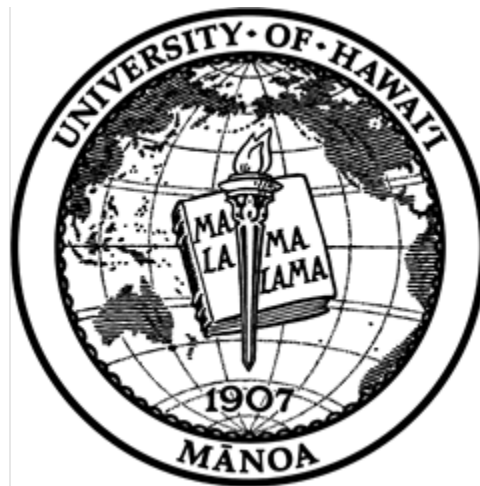


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Ka Iwi Records**

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Introductory Information

Collection Name: Save Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition/Ka Iwi Records

Collection Number:

Inclusive/Bulk Dates: Date range: 1972-2006
Bulk dates: 1986-1989

Size of Collection: 7.5 linear feet

Creator of Records: The Save Queen's Beach Association, Friends of Queen's Beach, Save Sandy Beach Initiative, & Sandy Beach Defense Fund

Abstract:

The Save Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition/Ka Iwi Records collection contains documents related to organized community efforts to initially preserve Sandy Beach, which later expanded to preserving the whole Ka Iwi coastline; along with initiatives for downzoning the area from residential to preservation lands in the 1988 Hawai'i General Election, the Hawai'i State Supreme Court's 1989 override of election results, attempts to regain the public right to vote on land-use initiatives, and ultimately land purchases to ensure protection of the Ka Iwi coastline. The records included revolve around administration, correspondence, legal, newspaper clippings, organizations, and public relations.

The overall effort has employed multiple strategies and transformations in phases, which account for the numerous formations of different groups and organizations. Essentially there are four phases that reflect the chronological time movement of the community: *Save Queen's Beach Phase (1981- 1986)*, *Save Sandy Beach Phase (1986-1989)*, *Restore Land-Use Initiative Phase (1989-1992)*, and *Public Land Purchase Phase (1992- 2002)*.

Audio & visual media, and ephemera artifacts are grouped together by format.

Appended to this collection are elements that do not fit into the official series date ranges and are labelled *Out of Range*.

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Agency History

Queen's Beach Phase (1981-1986)

The Save Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition has a very rich history with beginnings in 1981-1986 as the *Save Queen's Beach Association*, and its successor, *Friends of Queen's Beach*, to oppose development in the Queen's Beach section of O'ahu's East shore coastline from the Makapu'u Lighthouse access road to the Wawamalu Beach. The group consisted of a core of 6-12 people, but had a support network that was much bigger and numbered into the hundreds.

Save Sandy Beach Phase (1986-1989)

At the time The Sandy Beach Coastline encompassed Wawamalu Beach ("Alan Davis") rock wall to Koko Head, near the Halona Blowhole. The focus of this phase was to oppose housing development across the highway from the Sandy Beach Coastline from a development proposal in 1986. In 1987 the City and Council approved 2 permits to build houses. In response to the City Council approval, the grassroots organization birthed the *Save Sandy Beach Defense Fund*, and brought a lawsuit against the City Council. In addition, the *Save Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition* was created to draft an initiative ballot so the people of Hawai'i could vote to whether to downzone the area from residential to preservation and stop development.

For the election 66% majority voted statewide to downzone the area and halt development, however, this decision was overruled in 1989 by the Hawai'i Supreme Court, whereby the Court stripped voters of their land-use initiative voting rights. However the group continued to conduct other actions to halt development such as: various communications & planning with the community, voter registration drives, petition drives, mailings, public events, coordination with environmental groups, beach/highway cleanups, presentations to Neighborhood Boards, City Council testimony, public demonstrations, and sign waving.

Restore Land Use Initiative Phase (1989-1992)

The work done by the group during 1989-1992 is characterized as the *Restore Land-Use Initiative* phase. At that time, meetings were conducted for the purpose of restoring the initiative for land zoning decisions by the state legislature. Though the Hawai'i State Supreme Court invalidated the initiative in June of 1989, the group continued to advocate for restoration of the initiative through 1992. Attempts to restore the initiative were unsuccessful.

Public Land Purchase Phase (1992-2002)

From 1992 through 2002, the group entered into a *Public Land Purchase* phase. In 1998, under the Cayetano Administration, the State of Hawai'i successfully purchased Queen's Beach from Bishop Estate. In 2002, the City and County of Hawai'i was also successful in purchasing golf course parcels 5 and 6, the parcels were included in the 1988 Save Sandy Beach Initiative election.

Scope & Content Note

The Save Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition/Ka Iwi Records Collection, is split into six series chronicling efforts to oppose housing development along the Ka Iwi coastline, between 1981 - 2002:

- Series 1: Save Queen's Beach (1981-1986)
- Series 2: Save Sandy Beach (1986-1989)
- Series 3: Restore Land Use Initiative (1989-1992)
- Series 4: Public Land Purchase Phase (1992-2002)
- Series 5: Audio-Visual
- Series 6: Ephemera

The contents of Series 1, *Save Queen's Beach (1981 - 1986)*, which began as two grassroots groups, contains administrative records, correspondence, legal documents, newspaper clippings, information about organizations, and public relations materials.

Series 2, *Save Sandy Beach (1986-1989)*, continued the efforts of the *Save Queen's Beach* campaign, opposing housing development across the highway from Sandy Beach coastline. The records within pertain to the initiative opposing housing development and getting the initiative on the ballot to downzone the area from residential to preservation land in the Hawai'i State General Election of 1988. Citizens throughout the state were allowed to vote on land use initiatives, with a majority in support of downzoning, which was later overturned by the Hawai'i Supreme Court, in 1989; ending Series 2. This series contains administrative records, correspondence, legal documents, newspaper clippings, information about organizations, and public relations materials.

Series 3, *Restore Land Use Initiative (1989-1992)*, documents the phase in which the coalition worked to persuade the state Legislature to amend state law, following the Supreme Court ruling. The initiative attempted to restore land-use voting rights to the public. Documents include: meetings, Initiative efforts, Hawai'i Supreme Court's written opinion invalidating the Initiative's election results, ending with ongoing attempts to get the State Legislature to restore the initiative for land use decisions.

Series 4, *The Public Land Purchase Phase (1992-2002)*, follows the organization's efforts to purchase the land for conservation, the State's purchase of Queen's Beach from Bishop Estate, and the City and County of Honolulu's purchases of land parcels.

Series 5, *Audio-Visual*, contains audio and video format materials corresponding to the efforts of the initiative.

Series 6, *Ephemera*, contains memorabilia in the form of t-shirts, a banner, and a framed Earth Day Hawai'i '95, Mālama 'Āina Award.

Appended to this collection are elements that do not fit into the official series date ranges and are labelled *Out of Range*.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Save Queen's Beach (1981 - 1986)

Dates: 1981-1986

Size of Series: 1.0 linear feet

Physical Format: Records,

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject

Description of Contents:

The Save Queen's Beach (1981-1986) series, chronicles the beginnings of the Initiative to oppose development of Queen's Beach, which was defined as the section of the coastline from Makapu'u lighthouse access road toward Koko Head to the Wawamalu Beach "Alan Davis" rock wall. Efforts to preserve Queen's Beach were undertaken by two grassroots groups: The *Save Queen's Beach Association* (associated names Ed Arrigoni and Bob Britts), and its successor, *Friends of Queen's Beach* (associated names Shirley Lum, Phil Estermann). This series contains records that were used by the organizations during their active period of operations, and is comprised of the following categories: *Administrative*, which is further broken down into sections: General, Constitution, Minutes, Resolution, Roster and Membership. *Correspondence* holds all correspondence arranged chronologically and divided into a Part 1, and Part 2. *Legal*, contains all legal documents and is further broken down into the following: Testimony to Honolulu City Council, Petitions, Permits, Resolutions, Standard of Conduct, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of General Planning, and Research Material. *Newspaper clippings*, is divided into the following: Articles Related to Tourism Industry, Undated News Clippings, Newspaper Clippings 1981-1984, Newspaper and Magazine Opinion Articles (Editorials). *Organizations*, holds information about external organizations, and is further broken down into the following: Kaiser Development, Wawamalu Association, Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, Sierra Club, and the Hawai'i League of Conservative Voters. *Public Relations*, holds records and publications related to public outreach and awareness, as well as marketing campaigns for fundraising, and is split into the following: Marketing, Publications, Speeches, Surveys, and Press Releases.

Series 2: Save Sandy Beach (1986 - 1989)

Dates: 1986 - 1989

Size of Series: 2.5 linear feet

Physical Format: Records, publications, news clippings,

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject

Description of Contents:

The *Save Sandy Beach (1986 -1989)* series, expands the reach of the Queen’s Beach Initiative, to include the section of the coastline from the Wawamalu Beach “Alan Davis” rock wall, towards Koko Head, near the Halona Blowhole. Efforts continued in opposition of housing development across the highway from the coastline. This series explores the details which led up to the 1988 election, in which the entire state of Hawai‘i was allowed to vote upon the initiative opposing housing development along the coastline. The election results, which received a 66% majority vote statewide to downzone the area from residential to preservation land, and which would halt development, were overruled in 1989 by the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, whereby the Court stripped voters of their land-use initiative voting rights. A few weeks after the ruling, in June of 1989, bowing to public sentiment, the Honolulu City Council downzoned all properties covered within the election initiative. While this was a win for preservation of the land, the public lost its right to vote on land-use initiatives. Included are details on meetings, communications and planning, the filed lawsuit, voter registration drives, petition drives, mailings, coordination with environmental groups, beach/highway cleanups, presentations to Neighborhood Boards, City Council testimony, and public demonstrations. The series is divided into 6 categories. *Administrative*, holds information about meetings, resolutions, membership and committee lists, fiscal records, a chronology, and a coalition information package. *Correspondence* contains all correspondence during this time. *Legal*, contains bills, testimonies and hearings, court cases, petitions, permits, elections, and research material. *Newspaper clippings*, contains various clippings during this time period. *Organizations*, contains information about external organizations, *Public Relations*, contains records of campaigns/initiatives, fundraising, marketing, publications, speeches, and surveys.

Series 3: Restore Land Use Initiative (1989 - 1992)

Dates: 1989 - 1992

Size of Series: 1.0 linear feet

Physical Format: Records,

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject

Description of Contents:

Contents of the *Restore Land Use Initiative (1989 - 1992)* series, include administrative documents used for meetings, public outreach planning, and the 1989 *Restore Initiative*, which began in May. In June of 1989, the Hawai'i State Supreme Court had issued a written opinion that invalidated the results of the 1988 election. These records from 1989 - 1992 document efforts by the group to get the State Legislature to restore the initiative for land use decisions back to the people of Hawai'i. These efforts were ultimately unsuccessful.

Series 4: Public Land Purchase Phase (1992 - 2002)

Dates: 1992 - 2002

Size of Series: 0.5 linear feet

Physical Format: Records & newspaper clippings

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject

Description of Contents:

A collection of records utilized by the Initiative during the Land Purchase Phase, during which the State of Hawai‘i purchased Queen’s Beach from Bishop Estate, the City & County of Honolulu purchased land parcels at issue, and the 1988 Save Sandy Beach Initiative election. Contents are divided into sections: *Administrative*, which contains meeting minutes; *Legal*, which contains testimonies, court cases, and research materials; *Newspaper clippings* that were collected during this time period, and *Public Relations*, which contains publications by the group.

Series 5: Audio-Visual

Dates: Unspecified date range

Size of Series: 1.0 linear feet

Physical Format: Audio cassette and film formats

Arrangement:

Description of Contents:

Donations from Estermann, consist of audio cassettes, 35mm slides, negatives, photographs, film reels, VHS tapes, and a U-Matic master tape.

Series 6: Ephemera

Dates: Unspecified date range

Size of Series: 1.0 linear feet

Physical Format: Artifacts

Arrangement:

Description of Contents:

Memorabilia donated by Estermann, includes 3 t-shirts, a handmade / hand-drawn banner, a bumper sticker, and a framed wood and glass Mālama ‘Āina, Earth Day ‘95 award.

Inventory

Series 1 Container List. (1.0 linear feet - 2 document storage cases)

Save Queen's Beach (1981-1986)

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Administrative -- General
1	2	Administrative -- Constitution
1	3	Administrative -- Minutes
1	4	Administrative -- Resolution
1	5	Administrative -- Roster & Membership
1	6	Correspondence -- Part 1
1	7	Correspondence -- Part 2
1	8	Legal -- Testimony to Honolulu City Council
1	9	Legal -- Petitions
1	10	Legal -- Permits
1	11	Legal -- Resolutions
1	12	Legal -- Standard of Conduct
1	13	Legal -- Department of Parks and Recreation
1	14	Legal -- Department of General Planning
1	15	Legal -- Research Material
2	1	Newspaper Clippings -- Articles Related to Tourism Industry
2	2	Newspaper Clippings -- Undated News Clippings
2	3	Newspaper Clippings -- Newspaper Clippings 1981 - 1984
2	4	Newspaper Clippings -- Newspaper Clippings 1985 - 1986

2	5	Newspaper Clippings -- Newspaper and Magazine Opinion Articles (editorials)
2	6	Organizations -- Kaiser Development Company
2	7	Organizations -- Wawamalu Association
2	8	Organizations -- Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
2	9	Organizations -- Sierra Club
2	10	Organizations -- Hawai'i League of Conservative Voters
2	11	Public Relations -- Marketing
2	12	Public Relations -- Publications
2	13	Public Relations -- Speeches
2	14	Public Relations -- Surveys
2	15	Public Relations -- Press Release

Series 2 Container List. - (2.5 linear feet - 5 document storage cases)
Save Sandy Beach (1986-1989)

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Administrative - Agenda and Minutes - Mtg. Agendas and Minutes 11/85 - 5/12/88 (format - Mead composition notebook)
1	2	Administrative - Agenda and Minutes -SSBIC Mtg. Agendas and Minutes 7/11/88 - 5/17/89 (format - Mead composition notebook)
1	3	Administrative - Agenda and Minutes - Restore Initiative Mtg. Agendas and Minutes 5/27/84 - 7/27/92 (format - Mead composition notebook)
1	4	Administrative - Agenda and Minutes
1	5	Administrative - Agenda and Minutes - Meeting Transcript between SSBIC and City Council Chair Arnold Morgado re Bill 170 March 29, 1989

1	6	Administrative - Misc. Administrative documents and notes
1	7	Administrative - Resolutions Materials
1	8	Administrative - Membership and Committee lists
1	9	Administrative - Fiscal Records - Sandy Beach Defense Fund Fiscal Docs
1	10	Administrative - Fiscal Records - Save Sandy Beach Legal Bills
1	11	Administrative - Chronology Documents
1	12	Administrative - Coalition Information Package
1	13	Correspondence - 1986
1	14	Correspondence - 1987
2	1	Correspondence - 1988
2	2	Correspondence - 1989
2	3	Legal - Bills - HCR 261/HR No. 333 House Resolution Requesting an integrated Scenic Shoreline Park...from Hanauma Bay to Makapu'u Pt. 1988
2	4	Legal - Bills - HB 1270/SD 1/CD 1 A Bill for an Act Relating to Election 1987
2	5	Legal - Bills - SCR 116/Senate Resolution 125 1988
2	6	Legal - Bills - S.B. no. 2024 1988
2	7	Legal - Bills - S.B. no. 540/ HB no. 975 A bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Planning the Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline.... 1989
2	8	Legal - Bills - City and County of Honolulu Bill no. 159 Regulating for an Interim Period the Issuance of Building Permits 1987
2	9	Legal - Bills - City and County of Honolulu Resolution no. 89 – 38/ Proposal CD 1 Requesting Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation to Take All Appropriate Steps to Establish Ka Iwi Shoreline ...
2	10	Legal - Testimonies and Hearings 1986

2	11	Legal - Testimonies and Hearings 1987
2	12	Legal - Testimonies and Hearings 1988
2	13	Legal - Testimonies and Hearings 1989
2	14	Legal - Testimonies - Sewage Plant 1986 - 1989
2	15	Legal - Court Cases – Civil Case # 84-0389 Kaiser vs. Bishop Estate vs. City and County of Honolulu, August 1987
2	16	Legal - Court Cases - Civil No. 87 -3143-09
2	17	Legal - Court Case - Civil No. 84-2125 No. 12663 in Supreme Court, March 1988
2	18	Legal - Court Cases - Civil No. 87-1596 / 87 - 1597 1989
2	19	Legal - Court Cases - Court Order CC 87-3143 Kaiser Hawai‘i Kai Dev. et al vs. City and County of Honolulu et al March 1988
3	1	Legal - Court Cases - Ethics Complaint by Kaiser Hawai‘i Kai Development Co. against Phil Esterman 1987 – 1988
3	2	Legal - Court Cases – Civil Case # 87-3143-09 March 1988
3	3	Legal - Court Cases - Civil No. 89 - 3539-11
3	4	Legal - Petitions
3	5	Legal - Permits Materials
3	6	Legal - Permits - Materials related to special Management Area Permit – City and County of Honolulu 1987
3	7	Legal - Permits - Petition and Permit Applications – Save Sandy Beach Defense Fund 1987
3	8	Legal - Elections - Voter Contact Services Reports
3	9	Legal - Elections - Election Results and Materials
3	10	Legal - Elections - Political Endorsements
3	11	Legal - Elections - Disclosure Reports – Hawai‘i Campaign Spending

		Commission
3	12	Legal - Elections - Ballot Language Materials 1988
3	13	Legal - General Legal Background 1987 – 1988
3	14	Legal - Undated Legal Materials
3	15	Legal - Research Materials
4	1	Newspaper Clippings - Save Sandy Beach Newspaper Clippings 1987
4	2	Newspaper Clippings - Save Sandy Beach Newspaper Clippings 1988
4	3	Newspaper Clippings - Save Sandy Beach Newspaper Clippings 1989
4	4	Newspaper Clippings - Save Sandy Beach Newspaper Clippings - No date
4	5	Organizations - Save Sandy Beach Organizations
4	6	Organizations - The Trust for Public Land
5	1	Public Relations - Campaign Initiatives
5	2	Public Relations - Fundraising
5	3	Public Relations - Marketing
5	4	Public Relations - Marketing
5	5	Public Relations - Marketing
5	6	Public Relations - Publications
5	7	Public Relations - Opposition Information
5	8	Public Relations - Press Releases/Speeches
5	9	Public Relations - Surveys

Series 3 Container List (1.0 linear feet - 2 document storage cases)

Restore Land Use Initiative (1989-1992)

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Administrative -- Minutes
1	2	Administrative -- Resolutions
1	3	Correspondence
1	4	Legal -- Testimonies
1	5	Legal -- Petitions
1	6	Legal -- Permits
1	7	Legal -- Research Materials
1	8	Newspaper Clippings
2	1	Public Relations -- Candidate Endorsement
2	2	Public Relations -- General
2	3	Public Relations -- Hawai'i's Anti-Democracy Wall
2	4	Public Relations -- Homeless Villages
2	5	Public Relations -- Ka Iwi
2	6	Public Relations -- P.O.I. (People Oppose Initiative)
2	7	Public Relations -- Secret Alliance
2	8	Public Relations -- Fundraising
2	9	Public Relations -- Marketing
2	10	Public Relations -- Publications
2	11	Public Relations -- Surveys

Series 4 - Container List (0.5 linear feet - 1 document storage case)

Public Land Purchase Phase

1	1	Administrative - Meeting Minutes
1	2	Legal - Testimonies
1	3	Legal - Court Cases
1	4	Legal - Research Materials
1	5	Newspaper Clippings (1992-2002)
1	6	Public Relations - Publications

Series 5 - Container List (1.0 linear feet - 1 record center box)

Audio-Visual

1	35mm slides	unknown time span
1	3.5x10 photos	various photos
1	8x10 photos	various photos
1	audio cassettes	contents unknown
1	DVD	'Ka Iwi Mauka to Makai'
1	Film reels	contents unknown
1	Negatives	contents unknown
1	U-Matic tape	Save Sandy - Vote Yes! (1988) commercial
1	VHS tapes	contents unknown

Series 6 - Container List (1.0 linear feet - 1 record center box)

Ephemera

1	Banner	Save Sandy Beach banner (cloth)
1	Bumper	"just say know on the sandy beach initiative"

	Sticker	
1	Framed Award	12" x 9.5" "Mālama 'Āina Award - Earth Day Hawai'i 1995"
1	T-Shirts	3 t-shirts

Out of Range (0.5 linear feet - 1 document storage case)

1	1	1970s News Clippings
1	2	Early 1970s Information Sheets
1	3	1970s Opinion Articles
1	4	1978 Art Mori
1	5	1979 Vested Rights Development Rights Overview
1	6	1979 Press Release
1	7	1980 Art Mori Consensus Statement
1	8	1980 Correspondence
1	9	2006 Save Queen's Beach
1	10	2006 Westwood Development Group & QRM Associates Resort Complexes
1	11	2005 - 2007 Newspaper Clippings
1	12	2005 - 2008 Ka Iwi
1	13	(no date) Campbell
1	14	(no date) Newspaper Clippings
1	15	(no date) Public Relations Flyers