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**Ka Makana Ali'i Welcomes Aunty's Hotpot House
to the Center for West O'ahu**

The restaurant features various broths, meats, and vegetables that guests cook in individual hot pots alongside delicious appetizers and its one-of-a-kind shave ice

KAPOLEI, HI (August 4, 2022) — Ka Makana Ali'i is pleased to welcome Aunty's Hotpot House to the Center for West O'ahu. The 1,965-square-foot restaurant is located outside the Food Market next to Koa Pancake House and opened on Thursday, July 21.

Owner Yani Higuchi partnered with a popular restaurateur with 12 years of experience in Taiwanese hotpot restaurants. The hotpot experience starts with the guest's choice of broth (beef, chicken, seafood, or vegetable base soup) and a choice of protein (wagyu beef, beef brisket, ribeye, beef tongue, pork belly, or pork shoulder). Guests can then select other ingredients from the glass refrigerators along with the sauces and garnishes of their choice to bring back to their individual hot pots.

"Ka Makana Ali'i is thrilled to welcome Aunty's Hotpot House to the Center for West O'ahu," said Stephanie England, general manager of the shopping center. "We are confident that our community will enjoy this new restaurant and grateful that the tenant chose to join our Ka Makana Ali'i 'ohana. It is unlike any other dining experience at the Center!"

From the various broths to sauces and even garlic powder, Chef Chang makes everything from scratch. He brings an array of mouth-watering pupu specials to the menu, including giant fried pork chop, deep fried whole fish, salt & pepper shrimp, pork belly bao, garlic chicken, li hing sweet potato fries and more.

"We are incredibly honored to partner with Aunty, who is returning to the dining scene after three years," owner Yani Higuchi said. "There is an incredible amount of work that goes into creating everything from scratch and both she and Chef Chang have done an amazing job in

getting this restaurant ready to open! When Auntie wanted to open in Kapolei, we had the perfect place for her. We are so excited to introduce West O‘ahu to Auntie’s Hotpot House!”

Auntie’s Hotpot House serves four draft beers, Korean soju, mini lichiko bottles, Kavalan Taiwanese whiskey, assorted spirits, soft drinks and a signature real fruit iced tea. After each meal, customers who post about and tag @auntieshotpotohouse on Instagram will receive a free shave ice. Artist Erin Ibarra created a unique mural for the space that makes an Instagram-worthy backdrop for the whole restaurant. The restaurant also offers cook at home takeout kits for purchase.

Auntie’s Hotpot House is open for lunch and dinner on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 to 9 p.m., on Friday and Saturday from 12 to 10 p.m., and on Sunday from 12 to 8 p.m. Auntie’s Hotpot House will be closed every Tuesday. The restaurant can be reached at (808) 670-2813.

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Ka Makana Ali‘i offers residents and visitors a family-friendly, mixed-use center in the heart of Hawai‘i’s fastest growing community. The 750,000-square-foot Macy’s-anchored center features more than 100 exciting stores, restaurants, a state-of-the-art Consolidated Theatres and the state’s first Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton located on property. The newest development, The Grove at Ka Makana Ali‘i, creates an additional 109,000 square feet of space with lifestyle retailers, eateries and services, such as 24 Hour Fitness, Foodland Farms, Straub Clinic and Urgent Care, and PetSmart. Serving as the premier gathering place in Kapolei, Ka Makana Ali‘i fulfills the shopping and dining needs of the ever-expanding community. Its convenient location offers excellent highway access, ample parking and public transportation for shoppers. Through an innovative partnership with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Ka Makana Ali‘i will financially support programs benefiting Native Hawaiian interests statewide for decades to come. For more information, please visit www.kamakanaalii.com.

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