

Resolution 20-315 Testimony

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This is another give away to a developer. We don't even know if rail (aka choo choo) will get to Ala Moana Center. Based on recent trends, we do not even know if the Center will survive COVID. On the mainland some centers are going belly up or being converted to other uses. Retail stores are being reconfigured into housing. Until the new normal is known, there should be no further development on the site, no relaxing of height limits, no demolition, etc. All too often developers come in with grandiose plans, demolish what is on a site causing businesses to shutter, something goes wrong, recession, change in needs, etc., the property stays vacant for years, and then maybe with a new owner or more new owners over the years something may be constructed. This is not the time to give Brookfield anything. Development plans, height limits, etc. are there for a reason. Whatever limits are set developers want exceptions. None should be granted.

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Written
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Please do not cave in to Brookfield's plans to further endanger our paradise. We don't need or want taller buildings for rich investors. They should be building on the outskirts of town - where the rail project begins, rather than at the terminating point.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Sarah Chinen

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Your position on the matter Support
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Aloha Council Members,

I would like to voice my support of Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower that will be built in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Due to the lack of affordable housing options in Hawaii, I remember it was really tough to find a good affordable rental in town. And, when you found a good one, there would be 30 applicants that you had to compete with.

Written
Testimony

I recently got married and had a baby. Moving out of town and into a single family home was the next best thing for my family. However, commuting from home to work now takes 1.5 hrs due to high traffic. Having this all-rental tower will provide an amazing rental opportunity for those who want to live closer to their job in town, and best of all, it's connected directly to Ala Moana Center.

Mahalo,
Louise Tatekawa
Local Resident

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Aloha Full Council,

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for the construction of Ala Moana Plaza's all-rental tower. It's sad to see many of my family members moving to the Mainland because of Hawaii's high cost of living.

Written
Testimony

As housing prices continue to rise to record prices, many young people and families are forced to move to the Mainland because of it's cheaper cost of living and a better quality of life. For-rent apartments built in town like the Ala Moana Plaza rentals would help the rental housing market and subsequently cause more locals to remain in the islands.

I know that there are many others who would like to stay in Hawaii, but can't find good affordable housing near work. I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would provide brand new rental housing for our local residents.

Thank you,
C. Lunasco

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Aloha Full Council,

I would like to voice my support of Ala Moana Plaza, Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our local economy and has left many without jobs. Construction of Ala Moana Plaza will help to provide some economic relief as it would create over many jobs in the near future.

I recognize that the jobs created by the project will not completely resolve the unemployment crisis, but it would be a step taken in the right direction and put more people back to work.

Written Testimony Now more than ever, the government must do all that it can to move forward projects that support infrastructure investment and housing construction. Job creation and the construction of new housing for renters is a win-win situation.

This project will invigorate the Ala Moana neighborhood and provide the much-needed housing diversity that complements the rail and other TOD projects. The rentals would also attract a mix of residents, including families, professionals, and kupuna who want to live in a vibrant and walkable community.

I support Ala Moana Plaza and all of the positive impacts that come along with it.

Mahalo,
R. Cutwright

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Aloha City Council Members,

I strongly support the Ala Moana Plaza project! We need more rental housing in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Written Testimony It's sad to read in the newspaper that surrounding condo owners are opposing this project to protect their views. And worse, they think having renters in this neighborhood will decrease their property values and hurt the community.

We need to approve this project and provide more rental housing for people that cannot afford to buy a home especially in during these challenging times.

Mahalo,
Kelli Beasley

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Dear Esteemed City Council Members,

Written Testimony I am writing to express my strong support of the Ala Moana Plaza Development project. The proposed building is a thoughtful, well designed tower, being undertaken by a developer with a proven track record of successful projects. The tower is not for the "ultra rich", it is market rate and workforce housing - the exact type of housing that each member of the Council wants more of. Furthermore, it will be adjacent to the future HART station enabling residents to utilize the rail, thereby reducing traffic and pollution. While there may be slight impacts to neighbors' views, we each need to do our part and give a little so that the community as a whole can be better off. Please approve the AMP project and enable more of our friends and family to have safe, affordable housing options.

Aloha,
Robert Field

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Aloha to the Honolulu City Council,

I would like to extend my support for the Ala Moana Plaza and increase our inventory of new affordable rental units for our local families who have yet to experience home ownership.

Written
Testimony

These units are sorely needed and the urban location will hopefully help tenants and their families with transportation cost and challenges to and from workplaces, schools, community events and outdoor recreational areas. Our housing crisis has not improved and there has been a steady increase in the lack of workforce housing options, affordable rentals and new homes for the past two decades.

I encourage the council to support the efforts of the developer, Brookfield Properties and its partners to successfully complete, manage and sustain this project.

Mahalo,
Alexa Tim

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I have two adult sons (30 & 33) who live with us because rents are so high they cannot afford to pay the high rents in Hawaii and live on their own. Even with a room mate, the monthly rents are ridiculous.

There needs to be more affordable rental properties that aren't ready to be condemned and run down or in terrible neighborhoods that are unsafe.

Written Testimony

I support affordable housing being offered at Ala Moana Plaza - all of our younger generations will be forced to move to the mainland once their aging parents pass on if we don't do something.

Thank you,
Lori Medeiros

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To Whom It May Concern ~

Written
Testimony

I would like to extend my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all-rental tower. Rising home prices combined with personal debt such as student loans have left a lot of young locals giving up on home ownership altogether. Many young people are forced to move to the Mainland or continue living at home because they are essentially being priced out of buying a home. This makes securing quality rentals in good locations even more vital. For-rent apartments built in town, like the Ala Moana Plaza rentals, would help the rental housing market and subsequently cause more young professionals to remain in the islands. It is for these reasons that I support the construction of the Ala Moana Plaza rental tower.

Thank you,
Dezsiree Dameg

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Dear Esteemed City Council Members,

Written
Testimony

I am writing to express my strong support of the Ala Moana Plaza Development (AMP) project. My two daughters currently live on the mainland and these types of safe, affordable, walk-able, and lively developments are exactly what they would like in order to return home to Hawaii. The building is not for the ultra rich; it is market rate and workforce housing - the type of housing that each member of the Council wants more of. The developer has a proven track record of successful projects in Hawaii and AMP will surely be no different.

Please approve the AMP project and enable more of our friends, family, and children to have safe, affordable housing options.

Thank you,
Kim Conner

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To Whom It May Concern,

Written Testimony I am writing in support of the Ala Moana Plaza project because we need more rental housing in urban Honolulu. Home ownership is getting so expensive and out of reach for so many of us, especially in the Kaka'ako and Ala Moana districts.

Thank you very much,
Darrin Imaoka

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY—Dr. George Ka’iliwai III
Opposition to Brookfield Properties Ala Moana Plaza Development (Res. 20-315)
Presented to the
Honolulu City Council
December 9, 2020

I am George Kailiwai and I am a resident of Kaka’ako.

I am requesting that the Honolulu City Council commission an in-depth study on the impact that the rapid and projected growth of Kaka’ako has had and will have on Kaka’ako’s population density, traffic, community infrastructure, and public services before approving the construction of any more projects. This study should encompass the years from 2010 to 2030.

I have lived in Kaka’ako since 2007. Since then, I have witnessed an explosion of growth in my community through projects such as Waiea, Symphony, One Park Lane, Park Lane Ala Moana, Ritz-Carleton Residences, Ae’o, and current and future projects such as the two towers at Sky Ala Moana, Ililani in Kaka’ako, A’ali’i at Ward Village, Ko’ula at Ward Village, Azure Ala Moana, Anaha, and Keeaumoku Towers, to name a few.

The rapid growth of my community has increased the population density and traffic and stressed my community’s sewer and water systems, and jeopardized fire and police services.

The Honolulu Star Advertiser conducted a survey and asked the question, “Do you support some 400-foot, high density tower at or around Ala Moana Center, enabling more housing near the rail terminus?” On Friday (4 Dec 2020) the Star Advertiser published their findings: 69% said, “No, keep at current heights and densities,” 12% said “Lower than 400 feet, but open to buildup,” and 19% said, “Yes: good area or potential for housing.”

Based on the results of this survey, the Honolulu City Council should commission a twenty-year, in-depth study on the impact that the rapid and projected growth of Kaka’ako has had and will have on population density, traffic, community infrastructure, and public services before approving the construction of any more projects.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

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Representing Organization Organization
Owner & Board AOA Board Member & Secretary
Aloha Council Members,

Appreciate you taking the time to read my comments & for your service, support, & leadership.

Written Testimony My comments & concerns are in reference to CD-332; Resolution 20-315 & 20-315 CD-1 Proposed Concepts. It also is a major concern of the 1000+ owners in our Ala Moana Condo/Hotel AOA of rezoning of the Brookfield Properties so they begin the project described, setting a precedence & future projects to build 4 to 5 more 400 ft Towers. This would have a significant impact on the Aina, infrastructure & all the properties surrounding the Ala Moana Center. We invested in our properties with the zoning approved precedence of decades only to have Brookfield Properties a new owner wanting to establish a new precedence contrary to the open spaces that were establish & the original concept one of the largest Malls in the world & most visited from around the world, Think about it ??

As the Ala Moana Condo/Hotel is a Iconic Historical Landmark, we fear the braking of the precedence would enable Brookfield to develop their new concept of buying older malls & developing them into residential zones when they were previously zoned otherwise. That includes a proposed development of the Diamond Head/ Macy's end of the Mall impacting our property & One Ala Moana. The project at Pikoi & Kona Streets has an impact on that area & Uraku property. Think about it??

There has been recent Newspaper & Promotions by the developer in the referenced property the resolution supports. They were insulting & arrogant claiming that only the rich & wealthy are investing in this area. They claim rents from \$1500 to \$2100 for their 127 rental properties yet stack \$600,000 to \$800,000 on the sale at Market Value on top of them. We can see what they did at Park Lane, \$1,000,000 to \$\$\$ 3,4,5 million etc.,etc.. I believe they are as they say greedy, rich & wealthy developers. Think about it???

Finally, I would like to add there was a survey in the paper that found out from the 900 readers who responded that 69 % were against the rezoning of the Mall for 400 ft. Towers ! Think about it ???

Mahalo for your time & wish you & yours have healthy Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !!! God Bless & give you all the wisdom to decide on all the good of the the Community !!

Regards,
Richard M. Cooke, M.ED
USArmy Retired, MSGT.



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Resolution 20-315
To be heard December 9, 2020
By the full Council

Aloha Councilmembers,

Your website states, "The Council is responsible for serving and advancing the general welfare, health, happiness, and safety of the people through exercising its legislative power". Hopefully, you will do this when you disapprove the building of the planned 583-unit Ala Moana Plaza rental tower as it is currently proposed with requests for . I submit the below in opposition to this proposal.

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us that the happiness, health, and safety of our families has eluded many of us. Our daily life had been consumed dealing with congestion, noise, heavy traffic, stresses at work, lack of affordable housing, high cost of living, overdevelopment, and the overload of tourism which all cause mental and physical strain on many who live and work here. Although I acknowledge the economic disaster, especially in health and employment caused by the pandemic, is it evident that we have been blessed in seeing the improved health of the ocean, the clean air we breathe, the return of nature, and the opportunity to spend quality time with our families who worked two to three jobs to survive. These have been true blessings. The evidence is clear how oversaturation of human activity negatively impacts life in the islands.

It is important to understand that overdevelopment negatively affects life. Why is there always a drive to make Honolulu look like Dubai, Hong Kong, or Manhattan, unless it is solely for profit and the wealthy? How is creating canyons of concrete and glass desirable? The development is not only about the people who call Hawaii home. It makes no sense considering Oahu is a small island that has already been consumed by the extreme overdevelopment of high rises. Has anyone given thought to natural disasters that threaten Hawaii? There is always the threat of hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes and extreme flooding. There has been much talk over years of what happens to Oahu if a 100-year flood occurs. So why all the development instead of putting resources into preparation for these events that will save lives? I can only think of profit as developers take their money.

Brookfield Property Partners are offshore investors like many investors who treat Hawaii as a commodity for the purpose of profit. There is no aina aloha, just their understandable motivation for profit. Like most developers, they sugar coat information to sell their plans to the City Council, making it appear they will do wonderful things for the community. They have property they want to build on which will make them billions of dollars. Everything is profit driven and not about local people. I have often said that developers could sell you a swimming pool if you lived in Alaska. Kakaako is a good example of overdevelopment that has surfaced problem after problem due to poor construction and planning.

If the Council accepts Brookfield agreeing to rent 124 of the units to families and individuals who meet federal lower-income housing eligibility levels, they can do it while requiring meeting current height limits, 2.5 floor area ratio, height setback, landscaping and parking requirements. Were the rules set just as negotiating tools?

Exchanging zoning concessions for bus and rail use of Kona and Kona Iki streets is shortsighted. The city should not come at this question from a position of weakness. Also, as with anything related to the rail, the final location as where rail will end is not decided. Iwilei is still the best stopping point for this fiasco called rail. Certainly, the residents of Kakaako who will have to live with the increased congestion and physical bulk of the project will not benefit. Traffic density, lack of sun caused by towers blocking the sun's rays, and the annoying reflection of the sun off of windows are additional drawbacks. The reflection from newly erected towers in Kakaako are already causing hazardous driving conditions.

Developers will say this work will provide jobs especially construction jobs. Sadly, they are not permanent jobs unless development continues. Workers need to be trained in diverse work where they do not solely rely on the building of condos and homes. It is the same as Hawaii looking more in the direction of economic sustainability instead of solely relying on tourism which has proved to be disastrous during the pandemic and will continue for a long time. We must have a different mindset.

More development becomes the "same old, same old" way of doing business. Are we so blinded to believe this development will cause tremendous opportunities to vastly improve the quality and sustainability of life in Honolulu? Have we not learned lessons from past experiences? It is solely about profit for developers, contractors, and real estate companies. And what about our natural resources like water? Will we have natural water for the future if developments like this continue?

I have lived in McCully my entire life. I have seen the skyline and coastline change drastically over the years for the sole benefit of providing the wealthy a great view while blocking the view from the mountain to the sea. Developers see profit, and government sees revenue. Regardless of how many high rises are built, the revenue never seems to be enough. Since it is never enough, property taxes will always rise affecting local homeowners who struggle to keep their homes and property. Some have become homeless because of this type of mindset. Locals cannot afford what is built, especially when, surprise, the fees are increased within a short period of time.

In summary, we must stop this type of extreme development and do what is best and affordable for those who live here and call Hawaii home. Putting up more concrete that heats our land is not taking care of the aina. It harms the land, and we can see the drastic changes in climate change because of it. We must take this opportunity, unfortunately surfaced by a pandemic, to relook, revise our view, and envision a more sustainable way of life for everyone, not just the wealthy. Increased density is not a pathway to sustainable living. We must care for the people who live here and this special place we call home as our first priority. I ask you to join and take action with

those who envision a new Hawaii emerging from this pandemic. I humbly ask that you use your authority and resources to save these islands from further greed and overdevelopment.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

My kids all went to school on the mainland and want to move home. I want them to be able to get a place of their own here but with high prices and few rental options, I'm worried they'll have to stay where they are. We need more rentals like Ala Moana Plaza.

Written Testimony For-rent apartments built in town, like the Ala Moana Plaza rentals, would help the rental housing market and subsequently cause more locals to remain in the islands. I know that there are many others who would like to stay in Hawaii, but can't find good affordable housing near work. I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would provide brand new rental housing for our local residents.

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Written Testimony I support the Ala Moana Plaza rental project. As a property manager and landlord in Hawai'i I know that our state needs options like these. Housing options here are very high and many cannot achieve them. More rentals that don't require fee simple ownership down payments are needed, especially in our urban core. For these reasons I fully support the Ala Moana Plaza rental project.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

To Whom it May Concern,

Written Testimony Rental housing costs in our state are incredibly high and out of reach for so many. I understand local public working retail and hospitality sectors often need more than one job just to make ends meet. I support the Ala Moana Plaza rental project and it's goal to better accommodate financial challenges facing individuals within the community.

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To whom it may concern,

Written
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I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

I support the availability of more rental options where there will be many future jobs offerings created, more sustainable walkability options and locations in urban Honolulu near so many established local services, restaurants and beach parks.

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Written Testimony

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. The constant rise of home prices has made this nearly impossible for many locals like myself to afford buying a home or condo in town. It forces many to either purchase a property further away from town where it's cheaper, move off island, or continue to rent. An all-rental tower connected to Ala Moana Center would be an ideal living situation. To be closer to work and near all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood provides many local residents the opportunity to live a happy, healthy, and well-balanced life.

Regards,
Shelton Fuentes

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Written Testimony As a young and independent adult, renting in Honolulu is a valuable option to have to be located near work and social opportunities that would in hope enhance myself as a professional. I am not yet able to purchase a home due to the rising costs of homes in Honolulu; therefore renting is the best option till then. It's challenging to find a good rental unit in Honolulu due to its lack of inventory. I support the Ala Moana Plaza as Honolulu needs more apartments units for young and independent adults such as myself.

-Elliot Lazo

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I graduated from college four years ago, but I am currently still living at home due to the high cost of living in Hawaii. It has been infeasible to even consider paying for the cost of rent on top of paying off student loans. I feel that many other young adults will relate to this situation. Having new affordable housing options will allow for young adults like myself to live on their own. It will also encourage them to stay in Hawaii, instead of being forced to move to the mainland to sustain a better quality of life. This is why I would like to voice my support of the Ala Moana Plaza.

- Ayari Tochika

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To whom it may concern,

Written Testimony

I would like to voice my support of the all-rental tower that will be built in the Ala Moana neighborhood. I grew up in Honolulu and feel strongly that more affordable rental housing in town is needed. Not only is the cost of living in Hawaii expensive, but it's near impossible to find an affordable place to live. The Ala Moana Plaza is a great opportunity for young adults that are priced out of the luxury condos going up elsewhere is downtown. I fully support the Ala Moana Plaza.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The housing prices in Hawaii are absolutely ridiculous. There is only one way to bring housing prices down and that's to add rental housing units to the market. It's very simple but stupid politics and bureaucratic red tape stand in the way. What's so hard about this decision? Local people can't afford to live here anymore! Wake up and approve projects like this. I support Ala Moana Plaza.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

I am a resident of Moana Pacific and would like to extend my support for the proposed Ala Moana Plaza rental project currently being proposed by Brookfield Properties. I recently moved here from Wailuku, Maui where I was able to purchase a home. Due to the extremely high home prices in Oahu we are now in the rental community and probably will be for a long while until we can afford a down payment.

**Written
Testimony**

We are paying \$3,400 in rent and an additional \$375 for utilities for a total of \$3,775 for a two-bedroom apartment. When searching for a unit we were told we secured a 3-bedroom unit for \$3,200 in the Moana Pacific but lost out on it because the landlord said they did not want to rent to a family with "children". They rented to another couple with no children even after we offered to pay a bit more.

As a renter we don't have any power to negotiate or plead our case as a good tenant because there are not enough rental units in Honolulu. The landlords get to pick and choose from all of the families trying to live in a good building. There's a drastic shortage and more rentals across Oahu, and specifically in the urban core, are needed. Renters are tired of showing up and filling out rental applications only to compete against 30 other people in predominately dated walk-up apartments outside of the urban core.

The all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza is a step in the right direction.

Half of the apartments on my floor are owned by people who live in

the mainland. There was a couple in violation of the COVID quarantine from NYC that came to stay in their auntie's empty apartment. Rich people should not be the only ones who get to live in Ala Moana and Kakaako and take advantage of walking to the beach and riding bikes to restaurants and stores. This building will give regular people a chance for a piece of Hawaii that they advertise on TV.

Sincerely,
Samasoni Tamasese

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I am a resident of the Moana Pacific towers and I support the Ala Moana Plaza project because it will bring more affordable housing options to the people of Honolulu. The cost of living keeps increasing and the only thing that seems to be built lately is high-end condos that normal locals cannot afford.

Thank you for your time.

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

With many locals being priced out of the market, affordable rentals can play a part in providing a place to live to many who work but are priced out of the market. This can also help to alleviate some of the pressure created by Covid. Projects like the Ala Moana Plaza need to compliment other developments, and will help keep our identity and culture.

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Seems like there has been a lack of affordable Housing on Oahu for quite a long time. This project could be a great addition in helping secure more housing for younger couples and also Retirees on a limited income. It is also very convenient to all the amenities in the neighborhood. I am in support this Project.

Jean Anderson

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for the construction of Ala Moana Plaza's all-rental tower. As housing prices continue to rise to record prices, many young people are forced to move to the Mainland because they are essentially being priced out of their home. For-rent apartments built in town, like the Ala Moana Plaza rentals, would help the rental housing market and subsequently cause more young professionals to remain in the islands. Personally, I have 3 young children, 2 of which have been forced to move away to the mainland in search of more affordable housing and a lower cost of living. Like my children, most millennials in Hawaii cannot afford to purchase a home anywhere on Oahu. I know that there are many others who would like to stay in Hawaii, but can't find affordable housing near work.

Some live with their parents, and others just pack up completely and leave for the Mainland in search of independence, cheaper cost of living and a better quality of life. Moving to the Mainland means moving away from family and it also continues to cause the "brain drain" in our state.

I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would give me and my generation a chance to remain in the islands near our loved ones.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

To whom it may concern -

Written Testimony

The cost of living in Hawaii seems to be getting worse every year. The Ala Moana Plaza project is in such a prime location; close to the mall, a ton of restaurants, shopping, grocery stores, and the beach is right there! Rather than being stuck living at home with mom and dad, or deciding to move to the mainland because Hawaii is just too expensive, the Ala Moana Plaza project will provide a unique rental housing opportunity in the heart of Honolulu.

I support the Ala Moana Plaza project!

Shanell Arakawa

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Your position on
the matter Support
Representing
Organization Self

Aloha,

Written
Testimony I have graduated from college and still live at home due to the high cost of living in Hawaii. I am decades away from being able to purchase my own home. My friends and I desperately need more rental and affordable housing options in Honolulu, so I support the Ala Moana Plaza project.

Thank you,
Micah Manago

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To the Department of Planning and Permitting,

This letter is to show my support for the Ala Moana Plaza project.

My family and I recently moved back to Honolulu after living on the mainland. We initially moved in with my in-laws and now finally moved into a condo in Kaka'ako. The job market and pay in Honolulu is not what it is on the mainland, so it was incredibly difficult to find a home that was large enough for our family and within what we can now afford.

Written Testimony

We need more housing in Honolulu that people in my situation can afford. It's hard enough to find professional opportunities in Hawaii. Projects like Ala Moana Plaza create more housing. More housing means more units for people like me can afford. If anything, it at least creates more housing competition, which drives down the rental price of units.

It is my recommendation that the Department of Planning and Permitting continue to build and support rental projects in Kaka'ako like this one.

Thank you,
Mario Callejas

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I have been living in Kaka'ako with my fiance and enjoy the lifestyle that is provided by being close to new and exciting restaurants, Ala Moana Beach Park and Ala Moana Center. Biki-ing around Kaka'ako is very easy and enjoyable as well.

Written
Testimony

The Ala Moana Plaza rental project is the right kind of project for this neighborhood and for the island. We need more rental housing and we need more affordable housing. Most importantly, this housing project is not taking agricultural land and turning it into housing. It is taking a single-story shopping center and replacing it with a tall building where tall buildings should be built, next to rail stations and other tall buildings. Keep the tall buildings in the city so we can keep the beauty of Oahu in the country.

I support the Ala Moana Plaza project and believe it is moving the neighborhood in a positive direction.

Mahalo,
Kim Okazaki

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I support the Ala Moana Plaza project.

Reasons for support:

- Rental > Condos - The building will be full of actual residents, not foreign owners who come 2 weeks a year
- Concentrating density around rail stations is smart. We're spending billions on the rail, so we should make the most of it.
- It's well known that we are in a housing crisis and need more affordable housing on Oahu
- I have friends living on the mainland that always say "It's too expensive to move back". Projects like this will help.
- More supply = less demand. Just make sure we build the supply in the right place. Big buildings next to big buildings.

Written Testimony

Please encourage more projects like this to happen, this is one the better ones to be proposed for sure.

Jason Lee

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am a local Honolulu resident and I support the push for more rental units being built in town. There are so many high priced condo units being built and so few projects that keep in mind the residents of the city that have a need for rental housing. The need for this project is clear and I really hope it doesn't get stopped or delayed because some people don't like their views to be partially blocked. That is a terrible reason to halt the progress for a project that could help the less fortunate people in our community.

Aloha, Tyler Au

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

My name is Kellen Chong and I grew up right here in Honolulu. I moved back after 11 years away from Hawaii only to find that my home like for so many in my generation isn't affordable. Home prices and rental housing is just too expensive here and leaves little else to manage the cost of everything else in life.

Written
Testimony

Many of my close friends, although they desire to move back to Hawaii, won't do so because the cost of living, rent especially is just too much. My own brother recently left for the mainland because of the cost of rent and I doubt he will ever return to live. I support the Ala Moana Plaza rental project at 451 Piikoi Street because it would give myself, my family and my friends a chance to remain in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time,
Kellen

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear City and constituents,

I'm writing in my full support of the Ala Moana Plaza Development project, based on the need to address the affordability housing issue that the City and it's residents need.

Written Testimony This project and your support of others like it, I believe is the right step forward in attempting to address this issue now and for the immediate future.
Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,
Johnny

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

City Council Members,

Written
Testimony

Someday I'd like to move back to Oahu, however home prices are too expensive. I am in the same boat as many of my other friends who decided to stay on the mainland. We all hoping we can come home soon. I support Ala Moana Plaza because it's contributing to bringing more housing where it's needed most, in the urban core next to a rail station.

Sincerely,
Robert

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

To whom it may concern:

We need more rental housing & affordable housing in Honolulu! I support Ala Moana Plaza.

Written Testimony

I grew up here and I support more rental options where there are jobs, great walkability, and locations in town near so many established services, restaurants and the beach park.

Mahalo, Anthony Murata

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To Whom it May Concern,

There are so many reasons why I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

My family and I recently moved back to Oahu after living on the mainland for many years. By moving back to Hawaii, we knew that we'd be giving up (1) our spacious home in the Midwest for something much smaller, and (2) mainland salaries, but it was also very important to us to be here to take care of my parents as they age.

Written
Testimony

We are fortunate enough to be living in a condo in Kaka'ako, but realistically cannot expect to buy a place of our own with the income that we make here.

The choice to move back to Hawaii is not an easy one, and it is made exponentially more difficult by the lack of affordable housing available. With more affordable housing options available, I truly believe locals like me will find the decision to move home much more attractive (which will also alleviate the brain drain that we so often see here).

Affordable housing is not the only answer, but it is a necessary part of making sure (1) people can move back to Hawaii, and (2) our local residents have a place to live and grow their families.

Sincerely,
Tate Callejas

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written
Testimony

As the population of Hawaii increases each year and the cost of living skyrocketing, we need more affordable housing. The locals here in Hawaii are either leaving the island or ending up on the streets. We need to start thinking of our future and especially our keiki's future.

Please support the Ala Moana Plaza Development!

Sincerely,
Grant Yamane

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for the Ala Moana Plaza rental project.

I have lived on Oahu since 1979 and have been a renter the entire time, only recently saving up enough for a down payment on a small studio condo. It took me almost 40 years to save up enough for a down payment on a \$275,000 studio condo. I wish I could have afforded to buy earlier, but working as the general manager of a local restaurant did not provide me the opportunity to save up money any faster than I did.

I know my story is not unique and many others that live here are in the same or worse situation for their housing situation.

Written Testimony

I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza because it would provide brand new affordable rental housing for people like me. I wish I knew about projects like this one earlier so I could have moved in, but I hope that young people and families can take advantage of having a new, centrally located and affordable unit in town to call home long term.

Lastly, my son still lives on the mainland and has no plans to move home because it is too expensive. He just purchased a home on the mainland last month, which means he definitely won't be moving home anytime soon. This is the sad reality of where housing is on Oahu.

Please continue to support and approve projects like this one so housing can become more affordable.

Aloha,
Sandy

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

I am in favor of the Ala Moana Plaza Development.
It will provide much needed affordable housing for the local community.

Written
Testimony

It is important to keep areas such as Ala Moana economically accessible for renters. Much of the workforce within the Ala Moana area are employees of hotels, restaurants, hospitality and tourism, that can only afford affordable rent to cover housing expenses.

Please allow Ala Moana Plaza Development to move forward to support the local community's housing affordability and housing shortage.

Thanks, Nelson

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Like most us that were born and raised here, I see the tremendous need for more affordable housing. Locals deserve more options closer to there jobs and in our urban Honolulu community.

Due to the pandemic, our State's current economic situation has made the need for more affordable rentals even greater. The project will also provide much needed job opportunities for our local construction industry.

Unlike the recent luxury high rise projects whose units get acquired by outside foreign investors, this affordable rental project will directly benefit our local residents.

I support Ala Moana Plaza and I humbly ask that the city does as well.

Thank you,
Tanner Kam

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization Aloha City Councilmembers,

I would like to extend my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all-rental tower. Over the years we have seen a consistent rise in the price of homeownership. Renting provides an affordable option that doesn't have as significant a financial impact and commitment as owning a home or condo.

The cost of homeownership has now reached record levels that not only make owning unreasonable but also unrealistic. The all-rental tower will provide an amazing rental opportunity for those looking to remain on Oahu and live in town.

Written Testimony

There's a drastic shortage and more rentals across Oahu, and specifically in the urban core, are needed. Renters are tired of showing up and filling out rental applications only to compete against 30 other people. The all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza is a step in the right direction.

This rental project would be a natural fit in the evolving Ala Moana neighborhood. It will provide local businesses with the customers they need and create a more vibrant and inclusive community for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Reyn Tanaka

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To whom it may concern,

Written
Testimony

I'm deeply concerned to hear that there is any hesitation to add more rental projects in Honolulu. Prices to buy are so high that it continues to push people out of the State. There are a ton of very bright and educated local people that are forced to move to the mainland due to cost of living issues.

I'm extremely supportive of this project and hope to see many more in the near future to keep our locals home.

Sincerely,
Aric Saunders

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Hi,

Written
Testimony

I grew up in Hawaii and am moving back in October from Los Angeles with my family. I support more rental options where there are jobs, great walkability, and locations in town near so many established services, restaurants and the beach park.

Aloha,
Brent Akamine

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha City Councilmembers,

I would like to extend my support for Brookfield's Ala Moana Plaza rental project. Over the past 10-15 years, we have seen a consistent rise in the price of homeownership. This rental tower will provide renters an affordable option that does not require a significant down payment and commitment as owning a home or condominium.

The cost of homeownership has now reached record levels, which has made ownership unreasonable and quite impossible for locals. This all-rental tower will provide an amazing rental opportunity for those looking to live in town, which are close to the amenities of Ala Moana Center.

Written
Testimony

There is a drastic shortage of rentals and more are needed across Oahu, without projects like Ala Moana Plaza, prices will only continue to rise. Renters are tired of showing up and filling out rental applications only to compete against 30 other people. The all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza is a step in the right direction.

This rental project would be a natural fit in the evolving Ala Moana neighborhood. I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza, as it would give other young individuals a chance to remain in the islands near our loved ones.

Sincerely,
Nainoa Fiddler
Concerned Citizen

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha City Councilmembers,

Mahalo for providing the ability for me to express my support for the entitlement of Ala Moana Plaza's all-rental tower. Even during this pandemic, housing prices continue to rise to record levels, many young individuals are forced to move to the Mainland because they are essentially being priced out of their home. Rental apartments built in town, like the Ala Moana Plaza would help the rental housing market and subsequently cause more young professionals to remain in the islands or to come home.

Written
Testimony

Being a millennial! in Hawaii, I know many cannot afford to purchase a home anywhere on Oahu. I know that there are many others who would like to stay in Hawaii, but can't find affordable housing near work. I used to live with my parents and was fortunate enough to be selected for an affordable unit at Ke Kilohana. However, I know many others have not been as fortunate as myself and have decided to just pack up completely and leave for the Mainland in search of independence, affordable housing and a better quality of life. Building a rental tower like the Ala Moana Plaza will allow many other young individuals like myself to experience the great offerings that the diverse neighborhood of Kakaako / Ala Moana offers.

I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would give other young individuals a chance to remain in the islands near our loved ones.

Kind Regards,
Ka'au Fergerstrom
Ke Kilohana Resident

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Hello,

I am writing in support of this rental development. Born and raised in Honolulu, I have seen housing prices in the area skyrocket over the last couple decades. Local professionals with good jobs can no longer afford to live in the town area. Instead, forced to deal with long daily commutes traveling to and from work.

Written
Testimony

This rental development and others like it are good for Honolulu. Such a convenient location means less travel time and more family time. Further, more needs to be done to make the Ala Moana/Kakaako area accessible, living wise, for more local individuals and families. Living in this area should not be limited only to those wealthy enough to buy a place.

I strongly support this rental development and urge you to allow it to proceed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,
Bryan Tanaka

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Aloha City Councilmembers,

Written Testimony I am writing to you in support of the Ala Moana Plaza Rental project being proposed to you. As a young adult and business owner in the State of Hawaii, I have seen our housing crisis become an issue that has seen national attention and disheartened many of my peers from staying in this amazing State because they simply cannot afford to live here.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Organization

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

Written
Testimony

I work in the Accounting department for a flooring and tile company. Many of my fellow coworkers talk about how we've seen a consistent rise in the price of homeownership over the years. With Oahu's home prices reaching record levels, this makes purchasing really tough as bigger down payments are needed. In addition, to find an affordable home in good condition in urban Honolulu is so rare! Many homes in Honolulu are over a million dollars, making it unrealistic for many local residents to buy homes.

This is why I support the all rental project, Ala Moana Plaza. We need to provide better quality rentals in town at an affordable rate for our local residents.

Thanks,
Steve Wong

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Organization

Aloha City Councilmembers,

Written
Testimony

Our housing crisis is getting worse. Too many locals are leaving Hawaii and I worry about the future for my kids. We need more housing inventory, rental housing, and affordable housing. Not everyone can afford to buy a place. I support Ala Moana Plaza.

Mahalo,
Kaiana Tirrell

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Organization

Aloha!

Written
Testimony

My name is Adam Dreher and I am writing to you in support of the Ala Moana Plaza project. As a Residential Property Manager for the past three years I have seen first hand the impact that the lack of affordable housing has on our community. It has been called a "crisis" which I think is an appropriate term. I fear that the crisis is at a tipping point and without swift, decisive action will be crippling to our community. The few affordable rentals that I have the privilege of managing are hopelessly under supplied. I know immediately when advertising an affordable rental that I will be bombarded with requests for viewings just because of the price point. When I meet the people at these viewings I will have people pleading with me to help them get an affordable place to live. Sadly, I know that most of them will be disappointed as I will get far more applications than I can accommodate. The majority of these people are working class citizens who are struggling to make ends meet and need a solution. They are our Teachers, Nurses, Firefighters and young working professionals. We NEED all of these people in order to have a thriving community. If we don't take care of them then how can we possibly expect them to take care of us and our children. The best communities are the ones that take care of each other and establish an environment where all of its citizens have the opportunity to thrive. I know that what I'm saying is probably not anything that you haven't heard before. But hearing it and seeing it are far different and as someone who has seen it first hand please believe me when I say that it is a real problem that needs attention. I appreciate your time and hope that you will seriously consider all of the much needed benefits that the Ala Moana Plaza project will bring to our community.

Mahalo,
Adam Dreher

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a native Hawaiian who was born and raised in the State of Hawaii, I am writing in support of the Ala Moana Plaza Development. ·

Affordable housing remains one of the largest issues the State faces today. With all of the million dollar condos/homes being built, affordable living arrangements in close proximity to many of the services offered in town are a thing of the past.

Written
Testimony

It is so sad to see all of our relatives moving away from the islands due to the high cost of living, shelter specifically.

Rental options in town that allow locals convenient access to jobs, restaurants and retail services, beaches, parks located in town is not only highly desired but desperately needed.

Please accept my letter of support for this project. Finally one that is moving in the right direction!

Aloha- Kai

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Organization

Aloha City Councilmembers,

Written Testimony I am in support of the Ala Moana Plaza development. This project is slated to provide approximately 20% of its units to be labeled as affordable.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lyman MD, MPH

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony We need more rental housing and affordable housing in Honolulu! I support this project. Too many locals are leaving Hawaii from a lack of affordable housing and I worry for my future. I support Ala Moana Plaza

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha City Councilmembers,

Written Testimony I support this development because we need more affordable housing solutions that will keep local residents here on the island instead of moving away seeking housing at better prices.

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Your position on the matter Support
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Aloha Councilmembers,

Written Testimony I support the Ala Moana Plaza Rental Project because it will provide much needed rental and affordable housing in Honolulu.

Mahalo,
Stephen Enos

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Council Members:

Written Testimony Hawai'i has always had a special feeling, but every week I hear that more of my friends and their children are thinking of moving to the mainland. My son has moved and not come back so he can afford a place to live in. We need more affordable living and rental opportunities to keep our friends and family together. I support Ala Moana Plaza.

Thanks for your consideration.

Robert Billingsley

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha City Councilmembers:

I would like to extend my support for Brookfield's all rental project called the Ala Moana Plaza. Over the years, we have seen a consistent rise in the price of homeownership, making it nearly impossible for young individuals like myself to own.

The cost of homeownership has now reached record levels that not only make owning unreasonable but also unrealistic. Brookfield's all-rental tower will provide an amazing rental opportunity for those looking to remain on Oahu and live in the urban core. Rental projects like Ala Moana Plaza need to be encouraged in the urban core as it would allow young individuals like myself to move out sooner from my parent's household.

Written
Testimony

Building a rental tower like the Ala Moana Plaza will allow many other young individuals like myself to experience the great offerings that the diverse neighborhood of Kaka'ako / Ala Moana offers.

I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza, as it would give other young individuals a chance to remain in the islands near our loved ones.

Sincerely,
Jeff Tanaka
Resident of Ala Moana / Kaka'ako Neighborhood

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Council Members:

Most job opportunities are in town, however, there are few affordable places to live out there.

Written Testimony Renting is the best option to be close to work while living in town near places I spend most of my free time. Ala Moana Plaza is the perfect opportunity and has my full support.

Yours Sincerely,
Kanok Billingsley

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for the construction of Ala Moana Plaza's all-rental tower. We desperately need affordable housing options in urban Honolulu. The all-rental tower project, Ala Moana Plaza, will provide affordable rentals to the Ala Moana community, which is a step in the right direction.

Written Testimony Most job opportunities are in town, however, there are few affordable places to live out there. Renting is the best option to be close to work while living in town near the mall, shops and beaches, while increasing quality of life.

We need more affordable rental housing options in Honolulu. This will be a fantastic opportunity for renters to be connected directly to the mall and enjoy all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood. I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would provide brand new rental housing for our local residents.

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to extend my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

Written Testimony As a local resident, born and raised in Hawaii, we desperately need affordable housing options in urban Honolulu. The all-rental tower project, Ala Moana Plaza, will provide affordable rentals to the Ala Moana community, which is a step in the right direction. This will be a fantastic opportunity for renters to be connected directly to the mall and enjoy all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood. Ala Moana Plaza would be a natural fit in the evolving Ala Moana neighborhood and will provide more local residents a chance to live affordably in town, and provide a better quality of life for residents with access to transit, great walkability and nearby established services, restaurants and beaches.

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Your position on
the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Full Council,

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

Written
Testimony

I grew up here in Honolulu. I support the construction of more vertical rental and affordable housing, especially in close proximity to jobs, access to public transportation, restaurants, retail, established services and public spaces/parks. To find an affordable home in good condition in urban Honolulu is so rare! Renting is the next best thing but there are so few rentals options in urban Honolulu. I support Ala Moana Plaza because more local families need a place to call home.

Jeremy Grad

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Dear Council Members,
I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. We need more rental housing & affordable housing in Honolulu. The Ala Moana Neighborhood is only building for-sale condos and I would like to see more for-rent housing being built. We need more affordable rental housings that is near jobs in town and also close to established services and restaurants. An all-rental tower connected to Ala Moana Center would be an ideal living situation. To be closer to work and near all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood provides many local residents the opportunity to live a happy, healthy, and well-balanced life. I support the all-rental tower, Ala Moana Plaza.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,
My name is Jena Zarro and I support the proposed all-rental building located adjacent to Ala Moana Center.

I was born and raised here on Oahu, being lucky to receive a good education, solid family upbringing and also explore higher education on the mainland, including working there for a number of years. But like many locals, for years, not only did I wonder “when” I could move back home, but also ‘how’ I could come back home. Finding a job, figuring out where I would live when there seemed to be fewer and fewer options, especially for renters.

Written
Testimony

There are simply too few rental options within Honolulu, and available options were also limited to aged buildings, with any new construction only available to for-sale buyers at luxury prices. I have found that for my generation, and all my local friends born and raised here, many have not come home, especially after the large percentage of our income is allocated to rent, there is little for much else.

As such, I support this rental project and encourage the city leadership to think of the needs of renters within Honolulu, as well as this project serving as an opportunity to show the City Council supports the next generation, a generation that may not have such an easy time buying a home. Please help Honolulu be a place for everyone. Our generation all can’t afford to buy, and we should not be told that the only options we should have are to live miles away from the jobs.

Aloha,
Jena Zarro



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December 9, 2020

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 20-315 – IPD-T PROJECT, ALA MOANA PLAZA DEVELOPMENT

To Council Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council:

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 20-315, which is the IPD-T application for Brookfield Properties proposed Ala Moana Plaza workforce housing project. The Ala Moana Plaza project is currently the only 100% privately funded rental housing project in Honolulu. Out of the 583 units, 20% or 124 units will be rentals at 80% AMI for 30 years. This project will help alleviate the critical rental housing shortage in Honolulu, while helping to stimulate the local economy by providing an estimated \$96 million in construction wages and an additional estimated \$2.1 million in permanent post-construction wages.

The height variance and exemptions Brookfield Properties is requesting, meet the intent of Revised Ordinances of Honolulu §21-9.100 and Ordinance 14-10. The Ala Moana Plaza Project, with its workforce housing and rental housing, provide the required diverse mix of housing types and encourage multi-modal transportation. Hawaii LECET believes completion of this Project will assist the Ala Moana area in becoming a true transit-enhanced neighborhood. For these reasons, Hawaii LECET supports Resolution 20-315 and asks for your consideration and support.

With respect,

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Representing Organization	Self
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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Just wanted to share some concerns. For someone who grew up here on Oahu, I support more rental options where there are jobs, access to transit, great distance for walking and locations in town that are near so many established services, restaurants, parks and beaches.

Written
Testimony

The development of the Ala Moana Plaza would be a great place to fill my concerns, with rental housing and affordable housing in Honolulu.
So I say "I Support Ala Moana Plaza"!

Mahalo,
Carie S.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written Testimony I support more rental options where there are jobs, access to transit, great walkability, and locations in town near so many established services, restaurants and the beach park.

Mahalo,
Cindy Landry

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,
Thank you for allowing me to express my support for the construction of Ala Moana Plaza's all-rental tower.

My name is Tyler. I was born and raised in Hawaii. I graduated from Mililani high school and the University of Hawaii West Oahu.

Written
Testimony

As housing prices continue to rise to record prices in Hawaii, I made the decision to move to the Mainland because home prices are so much more affordable.
Most millennials in Hawaii cannot afford to purchase a home anywhere on Oahu. I know that there are many others who would like to stay in Hawaii, but can't find affordable housing. Some live with their parents, and others just pack up completely and leave for the Mainland in search of independence, cheaper cost of living and a better quality of life.

Moving to the Mainland means moving away from family and it also continues to cause the "brain drain" in our state. I am living proof. I moved to Florida in 2019 hoping for better quality of life.

I would love to return to Hawaii to be close to my family, but with the high cost of living and housing market, it is just not affordable. If there is an option for affordable rental, I would love to return to Hawaii. I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would give me and my generation a chance to remain in the islands near our loved ones.

Mahalo,
Tyler Joy Panella-Ayhens

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Dear Council Members,
Please allow for the completion of the above project. We always need more rentals, especially this time of the COVID-19 pandemic! It's also helping to stimulate our local economy which we need too!

Thank you for consideration of this matter!

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony My name is Lauren Anderson and I believe we need more rental housing and affordable housing available to the people of Honolulu. I support the Ala Moana Plaza project.
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Council Members,

Hi, my name is Amanda and I would like to share support for this proposed all-rental building located on Ala Moana Center.

I have been on my own since I was 18 years old, and as a renter, there are simply too few options provided in Honolulu for renters like myself. In the last 8 years, I have tried to save and save to afford to purchase a place of my own, but with the rising cost of living, and continually increasing condo and home prices, I support those who actually are paying attention to the fact that renters also want to have new construction housing options as well.

Written
Testimony

I rent a house with my boyfriend in Kalihi. We can't afford to rent the home ourselves, so we share the house with 3 other roommates. We want the convenience of town, and proximity to the beach, restaurants, parks and work. But there are so few options available, that renters like us are fearful of moving, because you never know what new landlord you may get. It is tiring to fill out rental applications, interview, search and search and compete for the 'good places' offered by landlords.

This project sounds like a refreshing change that puts renters first, that has all the same amenities that are offered as with the for-sale condos, and promotes a diverse rental mix of people that create a unique community with affordable housing.

I support this project, and encourage City leadership to think about those that have not yet afforded to buy their slice of paradise. What about renters like me? Please do let people who already own homes perpetuate that the only rentals around for us to live in, should be their investments.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to voice my support of Ala Moana Plaza, Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our local economy and has left many without jobs. Construction of Ala Moana Plaza will help to provide some economic relief as it would create over 600 jobs in the near future.

I recognize that the jobs created by the project will not completely resolve the unemployment crisis, but it would be a step taken in the right direction and put more people back to work. Now more than ever, the government must do all that it can to move forward projects that support infrastructure investment and housing construction. Job creation and the construction of new housing for renters is a win-win situation.

Written
Testimony

This project will invigorate the Ala Moana neighborhood and provide the much-needed housing diversity that complements the rail and other TOD projects. The rentals would also attract a mix of residents, including families, professionals, and kupuna who want to live in a vibrant and walkable community.

I support Ala Moana Plaza and all of the positive impacts that come along with it.

Jake Wilson
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wanted to take a moment to express my support for the Ala Moana Plaza Development. The current housing shortage in Oahu, combined with the high rental prices we currently have, greatly discourage those that want to live, work, and play in the metro area. Commuting costs and time in travel are choices that have to be made just to find affordable rental housing on the island. This affordability choice places a great burden on the residents that want to live closer to where they work.

Written
Testimony

It is not often that a development company is willing to leverage and invest in projects that give back and create value in our communities, the Plaza is one of them.

As a resident of the island of Oahu, I strongly urge you to support this value creation and quality of life improvement opportunity that we are being offered. I support the Ala Moana Plaza Development and so should you.

Sincerely,
Liliana Ballesteros

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To the City Councilmembers,

Written
Testimony

This project will invigorate the Ala Moana neighborhood and provide the much-needed housing diversity that complements the rail and other TOD projects. The rentals would also attract a mix of residents, including families, professionals, and kupuna who want to live in a vibrant and walkable community.

Thank you,
Tim Schweikart

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,
To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all rental tower. As a recent college graduate born and raised in Hawai'i, I have become more familiar with the rising costs of owning a home and even renting an apartment, house, or condo. Personally, I am still working on building my credit and financial profile so that I can eventually buy a home. I feel that many people within my age group 20-25 are also in the same situation, renting is usually the easiest and best option that allows us to have our own independence without the commitment of a mortgage.

Written
Testimony

The all-rental tower will provide many rental units for those who plan to live on O'ahu and also stay within the vicinity of the town area. As a renter myself, I have noticed that there are not many affordable rental options and this project would have a huge impact on housing individuals who wish to continue renting.

The all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza is a great project to expand the options for renters while providing a location central to the city and colleges. Commute times will be much more manageable for future tenants of this plaza, one of the biggest factors when deciding on a place to live.

This rental project would provide customers for Hawaii's small business owners and be a great addition to the surrounding Ala Moana Community.

Mahalo,
Azeysa Tubon

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,
I would like to extend my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all-rental tower.

Written
Testimony

I grew up in Mililani and commuted to school and work, which took hours away from my day. I wish we had more rental opportunities built in town where local residents would be able to live near their jobs and spend more quality time enjoying what they love best.

I frequently shop at Target and Foodland Ala Moana for necessities, and this proposed all-rental project, Ala Moana Plaza, is in the perfect location. It's close to everything I need. Ala Moana Plaza has my support!

Mahalo,
Jordan Okimura

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Dear Council Members,
I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. I grew up here and went to school in town. The Ala Moana Neighborhood is only building for-sale condos and I would like to see more for-rent housing being built. We need more affordable rental housings that is near jobs in town and also close to established restaurants, shops, services, parks, and beaches.

I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would provide brand new rental housing for our local residents.

Mahalo,
Sarah Ahana

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to extend my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all-rental tower.

Written
Testimony

Rising home prices combined with personal debt such as student loans have left a lot of young locals giving up on homeownership altogether. Many young people are forced to move to the Mainland or continue living at home because they are essentially being priced out of buying a home. This makes securing quality rentals in good locations even more vital. For-rent apartments built in town, like the Ala Moana Plaza rentals, would help the rental housing market and subsequently cause more young professionals to remain in the islands.

It is for these reasons that I support the construction of the Ala Moana Plaza rental tower.

Mahalo,
Nancy Miyake

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To Whom It May Concern,

Written
Testimony

I support the Ala Moana Plaza project. I am currently renting an apartment with my husband. During our rental search, there were limited affordable homes in good condition in town. We were fortunate enough to find one that fit our needs after extensive searching. Ala Moana Plaza will be a fantastic opportunity, where there would be many selections of affordable units for our local residents to choose from. Best of all, it is in a convenient and centralized location next to Ala Moana Shopping Center. I am a huge supporter of Ala Moana Plaza.

Mahalo,
Chelsea Taylor

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Your position
on the matter Support
Representing
Organization Self

Written
Testimony

I would like to voice my support of Ala Moana Plaza, Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower. There are limited affordable places to live in urban Honolulu at this time. And, when you find a really good rental, there is a long line of applicants applying for this. Ala Moana Plaza is the perfect opportunity, where there would be many affordable units for our local residents. I've heard that all units will be brand new with modernized finishes, it's secure, and located next to Ala Moana Shopping Center. This is what we need, brand new, for-rent apartments in a prime location!
I support Ala Moana Plaza and all of the positive impacts that come along with it.

Mahalo,
Phuong Nguyen

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

Written
Testimony

While owning a home in town would be ideal for many local residents, unfortunately the record-setting prices have made this nearly impossible for most. Many cannot afford to buy a home or condo in town and rentals in the Ala Moana area will be a fantastic housing option for anyone who can't afford to buy a home or condo.

I support the all-rental tower, Ala Moana Plaza.

Mahalo,
Brenda Cutwright

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Hi City Council Members,

I would like to voice my support of Ala Moana Plaza, Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our local economy and has left many without jobs. Construction of Ala Moana Plaza will help to provide some economic relief as it would create many construction jobs in the future.

Written
Testimony

Now more than ever, the government must do all that it can to move forward development projects that support infrastructure investment, housing construction, and community benefits. The Ala Moana Plaza project will generate job creation, and most importantly, the construction of new housing for our local residents is a step in the right direction for our community.

I support Ala Moana Plaza and all of the positive impacts that come along with it.

Mahalo,
Pua Kishimoto

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

I work in a family-owned mortgage company and helping potential buyers finance homes in urban Honolulu has been getting harder and harder due to continually increasing home prices in town.<<< especially for the younger generations.

Many clients, friends, and loved ones are left with only a couple options in regards to affordability:

(1) Purchase a property further away from town, as the further out the more affordable it gets, or

(2) Continue to rent in town

For those who rent, a good quality rental in town is becoming increasingly harder to find at an affordable price, as most of the "affordable" rentals are in much older buildings built in the 1960s and 1970s that are very dated.

Having an all-rental tower next to Ala Moana Center would be a win-win solution to housing as it would provide an opportunity for those who live and work in town to secure housing in a newer building at an affordable price.<<< and live in close proximity to the many restaurants, shops, and beach parks, that have become large parts of their daily lives.

I support Ala Moana Plaza.

Thank you,
Kyle Cutwright

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to voice my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all-rental tower.

Written
Testimony

There's a drastic shortage of affordable housing options in urban Honolulu. Good quality rentals are hard to find and the all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza will provide affordable and market rate rentals, which is what Honolulu exactly needs! There are too many for-sale buildings in the Ala Moana neighborhood and to have an all-rental tower connected directly to the mall is a fantastic opportunity for renters to enjoy all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood.

It's very rare to see a developer proposing to build rental housing in a prime location, and this rental project would be a natural fit in the evolving Ala Moana neighborhood. This will give more local residents a chance to live affordably in town.

Mahalo,
Jen Williams

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. I grew up here and went to McKinley High School. The Ala Moana Neighborhood is only building for-sale condos and I would like to see more for-rent housing being built. We need more affordable rental housings that is near jobs in town and also close to established services and restaurants.

Written Testimony An all-rental tower connected to Ala Moana Center would be an ideal living situation. To be closer to work and near all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood provides many local residents the opportunity to live a happy, healthy, and well-balanced life.

I support the all-rental tower, Ala Moana Plaza.

Mahalo,
Rosa Yang

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Council/PH Committee Council
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Hello Council Members,

I would like to voice my support of Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower that will be built in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Written Testimony I grew up in Honolulu and strongly feel that more affordable rental housing in town is needed. Too many of my family and friends have left Hawaii because it is so expensive to live here and I also worry for future of my two young kids. Not everyone can afford to buy a place, I support Ala Moana Plaza.

Mahala,
Amber Vuong

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written
Testimony

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. The consistently rising home prices have made this challenging for many locals to purchase a home or condo in town. It forces many to either buy a property further away from town where it's cheaper or continue to rent.

We need more affordable rental housing options in Honolulu. I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would provide brand new rental housing for our local residents.

Mahalo,
Lauren Tamanaha

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. The consistently rising home prices have made this nearly impossible for many locals to afford buying a home or condo in town. It forces many to either purchase a property further away from town where it's cheaper or continue to rent.

Written Testimony An all-rental tower connected to Ala Moana Center would be an ideal living situation. To be closer to work and near all the conveniences of the Ala Moana neighborhood provides many local residents the opportunity to live a happy, healthy, and well-balanced life.

I support the all-rental tower, Ala Moana Plaza.

Mahalo,
S. Oda

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Council Members,

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza.

Written
Testimony

I work in the Accounting department in a Waikiki hotel, and many of my fellow coworkers talk about how we've seen a consistent rise in the price of homeownership over the years. With home prices reaching record levels, it makes owning unreasonable, but also unrealistic. With Covid happening, this makes buying a home even more challenging and renting provides an affordable option that doesn't have as significant a financial impact and commitment as owning a home or condo.

I fully support rentals like Ala Moana Plaza as it would give my loved ones and coworkers a chance to live in town near our jobs.

Mahalo,
K. Nomi

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I am a senior citizen and lifelong resident of Honolulu. I offer my unconditional support for the proposed Ala Moana Plaza project being developed by Brookfield Properties. We face challenges providing quality affordable housing options for our citizens, this project definitely will help address this problem. Brookfield Properties should be commended for their commitment to help Hawaii's rental housing woes. Hopefully, other private developers will follow their example, but for this to happen Ala Moana Plaza must be built.

Written Testimony

Imagine what a wonderful opportunity to afford to reside within the heart of Honolulu's urban core with all the quality lifestyle benefits. Personally I don't understand how opposing self-interest vocal minority is allowed to potentially railroad a wonderful project for the residents of Hawaii.

Ala Moana Plaza is a good thing Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Benedict Lee

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

As a resident of Oahu since 1985 and daily user of Ala Moana Beach Park and Ala Wai Boat Harbor surfing area I am adamantly opposed to allowing a 400' height variance to Brookfield Properties for the following reasons: 1) Brookfield does not care about Hawaii's residents; it is a multinational corporation seeking to make a quick profit selling units to non-residents; they are not likely to even have a presence here 5 years from now. 2) It is essential that today's leaders stand up for keeping Hawaii, Hawaii- you will be remembered for what you did- or didn't do to preserve Hawaii's beachfront and mauka views. The rules are in place to do just this; Brookfield's profits are not a sufficient reason to grant an exception. Please think of our keiki when you vote! 3) The developers argument that they are providing affordable housing is untrue- they suggest that Ala Moana Shopping Center employees could live there, yet it's obvious that even the 'affordable' units are far above the reach of retail personnel. And the units are studios, not 2 bedroom units that families need. 4) The looming sea rise crisis is not going away- it is unwise to build a skyscraper 400' higher than the existing limit in a flood plane. The developers know this yet choose to build anyway because they will make their money and leave. The demands they place on our infrastructure, the increased traffic and congestion will be bad enough; please don't be the leaders who started down the slippery slope of making exceptions to the rules for corporations who are only here to make their profit and leave.
Mahalo for your leadership and wise consideration of this testimony.

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 Council/PH Zoning
 Committee
 Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
 Your position on the matter Oppose
 Representing Self
 Organization

Dear Members of the City Council:

Written
 Testimony

As a long time resident, 42 years that is, of the condo at 1350 Ala Moana Boulevard in Kakaako, my family and I are very concerned about the possibility of building a 400 foot development on the corner of Piikoi Street and Kona Street. Due to many recent condominiums in this specific area, we are worried about any further aggravation from noise pollution, automobile pollution, and increased auto and pedestrian traffic. We feel that the city has not done enough to assure the current residents that this new condo will not affect the present infrastructure of sewage and water, that those infrastructures will continue to accommodate all the residents in the area without breakdowns or further problems. Piikoi Street is much too heavily traveled and there are many senior citizens in this area, who already have difficulty crossing the sidewalks safely. Not to mention that the Ala Moana Plaza Development will bring down the real estate value of the area and the city will then have reduced taxation. If you must allow a development in the area, please make it smaller and consider the lifestyle and harmony of the current residents in the area. I am sure if this building were to be constructed in your residential area that you would want more consideration on the impact of such a structure in your life. Please in recommendations consider the Kapuna who live here. The Kapuna live here for the convenience and to sustain independent living for as long as possible.

Sincerely,
 Jo Ann Marshall & Family

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TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 368 (LIUNA)

1617 Palama Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Date: December 9, 2020 (10:00 am)

Meeting: Honolulu City Council

Location: Council Chambers

RE: ALA MOANA PLAZA RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT

Committee Chair Kobayashi, Vice-Chair Waters, and Council Members,

The Hawaii Laborers' Union and its over 5,000 working and retired men and women across the state of Hawaii **SUPPORTS Brookfield's Ala Moana Plaza rental housing project.**

It appears that the COVID-19 pandemic will soon be controlled or controllable with reports of new vaccines on their way, but one thing that will remain even after the pandemic has gone is O'ahu's need for affordable housing. Brookfield's Ala Moana Plaza project will help to address that need by providing 124 units at 80% AMI for a total of 583 overall rental units.

Also, this project will help to bolster Hawaii's ailing economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While our tourism industry is slowly re-opening predictions estimate that the industry will not fully recover for years which means that construction will for the foreseeable future be one of the mainstays of Hawaii's economy. Over the past weekend it was reported since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly \$1 billion worth of privately funded projects have been cancelled or delayed which translates to the same amount of work being delayed or taken out of our economy.

This project will generate around \$96 million in construction worker wages helping to keep the construction industry working and therefore stimulating our ailing economy. This project being **100% privately funded**, would serve to take some of the burden off State and Local governments to make up the gap that the pandemic has created on the privately funded side of the construction industry. Work like this helps to keep one of our State's only surviving industries going to prevent a further decline in our State's economy.

Therefore, the Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 **SUPPORTS** Brookfield's Ala Moana Plaza rental housing project and humbly requests that the Committee on Zoning, Planning, and Housing do the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this project.

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