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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULUTRAFFIC.COM; CLIFF SLATER; BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO; WALTER HEEN; HAWAI'I'S THOUSAND FRIENDS; THE SMALL BUSINESS HAWAI'I ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION; RANDALL W. ROTH; and DR. MICHAEL UECHI,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION; LESLIE
ROGERS, in his official capacity as
Federal Transit Administration Regional
Administrator; PETER M. ROGOFF, in
his official capacity as Federal Transit
Administration Administrator; UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION; RAY
LAHOOD, in his official capacity as

CIVIL NO. 11-00307 AWT

DECLARATION OF RUBEN AMODO IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE BY FAITH ACTION FOR COMMUNITY EQUITY, THE PACIFIC RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP, AND MEL UESATO

(Presiding: The Honorable A. Wallace Tashima, United States Circuit Judge Sitting by Designation)

Date Action Filed: May 12, 2011
Trial Date: None Set

Secretary of Transportation; THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU; WAYNE YOSHIOKA, in his official capacity as Director of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services,

Defendants.

I, RUBEN AMODO, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Mililani, Hawai'i, and I have personal knowledge of the facts in this declaration, except those stated upon information and belief, which I believe to be true; and if called as a witness I could competently testify thereto.
- 2. I live in Mililani, Hawai'i, and have lived there for approximately 30 years. I have lived in Hawai'i my entire life.
- 3. I love living in Hawai'i, especially because of the beautiful weather and scenery. I do not want to see those characteristic parts of Hawai'i ruined by increased air pollution from more traffic. The air pollution is getting worse I can see pollution from the cars hovering above the roofs of buildings and trees near the highways. I enjoy doing a lot of outdoor activities around Honolulu, including biking, scuba diving, boating, wake boarding, fishing and hiking, and my enjoyment of those activities would be inhibited by more air pollution from an increase in traffic.
- 4. Because of the high cost of gas, I try to limit my driving and often get rides with friends or family. If I were to drive my car throughout the week, I would have to pay approximately \$60-70 a week for gas, and this would be a significant portion of my discretionary income.
- 5. Without the rail project, traffic will get worse the population keeps growing, and more and more cars are getting on the road. Also, without the rail

project, any expansion of the highway or the construction of a managed lane would not help improve my quality of life because I would still have to cope with the high gas prices and high parking prices.

- 6. I am a carpenter and a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 745 ("Union"). I am currently unemployed and have been out of work for the past three years. I call the Union's job call line on a regular basis to try to get work as a carpenter, but I have not been able to find employment. Before I got laid off, I was working pretty steadily as a carpenter, but now, I have been out of work for a long time.
- 7. I am depending upon the rail project for future employment. Any delay in the construction of the project would directly impact me and prolong my unemployment.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Hawai'i that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 3, 2012 at Hono/u/u, Hawai'i.

Ruben Amodo