

# Bill 27 Testimony

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To: Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair  
Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair and  
Members of the City Council, City & County of Honolulu

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 the Council support this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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