

Resolution Reducing City Vehicle Noise
Neighborhood Board No. 12

WHEREAS, the Downtown-Chinatown neighborhood is now subjected to unprecedented levels of noise pollution;

WHEREAS, noise pollution is an important quality of life issue that negatively impacts both human and animal life and health;

WHEREAS, a primary source of noise pollution is caused by vehicles, defined as mechanized personal transportation devices with two or more wheels such as mopeds, motorcycles and automobiles;

WHEREAS, many vehicles in the urban core of Honolulu have audio, muffler or other component systems which disturbs the peace and tranquility of life and subjects neighborhood residents to unreasonable levels of noise at all hours of the day;

WHEREAS, Section 711-1101 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes defines unreasonable noise as a "gross deviation from...standard[s] of conduct...a law-abiding citizen would follow in the same situation";

WHEREAS, Nu'uauu Punchbowl Neighborhood Board #12 determines many vehicles in the city create excessively loud and disturbing noises which grossly deviates from standard levels of community conduct and propriety; and

WHEREAS, noise monitoring devices are now available for installation on City traffic poles allowing the Police to enforce Honolulu noise statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Nu'uauu Punchbowl Neighborhood Board #12 calls upon the City through its Police Department and Prosecuting Attorney's Office, to enforce and prosecute current muffler, excessive noise, and disorderly conduct laws to address the disruption vehicles and their noise causes citizens of Honolulu and that this resolution be distributed to the above offices, the Mayor, and City Council for action.