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The Honorable Esther Kia'āina, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 100
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Dear Chair Kia'āina and Members:

SUBJECT: City Council Resolution No. 24-297, Proposed CD1: Authorizing Exemptions from Certain Requirements Relating to the 1142 Kīna'u Street Affordable Rental Housing Project in Honolulu, O'ahu

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) understands the intent of City Council Resolution No. 24-297, proposed CD1, authorizing exemptions from certain requirements relating to the 1142 Kīna'u Street affordable rental housing project in Honolulu, O'ahu (herein "Project").

The BWS is a semi-autonomous agency that does not receive funds from property taxes, so the cost of any waiver will have to be recovered through water rates. As such, the BWS does not allow for exemptions. Under Section 1-102 and 2-202 of the BWS Rules and Regulations, the BWS may allow a deferral of payment of water system facility charges and installation of water service fees until the installation of the water meter, provided that all BWS requirements are satisfied.

For clarification purposes, the BWS suggests the following amendments to page 3, item #11, as underscored below:

Board of Water Supply (BWS) Rules and Regulations:

11. Deferral from §§ 1-102 and 2-202 of the BWS Rules and Regulations, to allow a deferral of the payment of water system facility charges and the installation of water service fees until the installation of the Project's water meter, estimated at $257,044; provided that all BWS requirements are satisfied. The actual fees to be deferred will be determined by the BWS during review of the Project's building permit application.

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Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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