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Aloha Council District 6 and 7 Neighborhood Board Chairs,

Bill 44 (2023), "Relating to False Statements," seeks to penalize those making false statements to City Officials, particularly as it relates to "Monster Homes."

Currently, Bill 44 establishes a framework in which a violator can be labeled as having a "history of making false statements." This would give the City the ability to impose additional penalties and requirements on bad actors. For example, persons having a "history of making false statements" may be forced to undergo rigorous inspections when applying for future permits, which would give us a tool to stop monster homes before construction begins.

A number of similar options have been floated by stakeholders. These options can be organized into three categories: civil penalties, administrative deterrents, and property-related deterrents. Before we make a decision on what to include or omit, we wanted to provide District 6 and 7 neighborhood boards with an opportunity to view them and offer feedback.

The options are as follows:

1. Civil Penalties:

- a. Imposing civil penalties for making a false statement; and
- b. Imposing additional civil penalties for violations of building- and construction-related ordinances for persons found to have made a false statement.

2. Administrative Deterrents:

- a. Increasing permitting fees for persons found to have made a false statement; and
- b. Suspending persons found to have made a false statement from submitting a permit application.

3. Property-Related Deterrents:

- a. Making it easier for persons found to have made a false statement to be charged with perjury;
- b. Requiring additional building inspections for persons found to have made a false statement; and
- c. Requiring that a non-compliant structure be demolished if persons found to have made a false statement construct a non-compliant structure and non-compliance persists.



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If you are interested, please submit correspondence, which may include an official communication or resolution, with (1) your board's preferred options; and (2) the justification for those options. Please do so by December 31, 2023.

Thank you for your collaboration on this key topic, which has been an issue for our shared communities. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

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