

Arborist Advisory Committee
c/o Planning Department
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

September 20, 1991

Bishop Estate
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 104
Hilo, HI 96720

Gentlemen:

The Banyan tree on your property, described below, is being recommended for nomination as an Exceptional Tree of Hawaii by Mr. Barry Orlando of Pahoa.

We are asking you, as the owner, whether you would like to have your tree inspected with this in mind. Normally, the Committee would ask the owner's permission to inspect the tree closely; and if it met the numerous criteria for selection, we would eventually forward the nomination to the County Council for their official designation.

While the designation as an Exceptional Tree of Hawaii is considered an honor, it also involves some responsibility on the part of the owner.

Tree: Ficus benjamina (Banyan)

Location: "Next to the Green Onion Bar"

The Committee members or the Planning Department staff would be glad to discuss this with you and hope you will respond to this inquiry.

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The Committee members/staff are as follows:

<u>Committee Members/Staff</u>		<u>Telephone No.</u>
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Sincerely,

/s/ Andrea Fournet
Andrea Fournet
Chairman

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cc: Hawaiian Telephone Company
Hilo Electric Light Co., Inc.

ARBORIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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December 9, 1991

Mr. Robert F. Rosehill
Land Manager
Hawaii Island Region
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate
Keauhou Shopping Village
78-6831 Alii Drive, #232
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Dear Mr. Rosehill:

I hope this finds you well and in fine spirits.

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 1991 in response to our letter of September 20, 1991.

We have inspected the Weeping Banyan (Ficus benjamina) on your property and feel that it is an exceptional tree and would like to have it designated it as such.

We appreciate your concern about the future responsibility for the tree. When necessary, proper tree trimming is encouraged. We believe that the property's future highest and best use will be enhanced by maintaining this exceptional tree regardless of who is the next Lessee.

We know we can work with you on a mutually satisfying arrangement for this tree. It is a unique feature of Hilo and preserving the tree would also enhance public relations between Bishop Estate and the community.

With your support we could move ahead with the designation of this exceptional tree; some of our Committee members may be calling upon you soon.

We appreciate your time and effort on this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Andrea Fournet/smo

ANDREA FOURNET
Chairperson

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KEAUHOU SHOPPING VILLAGE

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COUNTY OF HAWAII

September 22, 1991

Arborist Advisory Committee
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County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Attention: Andrea Fournet
Chairmen

Aloha:

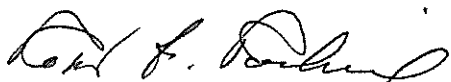
Designation of Exceptional Tree of Hawaii; Lease No. 16421;
TMK: 322-029-007; Waiakea, South Hilo, Island of Hawaii

Thank you for your letter of September 20, 1991, indicating your interest in designating the large Banyan Tree located on the above mentioned property as an Exceptional Tree of Hawaii.

We have no objections to an inspection of the tree. You should be aware, however, that the lease demising this property terminates in approximately 6 years and we will reserve the right to take all necessary steps to provide for the highest economic use of the property. This MAY include substantially trimming overhanging branches. Further, it is difficult to determine whether or not the base of the tree is entirely on our land without a survey. A portion may sit on land owned by the State of Hawaii. I am certain that a portion of the tree overhangs State land.

Thank you again for your interest. Please call me at 969-1256 should you require any further information or if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Robert F. Rosehill
Land Manager
Hawaii Island Region

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ARBORIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
c/o Planning Department
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

October 28, 1992

Board of Trustees
Bishop Estate
P. O. Box 3466
Honolulu, HI 96801

Dear Board of Trustees:

We are writing to you concerning the magnificent banyan tree (Ficus benjamina) located on Kilauea Avenue, adjacent to the former Tropics Lanai, TMK: 2-2-29:07. As the Arborist Advisory Committee for Hawaii County, we are responsible for the designation of Exceptional Trees on this island. We feel that this is indeed an exceptional tree.

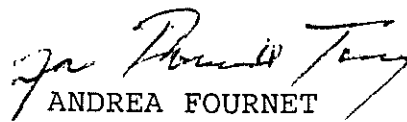
The splendid canopy of this vigorous specimen is truly a landmark in Hilo. Within the city proper, this is definitely the largest example of this species of ficus and is much appreciated as an extremely healthy and beneficial shade tree.

Recently there has been concern by the citizens that this tree is in danger of being removed. We as the Arborist Advisory Committee would like to prevent the loss of this marvelous tree and ask your permission to nominate this as an "Exceptional Tree of Hawaii." Enclosed are some photographs of it.

Our standard acceptance form along with a copy of the pertinent ordinance are enclosed for your use, should you agree with our proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,


ANDREA FOURNET
Chairperson

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Enclosures
cc: Robert Rosehill

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ACCEPTANCE FORM
FOR
EXCEPTIONAL TREE STATUS

We, Bishop Estate, recognize that the banyan tree (Ficus benjamina)* growing on the property, TMK: 2-2-29:07, situated at the former Tropics Lanai Restaurant in Hilo, Hawaii, is exceptional under the criteria of the Exceptional Tree Law (HRS 58), and we agree to allow it to be designated as such upon the list of Exceptional Trees of the County of Hawaii which is filed with the County Arborist Committee and Department of Planning.

We agree that we will not destroy this tree or affect its immediate surroundings in such a way that its health and vigor is negatively impacted without first consulting the County Arborist Advisory Committee through the Hawaii County Planning Department.

We understand that the County of Hawaii assumes no liability with reference to this tree and will not be responsible for its care and maintenance. If assistance is needed in its care and maintenance, the Arborist Advisory Committee through the County Planning Department will avail itself for advice.

In the event that the property ownership is transferred, we will notify the Advisory Arborist Committee within thirty (30) days.

BISHOP ESTATES

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

*Description of Tree, Stand, or Grove of Trees
(See attached 'Exceptional Tree Nomination Form' dated July 18, 1991, submitted by Barry Orlando; and July 19, 1991, submitted by Eleanor S. Sterling)

