
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TO REFRAIN FROM DEVELOPING THE
PARCEL IN HAWAII KAI COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "GREAT LAWN".

1 WHEREAS, the Great Lawn in Hawaii Kai is bordered by Hawaii
2 Kai Drive, Kalaniana'ole Highway, and Keahole Street across from
3 Maunalua Bay, and is a familiar site to Hawaii Kai residents as
4 well as visitors to Hawaii Kai; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Great Lawn is zoned as preservation land and
7 is one of the few remaining undeveloped parcels of land in
8 Hawaii Kai; and

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10 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools, who owns the land under the
11 Great Lawn, expressed plans in 2013 for the development of the
12 Great Lawn into a shopping complex with Foodland as its anchor
13 tenant; and

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15 WHEREAS, the proposed development of the Great Lawn created
16 widespread reactions throughout the Hawaii Kai community,
17 prompting the need for a town hall meeting; and

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19 WHEREAS, more than three hundred people were in attendance
20 at a town hall meeting held on March 21, 2013, at Kamiloiki
21 Elementary School to voice their thoughts and opinions about the
22 possible development of a shopping complex on the Great Lawn;
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25 WHEREAS, in response to the outpouring of reactions to the
26 proposed development of the Great Lawn, Kamehameha Schools has
27 temporarily suspended its plans to develop the 4.5 acre property
28 at the entrance of Hawaii Kai into a shopping complex; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Great Lawn is an iconic landmark to Hawaii Kai
31 residents who have become familiar with and accustomed to the



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1 Great Lawn being a reminder of Hawaii's natural beauty as well
2 as being aesthetically pleasing; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are many other suitable site locations for a
5 shopping complex that can bring the kind of business that
6 Kamehameha Schools has envisioned; and

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8 WHEREAS, the increase in development of high-rises, hotels,
9 and shopping centers throughout Oahu have diminished the amount
10 of available parcels of unimproved land; and

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12 WHEREAS, the preservation of the Great Lawn will serve as a
13 model for future lands in need of preservation and protection;
14 qualities that Hawaii has long been known for; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2014, that Kamehameha Schools is requested to refrain
19 from developing the parcel in Hawaii Kai known as the Great Lawn
20 and instead preserve the land in its natural state; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
24 Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools
25 and the Chairperson of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board.

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