



**NĀ ALA HELE**  
Hawai'i Trail & Access System

## **Hawai'i Island Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council**

December 16, 2022

Mayor Mitchell D. Roth  
Hawai'i County  
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2603  
Hilo, HI, 96720

**SUBJECT:** Formation of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Waipi'o Valley's Emergency Road Closure

Dear Honorable Mayor Mitch Roth,

The Nā Ala Hele Hawai'i Island Advisory Council on public trails and accesses respectfully requests that a representative of the hiking community be added to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Waipi'o Valley's Emergency Road Closure.

The 13-member Advisory Committee to address the Waipi'o Valley emergency road closure concerns includes stakeholders from important constituencies but does not include a representative of the hiking community. The Waipi'o Valley Road accesses the historic and popular Muliwai Trail, which is nine miles long and managed by the State's Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access Program as a public trail for hunting, backpacking, and camping by permit. Excluding the hiking perspective from the Advisory Committee deprives a major user group from representation in this very important, ongoing discussion.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Terrence Noda

Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council Chairperson

cc: County Council Chair, Heather Kimball