

Bill 27 (2021)
Testimony

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July 22, 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 and are pending 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.

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 11:25 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-22-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Bill 27 (2021)
Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony

I write in Strong Support of Bill 27 relating to Special Management Area Use Permits, requiring that prior to submitting an application for a Special Management Area Use Permit to the Department of Planning and Permitting the applicant must present the project to the neighborhood board or appropriate community association of the district where the project is located.

As emerging in larger community conversations on this issue, I agree with the suggestion that an amendment that says the applicant "must submit to DPP the outcome of that presentation and any vote on the proposed project" could/should be applied.

Testimony Attachment

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 27
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Written Testimony

I strongly support Bill 27 relating to Special Management Area Use Permits that requires that prior to submitting an application for a Special Management Area Use Permit to the Department of Planning and Permitting the applicant must present the project to the neighborhood board or appropriate community association of the district where the project is located.

I also suggest an amendment that says the applicant "must submit to DPP the outcome of that presentation and any vote on the proposed project."

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