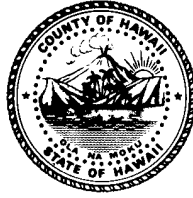


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TO: Regional Director Pacific West Region
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RE: SUPPORT OF THE VOLCANO PROJECT'S APPLICATION AS A POTENTIAL
CONCESSIONER AT THE HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Aloha Director,

As Councilmember for Hawai'i County, District 6, which includes the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, I fully support The Volcano Project's proposal as a potential concessioner of The Volcano House in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

The Volcano Project (TVP) is committed to protecting our precious endemic environment by promoting sustainable tourism and innovative initiatives aimed at protecting our native species. The educational concession service provided by TVP would be very beneficial to preserving our national park as well as increasing the welfare of our community as a whole for years to come. I am also able to confidently say that the Volcano community is in strong support of this proposal.

I believe the request for TVP to be a concessioner at the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park should be approved without further delay.

If you would like to discuss my support of TVP's application as a potential concessioner in greater detail at your convenience, please feel free to call my staff at (808) 961-8536 to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

BRITTANY SMART
Councilmember, District 6