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TO: Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
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Director Dean Uchida, Department of Planning and Permitting

FROM: Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair, Honolulu City Council *EK*
Chair, Housing & the Economy Committee

RE: Follow up on Ordinance 21-12 (Bill 1) and request for reporting of housing incentive data

Aloha Managing Director Formby, Director Kawano, and Director Uchida,

I request that the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) and the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) provide the required reports to the Honolulu City Council pursuant to [Ordinance 21-12 \(Bill 1\)](#).

Section 42-4.3 of Ordinance 21-12 states that "the director of budget and fiscal services and the director of planning and permitting shall provide reports to the city council every six months beginning on the effective date of this ordinance." Bill 1 was signed into law by Mayor Blangiardi on April 21, 2021. Accordingly, consistent with Sec. 42-4.3, I am requesting a report with the following data to be reported to the Council:

- (1) The number of building permit applications submitted under the grant program established by this article for the six-month period and cumulatively;
- (2) The number of building permits approved under the grant program for the six-month period and cumulatively;
- (3) The number of grant applications submitted under the grant program at each AMI tier for the six-month period and cumulatively;
- (4) The number of grant claims approved under the grant program for the six-month period and cumulatively;
- (5) The number of affordable rental housing units supported with grants for the six-month period and cumulatively;

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- (6) The amount of grant funds disbursed for the six-month period and cumulatively;
- (7) The number of waivers granted under Section 42-4.2(m) for the six-month period and cumulatively;
- (8) The number of affordable rental housing units built under the grant program for the six-month period and cumulatively; and
- (9) A description of any violations of this article discovered during the six-month period and actions taken against the violator.

I look forward to hearing about your successes in implementing this program which is meant to address the shortage of affordable rental housing in the City and County of Honolulu. Upon receipt of the report, I will coordinate with the Administration to provide an update at the Committee on Housing and the Economy. Based upon discussions during the legislative process leading to the enactment of Bill 1, it is anticipated that the following issues will arise: prevailing wages for contractors, tenant relocation during renovation, and how many demolished affordable units were retained for affordability.