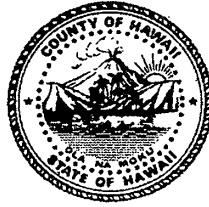


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TO: Valerie T. Poindexter, Council Chair  
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FROM: *SL/ps*  
Sue Lee Loy, Council Member

DATE: August 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 640, Draft 2; A Resolution Urging the State Board on Geographic Names to Consult with Community Members who Have Direct Traditional, Cultural, and Familial Ties to the Areas of Puna and Ka'u that Have Been Impacted by the Recent Volcanic Activity, in Order to Establish Appropriate Names for the Fissure 8 Vent or Any Other Features of the 2018 Eruption of Kilauea Volcano.

Attached is Resolution No. 640, as amended to Draft 2 with the contents of Communication No. 985.1, as duly approved by the Governmental Relations and Economic Development Committee on August 7, 2018.

Please place Resolution No. 640, Draft 2, on the August 22, 2018, Council agenda for final reading.

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<Res. 640-18, Dr. 2>

Comm. No. 985.8  
Ref. To: PIGREDC  
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**WHEREAS**, Fissure 8 reactivated on the night of May 23, 2018, sending a fast-moving flow northward that crossed Pohoiki Road, surrounded Puna Geothermal Venture, crossed Highway 132, covered Noni Farms Road and Railroad Avenue, inundated papaya farm land, crossed Highway 137, entered Ka Wai a Pele (Green Lake), burned hundreds of homes in Kapoho Farm Lots, Kapoho Vacationland, and Kapoho Beachlots, filled in Kapoho Bay, and destroyed the Wai‘ōpae Tidepools Marine Life Conservation District, Kua O Ka Lā New Century Public Charter School, and ‘Āhalanui Park/Mauna Kea Pond; and

**WHEREAS**, eruptive activity from the 23 other fissures have become concentrated at Fissure 8, where a gushing fountain has built a broad cone approximately 180 feet high; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Geological Survey defines a volcanic fissure as an “elongate fracture or crack at the surface from which lava erupts,” making “Fissure 8” an inaccurate name for the large tephra cone located on the East Rift Zone within Leilani Estates; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing eruption is creating numerous other new and unnamed volcanic features, including but not limited to the enlarged crater or nested caldera at Halema‘uma‘u, the collapsed crater at Pu‘u ‘Ō‘ō, the line of fissures and steam vents extending through Leilani Estates and Lanipuna Gardens, the ocean entry at Mālama Kī Forest Reserve, and the channelized lava flow to the ocean at Kapoho Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the naming of a volcanic feature in the Hawaiian language may encode information about its physical characteristics, historical events associated with its formation, ecological surroundings, geographical location, or related oral histories; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Geological Survey uses informal names to identify and communicate information about volcanic features, but defers to the local community, including Hawaiian elders, for formal names; and

**WHEREAS**, the global community of amateur lava watchers have suggested many names for Fissure 8, but the names for this and other new volcanic features associated with the current eruption should be provided by community members with direct traditional, cultural, and familial ties to the district of Puna; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I** that the State Board on Geographic Names is urged to consult with community members who have direct traditional, cultural, and familial ties to the areas of Puna and Ka‘ū that have been impacted by the recent volcanic activity, in order to establish appropriate names for the Fissure 8 vent or any other features of the 2018 eruption of Kīlauea volcano.