

Testimony

Resolution 20-270

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-29-2020
Council/PH
Committee Zoning
Agenda Item reso 20-270
Your position
on the matter Comment
Representing Self
Organization retired

Written
Testimony I have concerns about the high number of compact parking spaces. I live in a high rise condo and we have many owners jamming their SUVs into compact spaces. at times they don't fit. the developer needs to do a better study of what car use is, what car sales show, instead of trying to eke out more spaces by increasing compact spaces from 50% to 85%. this is a bad decision.

Testimony
Attachment

Accept Terms
and Agreement 1

IP: 192.168.200.67

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 Meeting Date 10-29-2020
 Council/PH Committee Zoning
 Agenda Item Resolution 20-270
 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Organization
 Organization Fort Street Mall Business Improvement District Association
 Aloha Chair Menor, Vice Chair Waters and members of the committee:

The Fort Street Mall BID is pleased to offer testimony in support of Resolution 20-270, which authorizes exemptions from certain requirements relating to the Residences at Bishop Place Affordable Housing Project located at 1132 Bishop Street.

Written Testimony This conversion of the existing office building to an apartment building will have a significant positive impact to the neighborhood. We commend Douglas Emmett Inc. for providing critically needed affordable rental housing in downtown Honolulu. We also support Douglas Emmett's efforts to make improvements to Union Mall. The area has been challenged with illegal activities and safety issues. We understand Douglas Emmett Inc. is in discussions with the City and would like to create a park similar to Tamarind Park, with improved walkways, upgraded landscaping and enhanced security.

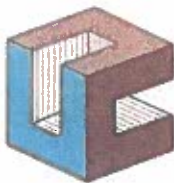
For the aforementioned reasons, we urge the Committee to pass Resolution 20-270. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

Ed Korybski
Executive Director

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UNLIMITED
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

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October 26, 2020

The Honorable Ron Menor
Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing
Honolulu City Council
City & County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Resolution 20-270 – The Residences at Bishop Place Affordable Housing 201H Project (2020/GEN-9) / October 29, 2020 Special Meeting

Aloha Chair Menor, Vice Chair Waters and Members of the Committee:

Unlimited Construction Services, Inc. is an avid supporter of affordable housing constructing 1,800+ affordable units in Hawaii. We appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of Resolution No. 20-270, which authorizes exemptions from certain requirements relating to the Residences at Bishop Place Affordable Housing Project located at 1132 Bishop Street in the central business district in Honolulu.

This project will help address Honolulu's serious shortage of affordable housing by adding more affordable units in Honolulu's urban core; 252 of the 493 units will be affordable rental units. We cannot build additional affordable housing fast enough to meet Hawaii's insatiable demand for these affordable units. The Residences at Bishop Place will also activate the surrounding area, making it a safer place, and contribute to the economic recovery from the COVID-19 recession.

The Residences at Bishop Place is providing approximately 250 jobs for our construction workers, subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors. When many of our citizens are out of work in record numbers due to the pandemic, this project is providing valuable income for workers that need to provide for their families. It helps strengthen our local economy while putting food on the table for many of our workers.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide comments in support of Resolution 20-270. We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

UNLIMITED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

Jay T. Manzano
President

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October 28, 2020

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing
City Council Chamber
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.**

**TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 20-270 – THE RESIDENCES AT BISHOP PLACE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING 201H PROJECT**

**To Committee Chair Menor, Vice Chair Waters and members of the Committee on Zoning,
Planning and Housing:**

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368, its' 5000+ members and its' 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers' International Union of North America is the largest construction union in the United States.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Resolution 20-270, which proposes to modify the density and height variance to allow the building of 252 affordable rental units, as well as 241 market rate units. This modification meets the intent of HRS 201H and will enable flexibility in planning The Residences at Bishop Place Affordable Rental Housing Project.

Resolution 20-270 is crucial in the City's efforts to expand and accommodate much needed housing in the urban core, particularly the economic center, which is downtown Honolulu. Honolulu is experiencing a critical shortage in affordable rental and workforce housing. Resolution 20-270 will ensure that unnecessary constraints will not hinder this project. For these reasons, Hawaii LECET supports Resolution 20-270 and asks for your consideration and support.

With respect,

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust