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Support: 1

Oppose: 0

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Statement of
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Before the
Honolulu City Council

City Council Chamber
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
10:00 A.M.

In consideration of
RESOLUTION 25-198 – MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES

Honorable Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola and members of the Honolulu City Council, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for Resolution 25-198, which authorizes the issuance and delivery of Multifamily Housing Revenue Notes in a principal amount not to exceed One Hundred Seven Million Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($107,710,000) for the purpose of making loans to provide financing to KPLR Phase 1, LP, a Hawai‘i limited partnership, for a multifamily rental housing development; determining and prescribing certain other matters relating thereto; and approving and authorizing related actions and execution and delivery of related documents and agreements.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority partnered with the Highridge Costa Development Company (HCDC), an affordable

housing developer, to redevelop Kuhio Park Low-Rise and Homes (KPLR) located between Linapuni and Ahonui Streets in the Kalihi neighborhood of Honolulu. This funding will go towards the first phase of a three-phase redevelopment project that will provide a total of approximately 650 affordable housing units within eight new buildings.

KPLR Phase 1 will dispose of 3.66 acres of land, including 13 dwelling buildings containing 60 dwelling units, and all residents have been relocated, either to another public chousing unit or through Section 8 assistance. The redevelopment of three hundred four (304) new affordable rental units will be produced, including two manager's units. All the units at the Project will be leased to families at income levels at or below eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income ("AMI").

Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of this measure and for your unwavering commitment to supporting the housing needs in the City and County of Honolulu. We look forward to continuing our partnership to improve the quality of life for all residents.