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To: policy
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Subject: Stewart Hanchett

Commissioners,

Back in 2010, the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association (AHHA) opposed a recommendation by Linda Chinn of DHHL, to transition a Revocable Permit to a 20-year License, of 300 acres of prime pastoral lands to a sitting Commissioner, Mr. Hanchett, representing Kauai. We had to find out about Ms. Chinn's commission submittal through the sunshine law requirement of posting an Agenda, and as a result, members of our association flew to Oahu to the Commission meeting to try to stop this injustice. Based on our testimony to the commission, the submittal was withdrawn.

We requested an investigation of the Land Management Division by DHHL and the Commission, and we requested an investigation of DHHL by the Attorney General's office. Nothing. What makes Ms. Chinn's actions even more horrendous, is that she, and the Kauai land agent, as well as the prior 2 DHHL Directors, had full knowledge that then Commissioner Hanchett, has violated the RP he was holding, by building a full blown residential house and was living on the property full time - still is today. Staff in planning know it, staff in LMD know it, even Commissioners were aware of it.....common knowledge. Even so, Ms. Chinn went forward to recommend a 20 year license to Hanchett. If we the AHHA leaders had not attended the meeting, there is no doubt in my mind that the Commission would have approved her request.

Over the last 9 months, our association has suffered nothing but barriers and blockage by DHHL on legitimate land use requests of our own trust lands, for beneficiary benefit as was clearly intended by the HHCA. Still pending are:

1. Transition of our Kumu Camp RP to a License - no action, completely ignored. In fact, now Ms. Chinn is harassing us, telling us we cannot camp at Kumu Camp until we obtain a building permit for campground tents! Something the County does not require. Did she request a permit from Commissioner Hanchett? Did she notify him to cease living on the property. No.

2. Request for a Right of Entry and RP for the vacant Camp Faith property until DHHL determines a use - no action, completely ignored. Finally, we fly to Kau to attend your meeting last year, discuss it with you, and Linda Chinn tells the Commission that she will expand our stewardship agreement to include Camp Faith - since then - nothing, completely ignored her commitment.

3. Request for land to remove Albizia trees - 9 months of torture and DHHL removing us from our own land request. The conflict in what DHHL is doing to us as a tax exempt and eligible nonprofit to receive these lands at fair market value, against what DHHL was willing to do with Hanchett, is frankly, mind boggling.

These folks at DHHL have had the audacity to mistreat our beneficiary homestead organization and think we don't know about how they treat politicians, and non-beneficiaries with our land. We asked for an investigation 3 years ago - nothing. We request again for the Commission to act, and initiate an investigation of the actions of DHHL and LMD on the Hanchett recommendation. The prior directors of DHHL allowed LMD to reward developer/non-beneficiary orgs while punishing beneficiary orgs that are not in good favor with DHHL. The current interim director has continued to allow LMD to use our lands to reward and punish. We call for your action to investigate LMD, and OCH for its abuse of power.

These are serious facts, that to date, have been ignored by Governors, by Attorney Generals, by Directors, and by prior Commissions. It has to stop. Someone embrace the fiduciary duty to our people. Investigate. Fix. Move on.

We are tired of no one wanting to be accountable - what in the world is the point of being a Commissioner, if all that is done is self dealing, go along to get along with DHHL staff from the Director on down? I give you this information, and now you can be accountable. The Hanchett situation by Ms. Chinn is very likely not an isolated situation - all one has to do is review the non-homesteading land instruments to see that beneficiaries are very rarely given RP/Licenses/Leases for our lands. It is a practice, it is an intentional act to disenfranchise beneficiaries from our lands.

Thank you.

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