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The Honorable Ann H. Kobayashi
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530 South King Street, Room 202
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Dear Chair Kobayashi and Members:

SUBJECT: City Council Proposed Resolution 20-270, CD1: Authorizing Exemptions from Certain Requirements Relating to the Residences at Bishop Place Affordable Housing Project at Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys 2-1-010: 015, 021 to 024 and 032

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) understands the intent of City Council Proposed Resolution No. 20-270, CD1, and supports qualified affordable housing.

The BWS Board Directors (Board) passed Resolution No. 889, 2018, Adopting Revisions to the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Furnishing of Water and Water Service for Fiscal Years 2019 – 2023, effective September 10, 2018 through June 30, 2023. The Board recognizes the importance of affordable water to meet essential household needs and allowed for waiver(s) of the water system facilities charge and new meter cost for qualified affordable and homeless dwelling units, up to 500 dwelling units per year. The dwelling units must meet certain requirements as specified in the BWS Resolution.

The BWS suggests amending the language in item 11 of Resolution No. 20-270, CD1, as follows:

Board of Water Supply ("BWS") Rules and Regulations


11. Exemptions from Section 1-102, 2-202(2) and 2-202(3) of the BWS Rules and Regulations. The BWS may waive payment of water system facility fees attributed to the affordable dwelling units. The BWS shall determine the amount of the exemption during the building permit review process. The BWS will defer the applicable water system facility fees until the installation of the water meter.

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Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,


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