Resolution 20-195
Testimony

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September 5, 2020

To: Honolulu City Council

Re: Resolution 20-195

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony today. My name is Katherine Dean and I am a resident of The Imperial Plaza at 725 Kapiolani Blvd. I am asking for you to support Resolution 20-195.

Since 2014 the City and County of Honolulu has not maintained several streets in Kakaako due to the ownership of the streets being in dispute. Kakaako Land Company has claimed ownership of several of these streets and charges people to park on them. One of these streets has been Waimanu Street.

But in October of 2017, Judge Bert Ayabe of the First Circuit Court ruled that Kakaako Land Company has no ownership or interest in the Ewa Portion of Waimanu St. This was Civil No. 16-1-2027-10 BIA. As a result, the Ewa Portion of Waimanu St. has been removed from the Kakaako Land Company's claim of ownership of Kakaako streets. Consequently, the Ewa Portion of Waimanu Street is currently not claimed by the Kakaako Land Company, the state of Hawaii, nor the City and County of Honolulu.

I believe the City and County of Honolulu should condemn this portion of Waimanu Street and acquire it by eminent domain. Please vote in support of Resolution 20-195.

Thank you.

Katherine Dean

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Agenda Item	Resolution 20-195
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	We concur with Res 20-195 for the acquisition by the City for that portion of Waimanu Street from Dreier St and the Imperial Plaza Garage to Ward Avenue for condemnation by virtue of eminent domain. This section of Waimanu Street had previously been included in Kakaako Land Company's "private roads" and, therefore, the City has made no improvements since 2014. This road is hazardous, is full of potholes and in dire need of repairs and upgrade. It is especially urgent at this time as construction on the 803 Waimanu Project (a condo) is in full swing and it will continue for another 12 months or so. Other developments are also being considered. All of the businesses on this street, as well as on Cooke Street,are currently affected by this increased traffic, which will only exacerbate as more construction progresses. It is imperative, therefore,that this section of Waimanu Street be condemned by eminent domain for the benefit of all who live and travel in this area. Respectfully submitted. Clara K Morikawa Imperial Plaza #1012
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Written Testimony	Hi everyone, Here are some of the problems residents and business owners encounter everyday. 1. Absolutely NO maintenance control of Waimanu St./ Drier St. whatsoever. Result - potholes, craters, ruts & rough surfaces. My car needs a new suspension now and I'm sure I'm not the only one. 2. No drainage. Some sewer lines are dated back to the 1890's....no kidding. Can those outdated lines handle a massive 100 yr flood? 3. Speed bumps put in by Kakaako Land Company that haven't been removed. 4. Unmarked street centerlines and unmarked parking stalls. "Where is my car going Martha?" 5. No Right of Way control: In particular the "Layton project" at 803 Waimanu St., where ½ of the Imperial Plaza driveway has been fenced off, blocking egress to the loading dock and entry. Stop signs have been reconfigured creating a navigation nightmare. 6. Piles of complaints that go "above and beyond" that are unheard

and unresolved. I know....I've heard them. It's created a "Wild, Wild West" mentality where the fastest shooter with the biggest guns wins!
Is that what we really want in our Luxury condo district?
Is that what we want in any community in Hawaii?

The solution is obvious: Take action and Pass Resolution 20-195. That way the streets of Kakaako will be returned to the rightful owners - We, the People, the City & County of Honolulu, to be maintained and controlled in accordance of law.

We will be so Happy you did this.

Imua,
John Kobelansky Jr.
(Resident of The Imperial Plaza)

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