RES26-237
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Nov 18, 2026 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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I am looking forward to presenting virtually on behalf of Centre Urban Real Estate Hawaii, LLC.

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Honolulu City Council, Zoning and Permitting Committee

Resolution 26-237

Aloha Chair Kaiaina and Members of the Committee

The Waikiki Neighborhood Board is strongly in support of Resolution 26-237. On November 4th the Board voted to support this project to construct a low rise building on the 1615 Ala Wai Blvd site.

For what seemed like decades 1615 Ala Wai Blvd has housed a long-abandoned building that attracted various criminal activities. When the City acquired the property and demolished the existing building it removed the drug dealing and hazardous illegal camping activity from the site and we support the plan to build a low-rise building aimed at working members of our community.

Your support for this resolution will be greatly appreciated.

Robert Finley
Chair

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TO: Chair Kiaʻāina and Members of the Committee on Zoning & Planning

RE: Resolution 26-237, Proposed CD1

Dear Chair Kiaʻāina and Members of the Committee,

Housing Hawaiʻi's Future is a movement led by young locals who will create opportunities for Hawaiʻi's next generation by ending the workforce housing shortage. **We support Resolution 26-237, Proposed CD1,** which approves the agreements that let Centre Urban Real Estate Hawaiʻi build forty affordable rental homes on the City's land at 1615 Ala Wai Boulevard.

1615 Ala Wai is a model for putting underused urban land to work for our workforce. The 1949 walk-up here sat empty for more than twenty years and drew vandalism and trespassing until the City took it by condemnation in 2024 and tore it down in 2025.[1] The City bought the land with Affordable Housing Funds, and it is one of four underused City properties offered for affordable rental construction in 2025. Under the ground lease, the City keeps the land while a partner builds and runs the project.

1615 Ala Wai shows how Honolulu can turn neglected City lots into homes for young workers in our urban communities. **Let's advance Resolution 26-237, CD1.**

Aloha,

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[1]City and County of Honolulu, Department of Housing and Land Management, "City begins demolition of long-abandoned Waikīkī apartment building to make way for affordable housing" (July 9, 2025), https://www.honolulu.gov/dhlm/city-begins-demolition-of-long-abandoned-waikiki-apartment-building-to-make-way-for-affordable-housing/