

RES24-273
Testimony

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

Support: 4

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing: Hawai'i YIMBY	Position: Support	Submitted: Dec 10, 2024 @ 09:58 AM
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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

December 11, 2024

TO: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kia'āina, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Mark Anthony Clemente
Government Relations
Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Committee Report 344 / Resolution 24-273

Dear Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

My name is Mark Anthony Clemente writing on behalf of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters, and we are writing in support of CR-344(24) / Resolution 24-273 – Amending Resolution 16-11, CD1 (as amended by Resolution 17-320), to: (1) convert phase 3 of the Kapolei mixed-use development project at Kapolei, Oahu, Hawai'i, to an affordable rental development consisting of phases 3 and 4, and (2) convert existing retail space in phases 1 and 2 of the project into community space.

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This affordable housing project is targeting residents at the 30-60% AMI Rent Range. For a studio, this will be between \$731 - \$1,462; one-bedroom at \$783-\$1,566; two-bedroom at \$939-\$1,879; and three-bedroom at \$1,086-\$2,172.

Residents will also have access to community amenities including a swimming pool, recreational and fitness centers, computer rooms, keiki play area, dog park, and BBQ areas.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for consideration of our testimony in support of this resolution.

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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RE: **SUPPORT for RES 24-273 - Relating to the Hale Moena affordable housing project in Kapolei.**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and Council Members,

On behalf of Hawai'i YIMBY, I'm writing to express **strong support** for the resolution to approve the conversion of the Phase 3 retail space of the Hale Moena project into Phase 3 and 4 of additional affordable rental housing units.

Allowing this conversion would add an **additional 247 affordable studio, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments** for those earning 60% AMI and below. With the housing affordability crisis worsening, we need to continue to **build more dense and affordable housing types**. In addition, the project site is located within close walking or biking distance to vital community resources like schools, grocery stores and retail shopping. Residents will also be located on a major transit corridor and Kapolei Transit Center which allows frequent service throughout Kapolei and into Honolulu.

Hawai'i YIMBY (Yes In My Backyard) is a volunteer-led grassroots advocacy organization dedicated to supporting bold and effective solutions for Hawai'i's housing crisis. We urge your thoughtful consideration on this resolution, and thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Mahalo,

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Housing Hawaii's Future
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TO: Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City council

RE: Resolution 24-273 - Relating to the Hale Moena Affordable Rental Housing Project

Housing Hawaii's Future is a movement led by young locals who will create opportunities for Hawaii's next generations by ending the workforce housing shortage.

We support Resolution 24-273.

Phases III and IV of Hale Moena will produce a total of 247 affordable units in Kapolei. All units will serve those earning <60% of the area median income.

Housing Hawaii's Future recognizes the value of this project on West O'ahu. This project will add valuable inventory to the region's severely constrained supply of workforce housing. As an added bonus, Hale Moena is also critically located in close walking proximity to educational facilities, employment centers, shopping venues, and other resources.

This is a project that deserves all our support.

We appreciate your consideration of this issue and careful attention to policy.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perry Arrasmith".

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