for fish and endangered water birds.

Ka'elepulu's vision or wish for these Maunawili lands, is for it to be a preserved as a sacred space for the community and keiki that benefit from its amazing resources.

Mahalo,



Makenzie Arita

April 24, 2022

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I, Jana Price, strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years' long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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I work as a Kindergarten teacher at Ka'elepulu Elementary School in Kailua and over the past few years, our school has established a relationship with the folks who oversee Kawainui. Our classes have visited several times to introduce our children to Ulupo and its surroundings, to instill in them a sense of responsibility toward their sacred surroundings and to allow them an experience that will provide invaluable memories.

If this property were to be subdivided for high-end housing, it would be a sacrifice of the land and have a negative impact on the people who care for it now and who will care for it in the future.

Our students benefit from Palawai and Makali'i being protected restored, and stewarded by Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana because it provides an aiea-based Hawaiian cultural education, and educating children is healthy for all of us because children are our future. It also serves as a native habitat for fish and endangered water birds.

My hope is that this land will be restored to its original glory and purpose to provide for the people of Kailua for many years to come.

Mahalo,

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April 15th, 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

Over the past year I have been given the wonderful opportunity of being a part of Ho'okua'āina's Ahupua'a Systems Apprenticeship program for Windward Community College students. As a participant and intern during this period of time I have been able to build a new foundation for myself. With the support of the many mentors at Ho'okua'āina, I have been able to grow in relationships with 'āina, kānaka, and ke akua. Ho'okua'āina has encouraged me to be very open minded to other perspectives which has helped me gain 'ike from all types of people. They have also supported me mentally teaching me lessons about lōkahi, ho'oponopono, nani ke kalo, and so much more.

This organization has pure intentions of creating well grounded alaka'i or leaders to go out in the real world and achieve their goals. Going into this program I would not have believed anyone if they were to tell me that I would have grown this much in barely a year, I most likely would have thought they were lying. It is amazing what this program has done for me and many of my peers in such a short amount of time.

Ho'okua'āina creates stewards for our 'āina through pilina. This is pilina to kānaka, creating a foundational support system for all people from mākua to keiki and even haumāna from elementary to college. Pilina to akua has also been instilled in me personally through this program and for me I learned to recognize how ke akua can be my alaka'i as I pursue other paths in my life. Lastly, pilina to 'āina. Many would think this is to pick up 'ōpala on the beach or to pull some weeds in their yard here and there. Pilina to 'āina for me is much more than the labor that goes into it. For me, pilina to 'āina is knowing its capability and what 'āina can do for us. *He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kānaka*, this 'ōlelo no'eau can express that we as a people must care for our 'āina as we would for an ali'i. While this is true, I believe that we also need to listen to 'āina and be open to knowing what 'āina wants to do for us. Communication and listening to 'āina is the most important aspect to building a relationship with 'āina.

I share this mana'o in kāko'o to this project to protect Palawai and Makali'i because it is important to me that we build pilina with our waters. I write this in hopes that our wai may flourish and nurture the 'āina that has raised kānaka 'ōiwi for many years.

Mahalo,

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I’m fortunate to work as a Family and Community Engagement Lead at a local public elementary school in Kailua whose mission is to sustain the HA: Breath, which means it is very important for the students and families to have a

strengthened sense of belonging; a strengthened sense of Hawai'i; a strengthened sense of responsibility; a strengthened sense of excellence; a strengthened sense of total well-being; and a strengthened sense of ALOHA. In the last year, I've been fortunate to build a relationship with Ho'okua'aina to strengthen our students and families and live our mission statement. We've done this with Zoom Meetings with Dean Wilhelm as well as class and family visits to work and learn in the Lo'i and take part in the fertilizing and harvesting of the Kalo.

The thought of this land being subdivided and developed for high end residential use is short sighted and in my opinion detrimental to the healing and resilience of the people of Hawai'i. I have witnessed first hand how Ho'okua'aina has provided a place where people can connect to the 'aina and to each other. I've seen the positive impact on those of Hawaiian descent, but also for someone like me that is not. We live on an island. We have limited resources. We have seen in the last two years how not growing our own food or taking care of ourselves and our resources can have a negative impact on our communities. To lose this opportunity to have this land stewarded by Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana and the community would be a decision that our future generations will look back on as a moment in time when we let our community down and chose revenue over teaching resilience and sustainability. To subdivide this land for high end residential use would mean that we chose revenue over giving the people of our communities the knowledge and ability to strengthen themselves.

I came across a quote recently by David Sobel. He wrote, "If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it." My experience with Ho'okua'aina this last year has been such that their process of building relationships with people in the community has taught us "aloha 'aina" in the purest sense of those words. I, and the students and families that have visited Ho'okua'aina, have loved the 'aina based education, learning about Hawaiian cultural practices and farming and finding a healthy way to connect to the 'aina and to each other. It's brought so much meaning in very unique ways to our school community. I've loved it enough that I feel strongly about not only saving it, but expanding it.

My wish is to bring more of our families and our students to Ho'okua'aina at Kapalai to learn, to heal, and to strengthen ourselves and our community. I'd invite you to visit if you haven't done so already. It's impossible to describe in

words the impact this place can have on the human spirit. To have this additional acreage to continue the vision of Ho'okua'aina, along with Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust and allow them to expand their work and touch and change more lives in such meaningful ways seems to me an easy decision to make. My hope is that you would grant them this land.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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To Whom it May Concern,

Creighton and Dianne Litton, residents of Maunawili, strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years-long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre cultural landscape in Maunawili, including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We 100% support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of mahi'ai nui (abundant agriculture) and waiwai mo'omeheu (rich cultural resource).

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My wife and I have been residents of Maunawili for just over a decade, nestled behind Ho'okua'āina in the 'ili of Kapalai. Most days, we revel in the oli, laughter and sounds of community stewardship emanating from Ho'okua'āina, something that is a welcome relief from the hustle and bustle of this island. We also commonly visit Ulupō for community workdays with Kauluakalana, as well as to harvest lā'au for various personal cultural uses. In all of these interactions, both from a distance and close up, we marvel at the work being done in these places to empower local communities, particularly youth, and reconnect them to 'āina. Collectively, we can think of no better use of these lands than what is being proposed here (i.e., to expand the reach and impact of these programs). As a plant ecologist in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I am also particularly pleased to see that DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife would steward what is now the Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat, an area in high need of proper stewardship. This proposed mix of local, community-based stewards and the State seem highly appropriate.

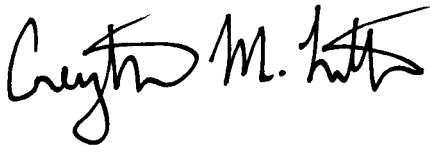
If this property were to be subdivided and developed for high-end residential use, it would have large negative impacts on the communities that currently live in that area, while doing little to nothing to help with affordable housing on O'ahu (if anything, it would exacerbate it given the high cost of housing already in this neighborhood). The traffic in Maunawili, with a single road in

and out, is already bad enough, and creating a much higher density of housing units would turn what is currently a quiet and beautiful neighborhood into another busy subdivision like so many others on this island.

Our family would benefit tremendously from keeping this land from being developed. More importantly, my students from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa who work and study in these places will benefit from the ability to continue to learn from and in these spaces, including new opportunities as these newly acquired lands are stewarded into the future. In addition, as a Board Member and coach for Kailua Canoe Club, I can attest to the value that these places provide for our keiki paddlers via community and work days to connect them to the ahupua'a where they paddle day in and day out. We have plenty of high-end residential communities on this island. It is time to start doing the pono thing to think about more than profit, and invest in our local communities. The best way to invest in local communities is to provide the spaces that they need to establish pilina (relationship) with these wahi pana (pulsing places).

As residents of Maunawili, we would like to keep our neighborhood from becoming another destination for vacation and high-income housing projects, which would more than likely force us to leave. I can think of no better use for this land than what is being proposed here, and it has our fullest support.

Me ke aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Creighton M. Litton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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April 7, 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

The Veenstra Ohana, third generation Maunawili Residents strongly supports the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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We love what Hookuaaina stands for and their impact to us as their neighbor and to our community.

It would be so sad to see part of our Hawaiian culture jeopardized in order to build a subdivision.

I look forward to having my children experience and work at Hookuaaina and learn about their culture, how it was and how it still is. And to enjoy the fruit of our labor.

Mahalo,

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To Whom it May Concern,

I, Laurel Paleka, a resident of Maunawili, strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai‘i Land Trust’s efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali‘i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O‘ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen’s Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui’s vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua‘a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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As a private citizen and resident of Maunawili, for all the reasons stated above I ask that Ho‘oku‘aina be given ownership as they will be good stewards of Palawai, Makali‘i, Maunawili in saving the fragile ecosystem, teaching others how to respect and protect the aina and pass the knowledge down for future generations.

There would be huge negative impacts to this land and its ecosystem if it were to be subdivided and developed for high end residential use.

Having Palawai and Makali‘i protected, restored, and stewarded by Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana, and the community for ‘āina-based education will ensure Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and a safe native habitat for fish and endangered water birds

It is my wish that these Maunawili lands be protected and restored, not decimated by developers for their own profit.

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I am Ida Hanohano and strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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I support He Alii Ka 'Aina. He Kauwa ke kanaka (The land is the chief. Man is its servant). Humans make lasting decisions about land use. The value of limited natural resources, if carefully managed for the good of all, makes sense. But we must move together now while there is still a chance to recover, rehab and restore.

Allowing use of these significant resources should not be limited to just a few private owners which diminishes the potential for long term preservation for future generations.

Forward thinking and vision of different organizations already engaged in education and resource protection shows the passion that community has for 'aina-based education, Hawaiian cultural practice, farming, and some of the last native habitat for fish and endangered water birds. If we delay taking proper steps now, we may risk the loss of these unique, irreplaceable treasures found only in Hawaii. Let's create a lasting legacy.

I hope that the Maunawili lands can make great efforts to support the people of Hawaii with food security, habitat restoration and be another example of an effort of neighbors, communities, organizations, governments working together for the overall health of Hawaii, the place we all love.

Mahalo,
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I, Brenda Wong, strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. I support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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I highly support Ho'okua'aina and Kapalai as I have seen them build and grow their kalo farm from the time they first acquired the land. I see and know their commitment to this place and aloha aina. I am astonished by the number of taro fields that have been opened and the abundance of groups and individuals that have benefitted from working and also learning from them. The taro they have been producing has been a rich food for Hawaii and I have also seen the Waimanalo community benefit specifically from their farm and work.

I am a homeowner in Waimanalo and highly value preserving this significant part of Oahu. Already we see that there is an over abundance of development of buildings and we see outsiders and rich people out buying out Hawaii. The aina is key for our health and survival and we do not need any more development in Hawaii. Instead we need the cultivation of our aina for all of Hawaii and this land in the rights will be significant for that. Protecting these rich resources will provide food and be a place where people can experience mental health healing as they are connected to the aina, experience the Hawaiian culture and experience the true Hawaii.

Currently, we see our water threatened and the need for water that will not be contaminated. We need to keep as many springs as possible. Water is significant for all of Hawaii and we need to keep these natural springs. The Lo'i and producing any type of food for Hawaii is critical now as we need to stop just relying on outside resources for food. Returning the land to those who

can steward it's natural resources is crucial especially at this time and for the future of Hawaii and our keiki.

If this property were to be subdivided and sold, it would only benefit those who are financially rich, many who are outside investors and not benefit the people of Hawaii who need food, water and opportunities to be in, and work in our beautiful aina.

There are countless places to live in Hawaii but hardly any natural resources left to cultivate for our future generations. Let us remember the past. Let us think about our keiki and the next generations. We don't need more buildings here. We have more than enough buildings. We need to remember the Queen and how the Hawaiians lived historically. This will be a significant step towards that. We need more aina based education, Hawaiian cultural practices, farming and a native habitat for fish and endangered water birds.

Every time I have visited or worked at Kapalai, my body, soul and spirit is renewed and refreshed. When I eat their Kalo or poi, my health benefits. Anyone and everyone I have brought there have had a similar experience.

I am a spiritual director and pastor. Caring for the aina is significant to not only our physical and emotional health, it is also a significant way and place for spiritual peace and well being. These are difficult times and we need places to cultivate our soul and spirit. This will help to bring peace and healing spiritually.

Please protect this invaluable land. Don't give into development. There is not a price tag on this rich aina and all that it can offer for Kailua, Waimanalo and all of Hawaii. Let this hui restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources. We do not need development and more buildings. Protect Palawai and Makali'i

Mahalo,

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To Whom it May Concern,

We are Ka 'Ohana Coleman- Ka 'Aina Ku'oko'a and we strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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Our 'ohana are strong community advocate and support for strengthening thing 'ohana, specifically Waimānalo. Through aloha 'aina and Wa'a culture we perpetuate the long lasting lifestyle of kanaka Hawai'i, in our own home land. In the revitalization of our 'aina the restoration is in the kanaka Hawai'i and we all strive for that common goal. We have been able to have our 'ohana work at Ho'okua'aina and learned a great deal of valuable lessons. Lo'i, Kalo, hale, cooking and cleaning. We have also been able to have these resources readily

available for our community and ohana such as kalo to feed and in perpetuation ai pono, Huli to replant on many a aina.

Gentrification is dangerous for our aina and our home Hawai'i. It not only degenerates our soil, but it also brings a whole new lifestyle and behavior to these places you consider rural communities. The future of our children and their childrens children will not just decrease in food value but also in the health of our people for the next 100 generations.

The ecosystem of Hawai'i is very reliant one to another. From the Lepo to the Wai, to the birds and fish, the interdependency relies on the health and care from and of aloha aina, that which must come from Kanaka Hawai'i.

The land's of Maunawili, just as the lands of ka pae'aina o hawai'i can only thrive if the understanding of its purpose and function works. For over hundreds of years our people has proven to be the best stewards of our god given lands. From the engineering of aina and sustainability to caring for our ohana our systems are based on the value of a thriving keiki , a fruitful and loving mother, the strength and health of kane and the wisdom and teachings of our kupuna. We invision that the relationship between Ke Akua, Kanaka and 'aina continue to be upheld with the greatest importance.

Mahalo,
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Protecting Palawai and Makali'i would preserve the Maunawili stream system, freshwater springs, ancient lo'i kalo and 'auwai, fertile Hanalei soil, a section of Olomana ridge, and a rich agricultural and cultural landscape. Please support Ho'okua'āina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai, and similarly, to Kauluakalana for Makali'i. Both are committed to achieve effective and productive outcomes.

As a resident of Maunawili for 45 years, I have come to know Ho'okua'aina as a wonderful organization that cultivates the land and nurtures the development of youth and young adults to become responsible citizens. For those who will become kalo farmers, this land will nourish their careers and encourage them to perpetuate the endless beauty and sustenance of this ahupua`a.

In addition, for more than 35 years as a consultant to youth agencies and organizations in Hawaii, I have seen how youths who experienced a sense of place gain self-assurance and become highly motivated to develop positively. Ho'okua'aina has demonstrated its effectiveness in such a mission, and enlarging its domain will provide a contribution of immense value to those in Maunawili and the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your unwavering and kind consideration for protecting Palawai and Makali'i through responsible stewardship.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn K. Miyataki'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'G' and 'M'.

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As residents of Maunawili, we, Jody & Jay Johnson, strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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We are a community minded 'ohana that holds hope for the preservation and the future of Maunawili to be more than development of more high end homes, but for the protection of land and resources for the larger community! Our 'ohana has been blessed to have relationship with the Wilhelm 'Ohana and Ho'okua'aina which stands as a testament of land preservation and stewardship at Kapalai, community engagement and the transformation of lives as the community reconnects to 'aina and the foods that sustain us.

The sad truth of Hawai'i residents and our Native Hawaiian people continuing to be pushed out of Hawai'i because of the high cost of living (and the pandemic exacerbating the problem – with wealthy non-Hawai'i residents buying land and homes sight unseen), is disheartening. We need better solutions and creative pathways forward to think more sustainably and with out Hawaiian and local communities in mind. If it weren't for the help of our 'Ohana we would never have been able to afford living in Maunawili.

I pray for Maunawili to be preserved that my grandchildren and theirs to follow will be able to flourish. The vision that Ho'okua'aina and partners have is what is truly needed in these times.

Mahalo and Aloha,

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I, Kamalani Holokai, strongly support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. I support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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I can directly relate this to what I have seen on my own island, Maui, with the lands that the sugar cane company had sold after ending operations after 134 years. They sold some of it to Mahi Pono, a California owned company in a joint venture with a Canadian company. They express commitment to sustainable agriculture and growing food for local consumption. They are now also the majority share owners of Maui Cattle Co. and have hopes to help the five 'Ohana owned partnering farms to increase locally sourced food and cattle given the majority of both are imported. Just last week, I had been driving past a plot of land that Mahi Pono is cultivating, growing 'ulu, and they had kids from the Maui Police Department's Juvenile Programs working on the 'aina to help clean up and plant. Mahi Pono says they purchased land for cultivation and for the betterment and growth of the community. Although there is controversy about that here locally, the proposed effort on O'ahu by the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase and protect Palawai and Makali'i in Kailua, O'ahu serves as an example of local, kanaka maoli and multi-ethnic leadership who are faithfully committed to seeing 'aina, environment and communities prosper while implementing the 'ike of our ancestors before us and being willing to think critically, serve and sacrifice for greater beneficial change for the future generations. The community trusts them and understands that they will have opportunities to laulima (cooperate and work together) in this meaningful vision!

Mahalo nui,

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KAUPA strongly supports the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

Protecting Palawai and Makali'i would preserve the Maunawili stream system, freshwater springs, ancient lo'i kalo and 'auwai, fertile Hanalei soil, a section of Olomana ridge, and a rich agricultural and cultural landscape. We support Ho'okua'āina as one of the proposed future owners and stewards of Palawai and Kauluakalana as the proposed future owners and stewards of Makali'i. All of these Maunawili lands should be returned to community stewardship so they can be revitalized as 'āina momona, perpetuate 'āina-based education, and restore lo'i kalo, agroforestry, stream and spring health, native forest, and habitat for endangered water birds.

KAUPA is a non-profit who's focus is on land and water stewardship through outreach, education and engagement. The protection of Palawai and Makali'i is very important to KAUPA as water quality and aina are so important for maintaining native agro forests, agricultural lands, increasing local food production and building a community of stewards. I've known the Ho'okua'āina folks for over 5 years and am a regular poi customer. I am familiar with their youth program and have seen the commitment the Wilhelm Ohana and their community of growing youth continue to do for the aina and the community. Ho'okua'āina produce stewards of the aina for generations to come. This is very aligned with KAUPA's mission.

My organization's beneficiaries will benefit from this transfer of kuleana by keeping IAL, cultural sites and food production continuing long after I'm gone. We would not benefit directly but can see clear benefits to myself as a community member.

I would like to see more direct involvement with our non-profit (KAUPA) and with our Maunawili community. I would like the City to designate a portion of the land to be a Community Garden. There have been Community Gardens in Kailua and Kaneohe (of which I am a member) which very successfully increase food production and community engagement. The Garden has over

40 plots and individual farmers from all generations share ideas and experiences in growing plants which are best suited for the area. I believe Maunawili needs its own community garden so our community members can get to know each other better.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kakou,

It is with humility and hope that we write in support the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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As a kanaka 'oiwi o Hawai'i (native Hawaiian/of the bones of the first peoples of Hawai'i) of Ko'olaupoko, Kailua and my husband being born and raised on Molokai, we write as now residents of Maunawili who also love and value 'aina, justice & the overall health of our community. We have the honor of residing on Aloha 'Oe Drive, reminding us of our beloved mo'i wahine 'o Lili'uokalani, the history of this 'aina and affectionate relationship of our ali'i & people with this special place. We also have the honor of residing on the 'aina and in the hale of my beloved grandparents. On this side of my 'Ohana, my grandfather was Ukrainian and grew up on a 56 acre Pennsylvania farm (with no running water) and my grandmother was born and raised in Kapalama, O'ahu and of full Chinese ancestry whose parents immigrated from China to Hawai'i. Grandma & Grandpa Sitch raised their four boys in Kailua and had an electrical contracting business serving many residents of the Kailua community for decades. They would later buy their Maunawili home and I can remember as a young girl walking through the tall crops of corn that Grandpa Sitch had grown – the distinct smell of the vibrant tomatoes and enjoying "hunting" for beans to harvest together. Since that time several other kupuna have turned their hands to the soil with aloha and in the recent years my husband has also grown food to eat share with neighbors & our 'ohana. The 'aina has served us well and ke Akua has provided.

As good friends and 'Ohana i ke Akua of the Wilhelm 'Ohana & Ho'okua'aina, I have also seen before my eyes the transformation of the 'aina of Kapalai and the impact it has made through the loving stewardship of Ho'okua'aina! I imagine the streams that all flowed to this rich land generations ago and the Wai waiwai (valuable/wealth of water) which contributed to the role Maunawili played to provide such an abundance of healthy fish and food for all of Kailua (and beyond). From what we remember to be overgrown acreage to now thriving and immaculate spring fed lo'i kalo, I stand in awe every time I am at Kapalai! I feel so honored to be a witness by ke Akua's grace of what faith, vision and sacrificial aloha have cultivated - abundance in the lo'i and 'aina that have nourished the community physically, but which have also touched the hearts and opened the minds through experiential education of a community who was eager to ho'i i ka Piko (return to sacred connection to 'aina) and invest themselves in meaningful ways while receiving healing and restoration personally and communally. It's nothing short of miraculous and a powerful witness to the aloha o ke Akua and those whose commitment to aloha 'aina have not wavered.

As a campus minister, I also see how my students have been changed and deeply motivated and inspired through their times of serving/volunteering through Ho'okua'aina. For the students that come to Hawai'i for college, but are disconnected from the cultural community, their experience is always positive and their commitment to learning more and contributing with purpose to the efforts of the Hawaiian cultural and local community increases as does their awareness of the values of aloha 'aina that they can implement in their own communities when returning home. For the kanaka and local students, their time renews them and allows them to be reminded amidst the pressures of school, work and 'ohana of the importance of being rooted in every way, purposeful to make a difference in working collaboratively in meaningful ways with perspective for a more healthy and holistic life.

The impact that the restoration of lo'i at Kapalai through Ho'okua'aina and the partnerships they have fostered throughout the community is immeasurable and reaches far beyond Maunawili. It has served to be a pu'uhonua (place of refuge) and security for the larger community - renewing hope in a time when the local and Hawaiian communities are being challenged by the high costs of living and the lack of affordable homes and land by which to be sustainable. The vision for Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu is what is needed in these times. The preservation and protection of 'aina carried with loving communal intent will also result in the preservation and protection of lives, physical, mental and spiritual health, the building of kuleana within communities and pathways for a healthier and thriving Hawai'i.

Mahalo no ko 'oukou ho'olohe 'ana mai (mahalo for hearing our hearts). We pule (pray) that you will please support the vision and selfless efforts of aloha of Ho'okua'aina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase and protect Palawai and Makali'i of Kailua, O'ahu.

Mahalo & aloha i ke Akua,

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To Whom it May Concern,

Natalie Star Mansfield strongly supports the Trust for Public Land, Ho'okua'āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai'i Land Trust's efforts to purchase and protect Palawai (~116 acres) and Makali'i (~59 acres) in Kailua, O'ahu. This is part of a years long effort by Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084 acre landscape in Maunawili including Maunawili Forest & Queen's Retreat which were at risk of sale and development. We support the Hui's vision to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and a place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources.

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I am a respectful settler on oahu since 2012, and I have had the privilege and honor to be invited to work the āina at Ho'okuaina a handful of times. You can feel the sacredness of that space and I would love to see that space, and it's sacredness preserved. If we continue to develop land what will be left for our future generations? Oahu has already been ravaged for its resources. I truly believe and pule that this āina should be placed in the hands of the original stewards of the āina- Kanaka Maoli, and or those who deeply care for this land.

If you look at the history of Ho'okuaina, and really if you just take a moment to stop by you will see what fabulous and intentional stewards the Wilhelm's are of that space. They have sacrificed much and have invited and shared that space with the community. Their offering extends beyond the āina, but in that space they create a network of healing that impacts the entire island.

As someone who works in Ka'ohau (Lanikai) I often pass 10 empty vacation homes before I see a house that a local family lives in. My heart weeps for this community as it has become a place of exploitation. Simply a vacation spot for people to have a 2nd or 3rd home. No one is pouring into the community, they are simply coming to receive from this space. We desperately need more spaces to cultivate healing for everyone who calls this island "home" not "vacation home." Please consider preserving this āina for future generations by the preservation of these land space.

Mahalo,

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We are home owners and residents of Maunawili. We have been blessed to live in this beautiful valley for at least 20 years. Having a neighbor like Ho'okua'āina has been really special as my children have had the opportunity to see & learn how we can take care and give back to the land. Our family has worked in the Lo'i and gained so much knowledge about sustainability.

We strongly feel that Palawai & Makali'i should be protected from being subdivided and developed for high end use because doing so would completely destroy the areas natural resources and habitats. We are concerned with what would become of Maunawili's cultural and historic sites and lo'i kalo. This area is rich in Hawaii's history and culture.

We would like to see Maunawili forest and Queen's Retreat lands transferred to the State of Hawai'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife, which will manage the lands as a forest reserve in close partnership with local nonprofits who will steward and restore the cultural and historic sites and lo'i kalo.

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Aloha pumehana kākou e Chairperson Broder, Vice Chair Pacarro, and Commissioners Kotubetey, Liggett, Mills, and Tanimoto,

My name is Mahina Kaomea, and I am a 2021 graduate of Kamehameha, Kapālama and a current sophomore at Stanford University, studying Critical Race Theory and Environmental Justice. I am writing in strong and unequivocal support of the efforts of the Trust for Public Land, Ho‘okua‘āina, Kauluakalana, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and Hawai‘i Land Trust (collectively called “the Hui”) to purchase and protect the lands of Palawai and Makali‘i in Kailua, O‘ahu.

I have been lucky to learn from Kauluakalana’s visionary leaders for five years now, since before the organization was formally born. I first began working with Maya Saffery and Kaleo Wong for a high school internship that asked us to learn from a cultural practitioner in our communities. During that time, I learned a great deal about food sovereignty through cultural and ecological perspectives. When the six-month internship period ended, however, I didn’t want to leave the ‘āina (land) and community that had begun to nourish me. That was the same time that Kaulu became a formal non-profit, and so I’ve found ways to be involved with Kaulu’s work ever since.

I have been a participant in the Ka Pahuhopu ‘āina (land) education program for middle- and early high-school students, which focuses on connecting young people to land through mo‘olelo (story), place names, and hands-on environmental experiences. My ‘ohana and I have also taken part in their Pili Mai program, which includes the creation of a board and stone for pounding poi and focuses on connecting families with our ancestral foods. Most recently, I have worked with Kauluakalana as an archival research intern (during the school year) and Ka Pahuhopu educational program leader (in the summer). The synthesis of these experiences inspires me to support Kauluakalana’s and their partners’ work to protect Palawai and Makali‘i.

This effort does not stand alone and is not merely a recent phenomenon; it is part of a long genealogy of commitment to ‘āina (lands) of cultural and historical importance. In fact, this application is a continuation of the work of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui and the Kailua community to protect a 1,084-acre landscape, including Maunawili Forest & Queen’s Retreat, which was at risk of sale and development. Protecting Palawai and Makali‘i would preserve the Maunawili stream system, freshwater springs, ancient lo‘i kalo and ‘auwai, fertile Hanalei soil, a section of Olomana ridge, and a rich agricultural and cultural landscape.

I am particularly inspired by the Hui’s vision to restore the valley’s traditional role as a source of free-flowing freshwater. My research as an archival intern has taught me that our freshwater resources in Kailua have not always been valued, and have already been siphoned off, bit by bit, for commercial interests. For instance, an 1895 Water Commission Case, presented by a multiethnic coalition of kalo and rice farmers, describes how many of Kailua’s freshwater resources were diverted to Waimānalo sugar plantations—a change that disrupted otherwise abundant agricultural and cultural resources. We cannot lose any more of our wai (freshwater) to commercial interests, and must especially seek to avoid the pollution and diversion that so often comes with development.

Instead, all of these Maunawili lands should be returned to community stewardship so they can be revitalized as ‘āina momona, perpetuate ‘āina-based education, and restore lo‘i kalo, agroforestry, stream and spring health, native forests, and habitat for endangered water birds. I support Ho‘okua‘āina as the proposed future owner and steward of Palawai and Kauluakalana as the proposed future owner and steward of Makali‘i. As a former participant and now educator in Kaulu’s middle- and high-school programs, I am incredibly excited to see the growth in ‘āina education that will be possible through the stewardship of these places. Coming to know Makali‘i and Palawai will shape our ‘ōpio (youth) in ways that we can’t yet even anticipate. However, I do know that it will transform them, just as I was transformed by knowing Ulupō, and that it will inspire them to care for our places, to always fight for clean water and natural lands and everything that gives us life.

In closing, I strongly oppose further development upon our already scarred ‘āina (land) and am in unequivocal support of the Hui’s proposal to purchase, protect, and care for Palawai and Makali‘i. There is no better way to assure clean water and natural lands than returning those waters and lands to Indigenous people, and the environmental organizations they lead.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahina Kaomea', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mahina Kaomea

Kamehameha Schools '21
Stanford University '25
Intern, Kauluakalana



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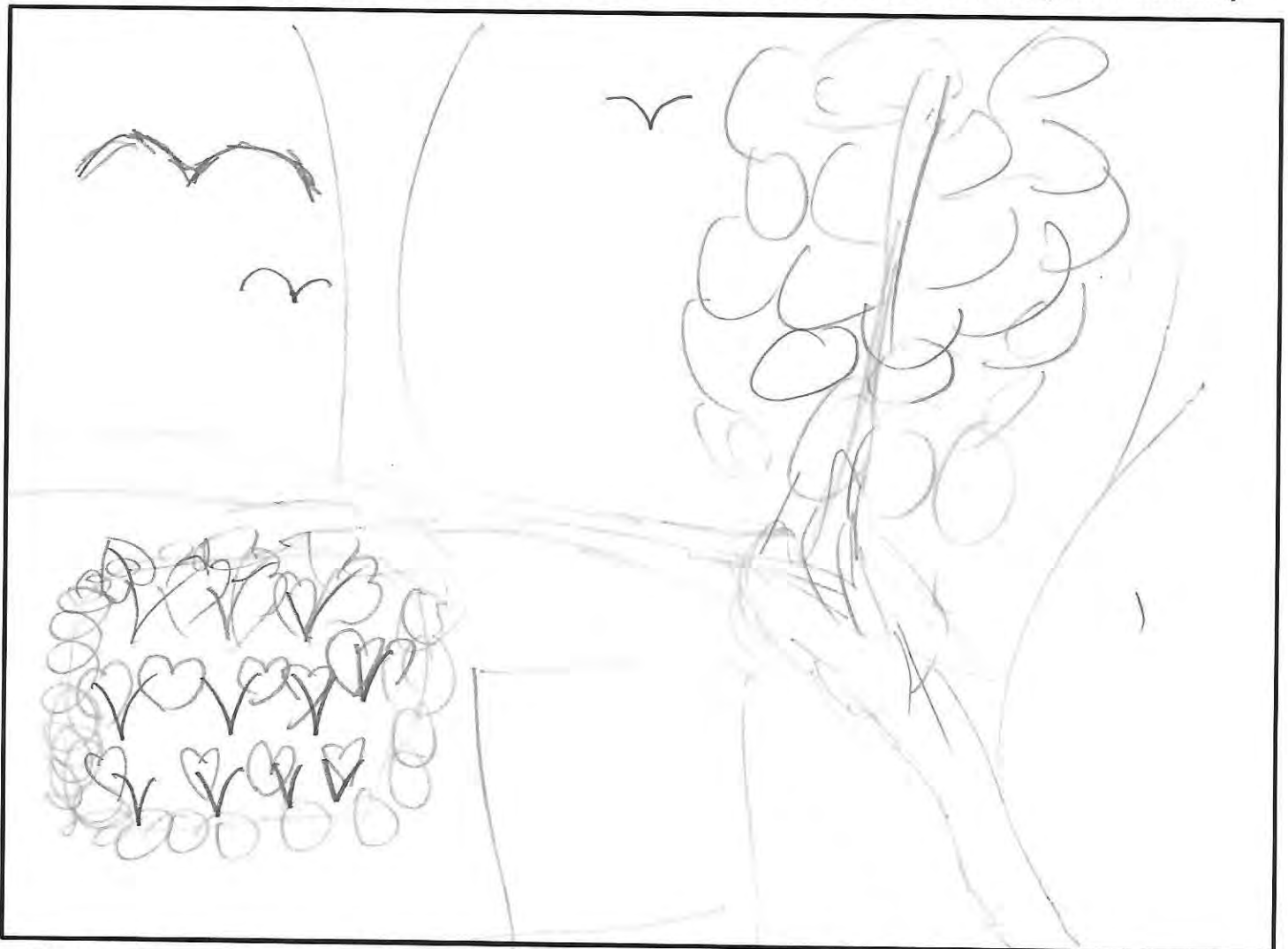
KAULUAKALANA
Navigating Towards a Hopeful Future

Name: Emm Kato Age: 12 Grade: 8th
School: KIS Home Town: Kaneohe

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I want to protect it so I can talk and share about Hawaii. I also want to know more about them so I can make sure I am doing the right thing and ask myself: He pono a nei?

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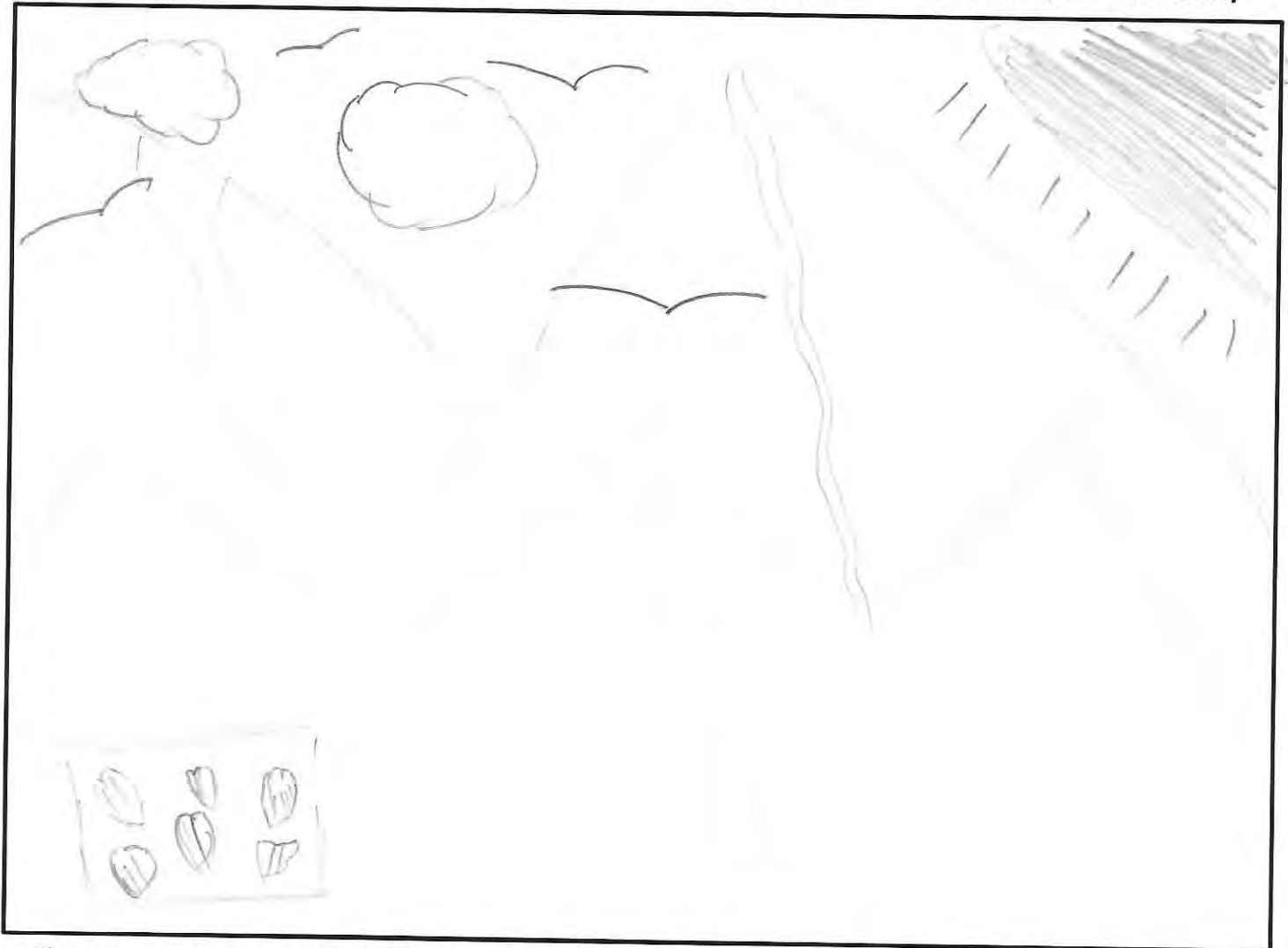
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Name: Alani Mierzwa Age: 13 Grade: 8
School: K.I.S Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect the forest and lo'i so that next generations can learn about the forest and visit it to be more connected to the land-

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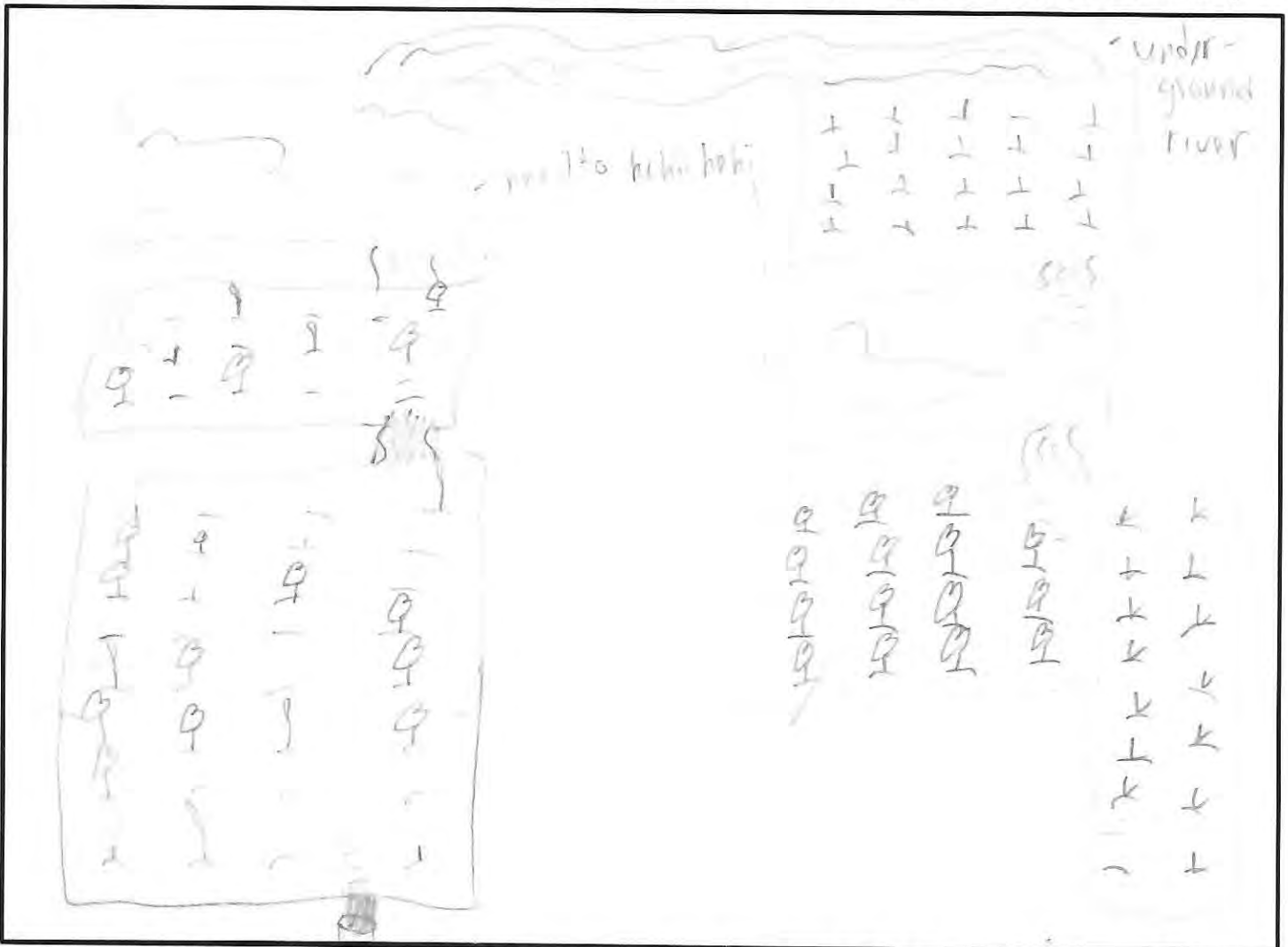
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Name: Rylee Age: 11 Grade: 6th
 School: Kaunohi Elementary Home Town: Kaunohi

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect these things because I love the place I live and I want to take care of it.

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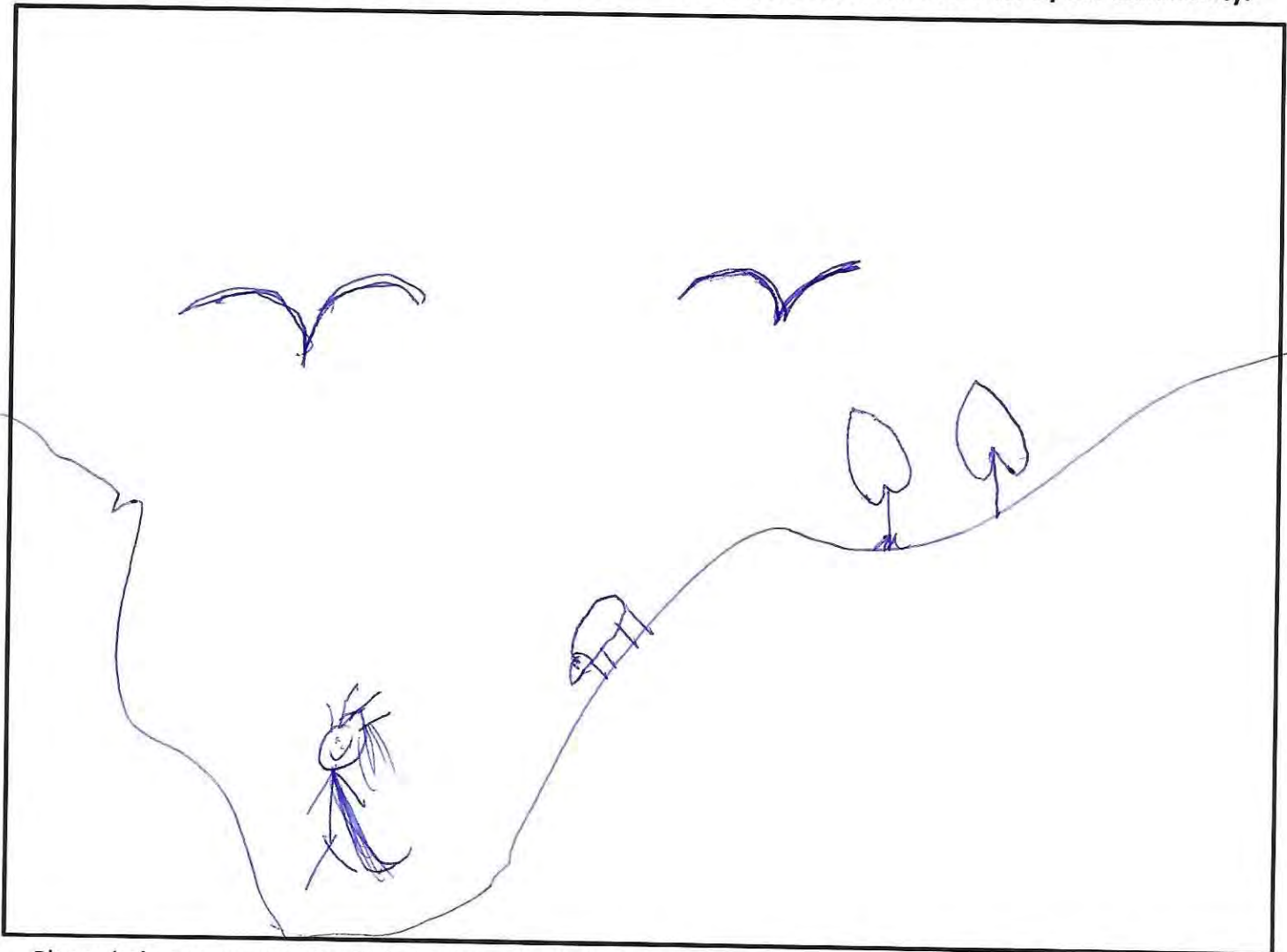
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Name: Jack \$ G Age: 12 Grade: 7
School: Akis Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

because this is ancient ground and the queen once walked.

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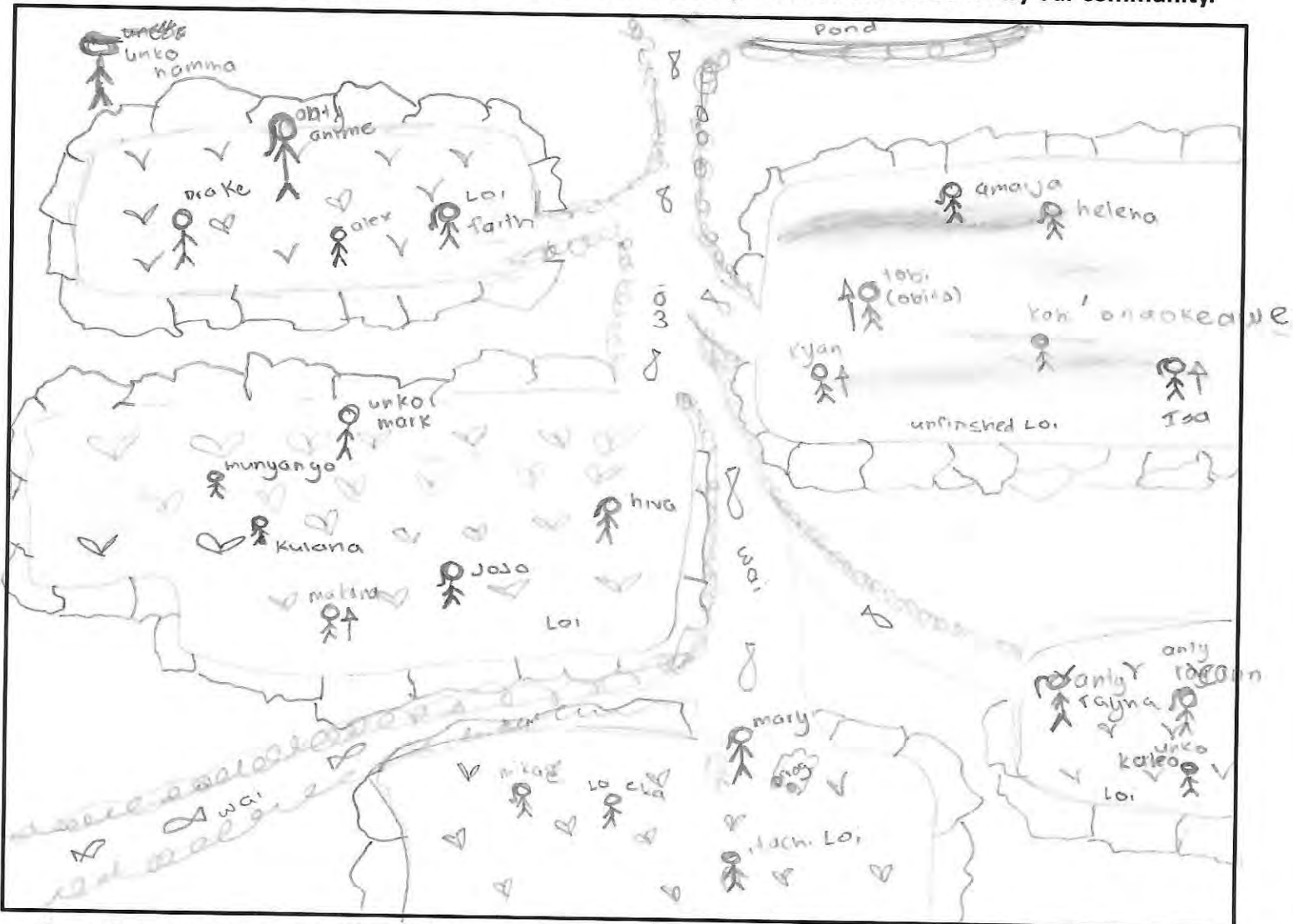
Name: Isabella G Age: 11 Grade: 7

School: US, university laboratory school Home Town: Koneane

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

Because that bit of land could bring us back to being sustainable, plus it's sacred & it's apart of our culture.

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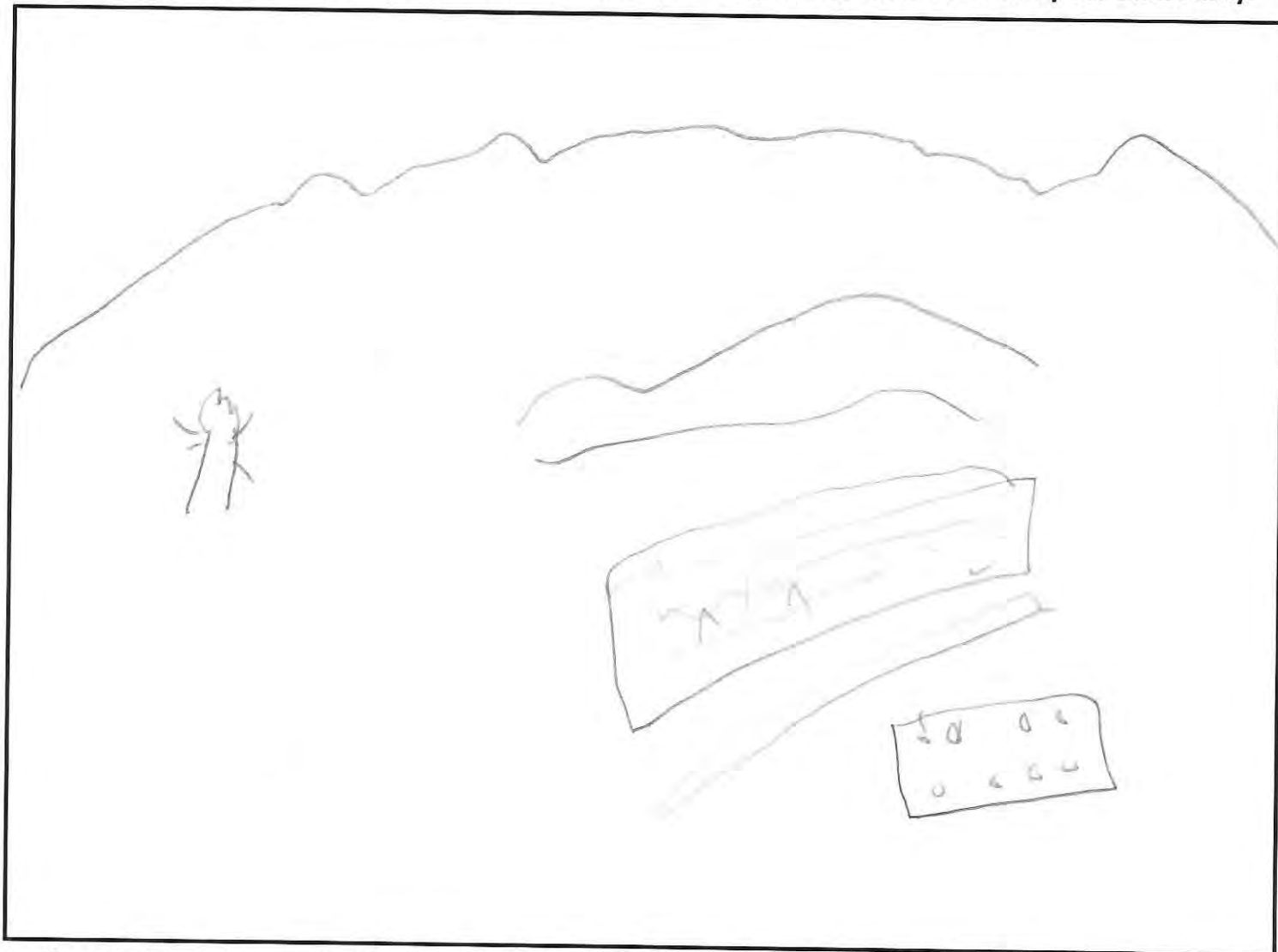
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Name: Drake Age: 14 Grade: 7-8
School: Kailua Inter. Home Town: Aieka'i Gardens, Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I would want to protect Maunawili forest / lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i because the place looks sacred and after hearing about the walk and the old taro patches, I feel like it needs to be protected and probably restored.

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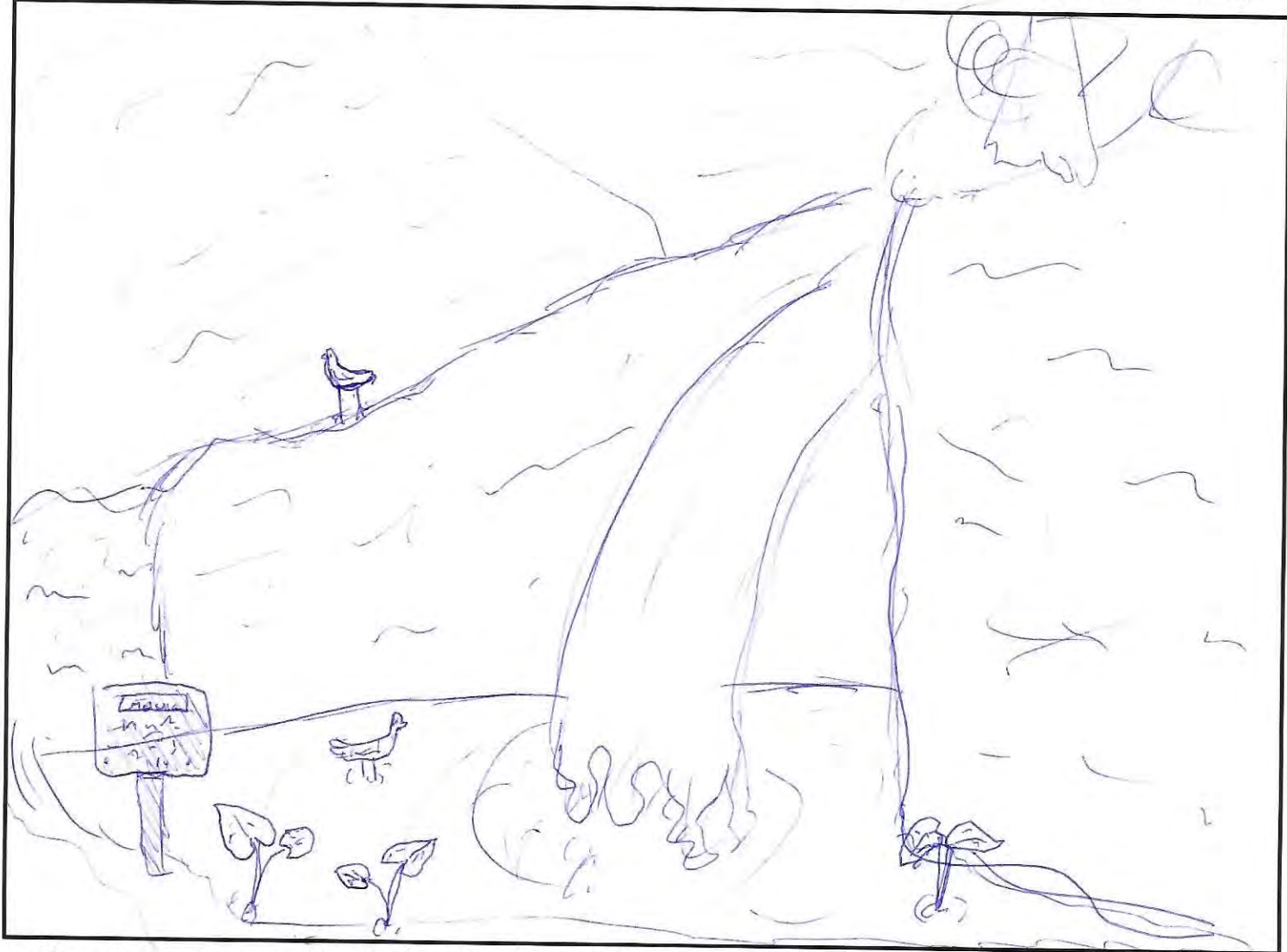
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Name: Mary Kathman Age: 14 Grade: 9th
School: Kalaeoa Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

Because even though I'm not Hawaiian I can learn
a lot from their culture and preserving these
spaces could help educate a lot of people

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Name: Kyan Padelto Age: 15 Grade: 11
School: Lake Braddock Home Town: Burke

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

It is part of Hawaiian culture and is sacred
to the land. Without protection it would run its
importance and its history from the island.

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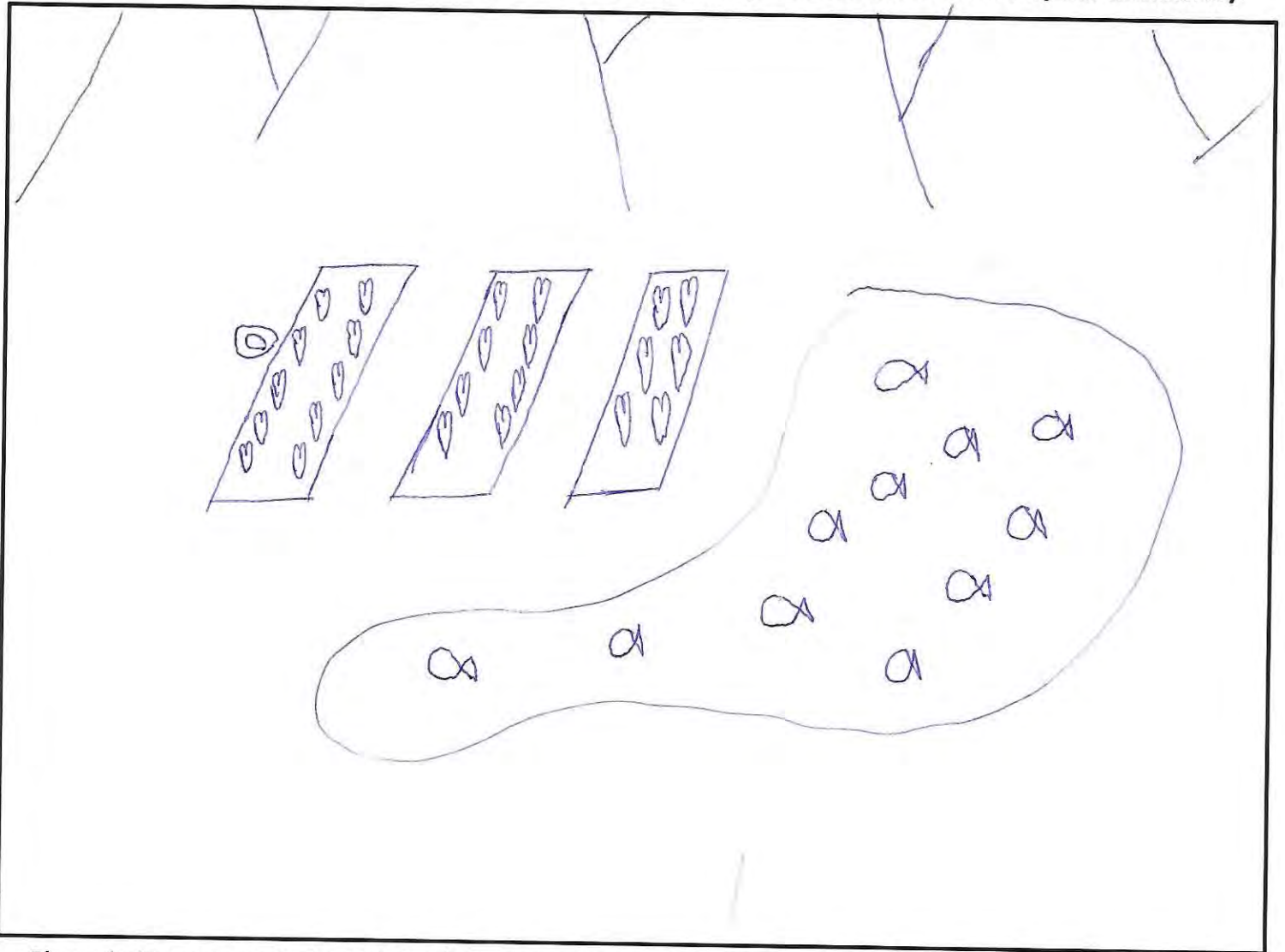
Name: Laeka Gay Age: 13 Grade: 8th

School: Saint Anthony, Kailua Home Town: Enchanted Lake

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i because we are losing a lot of sacred places for modern day houses and stores. I also want to protect this place because other people live in these places and they also want to protect it like uncle Mark who has a lot of kids. He wants to protect the land for the next generation.

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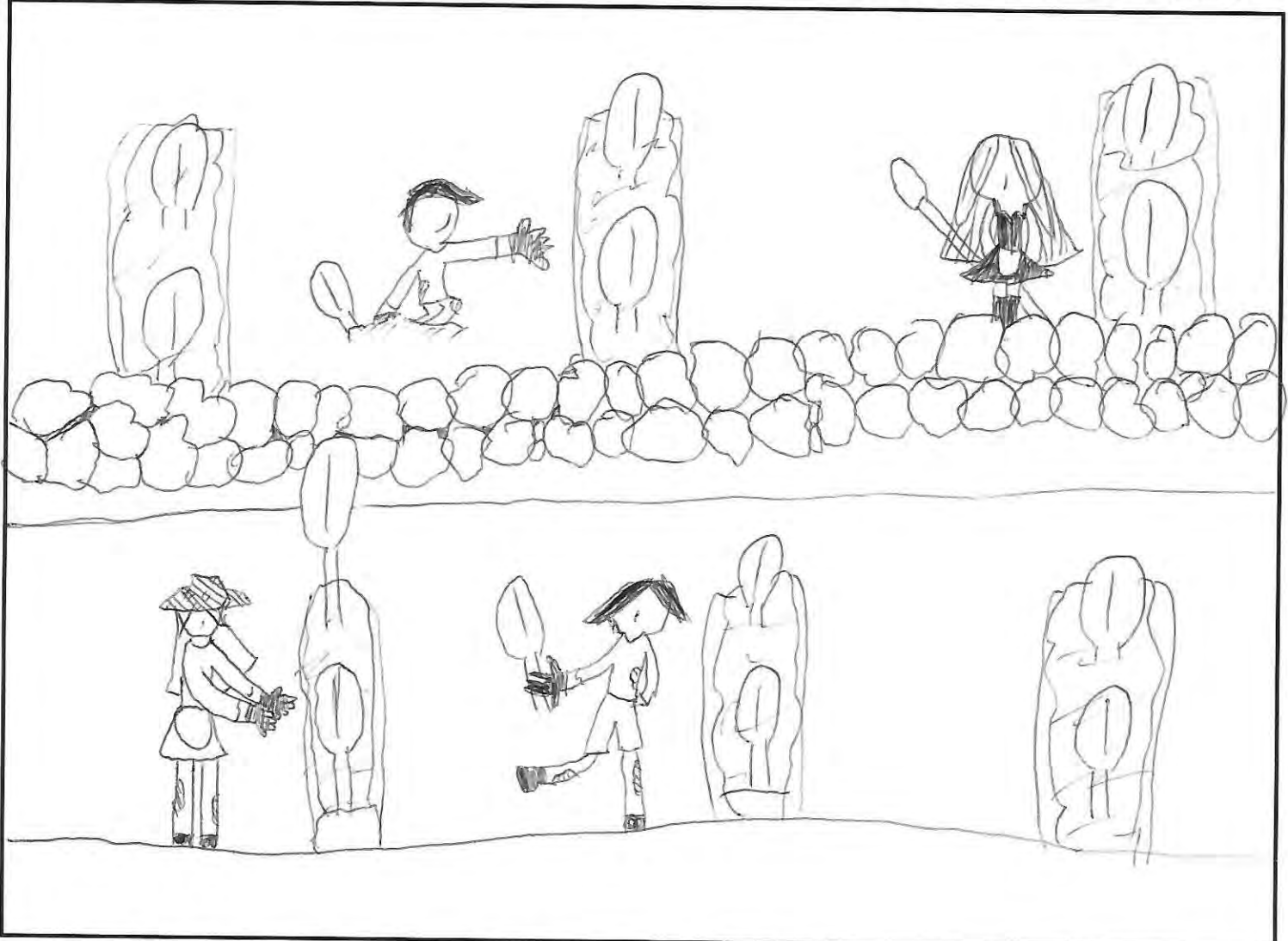
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Name: Ava Guy Age: 9 Grade: 5
School: St. Anthony Home Town: Enchanted Lake

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

Some people don't take care of these sacred places and leave trash for people who care, to pick up. It was amazing learning about ~~the~~ Hawaiian stories and how we could look at them in real life!

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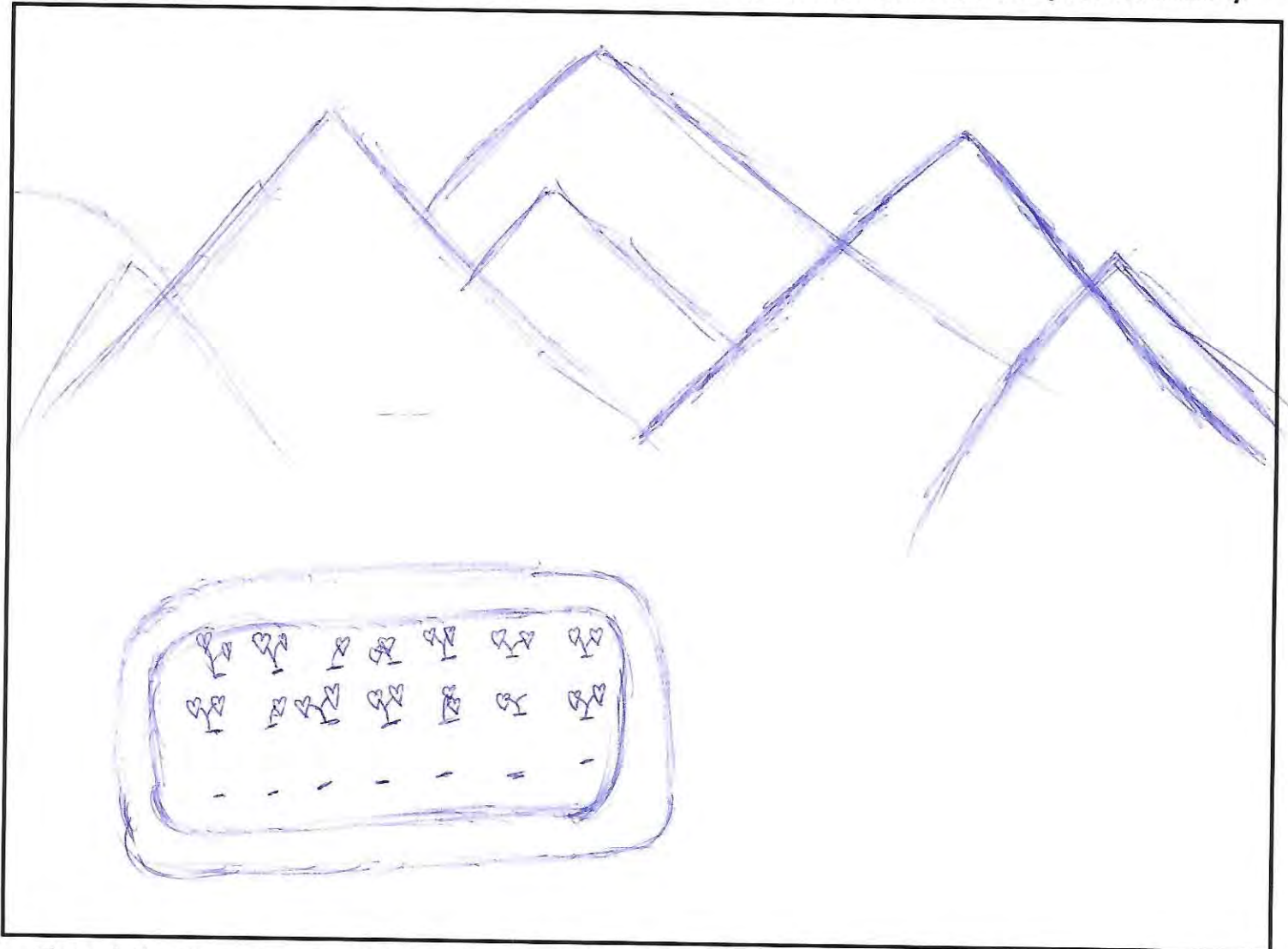
Name: Heleena Age: 10 Grade: 6

School: UH Lab Home Town: Nuruanu

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili because it's a very sacred place that's getting destroyed by visitors.

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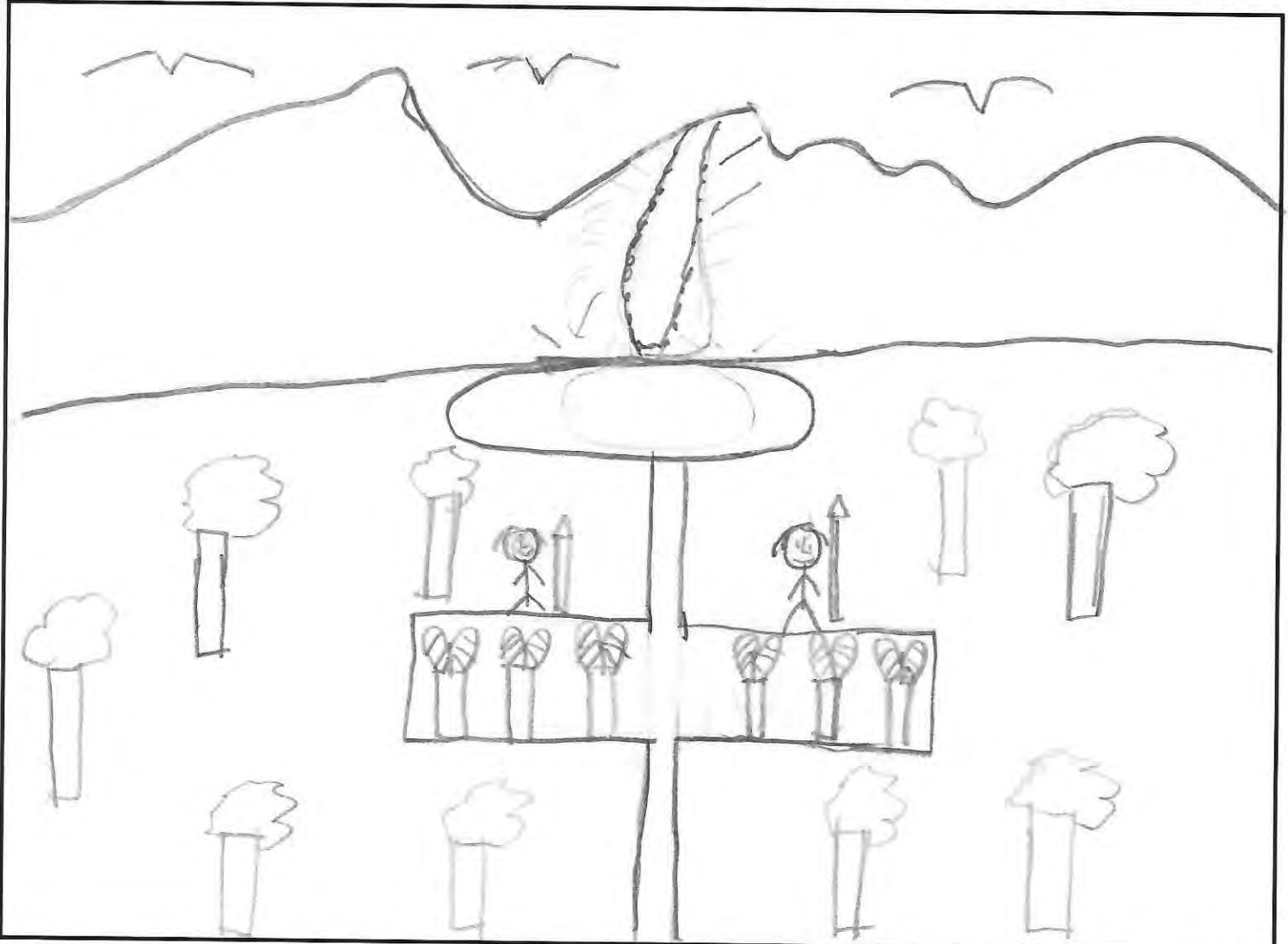
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Name: Kyngston Malkana Cochran Age: 11 Grade: 5
School: Koko Head Elementary Home Town: Waimanalo

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect it because
I think it's very beautiful land.
I also think it should be
saved is because that land is
very sacred and important to
the hawaiian culture. That is why I
think Maunawili forest should be saved.

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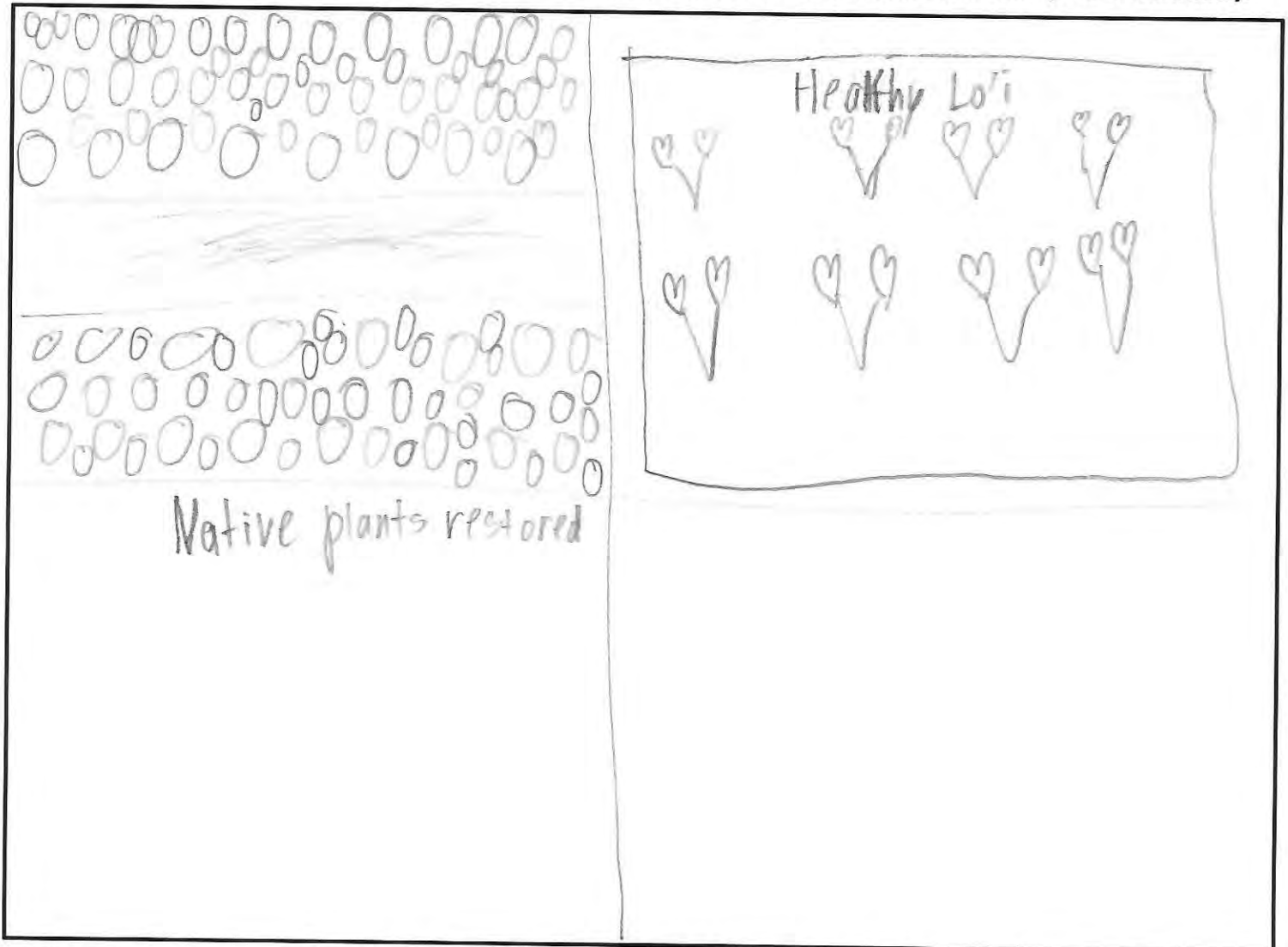
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Name: Lehiwa Age: 13 Grade: 9
School: HTA Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili forest & Lo'i and etc. because i live in maunawili and it's home to me. I can't imagine maunawili becoming a golf course with homes on it. It makes me sad to see what was caused by tourist and picluring what it used to be. There are so many native plants and buriels that would be disturbed. I also want that land to grow back to what it used to be! Healthy, strong and beautiful.

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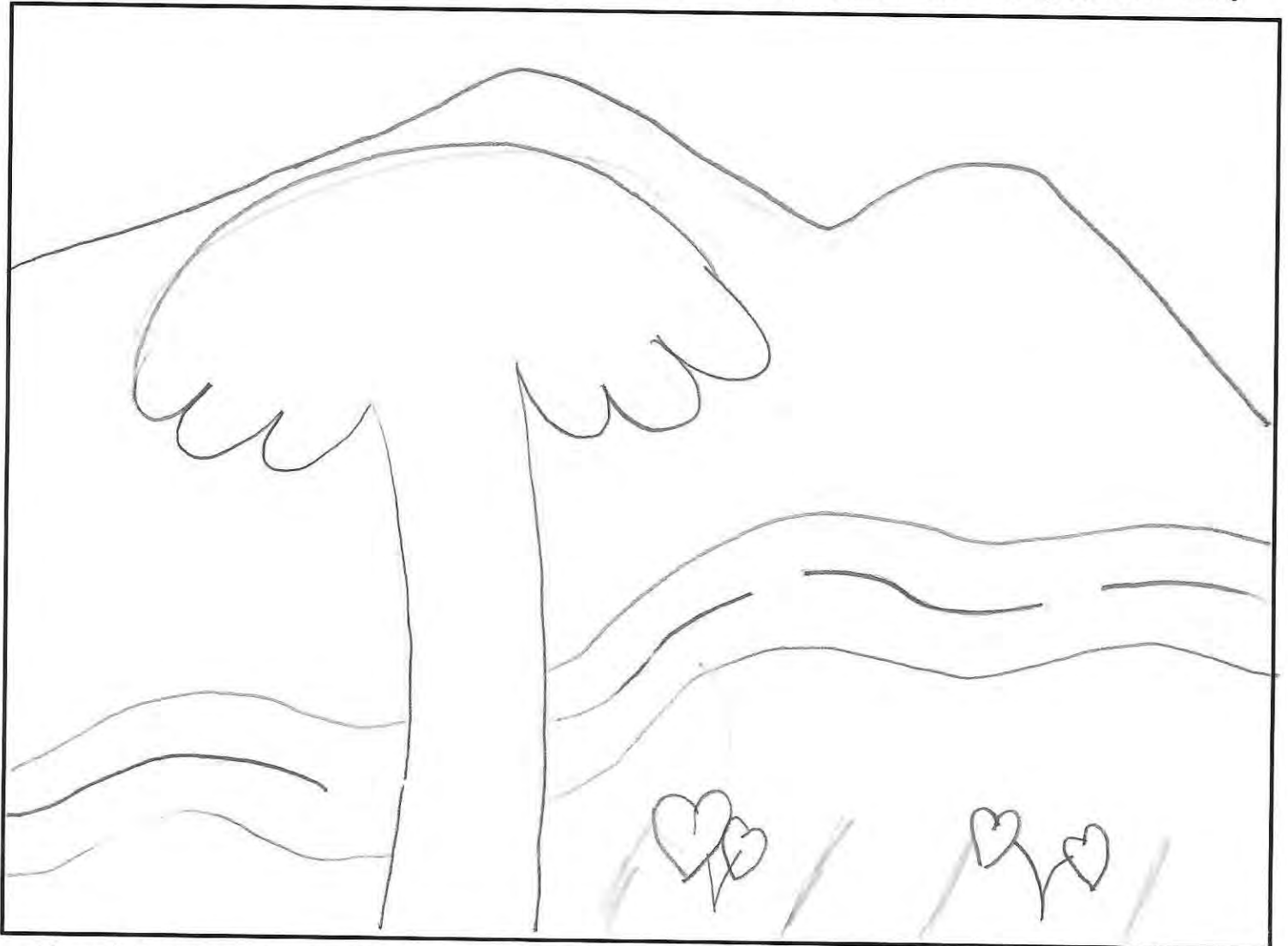
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Name: Keane Guy Age: 12 Grade: 6th
School: St Anthony school Home Town: Kailua town

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

Because our ancestors farmed this land and built on the land from the bottom up. They made walls out of rock they made taro patches to feed their children. They even used springs to nurture the land. And that's where they put their love one after they died. And that is why we need to protect this land and help get rid of invasive plants from the land.

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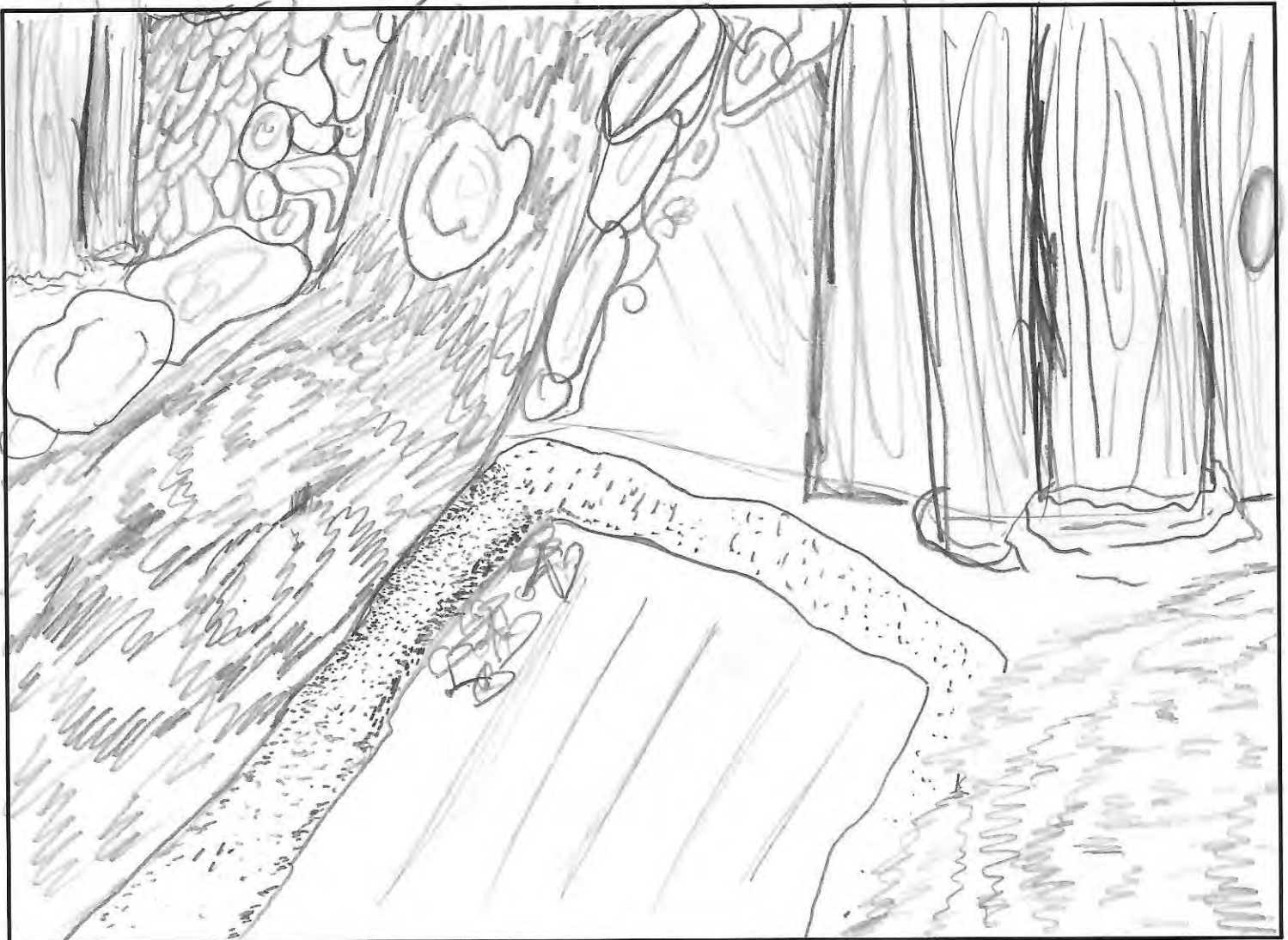
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Name: Hailey Faustina Age: 13 Grade: 8

School: King Intermediate Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I'd like to save Maunawili because of its cultural importance. The more historical places that we remove, destroy, or vandalise causes the loss of an entire civilization that was here far before us. Aloha ʻŌe was written in that very forest. Historical buildings can be found, as well as old lo'i's, walls, and the queens bath. We should be restoring maunawili to it's original glory instead of making it a go-to spot for hiking. Hiking there causes erosion, pollution, & vandalism.



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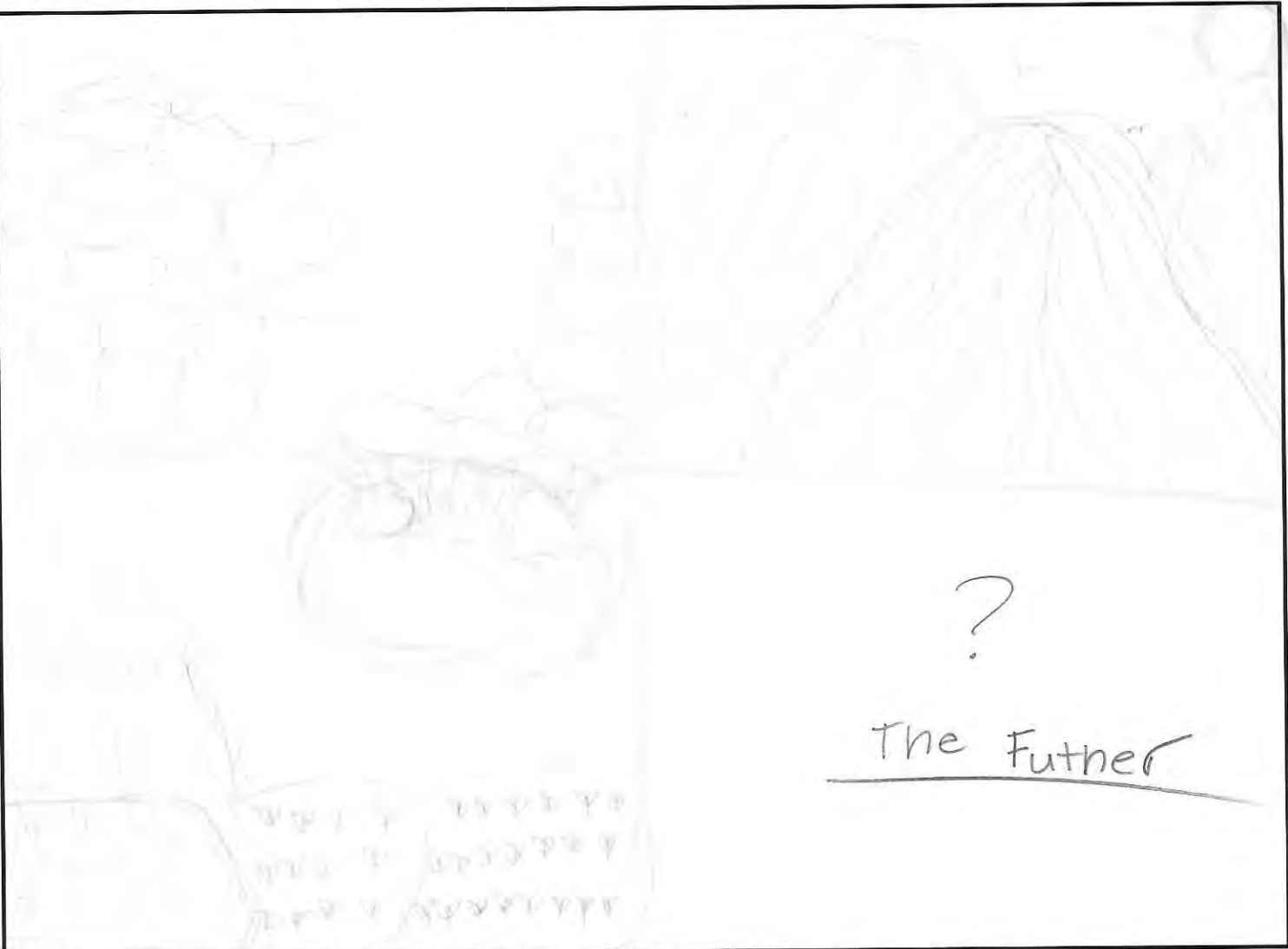
Name: Amaya Mepheron Keiro Age: 11 Grade: 6

School: Kapunahala Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili Forest because I want my kids to grow up and learn about our culture.

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Name: Duke Age: 12 Grade: 7th
School: Mocimolua Home Town: Kinohiwa

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili forest and Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i so our generation of people can enjoy our history that has been there many of generation. We also want the history of our ancestors to be there so we can learn where we came from and know our roots.

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Name: Bella Toyomura Age: 11 Grade: 6th
School: Kamehameha Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect these places because they have things that are important to our culture. And if we protect those places future generation can see and learn more about their culture.

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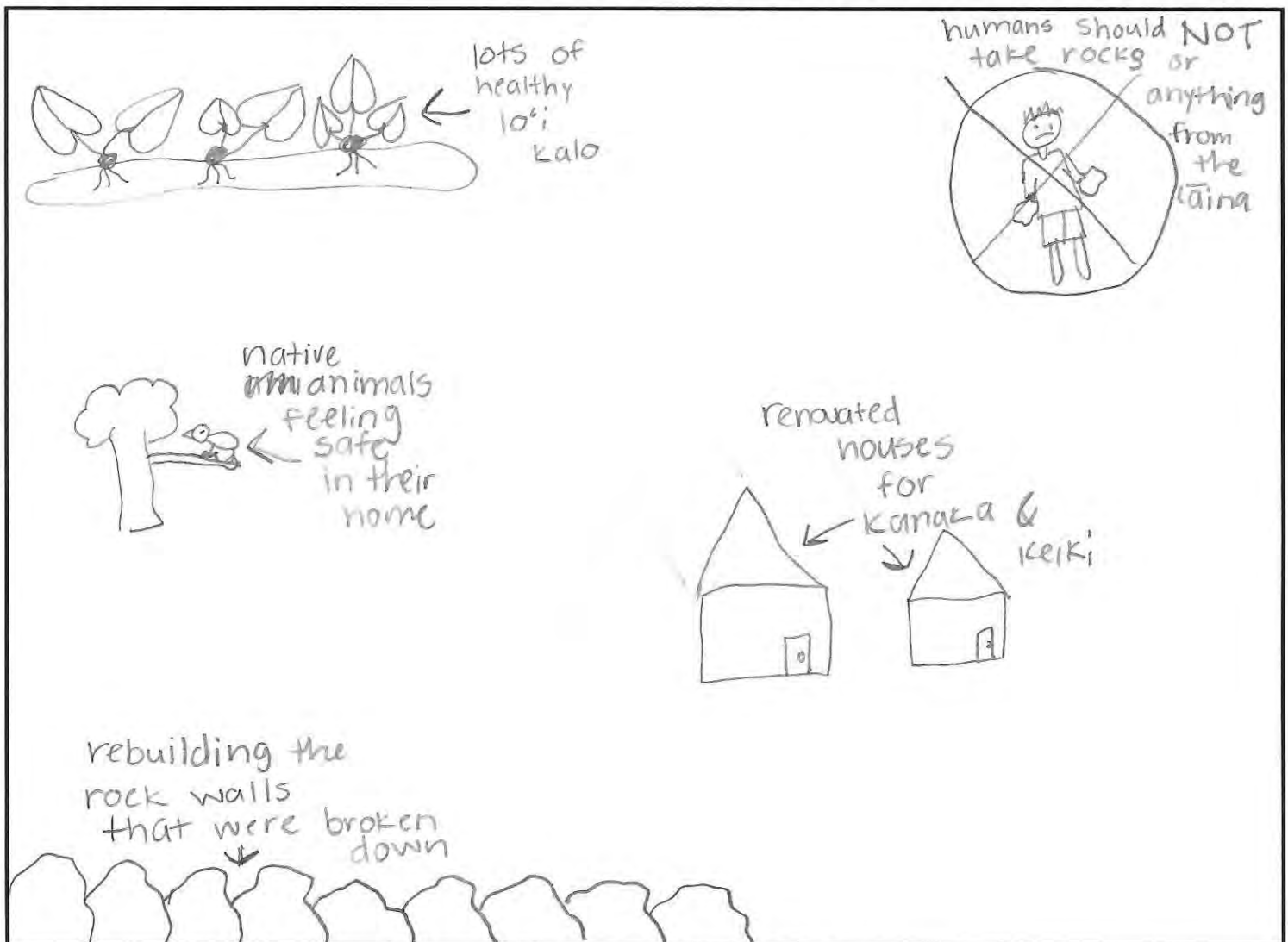
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Name: Kili Tanaka Age: 13 Grade: 8th
School: Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect all these ~~places~~ places because they are filled with history and events that are very important to the Hawaiian culture. ~~The~~ The 'āina has blessed us with so much, so i feel it is a priority to do all that i can to give back and care for this beautiful land.

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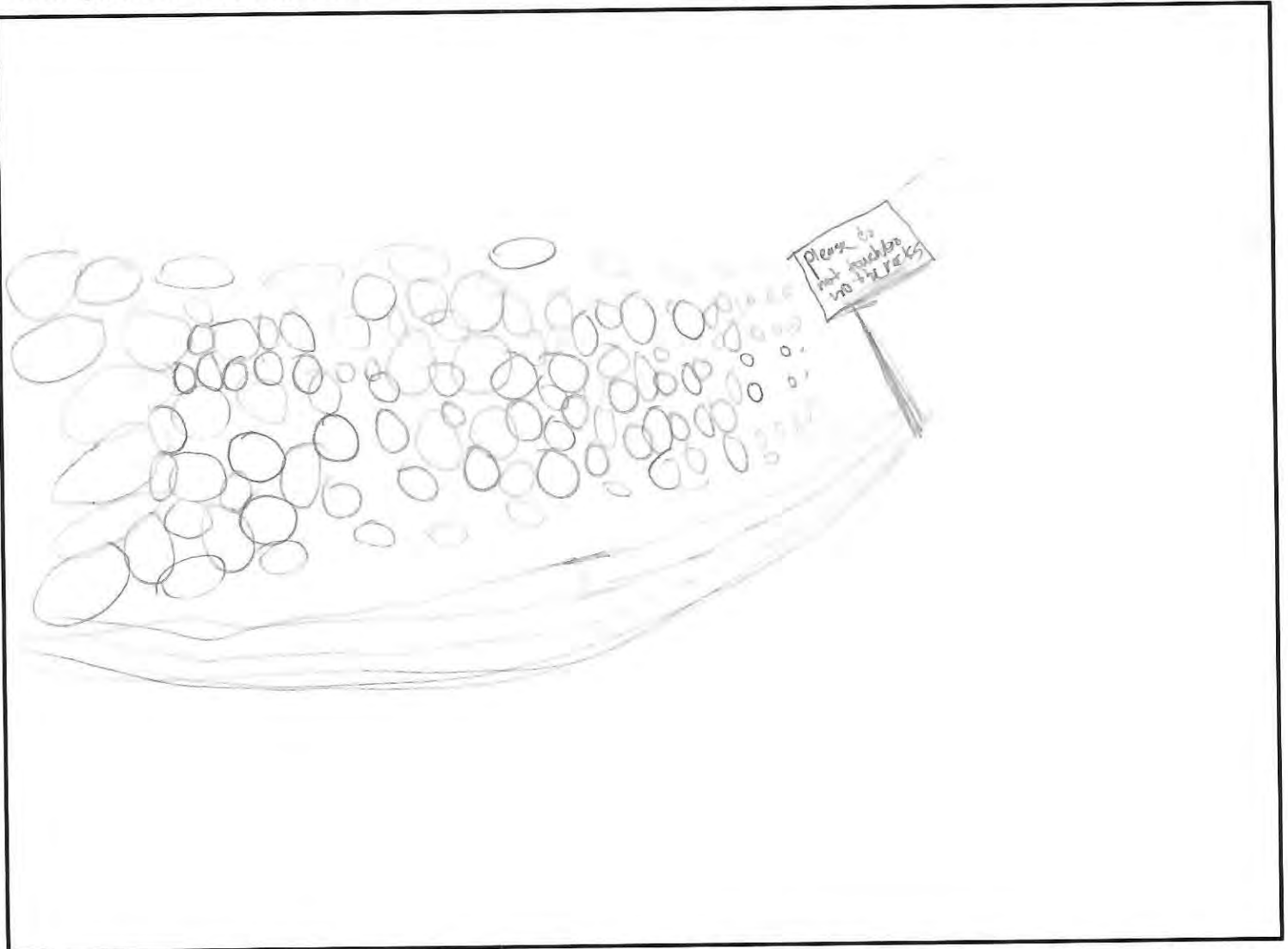
Name: Mehani Dahlin Age: 10 Grade: 5th

School: _____ Home Town: Kaia

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect maunawili because so many problems happen there and people don't notice what there doing is bad sometimes, people live there and just do what they want, meaning I would protect maunawili because there are great things that people are ruining and we should protect or kids can't learn about the past.

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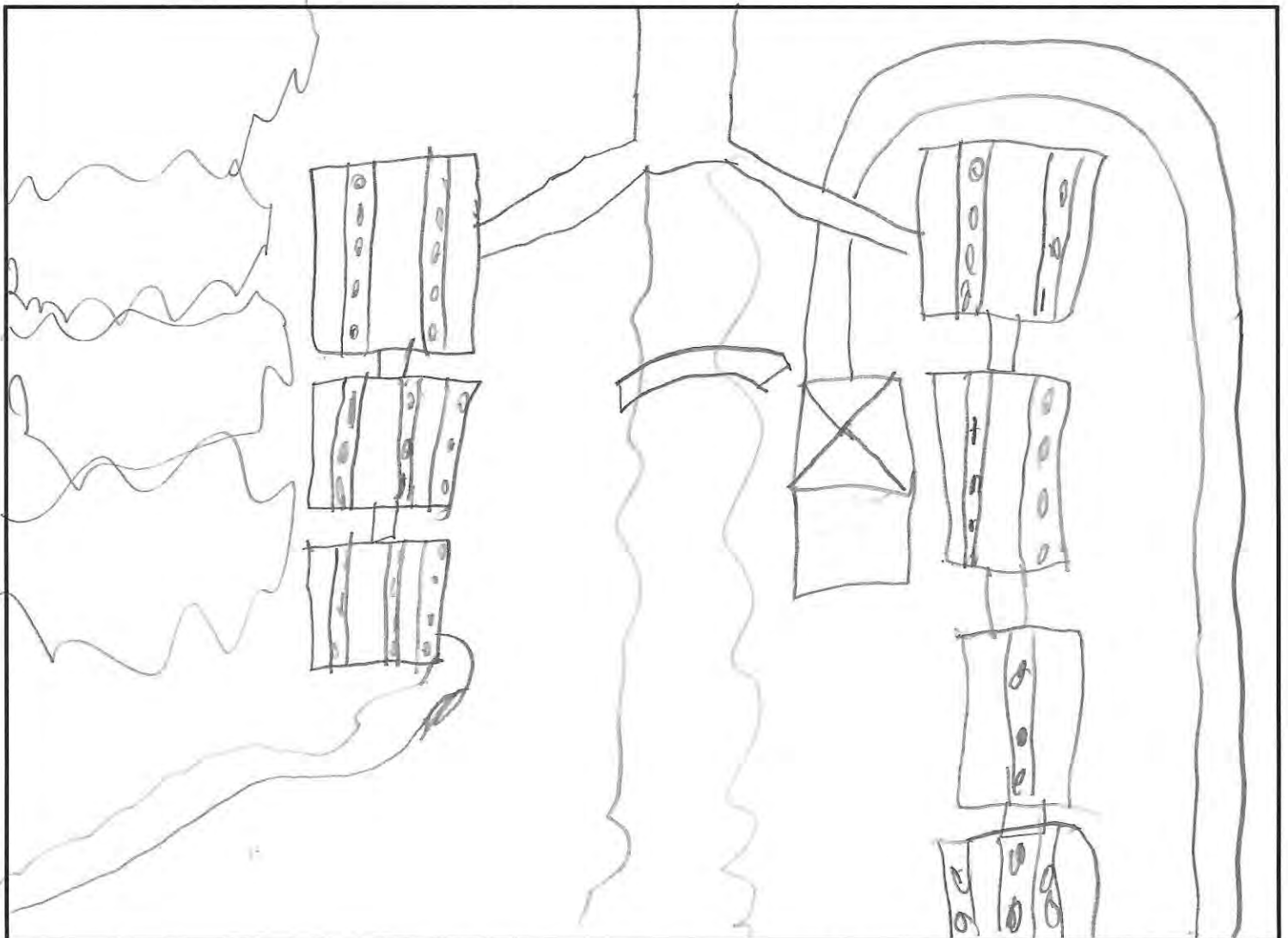
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Name: Ty yakyma Age: 12 Grade: 7
School: KIS Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I would protect it because it is special and ancient.

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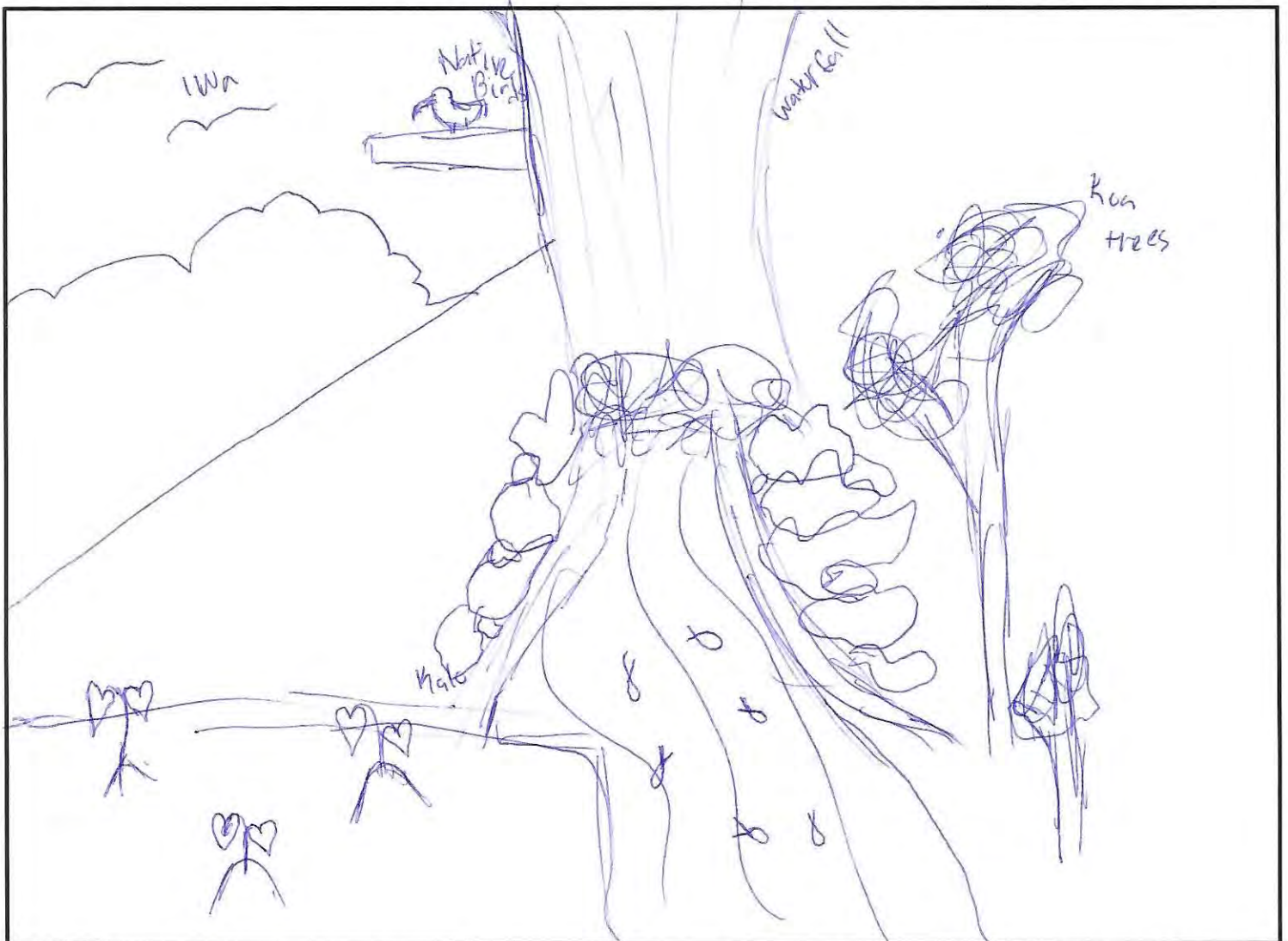
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Name: Hilimali Faulkner Age: 13 Grade: 8
School: Kailua Intermediate Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

To keep our culture and the ancient stories that come with it. I also want to protect the ancient walls and the ancient lo'i

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Name: Madeline Pupiales Age: 12 Grade: 7th
School: Fok Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili forest so it's healthy,
and a safe place to hike and stay.

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Name: Mālie Yojo Age: 11 Grade: 6
School: Maunawili Elementary Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect it because it has a lot of Hawaiian history that we still yet have to uncover. This history is not only important to me but it is also important to future students of Hawai'i. The Maunawili Forest was once home to hundreds of Hawaiian families but because of missionaries and outcasts there are less than 20 Hawaiian families living in the Maunawili Forest.

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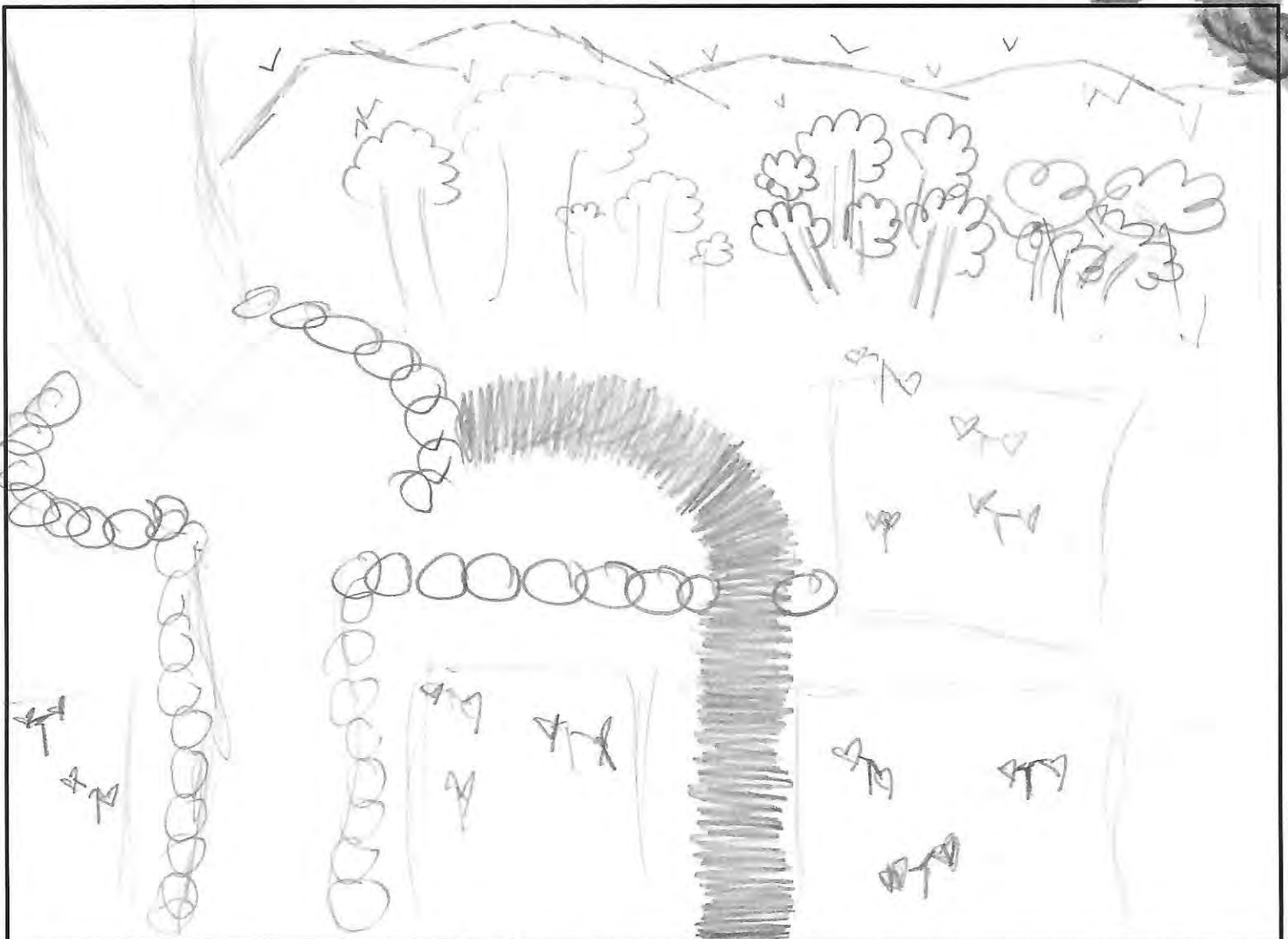
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Name: Napua Barbieto Age: 15 Grade: 10
School: Kamehameha Home Town: Kaifuu

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect maunawili and etc because it is our 'āina and where our kupuna ancestors have worked. They wanted us to keep up the lo'i and 'āina.

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Name: Auwela Makainai Age: 13 Grade: 8
School: Kamehameha Home Town: Kane'ohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

What I really want to protect are the bones and burials
of the Hawaiians who passed away and are now there.
I would think that they would like to rest in peace.
I would also like to restore lo'i there and protect
that to.

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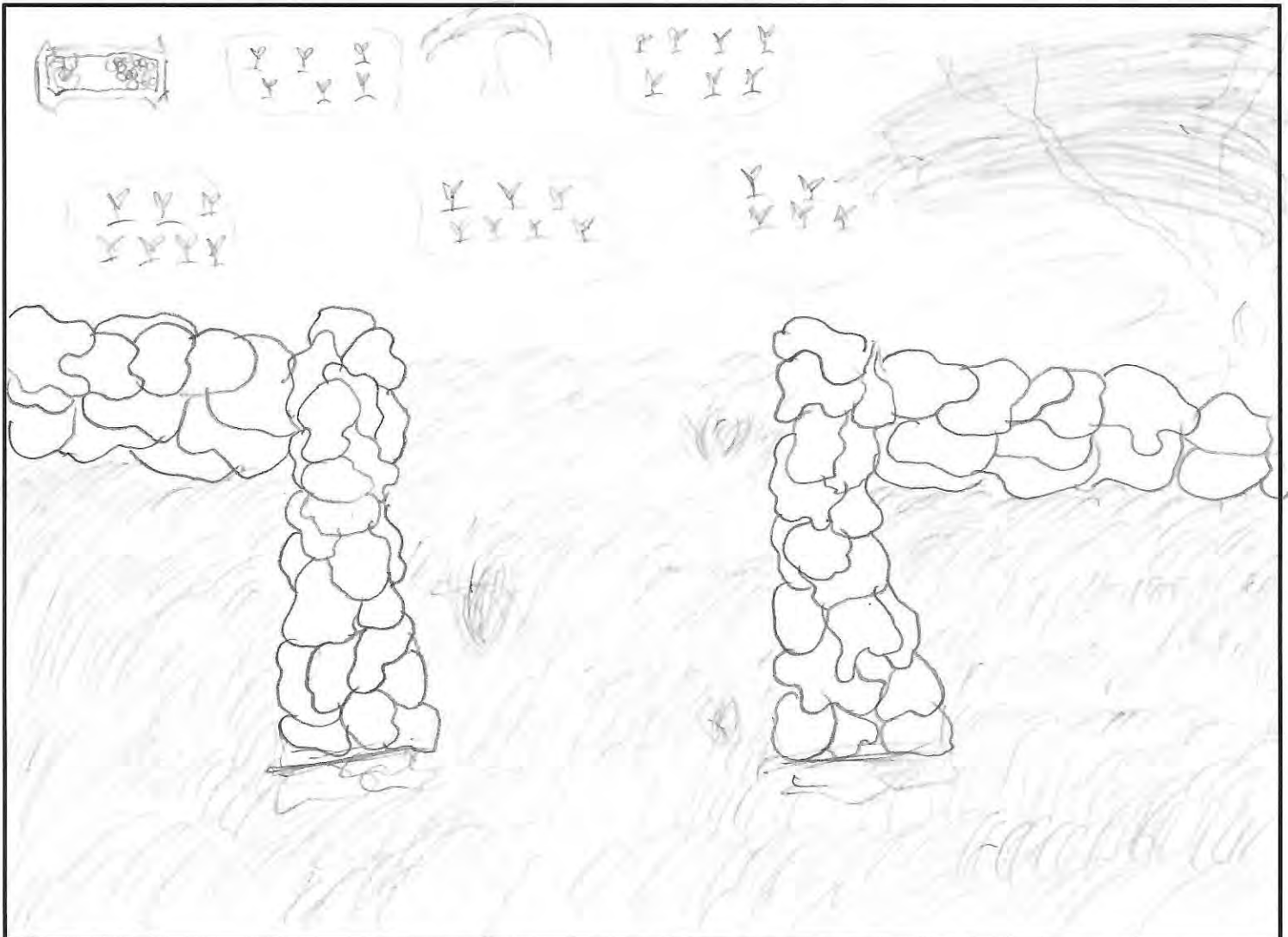
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Name: Iiwai Makainai Age: 11 Grade: 6
School: Saint Mark Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect it because our kupuna walked on that land and grew plants on the 'Āina, they took care of the 'Āina that is there, they took care of the land and keep it safe and alive. It's also very sacred 'Āina so we need to keep it that way.

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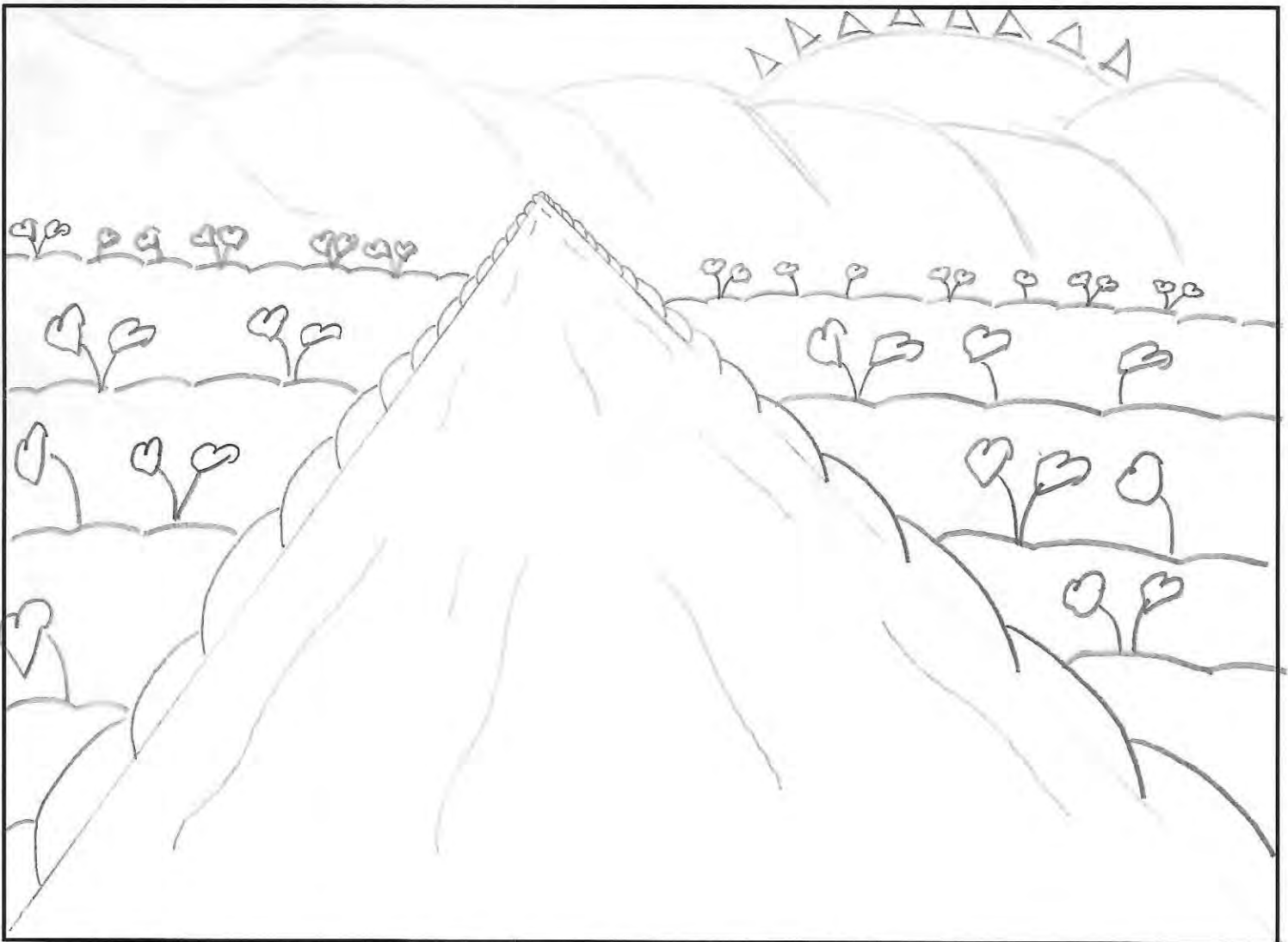
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Name: Kapealii Shuman Age: 15 by July 31 Grade: Fresh-man
School: Kailua-High Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

Māhake au e malama i ka wahi waiwai o Maunawili na ka mea, he kūleana nō no nā po'e Hawai'i e malama i ka āina hānau. Like'ia me ka ho'omanu'ana i ka 'ōlelo, ahe mea nui keng he mea nui e pūina 'ole. I want to protect the grate place of Maunawili because it is our duty as kanaka Hawai'i.

Draw your vision for what Maunawili could look like when it's protected and cared for by our community.



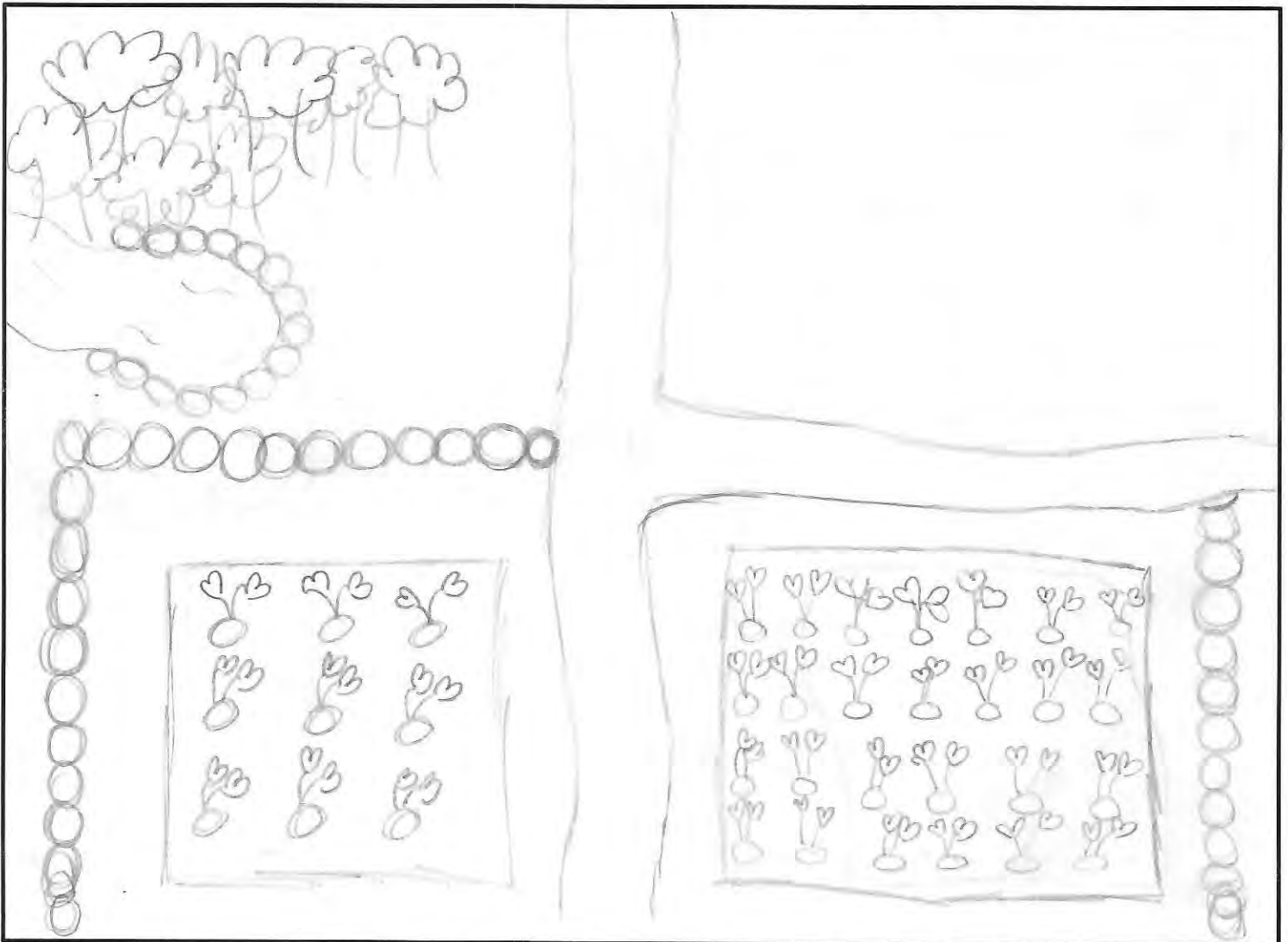
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Name: U'ilani Barbieto Age: 12 Grade: 7th
School: kamakau Home Town: kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i because, at Maunawili forest and the other places is what our kupuna did for us to have food like kalo and every hawaiian food their is. At Maunawili forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i is where our kupuna build for food and where to do a lot of things.

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Name: Leinā'ala Age: 11 Grade: 6th
School: puhala Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili cause Maunawili is my home. Maunawili would be filled with tourists if there was a golf course. Maunawili is very sacred and has lots of bereals and iwi.

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Name: Agela Age: 13 Grade: 8

School: Dūchala Home Town: ~~Kaunakakai~~ Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to see it restored.

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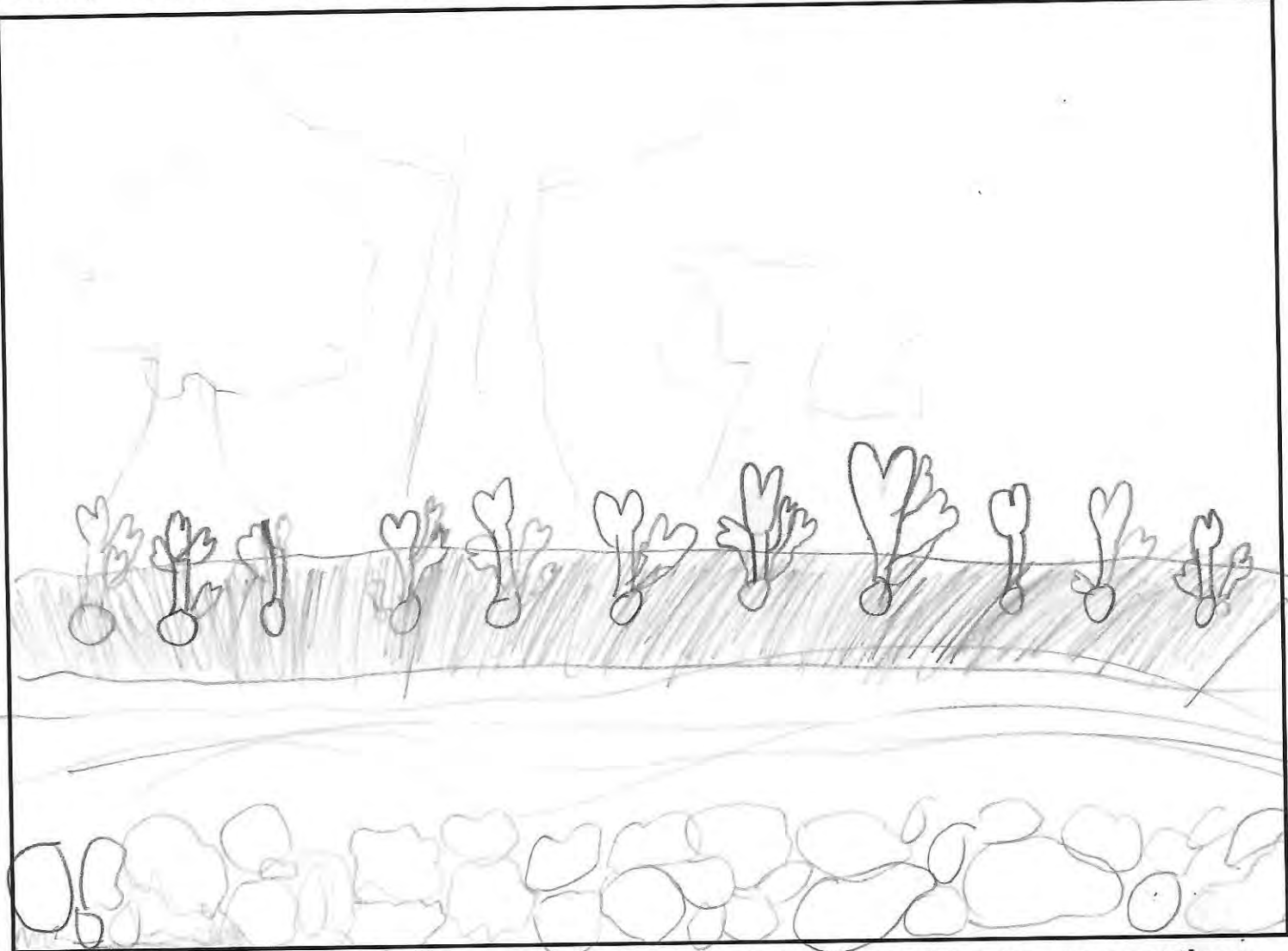
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Name: Kealoha'aina Kano'uwone Age: 12 Grade: 7
School: Kamehameha Home Town: Yaiandale

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect the salted lands, and I also want
the land to be used to grow kalo. I also want to make
sure that the people that grow up there can go back

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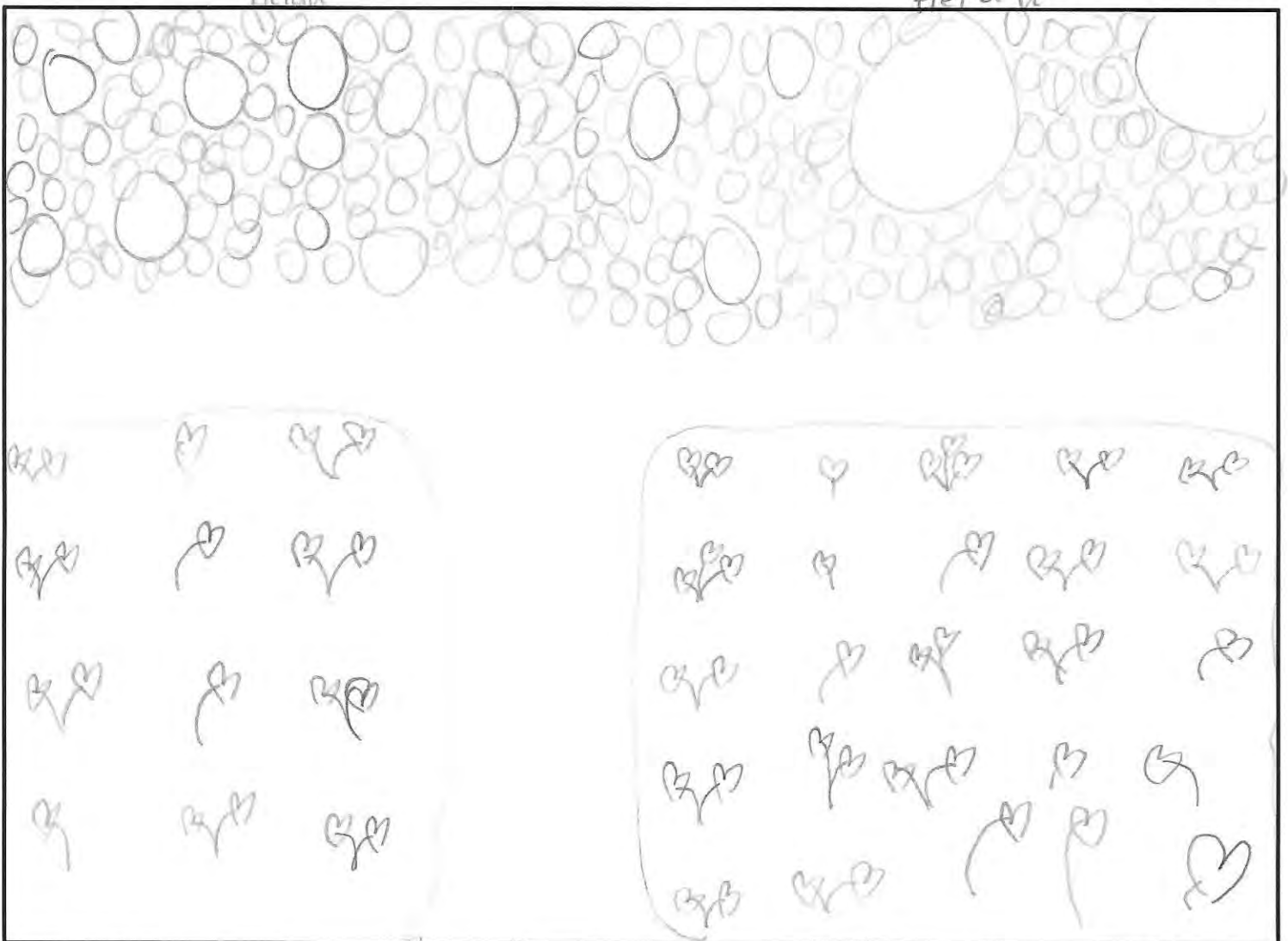
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School: pūohala Home Town: Kailua

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I want to protect Maunawili forest & Lo'i and etc because Maunawili is my home. If there were to be a golf course there would be so much tourist in maunawili. Maunawili is a calm place.

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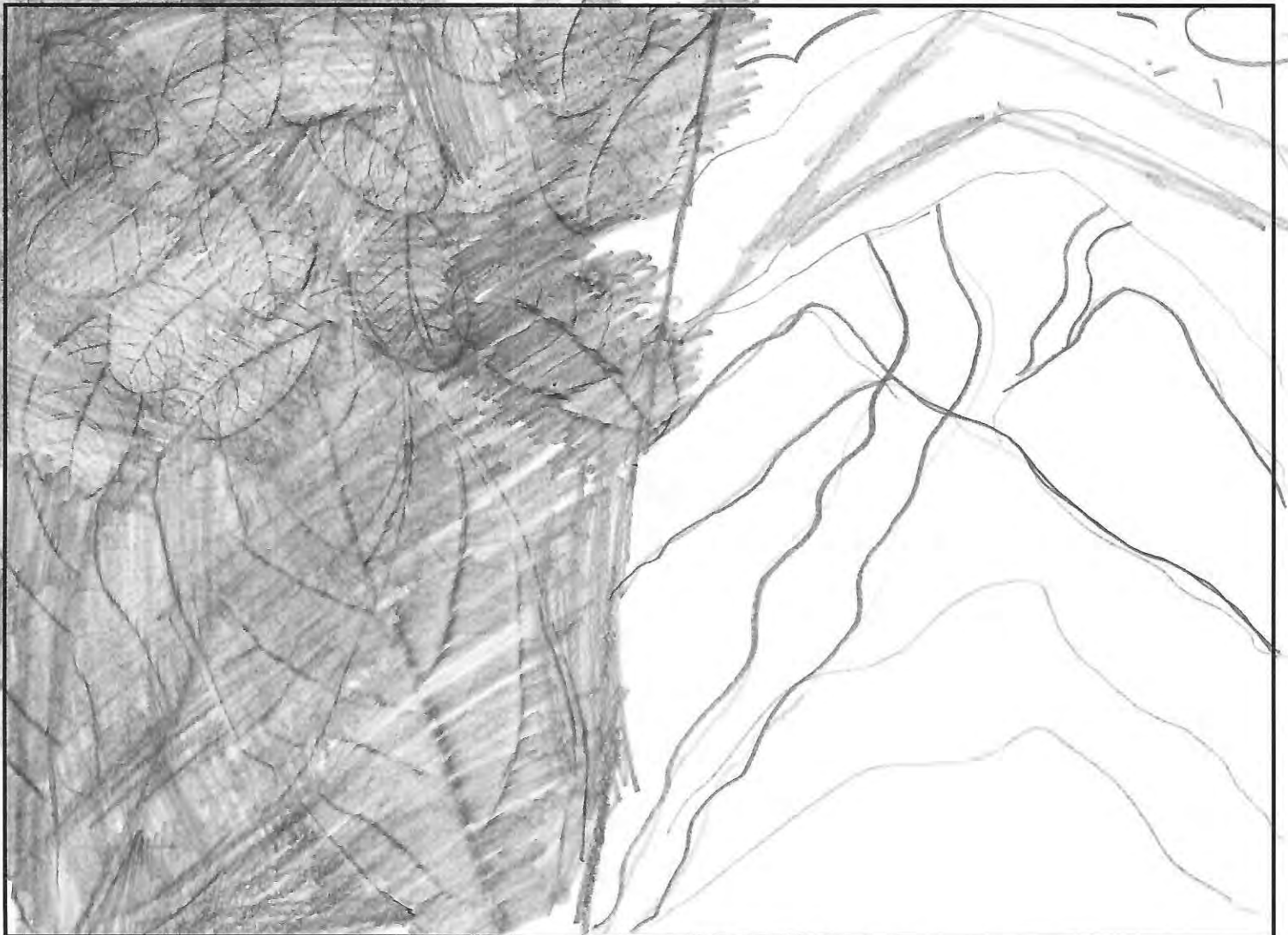
Name: Amaya Mopherson Kedro Age: 11 Grade: 6

School: Kapunanala Home Town: Home or Kaneohe or home sweet home

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili Forest because I want to give the next generation the experience and let them have a great time there and get to know about their culture.

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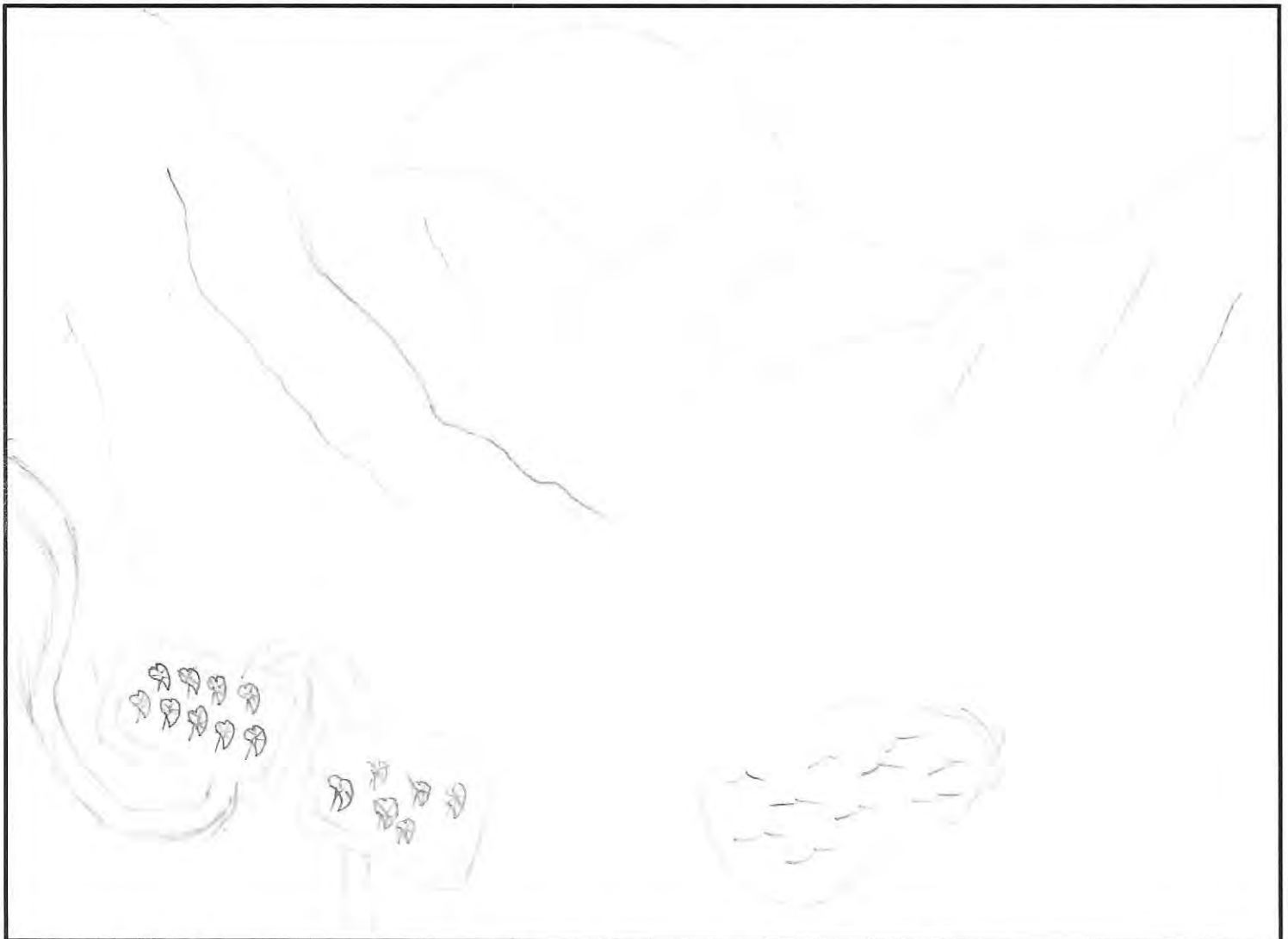
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Name: Kahiona Age: 12 Grade: 7
School: Mid-pacific Home Town: Nu'uano

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect Maunawili because its a very special place
with Lo'i and beautiful forests. Also if its turned in to homes
People wont be able to learn about the history of that place.

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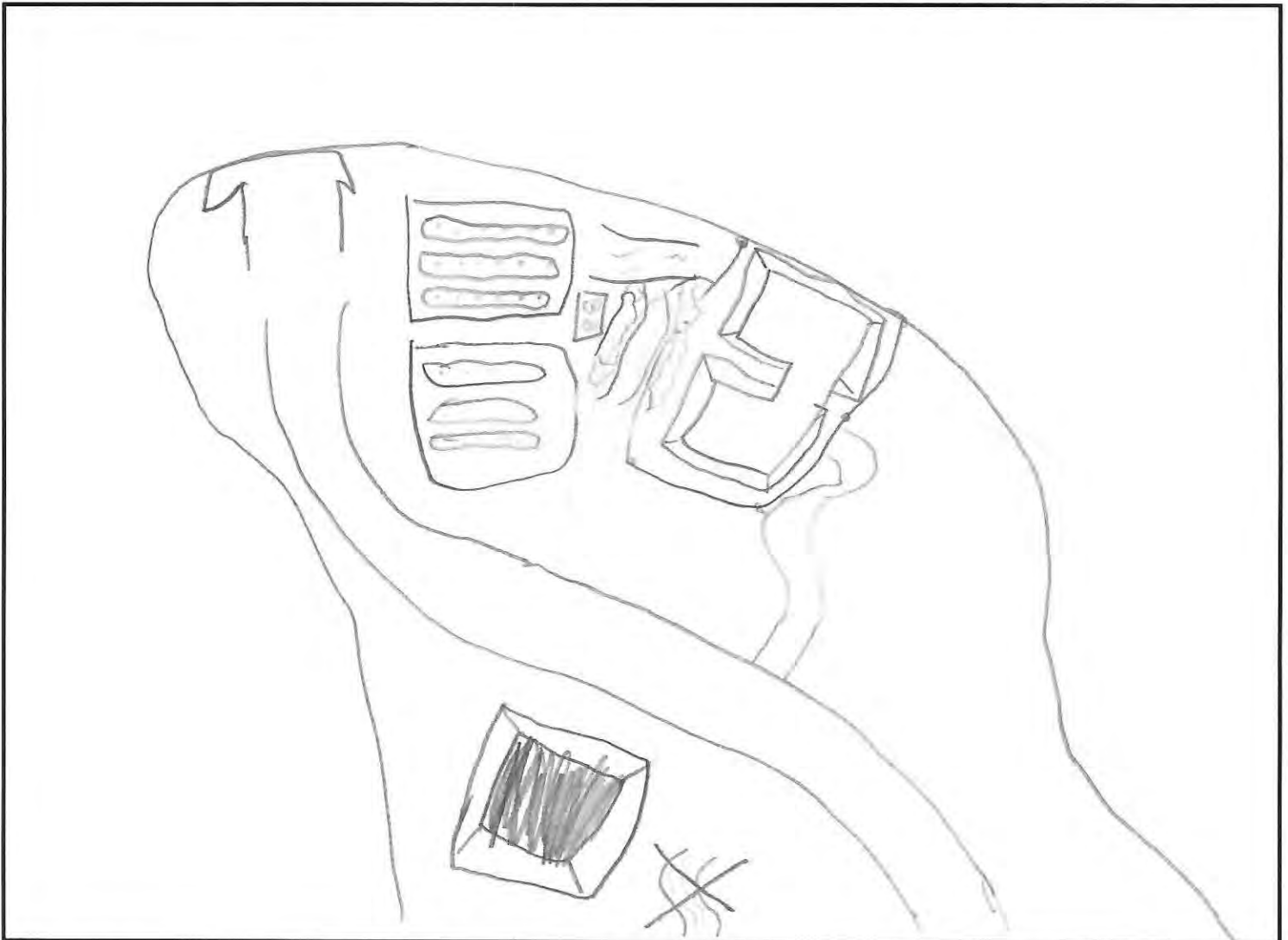
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Name: Alejandro Age: 9 Grade: 4>5
School: Kamehameha Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

because you would disavow yourself by not taking
care of ~~the~~ your ancestors work

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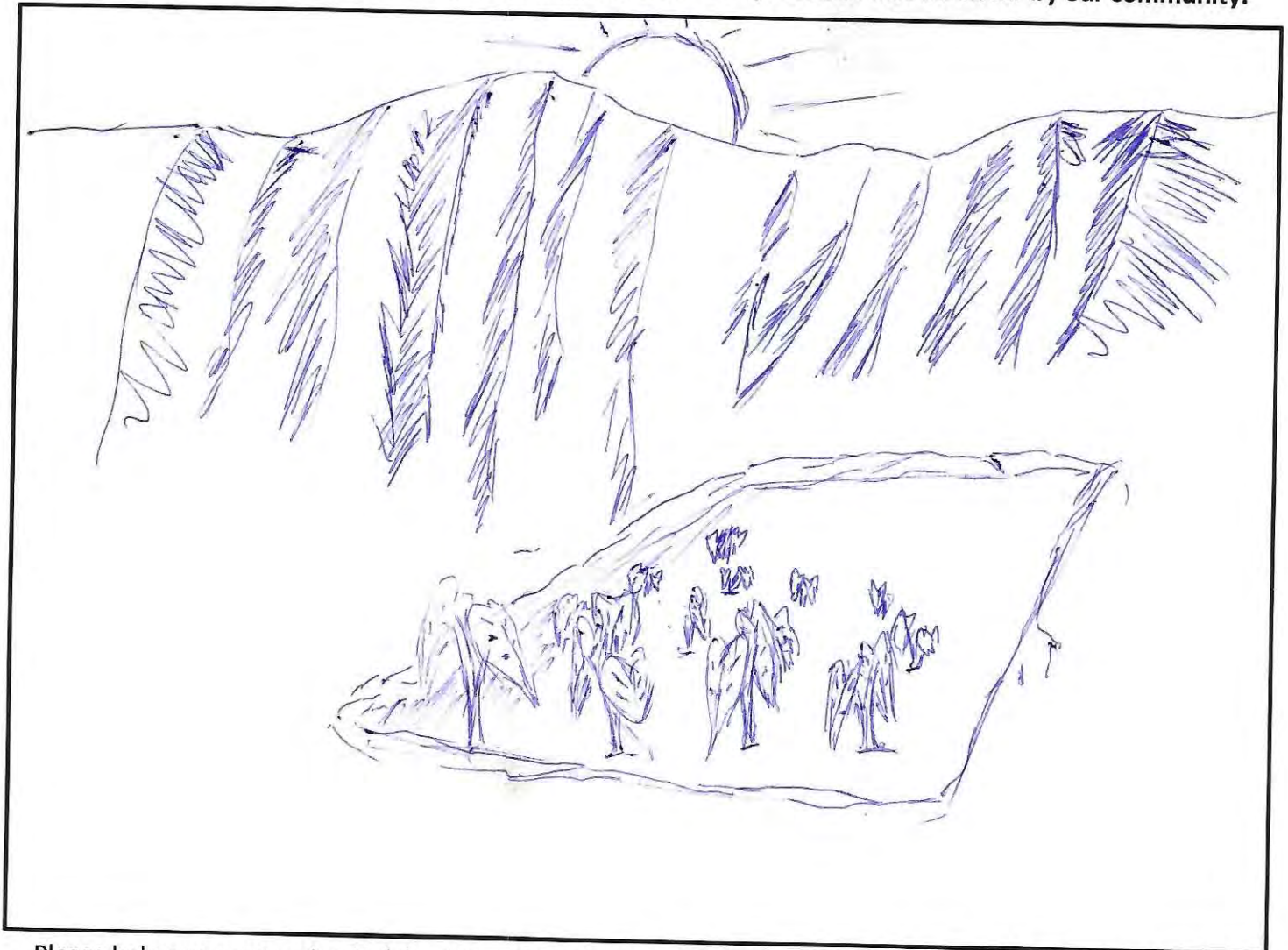
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Name: QHYs Age: 13 Grade: 7-8
School: KIS Home Town: Ikaika

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

its pretty and has fertile land, it has deeply rooted hawaiian history, and is home to many endemic plants and animals.

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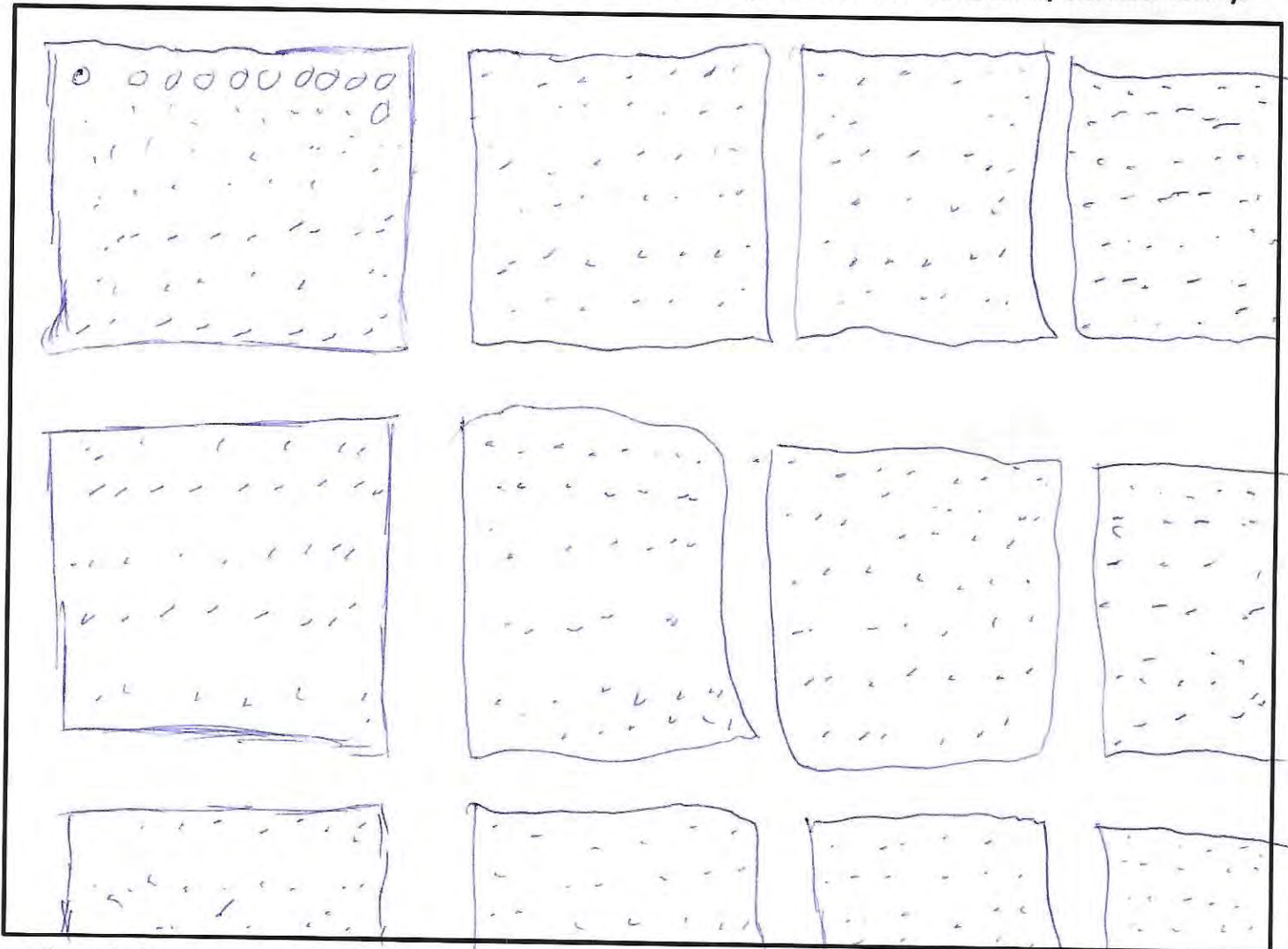
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Name: Reef Age: 13 Grade: 8
School: King Intermediate Home Town: Kaneohe

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

I want to protect maunawili because it is a sacred place

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Name: Kingston Age: 10 Grade: 5
School: Kaalepala Home Town: Kailua

Share about why you want to protect Maunawili Forest & Lo'i, Palawai and Makali'i.

So they can keep on growing native
food like Kalo and not other things.

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