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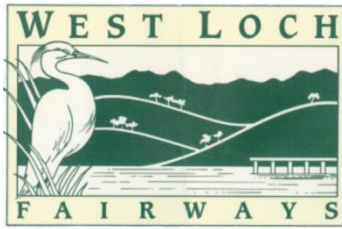
August 3, 2016

Office of the Mayor
Kirk Caldwell
530 South King Street, Room 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Mayor Caldwell,

It has come to the attention of the West Loch Fairways (WLF) Association Board of Directors that the City and County of Honolulu has tentative plans to remove the 36 inbound lane monkey pod trees that create the welcoming canopy of our main road, A'awa Drive. The WLF Board of Directors strongly opposes this plan; we seek your support to ensure this does not occur. The distinctive iconic welcoming canopy of monkey pod trees not only produces shade for our walking residents, but also keeps the area and homes cooler. The WLF was a City and County of Honolulu project and mature monkey pod trees were originally planted under the City's direction. Removal of the trees in any Common Area goes against the vision of a previous administration and violates the intent of the Association's Covenants which requires the Design Committee to approve removal of trees. We are aware the intended trees are not Common Area, yet we are also aware that removal of these trees would completely destroy the aesthetic value of the neighborhood. The curb appeal is also a reason many have purchased homes in this neighborhood. The Board believes that the removal of the A'awa Drive monkey pod trees will have a detrimental effect on property values. The Board plans to do everything in its power to prevent the removal of the monkey pod trees.

The information originally came indirectly, to our site manager, from the Grace Pacific contractor Jennifer Gallego-Nakamoto, whose company has a city contract for paving work in both West Loch Fairways and West Loch Estates. Ms. Jennifer Gallego-Nakamoto informed the West Loch Fairways site manager of this plan to remove all of the in-bound lane trees, as well as eliminate the corresponding tree wells. This was confirmed by our City Councilman Ron Menor (District 9) via correspondence on 27 June 2016 with City and County Parks Director Michele Nekota. Ms. Nekota wrote that "there are no final plans set because once the DUF works out the



details with the DDC and DFM- they plan to meet with both the Neighborhood Board and West Loch Fairways Association. “

The West Loch Fairways Association Board of Directors seeks your support in the opposition of this plan. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mahalo nui loa,

John Rogers, Secretary

West Loch Fairways Association Board of Directors

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