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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Dec 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAIʻI

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAIʻI FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR YOUTH AGED 18 TO 24

TO: Honolulu City Council Members

FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO
Catholic Charities Hawaiʻi

Hearing: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 10am

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **IN SUPPORT** of **Resolution 24-278** Authorizing the Lease of City Property to Catholic Charities Hawaiʻi for permanent supportive housing to youth aged 18 to 24 at **1531 Kewalo Street, D&E, Honolulu, HI 96822.**

Our Horizons Program will provide oversight of this project, which provides low-cost housing options for youth ages 18 to 24. This shared housing option will provide ten (10) private bedrooms with common areas for shared use and supportive services. This will be one of two City properties leased by Catholic Charities Hawaii to provide affordable housing options to youth.

Catholic Charities Hawaii created the Horizons Program in 2007 to address the needs for youth aging out of foster care. Since its inception, the Horizons Program has helped hundreds of young adults ages 18 to 24 to develop skills for independence, financial stability and personal wellness. This project will serve young adults in need of housing with support services; including those aging out of foster care, mental health or juvenile justice systems. Youth aging out of these systems disproportionately experience homelessness in Hawaii and need affordable and supportive housing options.

We ask that you support the lease of this property to Catholic Charities Hawaiʻi to provide this critical low cost housing option for youth ages 18 to 24. Thank you for your consideration.