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The Aloha ʻĀina Party, as approved by the Executive Board and supported by its membership hereby shares our support for the justified name change of McKinley High School to its original name of Honolulu High School, as well as the removal of the statue on the school grounds.

Whereas the current name of McKinley High School honors and represents a U.S. President that was obsessed with capitalized expansion to become a world power, and

Whereas the current name serves as a constant reminder of the illegal *coup d'état* of 1893 and subsequent illegal annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the U.S. sans an appropriate or legal Treaty of Annexation, and

Whereas the statue and name moniker that honor this man serve as a reminder of the negative implications that became of the unlawful chain of events to include the banning of the Hawaiian language, the suppression of its history and culture, thus robbing a Native people of their inherent identity, and

Whereas the Hawaiian people were denied an education to favor the labor of the U.S. economy, and

Whereas the roots of that school began long before schools were established west of the Mississippi, at Princess Ruth Keʻelikōlani's former residence and known as the Oʻahu Charity School since the 1830s, and

Whereas the school has been known as Honolulu High School since moving to its current location,

Let it hereby be resolved that the justified removal of the wrongful statue and name of the school be changed to Honolulu High School will restore the integrity of the school, of the attitude and academic progress of its students, will restore the value of the history of a people who were robbed of their dignity, and will promote the rightful value of receiving a public education in Hawaiʻi.