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Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission 25 Aupuni Street, Suite 1101 Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Re: Support for the acquisition of a conservation easement for Joseph Rock Arboretum – North Kona

On behalf of myself and constituents of Council District 8 in North Kona, I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the acquisition of a conservation easement for the protection of the Joseph Rock Arboretum located in the Honokōhau Ahupuaʻa, North Kona.

The preservation work already being done within the Joseph Rock Arboretum is necessary to ensure that our unique Hawaiian landscape is protected and restored. Establishing a conservation easement in perpetuity for the people of Hawai'i will accomplish what the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission is set out to achieve.

Council District 8 completely supports this preservation project as it is a legacy sanctuary for our families today and for future generations.

Sincerely,

DR. HOLEKA GORO INABA

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