



Beach Broiler at Poipu Beach Park

June 15, 2019

To whom it may concern;

I'm writing this on behalf of Rupert Rowe and the Hui Malama O Kaneiolouma Heiau Board of Directors.

I am the owner of the property and operator of Brennecke's Restaurant and the Nukumoi Surf Company that share the property boundaries with the Kaneoloima Heiau reconstruction project. Over the past 10-15 years, we have witnessed the transformation a property, which in 1983 when I first started our business, was overgrown and without purpose into the exciting addition to Poipu's cultural history that it is today.

I have watched with amazement the community effort that has gone into the clearing of the property and the continual landscape maintenance that goes into a property this size. Rupert and his team have a talent of bringing the people together for this common goal. It has been a true inspiration to watch High School students volunteering their time and labor, working together to dig and clear this unique piece of their history, along with many other segments of our community.

Because of my family's history with the land and personal proximity to the Heiau project, I have had the opportunity to discuss with Rupert his overview of the project. It's truly amazing to witness his enthusiasm for the project, his love of the land and culture. Certainly, his expectations far exceed my wildest view of the park landscape, but so far he has been right on mark both politically and in the restoration of the land.

As far as the Poipu environment, Kaneiolouma is a definite asset to our community, as it is to Kauai and our culture. Rupert is obsessed with teaching people about the importance of this property and its respective position with other cultural properties. The Ki'i, which front Poipu Road, naturally capture the attention for anyone passing by. The visitors to our island are constantly interested in the cultural history that the information panels provide. The restoration project has been well orchestrated.

Congratulations to Hui Malama O Kaneiolouma on a job well done. Mahalo from all of us that love our Aina.

Sincerely,

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