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Aloha E BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES,

Re: PAU HANA INN EXTENSION, AT LEAST THRU JANUARY 2025

My name is Larry A. Rutkowski (aka Uncle lary) of Hilo, HAWAII. No big deal.

Former HPD officer, Senior Investigator with the C&C of Honolulu, Dept of the Medical Examiner, a real estate broker for 50 years this year 2024 and a real estate developer. For the last 18 months, I am now a designer of Palaka & Hawaiian Aloha apparel, accessories, headgear and footwear. Oh, and bags.

I am 75 years of age with the graduating class of '66, Kamehameha Schools, am with the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Mamalahoa here in Hilo and a long-time member of the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club there in Honolulu.

In Oct of last year 2023, I was invited to the Pau Hana Place by another former cop, George AIO. Since then, every time I fly in to HNL (an average of a couple times per month) the Pau Hana Place IS MY & MY AUTISTIC SON Johnny's, "GO TO PLACE" for relaxation, enjoyment and fellowship. Yes, it is very convenient, being right there BEFORE you get into Waikiki proper, which makes it very accessible. NO NEED FIGHT the Waikiki traffic too, and look for very expensive parking.

US LOCALS, especially older ones, need some place to HANG and Kanikapila. The group we normally come to see, I forget the name, I think the "TRIMESTERS" or something like that? (Bruddahs John, Wendell & Ron) are very laid back and very audience participation oriented...makes it even more bettah. LOTS OF AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. LOCALS LOVE THIS, more of a reason YOU FOLKS NEED TO KEEP PAU HANA PLACE GOING...PLEASE. Bruddah Tito "I'ka Ball Bearings" Barinuebo on the other night and the Indonesian Sista Vanessa et all on Fri nights, SHAKA BRADDAHS.

Plus, the owners are nice guys, especially Bruddah Mark, the haole Bruddah. Down to earth, very warm, loves HUGGING the locals. I know a sincere hug and person, when I see one. GREAT ATMOSPHERE.

Very convenient location, park and walk very close, and BANG, you're in for a lot of nice time. Always clean toilets, AWESOME kau kau. Bruddah Man selling his crafts...LOVE IT.

LET ME PUT MY MONEY WHERE MY MOUTH IS. Apparently, Bruddah Mark is a little behind on this rent.

MY PROPOSAL IS THIS, to wit: IF YOU FOLKS find it within your hearts to CONTINUE his lease with you all, then I am in willing to KICK IN \$100 to HELP him with his back rent. I only met Mark about 4 or 5 times BUT, I love this haole Bruddah. I can see HIS HEART and HIS LOVE for the people of Hawaii (and the tourists) in providing a venue for us to KANIKAPILA, almost like the old-style Gabby Pahinui days in Waimanalo. Maybe Pau Hana is like one open air, Territorial Tavern?

Where else the young ones and the old tutu ladies from 'Nalo Country and Nanakuli going get up and show of their hula? Where else in or about Waikiki, we from Kamehameha Schools going get up and sing THE DOXOLOGY and "Ring Ring Kalihi Ring", or Imua Kamehameha E, A Lanakila O'e?

Where else in or about Waikiki, the Men of Kalaepohaku going get up and sing their alma mater or the alumni of Punahou going sing their boring song, Oahu'a? He, he, he. And the alumni from Waipahu going sing about cane tassels? AUWE NOHO'E.

DLNR, PLEASE LET US HAVE THIS VENUE.

EXTEND THE LEASE PLEASE, GIVE MARK & GILBERT A CHANCE FO' CATCHING UP THE RENT & TURNING IT INTO A CASH COW FOR THE STATE...AND THEM. TO ME, GIVE THEM AT LEAST A JAN 31st, 2025 EXTENSION AND TAKE IT FROM THERE. YOU NOT GOING DO ANYTHING WITH THAT PROPERTY IN THE MEAN TIME....!!!
Let them GET THRU CHRISTMAS+?

I am an entrepreneur. How the hell these guys provided all of this music and joy for all of us these past months...and cultural ambiance, and NOT charge some nominal admission fee, is beyond me?

AGAIN FOR ME, one 75 year old Kanaka Maoli geezard from Hilo, I am willing to KICK IN \$100 as seed money, for the CATCH UP THE DELINQUENT RENT FUND. Kimo Kahoano, George Aio, Guy Bello and all you other Kapalama people, join with me and put your monies where your mouths are. \$25 here, \$50 there. John Kilbey, Kalaepohaku Bruddah? Bruddah Shaka, throw in \$25 of your tips, Blah? Rita Hayworth Wong, COME ON. Sue T. Johnson?

OR, DLNR, how about next three months HALF PRICE or FREE RENT? The Bible said "YE HAVE NOT BECAUSE YE ASK NOT". NAH, I JUST JOKING. BUT, not a bad idea. Let's Do It folks, we can DO IT...!!!

Blah lary of Hilo, HI (as in HOWZIT).

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P.S. Riley Smith, IMUA Bruddah and Mahalo for encouraging Our Hearts by your willingness to speak out. I have a couple autograph baseballs of your Dad, Bill.

P.P.S.S. Perhaps My Imua 66 Classmate Kimo Kahoano can eloquently read my letter here, as only Kimo can do. I cannot be on Oahu, E Kala Mai.