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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND PRESERVING EWA  
PLAINS HISTORIC TRAILS  
PASSES COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY  
INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TOM BERG**

The preservation and recognition of Hawaiian history receives priority as Resolution 12-172, CD1 passed unopposed today for Ewa Plains historic trails with a City Council vote of 9-0. Ewa Plains include historic mountain and coastal trails through the ahupua'a of Honouliuli and provide insight as to how historic Hawaiian communities were connected socially, economically, and politically. These lands give families and Hawaiians the opportunity to walk the trails their ancestors walked, giving clues about places of commerce and religion and where valuable forest and sea resources were once located. Created by a massive ancient karst coral reef where ocean meets mountain, streams and fresh rain water percolate through porous 100,000 year old coral to spawn freshwater shrimp and one of Hawaii's most diverse limu varieties. The history of the Ewa Plains is rich and spans from West Loch to Ko Olina and the trails encompass ancient Hawaiian history up through modern military use for training and horseback riding.

Job creation for cultural interpreters is a priority as visitor related guidance will be needed, stimulating West Oahu economy and giving nearby residents more local resources and historical interaction to enjoy. Resolution 12-172, CD1 creates opportunities for cultural and economic growth and is an important step toward the official recognition and preservation of significant historic trails which can make the park eligible for funding from the federal National Park Service (NPS) Recreational Trails Program funding, as well as Surface Transportation Program Flexible, Transportation Enhancement, and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program funding to enhance possibilities and protection for the community and its sacred and treasured past to invest in our cultural future.

The 1825 Royal Navy Malden survey identified the trails to the Western world and for 150 years old was a mainstay of the West Oahu Paniolo and Pa'u horseback culture, referred to as Malden Trails which this resolution intends to redirect back to the name Ewa Plains. However, the exact location of these Ewa Plains trails today has not been officially recorded and resolution 12-172, CD1, advocates for the identification and preservation of such. An educational and recreational resource open to the coming UH West Oahu college students; local schools, community members, and civic organizations will have access to preserved, natural, protected lands commemorating the history of Ewa Plains that is so richly deserved.