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August 21, 2025

The Honorable Esther Kia'āina, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Zoning and Planning  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Kia'āina and Members:

**SUBJECT: Council Resolution No. 25-236: Authorizing Exemptions from Certain Requirements Relating to the Laulima Affordable Rental Housing Project in Kapolei, O'ahu**

The Board of Water Supply (BWS), for the most part, supports City Council Resolution No. 25-236, authorizing exemptions from certain requirements relating to the Laulima Affordable Rental Housing Project in Kapolei, O'ahu, (herein "Project").

The BWS is a semi-autonomous agency that does not receive funds from property taxes. As such, the BWS does not allow for exemptions, but may allow for deferrals for affordable housing units. Under Section 1-102 and 2-202 of the BWS Rules and Regulations, the BWS may allow a deferral of payment of water system facilities charges and installation of water service fees until the installation of the water meter, provided that all BWS requirements are satisfied. The BWS will determine the actual fees to be deferred during their review of the building permit application.

Based on the foregoing considerations and to accurately reflect the conditions under which BWS is willing to accommodate the Project, BWS suggests a minor amendment to Resolution No. 25-236, on page 4, item #11, as underscored below:

**Board of Water Supply Rules and Regulations:**

11. Deferral from Sections 1-102 and 2-202 of the Board of Water Supply ("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(s) for each Project phase, for the charges and fees

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associated with that phase, estimated at a total of \$718,200; provided that all BWS requirements are satisfied. Actual charges and fees to be deferred will be determined by the BWS during review of the Project's building permit applications.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on Resolution No. 25-236.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest Y. W. Lau".

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer

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