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The Honorable Calvin K. Y. Say, Chair
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Committee on Zoning
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Say and Members:

SUBJECT: City Council Resolution No. 23-83: Authorizing Exemptions from Certain Requirements Relating to the 690 Pohukaina Affordable Rental and Mixed-Use Project Located at 690 Pohukaina Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-12051: 041.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) understands the intent of City Council Resolution No. 23-83, authorizing exemptions from certain requirements relating to the 690 Pohukaina Affordable Rental and Mixed-Use Project Located at 690 Pohukaina Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (herein "Project").

The BWS Board of Directors (Board) passed Resolution No. 889, 2018, Adopting Revisions to the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Furnishing of Water and Water Service for Fiscal Years 2019 – 2023, effective September 10, 2018 through June 30, 2023. On April 24, 2023, The Board passed Resolution No. 963, thereby extending the rates and charges that became effective on July 1, 2022 until superseded by a revision to the Schedule of Rates and Charges.. The Board recognizes the importance of affordable water to meet essential household needs and allowed for waiver(s) of the water system facilities charge and new meter cost for qualified affordable and homeless dwelling units, up to 500 dwelling units per year and extended the waivers and fees until the superseded by the Board revision. The dwelling units must meet certain requirements as specified in the BWS Resolution. Any further extension to Resolution is subject to Board approval.

The BWS is a semi-autonomous agency that does not receive funds from property taxes, so the cost of any waiver will have to be recovered through water rates. As such, the BWS does not allow for exemptions. Under Section 1-102 and 2-202 of the BWS Rules and Regulations, the BWS may allow a deferral of payment of water system

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facility charges and installation of water service fees until the installation of the water meter, provided that all BWS requirements are satisfied.

For the purpose of consistency, the BWS suggests an amendment to page 3, item #6, as underscored below:

Board of Water Supply Rules and Regulations

6. Exemption Deferral from § 1-102, § 2-202(2), and § 2-202(3) Sections 1-102, 2-202(2) and 2-202(3) of the Board of Water Supply Rules and Regulations to allow an exemption from the a deferral of payment of BWS installation and water facilities charges, water system facility and installation of water service fees, estimated at \$3,265,920 until the installation of the water meter; provided that all Board of Water Supply requirements are satisfied. The actual fees to be deferred will be determined by the BWS during review of the building permit applications;

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,



ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer

by