

Bill 27 (2021) Testimony

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June 17, 2021

To: Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, President

RE: Bill 27 (2021) Relating to Special Management Area Use Permits

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of the 'Āina Haina Community Association (AHCA) write in support of Bill 27 which would require an applicant for a special management area use permit to present the proposed project to the applicable neighborhood board or appropriate community association prior to submitting an application to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).

We believe this measure is necessary since DPP has wrongly taken the position that applications that have not been decided by the department are not public records. Even if a community knows that a proposed project is planned, the community will not have access to any information. This DPP policy prevents communities and neighbors from commenting prior to the department's decision and issuance of a permit.

Requiring that applicants for a special management area use permit to present the proposed project to the applicable neighborhood board or appropriate community association allows the community and neighbors to provide comments based on their knowledge and concerns of their community. This information is often not available to the DPP.

We respectfully request that that the Committee support this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item 27 2021
Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony

Thank you so much for introducing this bill Council Member Tsuneyoshi, We really need transparency on requests for permits in Special Management Areas. Community members generally find it very challenging to keep up with applications for building and development permits. Even the Environmental Notice is difficult to keep up with. For years I have attended neighborhood board meeting and community association meetings and have heard the same pleas for information about proposed projects so that affected and concerned citizens can at least know about them. I have listened to community members lament "If only we had known about this" before the application was approved! This goes for minor and major permits. It would be ideal to have this kind of bill cover all rezoning and permit applications. Passing this bill will help alleviate some of the frustration that community members feel with regard to the Department of Planning and Permitting as well as developers. Mahalo, for the chance to testify in support of Bill 27.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony

Aloha Committee Chair Elefante and Committee Members: An SMA is not a small permit and many of these projects can have a significant impact on a community. Many other permits come before the Neighborhood Boards and this should be no exception. One hearing before DPP, usually at a date and time when most are working, is not satisfactory or in the best interests of the public or the city. If a project has value and is good, developers should not worry about one more meeting.

Mahalo,

Kathleen M. Pahinui
Waialua Resident

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Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony I write in strong support of this bill because I believe it would help foster the establishment of norms that would help lead to community development efforts that more closely align with community values and needs.

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