April 14, 2016

To: Duane Kanuha, Director
    Planning Department

From: Stewart Maeda, Clerk
       Office of the County Clerk

Subject: Resolution 481-16

As directed in the above resolution, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Hawai‘i on April 6, 2016, I am forwarding your copy.

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Attachment
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I  STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 481 16

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BANYAN DRIVE HAWAI'I REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Banyan Drive Peninsula contains about eighty-five percent (85%) of the overnight visitor accommodations in east Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, the State, thru various leases, has provided little to no incentive for the lessees of the properties in the area to make major investments in improvements to the infrastructure, resulting in the deterioration and dilapidation of the areas infrastructure and facilities, thereby creating a “blighted area,” which causes both economic and social liability for our island community; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Chapter 53, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended, the County Council of the County of Hawai‘i by resolution may create a local redevelopment agency for the County, which shall be a County agency and a public body, corporate and politic, and shall consist of five members, appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, who shall be outstanding and public-spirited citizens and who shall have resided in the County for at least three years immediately preceding their appointment; and
WHEREAS, creation of the Banyan Drive Hawai‘i Redevelopment Agency ("BDHRA") would present an opportunity for the County to effectuate a revitalization and redevelopment of the area where hotel, resort, commercial and public uses may coexist compatibly; and

WHEREAS, the BDHRA shall include the redevelopment areas as designated by the County of Hawai‘i Windward Planning Commission including those Federal, State and private properties highlighted on Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, in the initial stages, the Planning Department, as the lead agency in enabling the County to directly exercise its powers as provided for in parts I and II of Chapter 53, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, under Section 2-35.1 of the HCC, shall be designated as the lead agency for transitional purposes until the BDHRA is organized and able to perform the duties as required under the statute; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that pursuant to Chapter 53, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended, the County Council of the County of Hawai‘i hereby establishes the Banyan Drive Hawai‘i Redevelopment Agency, which shall exercise its powers as provided for in parts I and II of Chapter 53, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended; and it does hereby authorize the Mayor to appoint, with the approval of the Council, five members to said Agency who shall reside in the County for at least three years immediately preceding their appointments, one to serve for a term of one (1) year, one for a term of two (2) years, one for a term of three (3) years, one for a term of four (4) years, and one for a term of five (5) years, and thereafter, their successors to serve for terms of five years, and no more than three of whom shall belong to the same political party.
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to 1) Mayor William P. Kenoi; and 2) Duane Kanuha, Planning Director.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai‘i, this 6th day of April, 2016.

INTRODUCED BY:

COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai‘i
Hilo, Hawai‘i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai‘i on April 6, 2016.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL CLERK  CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

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