



April 26, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Ed Case
U.S. House of Representatives
c/o kainan.miranda@mail.house.gov

RE: FFY22 Community Project Funding Proposal, City and County of Honolulu Street and Park Tree Inventory

Dear Congressman Case:

Thank you for the opportunity to express Trees for Honolulu's Future's (TFHF) strong support for the City and County of Honolulu's (City) Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding proposal, "City and County of Honolulu Street and Park Tree Inventory." Founded in 2017, TFHF envisions a tree-filled island that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change.

Since our establishment we have been strong partners with the City's efforts to maintain and enhance the community forest through advocacy, community education and engagement, and also directly participating in volunteer Citizen Forester tree inventory efforts particularly in the neighborhood of Kaimukī. We are additionally connected with and informed by the City through their participation on our Board of Directors, in the past through the Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Urban Forestry, and currently through the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency.

The U.S. Forest Service-created Urban Forestry Toolkit at the Vibrant Cities Lab identifies a tree inventory as one of the first steps to implementing urban and community forestry. From canopy analysis and tree inventory, to looking for planting opportunities and engaging residents and businesses, TFHF looks forward to continuing to work with the City on this project and a new and complete City streets and park tree inventory.

As residents and community organizers, we are grateful for your service and understanding of the importance and merits of this project proposal. We hope to learn along with the City through this project and commit to further engagement with community based on the information obtained.

Should you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 321-8905 or ddinell@treesforhonolulu.org.

Aloha,

Daniel Dinell, President

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