ARBORIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
c/o Planning Department
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

October 28, 1992

Board of Trustees
Bishop Estate
P. O. Box 3466
Honolulu, HI 96801

Dear Board of Trustees:

We are writing to you concerning the magnificent banyan tree (Ficus benjamina) located on Kilauea Avenue, adjacent to the former Tropics Lanai, TMK: 2-2-29:07. As the Arborist Advisory Committee for Hawaii County, we are responsible for the designation of Exceptional Trees on this island. We feel that this is indeed an exceptional tree.

The splendid canopy of this vigorous specimen is truly a landmark in Hilo. Within the city proper, this is definitely the largest example of this species of ficus and is much appreciated as an extremely healthy and beneficial shade tree.

Recently there has been concern by the citizens that this tree is in danger of being removed. We as the Arborist Advisory Committee would like to prevent the loss of this marvelous tree and ask your permission to nominate this as an "Exceptional Tree of Hawaii." Enclosed are some photographs of it.

Our standard acceptance form along with a copy of the pertinent ordinance are enclosed for your use, should you agree with our proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

ANDREA FOURNET
Chairperson

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Enclosures
cc: Robert Rosehill

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ACCEPTANCE FORM
FOR
EXCEPTIONAL TREE STATUS

We, Bishop Estate, recognize that the banyan tree (Ficus benjamina)* growing on the property, TMK: 2-2-29:07, situated at the former Tropics Lanai Restaurant in Hilo, Hawaii, is exceptional under the criteria of the Exceptional Tree Law (HRS 58), and we agree to allow it to be designated as such upon the list of Exceptional Trees of the County of Hawaii which is filed with the County Arborist Committee and Department of Planning.

We agree that we will not destroy this tree or affect its immediate surroundings in such a way that its health and vigor is negatively impacted without first consulting the County Arborist Advisory Committee through the Hawaii County Planning Department.

We understand that the County of Hawaii assumes no liability with reference to this tree and will not be responsible for its care and maintenance. If assistance is needed in its care and maintenance, the Arborist Advisory Committee through the County Planning Department will avail itself for advice.

In the event that the property ownership is transferred, we will notify the Advisory Arborist Committee within thirty (30) days.

BISHOP ESTATES

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

*Description of Tree, Stand, or Grove of Trees
(See attached 'Exceptional Tree Nomination Form' dated July 18, 1991, submitted by Barry Orlando; and July 19, 1991, submitted by Eleanor S. Sterling)