

**MORE URBAN CRISIS
OR
SELF DETERMINATION FOR HAWAII'S PEOPLE?**

HAWAII COMMITTEE

to

SAVE SALT LAKE

WE RESIDENTS of Honolulu and Salt Lake face a test of democracy, and of responsibility. It amounts to this: Are the conditions of our island community--its traffic, congestion, park space, safety, natural environment, the presence or absence of open space, the number of people crowded into enclosed areas--are these things to be decided upon by the financial interests of a few developers, or are we people to have a meaningful role in these important decisions?

Last Monday, the Harris Survey reported that nearly three-fourths of the American people distrust the words and actions of private and public decision-makers across the nation. The crisis at Salt Lake is a good example of why we have lost confidence.

Only a few years ago, this Salt Lake area was undeveloped land. A beautiful community could have been built with adequate parks and access roads, preservation of Hawaii's unique treasures, her rolling land, green trees, volcanic mountains, and a beautiful cooling lake.

Today, with only one-fifth the projected 30,000 Salt Lake residents, a traffic crisis drives us up the wall twice a day. Not an inch of park space has been developed for the thousands of children and adult residents. Noise, congestion, blocked views, broken promises, polluted waters and an instant cement jungle confront the people. And all this is planned to get far worse!

Now we are told than an "exchange"--a deal--has been worked out with the city administration. Swap zoning for some parks. Zoning for even more hi-rise buildings, to be built in the lake, in exchange for three small parks, less than one-fourth city standards in acreage, and some dangerous cliffs. But this crisis in park space had to be planned--it was not an accident. International Development Company could have built needed parks with the very first units. Why didn't they? They could have planned adequate roads in and out of the basin from the beginning. Why didn't they? They could have involved the residents in helping to plan the community. Why didn't they? They did not do these things because an artificial parks crisis provides developers with bargaining power: people starved for recreation space and roads are much more likely to accept whatever the developer offered. Like imprisoning people, starving them, then throwing them crumbs to dampen their protests.

And what about the governmental planning and zoning agencies? Why did they not insist upon adequate community planning? Clarence Ching touched bases there, too. He was the governor's finance campaign manager and a major contributor to the mayor's Birthday Parties. State and city zoning and planning agencies are comprised of appointees of the governor and the mayor. Now why would Ching use the money he gets from these projects to finance such bitter political enemies as Burns and Fasi? This fact draws the searching eyes of the community to this appointed body tonight.

These are reasons why an adequate community has not been planned in the Salt Lake area. It is an example of why much of Honolulu faces premature decay, with the worst housing crisis in America, the second highest cost of living, with one of every ten persons on welfare, one of the worst traffic messes known, an increasingly mangled environment and a deficit-ridden state government.

These are among the reasons so many of us do not trust our private and public leaders. But let us ask ourselves: Do we deserve this condition? Haven't we left these decisions up to others, to remote elected officials, to landowners, developers, and small kitchen-cabinet community groups to decide for us?

Clearly, it is time we make our own decisions. Clearly, we must take this matter into our own hands. So let us come together, subordinate our differences, and unite around our common interests.

As concerned residents of Hawaii, we call for support for these initial demands:

- 1--NO FURTHER REZONING OF CONSERVATION TO URBAN LAND IN SALT LAKE BASIN!
- 2--A MORATORIUM ON ALL FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE LAKE UNTIL PARKS AND ROAD CRISES ARE SOLVED TO RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION!
- 3--IMMEDIATE RESCINDING OF THE 1966 LAND BOARD PERMIT TO FILL THE LAKE AND A MORATORIUM ON ALL LAKE SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT UNTIL FULL STUDIES ON LAKE CONDITIONS, USAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ARE CONDUCTED!
- 4--IMPLEMENTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING PROCESS FROM ALL SEGMENTS OF THE SALT LAKE COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE YOUTH!

Hawaii Committee to Save Salt Lake

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The statement, "More Urban Crisis or Self Determination for the people of Hawaii" and its four demands are supported by:

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