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WAIMANALO COMMUNITY SURVEY PROJECT TO COLLECT VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY

Honolulu, HI - The Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA) and the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA) are embarking on an unprecedented effort to gather and collect valuable demographic information on the Waimanalo homestead community. The purpose of the Waimanalo Community Survey Project is to collect data about the Waimanalo homestead community to help the WHHA and the SCHHA to create programs and services within and for the Waimanalo homestead community.

Recognizing data as one of the most basic and powerful tools needed to identify needs and to access resources from both public and private entities at the local, state, regional and national levels, the WHHA will be working with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) to survey individual households in the Waimanalo homestead community. The survey will contain questions to identify baseline demographic indicators of a household's members (age, gender, education, occupation, etc.) as well as on the household itself (# of bedrooms and bathrooms, plumbing, heating, cooling, etc).

"We are lucky to have the support of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to be able to conduct a survey like this for our community," explained Tony Sang, Chairman of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations and a homesteader in Waimanalo. "With this information, we'll be able to better serve our community by identifying specific needs and how best to allocate resources. If this project is successful, we hope to conduct community surveys in the other Hawaiian homestead communities throughout the state," Sang described.

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“For the first time, the Hawaiian community will be collecting, managing and owning data on themselves. We as Native Hawaiians are regularly surveyed, but that data is usually held by those outside of our community,” explained Robin Puanani Danner, President & CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. CNHA will be managing and maintaining the data on a system that includes demographics and genealogy platforms.

The goal of the project is to survey the approximately 630 households in the Waimanalo homestead community by March of 2005. Community members are being asked to help serve as surveyors for the project and will be compensated for completed surveys. To be considered, individuals must be 18 years of age and have good communication skills. For more information, please contact Lisa Oshiro at lisa@hawaiiancouncil.org or by phone at 521.5011.

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