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Meeting Date: Jan 16, 2025 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
D.R. Horton Hawaii	Support	Jan 15, 2025 @ 10:19 AM

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January 14, 2025

The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
The Honorable Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure
& Transportation
Honolulu City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: **Resolution 24-220 – Subdivision Ordinance Amendment Relating to Parks and Playgrounds**
Hearing Date: January 16, 2025, 2:30 pm

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Okimoto and Members of the Committee

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of D.R. Horton Hawaii, in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-220 – Subdivision Ordinance Amendment Relating to Parks and Playgrounds. D.R. Horton Hawaii is one of Hawaii's largest homebuilders and has been providing affordable housing and first-time buyer homes for Hawaii's families throughout Oahu and across the state for more than fifty years. D.R. Horton Hawaii is a leader in building quality and sustainable home designs and has adopted an overall sustainability plan for its Ho'opili master-planned community in East Kapolei.

As part of its master plan for Ho'opili, D.R. Horton is committed to providing parks and playgrounds for the community. In many instances, where parks and playgrounds already exist, community members have expressed a desire to include dog parks or other areas where dogs can exercise and play unleashed. Dog parks are important and can help provide recreational opportunities, physical activity and a common area for community involvement. Unfortunately, currently dog parks do not qualify for park dedication requirements under ROH Chapter 22.

Resolution 24-220 is being introduced to amend the subdivision ordinance to allow dog parks to fulfill part of the requirement for park dedication in the subdivision ordinance. We strongly urge the council to support this effort and pass Resolution 24-220 so that the Department of Planning and Permitting can further consider this amendment. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 295-7329 or LSTokuhara@drhorton.com.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Lee Tokuhara, Vice President
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