# Resolution 21-127, CD1 Testimony

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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 - Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As a long time Manoa resident and former Director of Capital Improvements of the University of Hawaii system, I'm pleased the University is executing their Hawaii Innovation Initiative to build a thriving innovation, research, education and training enterprise in Hawaii that will develop a third major economic sector for the state, create high-quality living-wage jobs and address the challenges and opportunities faced by Hawaii and the world. The project also incorporates much needed student housing. This integrated live, learn, work innovation center is an exciting project which will provide local students an educational opportunity found in very few global universities.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As a Shidler alumni, 2017 Shidler Hall of Honor recipient, member of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship Board of Advisors and having established an endowed scholarship in entrepreneurship at the Shidler College of Business, I fully support this project because:

- This project will create an internationally ranked hub for student entrepreneurs and innovators and further establish the University of Hawaii as a world-class educational experience
- Creating an intersection where Hawaii's business community, students faculty and state
  officials collaborate on new industries, products, services and technology for the state
  of Hawaii and the world
- Attracting innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions

Structured as a public-private partnership, it provides a win-win solution for UH and Hawai'i taxpayers. While creating a valuable, long-term asset for UH.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Vice-Chair City Council, City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1 Approving Major Modification to PRU Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 and Revisions to the Master Plan for UHM (2021/PRU-1) – In Support

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1, which would allow for the expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa campus boundaries and the construction of the Atherton mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center.

As a life-long Hawaii resident and a member of the Hawaii business community, I support this project for a number of reasons. First, by encouraging and supporting startup companies built upon the intellectual property developed at the UH, the center will help to both strengthen the UH and strengthen and diversify Hawaii's economy, at a particularly critical juncture when many are looking to supplement tourism.

Secondly, the center will provide our local students with the opportunity to learn in a state-of-the art facility, in a residential format that fosters collaborative and creative interaction with other innovation and entrepreneurial students from around the world. This kind of experiential learning experience fostered by the center is what appeals to our youth today, and could result in some amazing new industries and new job opportunities in Hawaii.

Lastly, this project is a solid example of how private dollars can be attracted to serve the public needs of our state, stretching our public dollars to do more for the people of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.

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Chair Waters,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of

Resolution 21-127 CD1.

Written Testimony As a supporter of the PACE program, I am a strong believer that the Manoa Entrepreneurship Center will strongly benefit the University

and the State o Hawii by positioning the School as a leader in innovation and creating a center of excellence for our students.

Thanking you fo your consideration,

John C. Dean

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1. As a member of the Hawai'i business community, I strongly support this project for a number of reasons.

As CEO of L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, I am lucky to be surrounded by entrepreneurs and small business owners on a daily basis. Our franchisees work tirelessly every day in order to support their family, employees, and provide valuable services to the community. Small business owners truly are the back-bone of our communities. Coming out of 2020, many parts of our economy have been ravaged by the impacts of COVID. I worry that the future of small business and entrepreneurs in Hawai'i is in jeopardy.

My father, Eddie Flores, was a true entrepreneur. What I know of entrepreneurs is their ability to innovate, create, and get things done. Looking forward to the future of our State, we need to find ways to cultivate more entrepreneurs who will have the innovative mindset and work ethic to tackle the big issues we face and ensure we have a thriving community for generations to come.

The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is an exciting step forward for the University of Hawai'i and the future of our State. It builds upon the promised Hawai'i Innovation Initiative—to create a thriving innovation and entrepreneurship facility that will allow the state to diversify its economy and create high-quality, high-wage jobs.

This "live-learn-work" facility will serve as a beacon, attracting innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions, develop leadership skills and launch ventures that solve our world's biggest problems. The project will provide local students with the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment focused on nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset—valuable skills for the 21st century workforce.

The proposed 373-bed building, structured as a public-private partnership, provides a win-win solution for UH and Hawai'i taxpayers. The construction will be funded through bond financing without the use of State funds and the associated burden to local taxpayers. Over time, the bonds will be retired through residential revenue leaving UH with a valuable, long-term asset.

As someone who, on a daily basis, can see the impacts of entrepreneurs within our community, I could not be more supportive of this project. I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,

Elisia Flores

CEO, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In Support of Resolution 21-127, CD1, Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center

Dear Chair Waters and members of the Council:

I write in support of Resolution 21-127, CD1. As an alumna of the Shidler College of Business, as a current PhD candidate at the University of Hawai'i, and a former Regent of the University (1999-2002) I am well aware of the potential for our great institute of higher learning. We can and should do more!

The innovation and entrepreneurship center is just the kind of project that will assure that the University advances into the future our people deserve. We need career options, we need to attract the finest faculty possible, we need to create opportunities for all in Hawai'i to advance and learn.

This project will give local students the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment focused on nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset—valuable skills for the 21st century workforce.

Please support this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.

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808-375-8501 sweiner@hawaii.edu The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As a previous PACE student worker and program alumni, I support this because there's a serious need for student housing options in the Manoa area, and this is a great opportunity to fulfill that demand, and much more. The facility will enable students to live, learn, and work in the UH campus vicinity, and allow for cross-collaboration and idea building amongst the student population. Ultimately, the facility can contribute to creating a sustainable future for the state by empowering students to become entrepreneurs and providing them the tools to succeed in their careers.

For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) adopt this resolution.

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This is an important project to enhance the UH programs and support entrepreneurship learning. We need to educate our student here in Hawaii were hopefully they will remain and im[rove our community. It also will bring foreign and mainland students to Hawaii. This new facility will be "first class" compared to the rest of UH facilities that are

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not. Please approve this project.

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sPACE will be a pivotal space of creative learning and innovation. Our economy can be further diversified lessening the economic strain from global pandemics and other issues. sPACE will cultivate the leaders of tomorrow who will be capable of making important decisions that impact our whole community. Aside from big picture ideas, UH Manoa desperately needs housing close to campus. College students have become less and less reliant on personal vehicles and transitioned towards ride-sharing and eco-friendly transportation. I stand by the development of sPACE and believe it will create a positive impact on our community.

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RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As a Computer Science faculty and participant in PACE programs, I support this. The new Mixed-Use Center will provide a space to host entrepreneurial activities at UH, and the PACE team has an exciting vision for how it will invigorate the campus environment. I believe UH should be a hub for technological innovation and entrepreneurship for the state. My own research in machine learning and artificial intelligence has myriad practical applications that can be turned into new products and businesses, and I frequently encourage my students to collaborate with each other to engage with new technologies and brainstorm new applications. The Center would enable more students to live on campus and provide modern, open workspaces to facilitate interactions between students, faculty, and community members eager to change the world.

For these reasons, I encourage you to approve this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As a member of the PACE Board of Advisors, I strongly support this project.

Education has always been an American cornerstone, continually evolving to meet our country's needs.

"Land grant universities were established initially by the Morrill Act of

1864 signed by Abraham Lincoln to focus on the teaching of practical agriculture, science, military science and engineering (without excluding...classical studies) as a response to the industrial revolution and changing social class. This mission was in contrast to the historic practice of higher education to focus on a liberal arts curriculum.

(In 1907, The University of Hawai'i was established as a land grant university.)

The three part mission of the land grant university continues to evolve in the twenty-first century. What was originally described as "teaching, research and service" was renamed "learning, discovery and engagement"...and again recast as "talent, innovation and place" by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities."

The Atherton Project together with PACE and UH Ventures, is a continuation of this never ending evolution and a significant element to enable UH to equip students with the skills needed for continual reinvention. Whether students apply their learnings in start-ups or established organizations, the skills they will hone during their university years are critical to their careers, the organizations they work for and the communities where they live.

Just as Hawaii's economy has morphed from sandalwood trading, whaling, sugar cane and pineapple to tourism and defense, it is challenged to reinvent itself and at a quicker pace. Having the talent to thrive in this new world is critical. Hawai'i is extremely fortunate to have a major research university and the better our community capitalizes on the innovations produced and develops people with the skills to successfully bring innovation to market, the stronger the community as a whole will be.

Thank you.

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SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Resolution 21-127, CD1, Approving an Application

for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and Members of the City Council,

The University of Hawai'i supports Resolution 21-127, CD1, to include the property located at TMK 2-8-023:009 and TMK 2-8-016:001 as part of the UH Mānoa campus as part of the University's overall Plan Review Use (PRU) permit. The inclusion of this property into the campus's previously granted PRU boundary, will foster a public-private partnership to develop a facility that will provide increased student housing, construct a new facility that would encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, and also refresh an iconic structure adjacent to the campus that is at the gateway to the Mānoa neighborhood.

This project is the Atherton Student Housing, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Center. It entails the UH Foundation as the landowner, Hunt Development Group as the private development partner, and the University of Hawai'i as an affiliated-user who will primarily benefit from the project. The University anticipates that the project will be able to provide more than 370 UH students with an affordable option to live near the UH Mānoa campus.

The Univeristy of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus currently operates on-campus student housing that serves more than 3,700 students. Unfortunately, the University is only able to meet the needs of a portion of students who need housing. Students who do not get on-campus housing must find rental housing in surrounding neighborhoods, patronize private student-housing facilities, or find housing on the island from where they can commute. The Atherton project will help add to housing options available to students.

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In addition, once constructed the facility will boast more than 20,000 square feet of space that the University anticipates will house, at least, one of its academic programs to spur innovation and entreprenuership. As a public-private partnership project, the University will be able to contribute its academic programing as an amenity that will add to the attraction for its students, residents of the surrounding neighborhood, and the state at-large. In return, the project is a demonstration of the power of private and public collaboration to develop a facility of economic benefit to both.

In conceptualizing this project, I have seen the developer and the University be very open to soliciting the sentiments of the surrounding neighbors and the broader Mānoa community. Much attention was given to issues and concerns raised by neighborhood residents, community groups, and other interested parties. The developer has done a lot to address many of the issues, incorporate a number of very intriguing suggestions, and work with others to mitigate problems. The University is very pleased to be involved in this partnership with the UH Foundation, Hunt Development Group, and the other private partners that will make the project successful.

I ask that the City Council approve Resolution 21-127, CD1, and support the development of Atherton Student Housing, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed

CD1.

As an alumni of UH Manoa and former participant in programs put together by the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE), I support this resolution because it will allow for students to grow far beyond the academic spectrum. UH prepares students to become competent employees to join the local workforce, whereas PACE better prepares students to become contributors of local economy expansion. PACE does this by helping students be able to identify needs in society, and how to come up with sustainable solutions (aka. a Business).

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> Allowing for UH campus boundary expansion to the Atherton property in an effort to create a

residential innovation and entrepreneurship center would act as a catalyst to the benefits PACE

programs already bring. This would allow PACE programs to be more than just something

students temporarily attend, but rather provide an environment for them to constantly live in an

entrepreneurial ecosystem. This facility would also undoubtedly help bridge the gap between

commercial industry and UH research/talent by becoming an iconic hub whose sole purpose is

towards fostering business creation and development.

This program would not only come to the benefit of Business/Entrepreneur students of UH, but also to those from other disciplines. As a Mechanical Engineering student alumni, I can safely say this program would allow for students in various disciplines to come together and potentially meet their future business partners or learn how to take their unique knowledge in the field and come up with a sustainable business. Through PACE programs I have met people from other disciplines similar to my own, of whom have the same like-minded passion to create things to help others. I have also met people more on the business side, who have great insight into how to manage and grow businesses, with that same passion.

Allowing a residential innovation and entrepreneur center at UH would allow like-minded passionate students a place to come together, live together, learn together, and grow together. All to the benefit of Hawaii's economy.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

-Raymond Andrade

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As a proud alumni of the PACE program, I firmly support the new RISE project that will serve as a central hub of innovation that will invest resources, dedicated mentorship, and entrepreneurial education into UH students, the future of Hawaii. This project will continue to foster the consistent growth of brilliant ideas from students in PACE programs, which will pay a dividend in the future of Hawaii in the form of a diversified economy through job creation, innovation, and inspiring leadership. Additionally, a student housing near campus that is dedicated to the entrepreneurial lifestyle is an incredible opportunity to provide student entrepreneurs the resources they need to accelerate the growth of their idea, day or night. Ride sharing, bike sharing, and local transit options have helped students become less reliant on cars, spend less time finding parking, and will continue to be adopted as the preferred mode of transportation. RISE will create a tremendous amount of opportunities for students from multiple disciplines to engage in entrepreneurial education in a fully immersive integrated live, learn, work innovation center.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

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Aloha Chair Waters and Council Members.

Please SUPPORT the UH Atherton redevelopment by voting to APPROVE Resolution 21-127. As a community organizer and advocate, whose family has lived in the immediate neighborhood for well over a century, I can personally attest that the UH administration, Hunt Companies executives, consultants, and the community residents have collaborated beautifully on this project for several years, making numerous compromises to shape the design and scope for the greatest community benefit. The project is a positive example of how public/private partnerships should go.

Written Testimony

The planned "Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship" will enhance the UH's PACE program, provide needed affordable housing for local students, and support community building efforts in the area of Lower Mānoa, while preserving the facade of the historic, pink, landmark building. It is a natural extension of the UH Manoa campus. For almost one hundred years, the neighborhood has accepted a dorm in the location, which was formerly owned and operated by the YMCA. Having UH Foundation as the owner is not much different; in fact, it's more sensible and safer for the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mālama pono, Vanessa Distajo

### TESTIMONY OF **DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY**TO THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

10 August 2021

MEASURE:

RESOLUTION 21-127, COUNCIL DRAFT 1

TITLE:

APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLAN REVIEW USE (PRU) PERMIT NO. 2009 PRU-3 AND REVISIONS TO THE MASTER PLAN TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I—MĀNOA CAMPUS AND CONSTRUCT THE ATHERTON MIXED-USE STUDENT HOUSING, INNOVATION, AND

Entrepreneurship Center.

POSITION:

I support this resolution, as amended in council draft form.

The Atherton YMCA parcels have so long been apart of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa (UHM) community that it has been widely forgotten that their most famous occupant, the 89-year old Charles H. Atherton building (AKA "the Pink Building"), predates most of the UHM campus, and was privately-owned by the YMCA for 95 years until UHM and the University of Hawai'i Foundation purchased the property in 2016.

This resolution allows for UHM, as current parcels owner and Applicant, "to expand the UHM Campus boundary and construct the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center on land zoned R-5 Residential District," per the language in 21-127.

I appreciate the Applicant having come before the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, City and County of Honolulu, in late 2019, iteratively into 2020, to present their proposed Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Center project, to answer questions, and to receive feedback. The Applicant responded to aesthetics-based feedback when this project was first presented. At that time, there was less (setback) articulation in the new building's retained Charles H. Atherton building facade, as depicted in the project renderings. This has been ameliorated in current renderings, stipulated as a condition of the PRU's approval (Resolution 21-127 Condition 3.b). This articulation will help preserve the distinct profile of the Charles H. Atherton building as one of the historic resources in the University neighborhood, where it formed a 'quad' with Hawai'i Hall, Crawford Hall, Gartley Hall, George Hall, and the building at 2450 Campus Road, though separated by University Avenue. (Historically, there was no building where the School of Architecture is today, and landscaping was sparser, so the view-shed across the quad was far more open.)

The UHM Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) calls for gradually reducing the campus buildings' footprint and allocated interior space. This will provide cost-savings from reduced energy use, and promote a more spacious and pastoral character that is reminiscent of the UHM, a historic land-grant institution that specializes in tropical agriculture, over one century prior. I observe that this resolution is in keeping with the LRDP. This resolution does stretch the campus profile northwest across both Metcalf Street and University Avenue, but only to these parcels which were commonly conflated with UHM over many years and are now in its ownership.

Thank you,

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumnus of the PACE program, I support this because this additional space for this project will open multiple avenues of opportunities for the students of Hawaii but also the future of Hawaii's economy. When I was a student, I learned so many valuable lessons being part of the PACE program and understanding how businesses are established and what it could mean for the people of Hawaii who are looking to become entrepreneurs and be more technology savvy. This will unleash an influx of diverse talent from outside of Hawaii with unique backgrounds that will bring new ideas, inventions, and experiences that can solve some of the biggest problems in Hawaii today. Some of the major benefits will be:

- 1. Safety: The need for student housing near campus will provide more security and safety for all students/professors/professionals who entrust their well-being with UH.
- 2. Convenience: Today's students are less reliant on cars, but are multi-modal with carsharing, bike sharing, and/or bus, so this allows students to save money and/or be more focused on building and brainstorming and less about traffic.
- 3. Real World Training: The project offers the opportunity for local students from multiple disciplines to engage in entrepreneurial education in an integrated live, learn, work innovation center

For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) adopt this resolution.

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### **Written Testimony**

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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As President and CEO of ProService (representing 2,400 small – medium business in Hawaii) and Chairman of PACE, I support this project for a number of reasons.

RISE building will strengthen the learning environment at UH and help build entrepreneurship skills and community, which will benefit all of Hawaii. This will attract innovative and talented students from other islands and all around the world who are dedicated to develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills. This will result in a diversified community creating high quality high way jobs that will benefit all of Hawai'i.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

Benjamin Godsey

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August 10, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because the return on investment that PACE programs provide to students, the Shidler College of Business, entire UH system, Hawaii business community, and general Hawaii economy are significant. PACE is easily one of the most important assets that Hawaii has as the PACE programs provide an opportunity for students to develop the skillsets and long-term entrepreneurial mindset necessary to be successful entrepreneurs and business leaders in the future that will result in an innovative, diversified, and robust Hawaii economy. Additionally, every resource and dollar spent on PACE results in a compounding return as PACE develops future leaders with the distinctive characteristic of giving back to the community that will serve beneficial to the community for time to come.

The passing of this resolution to allow for the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center will provide students the advantage they need to succeed. PACE is considered home base for many students on campus and offers one of the most productive spaces to get work done. I used to battle an hour in traffic, hunt for free parking (if I got lucky) in Manoa Valley, and walk 15-mins to the existing PACE center. With the new Center, the time, money, and energy spent on transportation will be reduced and reallocated to value-add activities/education. More student housing around campus will equal less cars on the roads and create a stronger sense of community at UH Manoa.

For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) adopt this resolution.

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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawai'i Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, current student at the University of Hawai'i, and Service Disabled Veteran small business owner, I support Resolution 21-127 CD1. As a PACE program participant, I needed an affordable and dedicated space within a close proximity to my classrooms to get my start-up off the ground. My company, Death Star Developments, is a step away from our tourism-based economy and brings highly technical, moderate paying, aerospace jobs to Honolulu. My business has successfully completed two State of Hawai'i contracts and a NASA sub-award contract with more on the horizon to include a contract with Amazon's Blue Origin. In the beginning, I ran my office out of my car using a power adapter and cell phone for a WiFi hotspot so that I could attend classes while working towards contracts and developing intellectual property for my business. The PACE community helped coach me through the initial stages of my start-up but wasn't able to offer me the desk space and facilities I desperately needed. My perseverance is not something I would expect from a traditional college student, but my innovation is something I would expect from my student peers. Having a dedicated desk and collaboration space would promote more technology and engineering based startups like Death Star Developments and help steer Hawai'i towards a sustainable economy that doesn't rely on visitors to maintain wages.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

Craig Opie (808)238-9966 opieca@hawaii.edu August 10, 2021

To: Chair Waters
Vice Chair Kia'āina
Honolulu City Council

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Resolution 21-127 CD1

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of Resolution 21-127 CD1. I am a 2016 MBA graduate of the UH Shidler College of Business and an active participant of several Pacific-Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE) programs. This resolution would expand the PRU permit no. 2009 to allow for the expansion of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa campus boundaries and construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. Without a doubt, this project has tremendous potential to positively impact the UH student body, the broader Mānoa community, and the entire state of Hawai'i.

Investments in student entrepreneurship generate large economic returns through job growth, business creation, and talent development, which raises wages and improves overall livelihood. <sup>1,2</sup> Specific to this project, thoughtfully planned innovation hubs—where creators can live, learn, build, and collaborate under one roof—strongly encourage networking, mentorship, and rapid product and service generation. We cannot, however, only focus on financial returns and must recognize the positive benefits that innovation hubs have on equity and access, community health and well-being, environmental sustainability and resilience, and social and civic life. This project also addresses the critical need for student housing, and its proximity to campus and other local amenities encourages active transportation options over personal vehicles, which align well with our county and state climate goals to reduce carbon emissions.

PACE's wide range of resources, events, accelerator programs, and Professionals-in-Residence currently fills an important gap in our innovation ecosystem, and this project will better connect these amazing assets with more students, alumni, community and business leaders, investors, and the general public. As we continue to rebound from the effects of COVID-19, it's clear that we must diversify our economy, and our universities are well situated to lead this charge. Other cities that made similar shifts, including Austin, Miami, and Salt Lake City, are already seeing their communities foster and attract better talent, support more minority and women business owners, and bring the necessary investments and partnerships to capitalize on an innovation ecosystem.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support for Resolution 21-127 CD1.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Why Universities Should Support More Student Entrepreneurs." World Economic Forum, https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/10/universities-should-support-more-student-entrepreneurs/. Accessed 16 June 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Demand for Skilled Workers Accelerates U.S. Wage Growth. https://njbia.org/demand-for-skilled-workets-accelerates-u-s-wage-growth/ Accessed 16 June 2021.

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RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center - In Support

Written

**Testimony** Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

> Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because of three main reasons: the urgent need to diversify our local economy, to encourage an entrepreneurial mindset amongst younger locals, and to improve the University of University of Hawai'i at Mānoa dorming infrastructure and branding.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the lack of diversification in our local economy. According to previous reports form the Department of Labor, the Aloha state has suffered the highest insured

unemployment rate in the U.S. since the week ending August 8th, 2020. This highlights the states obvious dependence on the Hospitality & Tourism industry that was directly impacted from the pandemic. Building these entrepreneurial resources for students will be the first step towards diversifying our local economy and encouraging an entrepreneurial mindset amongst younger professionals. The co-working spaces, meeting rooms, prototyping labs with high-tech equipment and tools, and presentation spaces will allow for entrepreneurs to succeed in their new ventures.

Another reason I am in support for this is to improve the University of University of Hawai'i at Mānoa dorming infrastructure and branding. A quick Google search will lead you to forums on Reddit, Facebook, etc. that host individuals who urge students about the poor dorming infrastructure that is available at UH Mānoa. This prevents students from furthering their education and choosing other Universities over UH Mānoa. Building new high quality dormitories will improve the Shidler College of Business and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa branding within our local community and at a national level. For these reasons, I urge you to adopt this resolution.

Cale Guillermo

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#### Walter A. Dods, Jr. 999 Bishop Street Suite 2828 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

August 9, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center — In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

I appreciate the time to present my views on Resolution 21-127.

I strongly support this project. As a banker I like to review the numbers. An \$80,000,000 public private project. This is the first of its kind at the UH. Cost to the public - 0! Three hundred seventy-four new beds added to the University of Hawaii's dorm inventory. After the tax-free bonds which are not a State obligation are paid for, the building and the property revert to the UH Foundation as the owner. Three hundred seventy-four students a year will be unleashed into our community as trained entrepreneurial thinkers. They are badly needed as we try to diversify our economy.

I respectfully ask for your support.

Regards,

Walter A. Dods Jr.

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Benjamin Bushrow Honolulu, HI

August 10, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawai'i Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumnus of the PACE program, I support this for a multitude of reasons. With the recent decision made by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the number of tourists will be reduced in the coming years. Approving Resolution 21-127 CD1 will provide an area where students can work on innovative and local solutions to diversify the Hawaiian economy in a collaborative setting. Approving this project will also provide the University of Hawai'i with a powerful recruiting tool when looking to accept elite students and retaining top local students, seeing as it will be a unique state-of-the-art housing center. The long-term benefits associated with this will see the University of Hawai'i, the city, and the state obtain an increase in grants, donations, and general funding over the years.

The closing of Hale Noelani should also serve as an example of the deteriorating nature of our housing options. Hale Wainani is constantly experiencing maintenance issues, Gateway Hall crams two people in a small room, and Hale Luawai & Kahawai are simply outdated. Even our newest facility, Frear Hall, has had issues with air conditioning and amenities. Constructing this student-housing center will give students more reason to attend the university, bring a rejuvenated look that amplifies Shidler College of Business' international ranking, and offer local students studying different disciplines to come live, learn, work, & innovate together. This facility will also be close enough to the university, TheBus, and Biki stations to be attractive to students seeking multi-modal transport while remaining minutes away from their classes.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

Sincerely,

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#### August 10, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this. Below are my support

#### Diversity:

Entrepreneurship is a vital role in any economy. The future we are facing today is automation-based, and new jobs need to be created to fit the future. Entrepreneurs are the economic providers of such jobs.

#### **Near Campus:**

I don't even own a car myself today as it is more economically reasonable for me to rely on ride sharing apps/bikes/etc, so having housing nearby campus is crucial for modern student housing.

#### My Opinion:

From my experience, UH Manoa students from across disciplines hardly knew about the entrepreneurship center at UH. I think if PACE (ie entrepreneurship as a discipline) had a dedicated building, then it would increase awareness and impact dramatically.

I will say, though, to many students, oftentimes, "startups" are "resume builders", and students aren't serious about actually starting businesses, but rather, are using "startups" for just looking good for future job applications. This is great for students. But, it's not the economic purpose of entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs should not be taking jobs. Entrepreneurs should be creating jobs. There needs to be a shift in paradigm about this in the PACE program. Less emphasis on theory,

and more "real-world" emphasis. Less "lean startup" theory and more "business", more "problem solving", and more "job creation", etc.

I believe that the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center can be the spark for that paradigm shift and much, much more.

PACE is a remarkable program. I am very grateful that it was available to me and hope for many other students to benefit from it moving forward.

For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) adopt this resolution.

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## **Written Testimony**

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TESTIMONY OF JAN N. SULLIVAN IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 21-127, CD1,
APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO PLAN REVIEW USE PERMIT
NO. 2009/PRU-3 TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I MANOA
CAMPUS BOUNDARIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATHERTON MIXED-USE STUDENT
HOUSING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

August 11, 2021

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127, CD1. As a member of the Hawai'i business community, I support this project for a number of reasons.

The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is an exciting step forward for the University of Hawai'i. It builds upon the promised Hawai'i Innovation Initiative—to create a thriving innovation and entrepreneurship facility that will allow the state to diversify its economy and create high-quality, high-wage jobs.

This "live-learn-work" facility will serve as a beacon, attracting innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions, develop leadership skills and launch ventures that solve our world's biggest problems. The project will provide local students with the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment focused on nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset—valuable skills for the 21st century workforce.

The proposed 373-bed building, structured as a public-private partnership, provides a win-win solution for UH and Hawai'i taxpayers. The construction will be funded through bond financing without the use of State funds and the associated burden to local taxpayers. Over time, the bonds will be retired through residential revenue leaving UH with a valuable, long-term asset.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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#### Testimony of Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council City & County of Honolulu Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-127—Approving an Application for Major Modification to the PRU Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Expand the Boundaries of the UH Manoa Campus and Construct the Atherton Mixed Use Project

> Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:00 A.M. City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Council.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes is strong support of Resolution 21-127, to expand the boundaries of the University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) Campus to construct the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UHM. This project is a mixed-use live/work/learn innovation eco-system that will integrate academic space and student housing with co-working/collaborative areas.

This project will not only re-purpose an old dorm building into an academic, co-working and commercial space, but will also complement it with an additional six-story building that will provide student housing and support functions. The project will house a cross-disciplinary one-stop shop for the growing number of University of Hawaii programs currently supporting research, innovation and entrepreneurship—all areas critically needed to help diversify the state's economy.

Developing this mixed-use live/work/learn environment at UHM makes sense, especially in areas where businesses, restaurants, and multimodal transportation options are available. This project will also increase on-campus housing for about 375 students, who would otherwise occupy units in other communities, and help to curb their dependence on automobile use, which should result in less cars circulating in adjacent neighborhoods.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests your favorable decision on this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.



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#### HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

August 11, 2021

The Honolulu City Council
The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
530 South King Street
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Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – Support for Resolution 21-127 Approving an Application for Major Modification to the PRU Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Expand the Boundaries of the UH Manoa Campus and Construct the Atherton Mixed Use Project

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters would like to offer their support for Resolution 21-127, to expand the boundaries of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus to construct the Atherton Mixed Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center.

This project will not only re-purpose an old dorm building into an academic, co-working and commercial space, but will also complement it with an additional six-story building that will provide student housing and support functions.

The Atherton Mixed-Use Project will serve as a catalyst for economic diversification and reinvention that is needed in a post-COVID-19 economy.

There is currently a demand for student housing on the Manoa Campus and this project will provide up to 375 beds.

This project will be revenue neutral to the UH system, as the design, finance, building, and maintenance will all be provided by a private entity.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Nathaniel Kinney nkinney@hrcc-hawaii.com

#### STATE HEADQUARTERS & BUSINESS OFFICES

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As a current student of the PACE program, I support this proposal because as a Biology major graduate, I had the pivotal opportunity to learn and engage in entrepreneurial education, a field I have never explored throughout my undergraduate trajectory. Through PACE, I was fortunate enough to gain new knowledge and insights into entrepreneurship, a skill that I will take with me as I continue to pursue my educational and career goals. With the expansion of new RISE live-learn-work entrepreneurship facility, I know that it will open a plethora of new doors for students in a multidisciplinary manner. Whether that is working on a new project such as building a startup to tackle a healthcare problem, or determining if a company is worth investing in, PACE offers such a wide variety of opportunities for students to take on that will broaden their experiences and skills instrumental to their success in the real world. More importantly, these programs will help to shape the economy into a more diversified one, bringing equity and diversity to the table.

In addition to the educational and scholarly reasons, there is an ever-greater need for student housing near campus as more students are choosing to live on-campus. With a live-learn-work entrepreneurship facility, this will allow students to live in the same space that they also work in, increasing convenience and workflow. With this in mind, students also have better access to transportation such as with bike-sharing, and the city bus due to the facility's location near these services. I am extremely grateful to have been a part of multiple PACE programs to

develop my business and entrepreneurship knowledge that will without a doubt serve a purpose for my future endeavors.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

Sincerely, Huanli Hu <u>huanlihu@hawaii.edu</u> The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center — In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumnus of the PACE program, I know firsthand how impactful developing an entrepreneurial mindset can be. An entrepreneurial mindset is a collection of mental habits that include an attentiveness toward opportunities and a focus on their impact, all with the intention of creating value. Imagine a new generation of UH Manoa students who recognize opportunities and are focused on creating value. Some of these students will go on to start their own enterprises and some of them will become intrapreneurs (entrepreneurial thinking within an existing company). Each of them will create value for our local economy. Whether in the form of an innovative startup that helps tackle the climate crisis or as part of an existing company that is addressing Hawaii's housing shortage. The value that these students create will lead to a more diversified and healthier economy.

The next generation of innovative and entrepreneurial students will also embrace the sharing economy model. The sharing economy is an economic system in which assets and services are shared between private individuals. That means that they will opt for other modes of transportation – like car-sharing (uber), bike-sharing (biki), or using shuttles (UH) and busses (City). This will lead to less cars on the road, less traffic, less parking needed, and less neighborhood congestion.

The pandemic has shown us how important collaboration is. It's shown us how merging minds leads to better outcomes. The same can be said about a space that allows students from different disciplines – business, engineering, design, communications, etc. – to live and work together. This space would allow multidisciplinary collaboration and will lead to better outcomes, successful enterprises, and lessons learned.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because of how much of an impact the PACE program had on my development as a student and how it helped me to network and prepared me to succeed in the workforce. I graduated from the Shidler College of Business with a Bachelor's Degree in Entrepreneurship. I was also a board member of the Entrepreneur's Club. The PACE program would provide business students with a workspace, where we could meet and organize our events through the business club. PACE would also host network events that gave us college students the opportunities to network with business professionals. I am truly grateful for the PACE program. I'm currently the Branch Manager at the HNL Airport, Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Although I didn't start my own business (maybe one day!), the learning experiences through the PACE program helped me in my career and with intrapreneurship. As a Branch Manager, I operate my location like it's my own business. This shows how these types of programs can really help diversify our economy and improve our workforce, not just specifically through entrepreneurship.

I'm excited because this current project offers an even better opportunity for the students. The workspace and housing will promote innovation and engagement. These students will become our future leaders in the business world. More than ever, with our State rebuilding the economy, we will need to count on them to step up and drive our future successes. Let's give them every opportunity to succeed!

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

Mahalo for your time,

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## **Written Testimony**

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program and a local, I support this because of the amazing entrepreneurial education I was able to get from attending PACE's programs. The easy access to education on campus and welcoming atmosphere allowed me to bring out my creative mind in a safe space with fellow student entrepreneurs. I was able to easily act on my ideas, interact with professionals, and receive feedback all in one place. Through my friends in other university

innovation hubs across the nation, I have seen the power that reducing barriers to entrepreneurial education, cooperation with multiple disciplines, and support from the right people can allow a student to leave a sizeable impact on the community through their ventures. A dedicated live, learn, work innovation center near campus will be a game-changer in providing a consistent space for ideas to flow at all hours of the day, opening up more opportunities to interact with students from different disciplines, and limiting distractions to allow students the opportunity to create, cooperate, and implement solutions for the community more effectively. This space is important for fostering our future innovators, leaders, and ultimately our 'aina.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to adopt this resolution.

Lian Huang

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RE: Resolution 21-127 CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program and a local, I support this because of the amazing entrepreneurial education I was able to get from attending PACE's programs. The easy access to education on campus and welcoming atmosphere allowed me to bring out my creative mind in a safe space with fellow student entrepreneurs. I was able to easily act on my ideas, interact with professionals, and receive feedback all in one place. Through my friends in other university innovation hubs across the nation, I have seen the power that reducing barriers to entrepreneurial education, cooperation with multiple disciplines, and support from the right people can allow a student to leave a sizeable impact on the community through their ventures. A dedicated live, learn, work innovation center near campus will be a game-changer in providing a consistent space for ideas to flow at all hours of the day, opening up more opportunities to interact with students from different disciplines, and limiting distractions to allow students the opportunity to create, cooperate, and implement solutions for the community more effectively. This space is important for fostering our future innovators, leaders, and ultimately our 'aina.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to adopt this resolution.

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## Written Testimony

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

I recently graduated from UH Mānoa, Shidler School of Business in 2020. As an alumni of multiple PACE programs, I support this because I truly believe in the power of these programs to transform students into innovative and entrepreneurial business leaders in Hawai'i. I've said it many times— I think that PACE was the most impactful part of my education at UH. Undoubtedly, their programs will lead to a more diversified economy in Hawai'i.

I also support this because there is a need for affordable student

housing near campus, that doesn't require students to drive long distances and pay huge parking fees. Providing additional housing opportunities near campus will alleviate H1 and town traffic, reduce emissions that are contributing to the climate crisis, and strengthen the community of bright young adults that attend UH.

A live-work-learn innovation center on our campus will elevate UH to be on par with prestigious campuses across the continent, and will only serve to attract additional talent to join the student body. I know that I would have been elated to have an opportunity like this during my years at UH. This space would offer the opportunity for local students from multiple disciplines to cross paths with each other and folks in industry, creating the conditions for the type of cross-pollination needed to spark innovative and scalable startups here in Hawai'i.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

Jackson Solomon

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## **Written Testimony**

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of

Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumnus of the PACE program, I support this because of the importance PACE has for the future of the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. We need to continue to drive entrepreneurship and innovation in Hawaii and PACE is in the best position to do this. If we don't invest in our future we will not have one. As someone born and raised in Hawaii and now having my own family in Hawaii, PACE is a tool for our economy to move in a more sustainable way.

As a current student of the PACE program, I support this because...

For these reasons, I urge you to adopt this resolution.

Justin Y. Puckett

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## Written Testimony

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

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As an alumnus of the PACE program, I support this because I believe that building this facility will ignite innovation. Furthermore, seeing and being around other hardworking entrepreneurs during all hours of the day will be a source of motivation not only for me but all aspiring entrepreneurs, allowing us to contribute to our flourishing local economy. Lastly, with the added convenience of student housing near campus, the opportunities to meet a diverse group of entrepreneurs, and the numerous PACE programs available, this project will be a unique and invaluable educational experience, open more opportunities to create lasting connections, and help further diversify Hawaii's economy.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

Sincerely, Jinny Wang

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August 11, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer Honolulu City Council City & County of Honolulu 530 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE:Resolution 21-127 Proposed CDI - Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No.2009/PRU-3 to Al: for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center - In Support

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina And Members Of The Committee:

Mahalo nui loa for allowing members of the public to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CDI. I possess a unique perspective significant to the particular issues surrounding this resolution. I am hopeful that by sharing it with you it will leave a lasting impression, and be impactful on all of your decisions. I am proud to be a University of Hawai'i alumnus and I lived on campus for 8 semesters earning a living as a Resident Advisor from Fall of 2009 til Spring of 2011, and as a Hall Director for the summer of 2011. I have also worked for three summers as a mentor for incoming freshmen and sophomore engineering students, and from fall of 2013 to fall of 2014 I managed the aquaculture lab for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. I was a full time, and later a part time, student seeking triple bachelor degrees in science and art, as well as a winner of 8 business and innovation competitions held by the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship from the summer of 2016 through to the spring of 2019.



Our startup that arose from the Summer Launchpad's inaugural program of 2016 has also won prize money from the Purple Prize of 2017 and the Island Innovation Demo Day competition of 2019; all For a grand total of over \$12,000 in startup capital. We frugally applied those funds into developing a provisionally patented, novel, and innovative advancement in the plant factory industry. Our design and early prototype has gained the attention of a major Japan based investment company and network. We are currently in negotiations with them and where upon completion we look to welcome our very first Angel Investor. With their investment it would bring our current valuation to nearly \$10,000,000 USD.

All of this would not have been possible without the programs and generous gift of advice and knowledge by all of the staff, program managers, directors, and outside professional advisors who generously donate their time and effort; and all of this PACE provides to students free of charge. Susan Yamada and Peter Rowan left indelible impressions on me that have served our company extremely well in our endeavors, and this is potentially what future students could also receive should you choose to allow them the opportunity. In my opinion if Hawai'i is to succeed at breaking the image of being predominantly a tourist destination then to become a more resilient state would you not agree that we need to diversify and innovate our industries so they in-turn can offer our keiki the broadest opportunity for their own, and our State's own, success?

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alumnus of the PACE program, I support this because creating a Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center is an opportunity to do something bold and meaningful that will contribute to new economic sectors for generations to come. If there is any desire to position the State of Hawai'i for future relevance in high-tech, biopharmaceutical, computer science, and bioengineering industries then this facility is the gateway.

There are several programs at the University of Hawai'i in various schools, departments, and offices that focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. Together these programs create an innovation ecosystem that will help Hawai'i remain relevant in the future. Programs like the Summer Launchpad, UH Venture Competition, MIND Hawaii, iLAB, and others all strive to teach students how to work in teams to solve real-world problems in a way that will be meaningful to students and the community after they graduate. The problem is that these programs do not have sufficient space to meet and work.

The Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center can be the keystone to the innovation ecosystem. It will be a landmark that will place the University of Hawai'i with other top innovation universities in the nation. Expanding UH boundaries to include the Atherton site will ensure the land's best use scenario for generations to come.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

Sincerely, Micah Hansen August 11, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Dresiding Officer Honolulu City Council
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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As alumni of the PACE program, I, Savannah Adler-Rivard and my husband, Benjamin Adler-

Rivard, support the expansion of UH Manoa to the Atherton property because of the reasons listed below:

- PACE programs are integral for a diversified economy
- There is a need for student housing near campus
- Today students are less reliant on cars, and are multi-modal with car-sharing apps, bike sharing opportunities like Biki, and are provided semester bus passes, etc.
- The project offers the opportunity for local students from multiple disciplines to engage in entrepreneurial education in an integrated live- learn-work innovation center
- The center is an amazing opportunity for Hawaii to grow in further establishing a community of solutionists who aim to solve local issues and integrate their businesses into our economy
- Foster entrepreneurship as a lifestyle and provide a physical location for both students actively engaging as well as the general student body who can also glean from the atmosphere of creativity, business and professionalism

For these reasons, we respectfully ask that you adopt this resolution.

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## **Written Testimony**

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 CD1.

Written Testimony As an alumni of UH's College of Engineering and the PACE Program, I've gone on to start my own business and win multiple NSF SBIR grant awards which have resulted in creating valuable tech jobs within the State of Hawaii. None of the successes that my business have achieved would have been possible without the training and support of PACE. Further, I believe their vision for a mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center will become a catalyst for additional successful entrepreneurship ventures in the future; I know that I could have benefited greatly from this initiative in my journey as a student entrepreneur.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to approve this resolution.

Mahalo,

Monica Parks

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of

Resolution 21-127 CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because I believe

in the impact that this center will make on Hawaii's economy.

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As a current student of the PACE program, I support this because

PACE has provided excellent programs to help launch my career in

entrepreneurship.

For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) adopt

this resolution.

Austin Yoshino

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For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) adopt

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**Austin Yoshino** 

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Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship

Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE) Center is a great program at UH for all students. This program has given me opportunities that I never thought I would get. I have

Written Testimony been able to learn about business and entrepreneurship even though I am a biology major, where these skills can be combined with my major. A new and improved building for PACE will provide more expertunities for students like me who are interested in learning about

will provide more opportunities for students like me who are interested in learning about

entrepreneurship and more.

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I strongly support to expand the UH Mānoa campus boundaries to include the Atherton property for the envisioned live-learn-work entrepreneurship and innovation facility.

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As a former PhD student at UH MĀNOA, PACE and Shilder School programs had an inevitable role in shaping my career an experience which helped me to start a company then pursue my career as scientist in Intel Corp. So I strongly support the extension project.

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