

# *A Proclamation by The Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee*

*Whereas, it is an honor at this time to recognize Dominic Yagong for the work he has done to protect the community of O'okala; and*

*Whereas, today, the Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee and other members of the O'okala community celebrate the election of Dominic Yagong to the Hawai'i County Council; and*

*Whereas, Dominic Yagong adopted the O'okala community's opposition to the veneer mill and power plant planned for the old O'okala Sugar Mill site as a platform issue of his 2006 Hawai'i County Council campaign; and*

*Whereas, Dominic Yagong's campaign speeches sparked a district-wide discussion over the safe keeping of all communities from such development; and*

*Whereas, the discussions and awareness that Dominic Yagong's activities sparked have assisted in bringing our island into the new paradigm that values families and communities first before industrial development; and*

*Whereas, Dominic Yagong's unwavering dedication to this issue has, as an enduring result, strengthened our community; and*

*Whereas, the Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee, which represents the majority of O'okala homeowners, provides leadership in this opposition movement; and*

*Whereas, the Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee recognizes the extraordinary service of Dominic Yagong in providing strong leadership in helping to preserve our community; and*

*Whereas, the O'okala community extends to Dominic Yagong sincere thanks and gratitude for his public service distinguished by his commitment to promoting and protecting 'ohana and community;*

**NOW, THEREFORE WE, THE PROTECT O'OKALA AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE, do hereby proclaim on this day, October 4, 2006,**

***DOMINIC YAGONG***

*as an honorary member of the O'okala community from this day forth.*

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*Walter Ita, Co-Facilitator*

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*Robbie Pagliai, Co-Facilitator*

*Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee Members: Kenneth Bugado, Susie Collins, Scott Enright, Violet Ishikawa, Akie Ita, Walter Ita, Tawn Keeney, Bobby LaBrie, and Robbie Pagliai.*