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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Sep 25, 2024 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 20, 2024 @ 03:42 AM
Testimony: I agree with surfrider because they care about our shoreline. Unfortunately, a permit was granted to the "sandbags" property to put in a NEW wall so my question is why was one property allowed to do that and this is being rejected ? Is it the scope? We need to be fair. I reject a bigger wall but repair is another option.		
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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 12:08 PM



ANNE OLIVER (R)
VICE PRESIDENT

August 28, 2024

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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony of Anne Oliver in Support of Approval for 2024/SMA-44 and 2024/SV-1

Aloha, Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Committee Members:

My name is Anne Oliver, and I am a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Realty. I have represented numerous Lanikai oceanfront property owners over the course of my 27 year career. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the Smiths' special management area major permit (2024/SMA-44) and shoreline setback variance (2024/SV-1) applications (the "Applications"). I submit this testimony in strong support of the Applications. As discussed below, the Applications should be approved.

The Smiths seawall and revetment are part of an existing hardened shoreline that fronts more than 100 parcels. These structures are lawfully in place and have been for decades, with the Smiths' seawall being in place since before World War II. The Applications propose to keep the seawall and revetment in sound condition. That maintains the status quo.

Given the developed environment in Lanikai, we can't simply remove these structures or willfully let them fail. The Smiths' seawall and revetment are a link in a chain and removing them (or letting them fail) will likely cause neighboring structures to fail, one by one. That's not a desirable policy.

I am very aware of the lengthy process that Mr. and Mrs. Smith have pursued, beginning in April 2020, to comply with all State of Hawaii requirements to legally repair their seawall. It is astonishing, and extremely disheartening, to contemplate that property owners like the Smiths, who have performed in compliance with all State of Hawaii requirements to secure a permit approval, are not automatically issued permit approval.

While we need to develop and implement a plan for what we eventually do with existing hardened shorelines like Lanikai, we also need to acknowledge that we don't have such plans right now. We can't allow existing structures to fail in the interim. That's forced dilapidation.

I strongly urge this Committee to recommend approval of the Applications so that we can maintain the status quo and avoid the consequences of inaction. That's sound and sensible policy.

Sincerely,

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