

Resolution 20-315 Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	03-04-2021
Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	Res. 20-315
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	It seems to defy common sense to approve a project that is contingent on the rail in an area where there is no assurance that the rail will ever exist.
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March 1, 2021

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING**

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Thursday, March 4, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 20-315 CD1 – APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL PLAN
FOR AN IPD-T PROJECT FOR THE ALA MOANA PLAZA DEVELOPMENT**

**To Committee Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia`aina and members of the Honolulu City
Council Committee on Zoning and Planning:**

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 CD1, which seeks to approve the conceptual plan for the IPD-T Project for GGP Ala Moana L.L.C.'s 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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March 4, 2021

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
City Council, City and County of Honolulu
Committee on Zoning and Planning
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony regarding Resolution 20-315, CD1, Approving a conceptual plan for an Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T) permit to redevelop 78,976 square feet of land with a mixed-use development project in the Ala Moana neighborhood on land zoned BMX-3 community Business Mixed-Use District, located at 451 Piikoi Street; identified as Tax Map Key(s) 2-3—38:009 and portion of 014.

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding Resolution 20-315, CD1, regarding the permit submitted by applicant Brookfield Properties to develop a new mixed-used development (Project) known as Ala Moana Plaza. The Project proposes an increase in the tower height limit from 100 feet to 400 feet, density from 2.5 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to 7.0 FAR, and adds 583 rental units to the community. We, on behalf of our community, and other neighbors submitted concerns about impacts related to sea level rise, traffic, safety, view corridors, community benefits, and the lack of a park or open green space. While we acknowledge the additional conditions required by the CD1 and Proposed CD1 they are insufficient to overcome the adverse impacts of the Project's increased density and height.

We are also concerned that the Project seeks approval of significant variances with very little return to benefit the community—116 affordable rental units, 10 car-share spaces, 20 bike-share stalls, and right of way easements. Additionally, key to the proposed project is that it be consistent with the Ala Moana Transit Oriented Development Plan (TOD Plan), which has yet to be adopted by the Honolulu City Council (Resolution 20-223). Further, if the rail line does not continue to Ala Moana, it is unclear whether the TOD Plan would apply.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request that Resolution 20-315, CD1, be deferred until the City Administration and City Council agree on whether the rail line will extend to the Ala Moana Center, and, at the least, until the community has the opportunity to weigh in on and update the Ala Moana TOD Plan which was last reviewed in 2016. We urge your Committee and the Council consider this project in the context of the long-term vision for the Ala Moana area. To this end, we respectfully request that this permit application be deferred. It can be considered after the

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City Council votes to adopt the Ala Moana Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan. As these are very important matters to our community, we urge your deferring action to allow the community the opportunity to consider the project in the context of the long-term vision for the Ala Moana area.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,



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March 4, 2021

The Honolulu City Council
Committee on Zoning, Planning, and Housing
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kiaaaina, Vice Chair
530 South King Street, Room 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Strong Support for Resolution 20-315

The International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local #1 of Hawaii **would like to express its strong support for Resolution 20-315**, which would approve a conceptual plan for an Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T) permit to redevelop 78,976 square feet of land with a mixed-use development project in the Ala Moana neighborhood on land zoned BMX-3 Community Business Mixed-Use District, located at 451 Piikoi Street.

With our economy in a delicate and tenuous situation, the proposed Ala Moana Plaza will bring over **\$96 million in worker wages** during construction and over **\$2.1 million in annual permanent wages** post-construction to local families. We are also pleased to see that it will be offering **583 units of rental housing**, of which **124 units will be priced for those making under 80% of the area median income**.

The project's location is remarkable, as it sits adjacent to an existing bus hub and the planned Ala Moana rail station, and in the middle of an exciting, burgeoning neighborhood. This will allow its residents - of all income levels - to walk or take transit as their first transportation option. We also note that the project is surrounded by luxury towers, and introducing housing for working families will be a positive benefit for the community. We finally note that the condition for easements for buses on Kona, Kona Iki, Mahukona, and Keeaumoku Streets will help further transportation access throughout the urban core.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments in strong support of Resolution 20-315. We sincerely hope that your committee will take favorable action on this project.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

March 4, 2021

The Honolulu City Council
Committee on Zoning, Planning, and Housing
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kiaaina, Vice Chair
530 South King Street, Room 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters Strong Support for Resolution 20-315

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kiaaina, and Members:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters would like to express our strong support for Resolution 20-315, which would approve conceptual plan for an Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T) permit to redevelop 78,976 square feet of land with a mixed-use development project in the Ala Moana neighborhood on land zoned BMX-3 Community Business Mixed-Use District, located at 451 Piikoi Street.

The project will be known as "Ala Moana Plaza," and will contain 459 market-rate residential units and 124 affordable housing units set aside for those making 80% or less of area median income. These new homes will add to our supply of critical affordable rental units, in a very central location in Urban Honolulu.

As you know, HRCC has been extremely concerned about the chronic deficiency of affordable housing across the state, which is at a crisis level. It has been estimated that 65,000 new housing units will be needed to meet demand by 2025. As such, we have worked extensively over the past several years to advocate for more programs to incentivize and assist the creation of affordable housing, particularly rental housing. We are pleased to see that this project is likely to qualify for a number of financial incentives and exemptions through Ordinance 18-1.

With the additional economic uncertainty and housing insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the time to move forward by boldly increasing the supply of affordable rental housing and to create living wage jobs.

Therefore, we respectfully request your favorable action on Resolution 20-315 today.

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City & County of Honolulu
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Councilmember Brandon J.C Elefante, Chair
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Resolution 20-315—Approving A Conceptual Plan for An Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPD-T)
Project for the Ala Moana Plaza Development Project

Thursday, March 4, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'āina and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** for Brookfield Properties' mixed-use rental project, Ala Moana Plaza, which will provide much needed workforce rental housing and other community benefits for the Ala Moana neighborhood.

PRP commends Brookfield Properties for developing 583 rental units, and especially for providing 20% of the available units for Hawaii's workforce with incomes at 80% AMI. The delivery of this affordable component provides much needed rental housing in urban Honolulu, for our underserved workforce population who cannot afford to purchase a home. Furthermore, the construction of this project will generate \$96 million in near-term construction wages and over \$2 million annually in permanent long-term wages. The project includes a substantial condition of approval worth tens of millions of dollars, providing the City with an easement for buses on Kona, Kona Iki, Mahukona, and Keeaumoku streets.

PRP respectfully recommends this Committee's favorable decision on this project. Additionally, we request this Council adopt an Ala Moana TOD Map Amendment (Resolution 20-233) allowing for additional height (400') and density (7.0 FAR) across all of the Ala Moana Shopping mall in exchange for Brookfield's generous community benefit—easement for buses on private streets running through Ala Moana Center.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.



Hawai'i Construction Alliance

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March 4, 2021

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council Zoning and Planning Committee
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: SUPPORT for Resolution 20-315 (2020) IPD-T PROJECT / ALA MOANA PLAZA
DEVELOPMENT (2020/SDD-45)**

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

We are in support of Resolution 20-135 and Brookfield's proposed development will create nearly \$100 million in construction worker wages, directly aligning with HCA's core goal to attain job security for our members. At a time when Hawaii is experiencing record high unemployment rates, everything should be done to prioritize projects that promise to create job opportunities for as many people as possible.

Not only will Ala Moana Plaza benefit Hawaii's workers in the short-term, but it will also benefit Hawaii's workforce in the long term. This project is slated to bring 124 affordable rental units and 459 market-rate rentals to urban Honolulu when too many locals are being priced out of the housing market. Record-setting single-family median home prices are making homeownership out of reach for many of our members and much of Hawaii's workforce, leaving many with limited housing choices, long commutes and limited family time during the work week. Brookfield's vision to bring a brand-new, all-rental development to one of Hawaii's most concentrated areas of commercial activity, dining and retail in walking distance to the future Ala Moana rail station compliments another one of our core goals of achieving higher standards of living and working conditions for our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of Brookfield's Ala Moana Plaza rental development. HCA strongly believes that this project will create positive change for our members, the local economy, the Ala Moana neighborhood and Oahu's workforce.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "K" at the end.

Nathaniel Kinney
Executive Director
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March 2, 2021

Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Resolution 20-315

Aloha Honolulu City Council Members,

On behalf of Sullivan Family of Companies, operators of Foodland and Food Pantry stores throughout Hawaii, I'd like to submit this written testimony in strong support of Brookfield Properties' Ala Moana Plaza rental housing and retail project.

The Ala Moana neighborhood is one that we hold dear, with our longtime Foodland location expanding alongside the evolving community. We applaud Brookfield for their vision of investing in the first new all-rental apartment project in the Ala Moana neighborhood in decades. The project will greatly enhance a section of urban Honolulu in need of housing options for working-class locals, those who are constantly being priced out of the luxury condos that seem to dominate the housing market in this area. The planned 583 rental units will offer incredible convenience to local residents who work in one of Oahu's busiest commerce centers.

This project will also deliver economic benefits to our state, during a time of unprecedented unemployment and economic uncertainty, through the creation of \$96 million in worker wages during construction and over \$2.1 million in annual permanent wages post-construction. Millions of dollars of additional tax revenue is likely to be generated for the state as well.

We need this project to support our local economy, continue the dynamic revitalization of the Ala Moana community and create much-needed rental housing in the urban core. I believe Brookfield is committed to making Hawaii a better place and I'm pleased to submit this testimony in strong support of the project.

Respectfully,



Roger J. Wall
Vice Chairman

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Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:13 PM
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter	Support
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Organization	
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March 2, 2021

Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Resolution 20-315 – Ala Moana Plaza Project

Members of the City Council,

I am writing in support of the 583-unit Ala Moana Plaza all-rental project, which will create necessary rental housing units to meet the demands of our community and help Ala Moana to be a stronger, more sustainable neighborhood.

Brookfield understands that rentals are part of the solution to Hawaii's housing crisis. Their in-progress all-rental project in Waikiki, Lilia Waikiki, is the first 100 percent rental development to be built in Waikiki in decades. With Lilia Waikiki, Brookfield will introduce 454 market rate and affordable rentals to allow local people to live, work and play in Waikiki. After having worked closely with Brookfield on Lilia Waikiki, I strongly believe they will replicate the merits of their Waikiki project in the Ala Moana community.

Brookfield is providing much needed rental housing for people who work in the Ala Moana area and urban Honolulu to call home. The project will further enrich the community by adding safer sidewalks, green areas and improved roads in the areas surrounding the site.

Despite no affordable housing requirement tied to the Ala Moana Plaza project, Brookfield Properties is offering 20 percent of its total 583 units (124 affordable units) to households earning not more than 80 percent of area medium income - a housing level that historically has been underserved in Honolulu. With median home and condo prices at record-setting levels, it's imperative that more rentals be introduced into the housing market.

Additionally, the building of Ala Moana Plaza will bring over \$96 million in worker wages during construction and over \$2.1 million in annual permanent wages post-construction to Hawaii's economy at a time when we need jobs more than ever.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support the development of Ala Moana Plaza. I have seen first-hand the impact of their investment in the Waikiki community via Brookfield's opening of 53 affordable rental units on November 16th as part of its Lilia Waikiki project (many excited and grateful renters who have an affordable place to call home in the heart of Waikiki), and I am confident that Brookfield will make the same valuable investment in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Churchill'.

Guy Churchill
Executive Vice President
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Written Testimony

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

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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.

Written
Testimony

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.

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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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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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Written Testimony

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

Written Testimony

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 a lot of 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.

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

Written Testimony

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

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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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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.

Written
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Mahalo,
Kyle Cutwright

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
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Organization

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

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.

Mahalo,
Amber Vuong

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:17 PM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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

Dear 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,
L. Tatekawa Local Resident

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Written Testimony

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

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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Written Testimony

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

Hi Honorable Chair Elefante,

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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Written Testimony

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

Aloha Council Members,

Written Testimony

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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Written Testimony

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

Hi City Council Members,

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 due to 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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Thank you,
C. Lunasco

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Written Testimony

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

Hi City Council Members,

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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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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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Date: March 2, 2021

To: The City & County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting

RE: Brookfield Ala Moana Plaza Residential Tower

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Brightworks Sustainability, I am writing to voice support of Brookfield Properties' all-rental tower in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Brightworks Sustainability has a longstanding relationship with Brookfield Properties' development group. We support the sustainability efforts of nearly all of Brookfield Properties' development group's multifamily, office, and mixed-use projects, as well as strategic corporate sustainability efforts. As part of the project team working on Ala Moana project, we can attest to Brookfield's genuine consideration for Hawaii's cultural history and thorough integration of sustainability into the project.

During the design and planning process, careful thought has already been given to evaluate the project's environmental and social impacts on and benefits to the community. The project is committed to protecting Hawaii's precious resources, reducing waste, and incorporating sustainable design strategies like, for example, high-performing building envelope and HVAC systems to reduce energy use, water-efficient plumbing fixtures, Energy Star appliances, bike facilities, and recycling infrastructure for residents. The project's location in one of Hawaii's retail, dining, and commercially dense neighborhoods and its location adjacent to the planned transit center will give residents transportation freedom and access to community services, in addition to reducing reliance on automobiles and help further develop the Ala Moana area into a vibrant mixed-use area. These sustainability efforts demonstrate Brookfield's commitment to designing and building a project that integrates impeccably with the surrounding neighborhood while meeting the growing need for a rental tower.

As someone who grew up in Hawaii and knows first-hand how the lack of access to affordable housing has priced many like myself out of the Hawaii market, I wholeheartedly support this project. As someone who will forever consider Hawaii my home, I strongly believe projects like Ala Moana Plaza will not only help ease the housing crisis but also allow more local individuals and families to not only remain in Hawaii, but also live, work, and enjoy recreation in Honolulu's diverse urban core.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Polkinhorn".

Kimberly Polkinhorn | Project Manager

Lic. Architect, LEED AP BD+C, Fitwell Ambassador

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Written Testimony

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

Written
Testimony

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.

Mahalo,
Kara Kim

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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

Aloha Council Members,

Written
Testimony

I would like to share my support for the new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza. I own a mortgage brokerage in downtown Honolulu and help many local residents who work two jobs just to save for a down payment or had to make a tough call by purchasing property further away from town where pricing is lower. And, not everyone has been fortunate to own a home, especially during this challenging time. With home prices getting higher, many are choosing to continue renting. This is the reason why I support an all-rental tower, Ala Moana Plaza. It will offer affordable housing for our local residents who need it the most. It shouldn't be just be about for-sale condo's being built in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Larry Cutwright

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Zoning and Planning
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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

There's a drastic shortage of affordable housing options. Good quality rentals in town are hard to find. Renters are tired of showing up and filling out rental applications only to compete against 25 other people. The all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza that will provide affordable and market rate rentals is a step in the right direction. To have an all-rental tower connected directly to the mall is a fantastic opportunity for renters to enjoy all the conveniences and luxuries of the Ala Moana neighborhood. It's very rare to see a developer proposing to build rental housing in a prime location, as most of the buildings being built are for-sale.

This rental project would be a natural fit in the evolving Ala Moana neighborhood and gives more local residents a chance to live affordably in town.

Mahalo,
K. Beasley

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Written Testimony

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

Aloha kakou,

I would like to take a few moments to extend my support for Ala Moana Plaza, the proposed Brookfield Properties all-rental tower. Over the past few years we have all been aware of just how hard it is for local residents to afford to buy a home here in Hawai'i. Rental opportunities in town are hard to come by but it is far easier for the working class local resident to rent as opposed to how hard it is to own a home here.

Written Testimony

My family and I own and run our own small business and we ourselves are not in a position to buy a home. For us, the costs involved in buying a home are somewhere between unreasonable and unrealistic. That is the simple truth.

Another simple truth is that there isn't enough rentals to accommodate the growing need. The all-rental tower project at Ala Moana Plaza is a step in the right direction. This rental project would be a perfect fit to the Ala Moana neighborhood.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Mana Kaleilani Caceres

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Savings Bank

PO Box 2300
Honolulu, HI 96804-2300

March 2, 2021

Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Resolution 20-315 – Ala Moana Plaza Project

Aloha Honorable Chair Brandon Elefante,

I am writing in support of the redevelopment being proposed by Brookfield Properties.

Our opinion of Brookfield is an extremely positive one because we have seen them become a very engaged member of the community. With the completion of their first project, Lilia Waikiki, the first all-rental development to be built in Waikiki in decades, Brookfield will deliver a total of 454 rental units. 20 percent (91 units) of these rentals will be reserved as for-rent affordable housing units for households earning less than 80 percent of the area median income, 53 of which were delivered earlier this month with renters moving into their new homes before the upcoming holidays.

Brookfield's new mixed-use rental project, Ala Moana Plaza, will have a direct and immediate benefit to our State that cannot be denied. Our State is facing a housing crisis, and home ownership is at record highs and out of reach for many. There aren't enough rental units in urban Honolulu for people to live and work in the same vicinity. In addition, statistics show that 70 percent of all housing is needed for households earning 80 percent AMI or less. Ala Moana Plaza is one example of Brookfield's plans to build much-needed rental housing to help solve the housing crisis our community is facing.

Even with no affordable housing mandate required in the development of this property, Brookfield is operating with great passion, vision and a sense of responsibility by committing to deliver 20 percent (124 units) of the total 583 units as affordable rentals to households earning no more than 80 percent AMI. This is a testament to Brookfield's triple bottom-line approach to promote social and environmental goals in economically sustainable ways.

As a rental project with no condo presales required to start construction, Ala Moana Plaza will quickly deliver a mix of market rentals and affordable units into the Ala Moana neighborhood, one of the largest employment centers in our state. The construction of this project will generate over \$96 million in worker wages during construction and over \$2.1 million in annual permanent wages post-construction. Further, this project will add attractive community benefits including improved walkways and inviting green spaces adjacent to what will undoubtedly be the busiest rail transit hub on Oahu.

Tony Mizuno, SVP
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AMERICAN
Savings Bank

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We need this project to support our economy, help create new inventory of much-needed rental housing in urban Honolulu and improve the community.

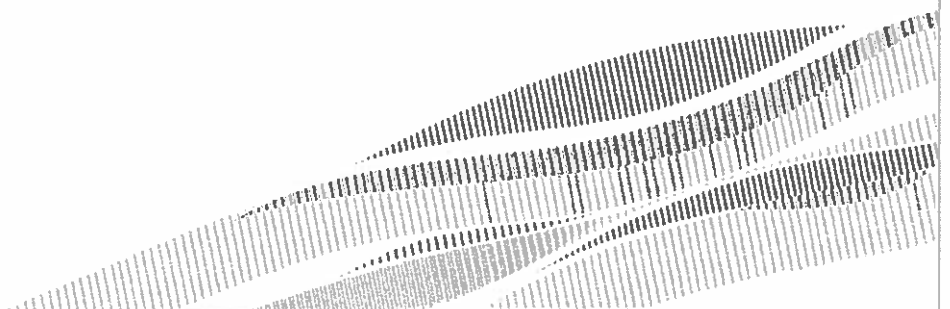
On behalf of American Savings Bank, mahalo for the opportunity to share our support.

Tony Mizuno
Senior Vice President, Manager of Commercial Real Estate

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March 1, 2021

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING**

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Thursday, March 4, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 20-315 CD1 – APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL PLAN
FOR AN IPD-T PROJECT FOR THE ALA MOANA PLAZA DEVELOPMENT**

**To Committee Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia`aina and members of the Honolulu City
Council Committee on Zoning and Planning:**

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 CD1, which seeks to approve the conceptual plan for the IPD-T Project for GGP Ala Moana L.L.C.'s 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

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:38 PM
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Reso 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Glaziers Union LU1889 / District Council 50

Written Testimony

Good Morning Mr. Chairman & City Council Board members. My name is Dwayne Arelliano, I am the Bus Rep for the Glaziers Union LU1889 and with District Council 50 and we represent over 2,000 members. At this time, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of this project.

First off, I just want to say that we feel that the Ala Moana Plaza would be a great project for you to approve because there are so very few rental projects that are being developed today, especially in Honolulu and this will create jobs that our members desperately need, as some of their household members are still unemployed due to this Pandemic. As the median price for single family homes rise to \$800,000 and the median price for condominiums continue to soar, we worry that our children may not afford a place of their own and may be forced to move away from Hawaii to live. It is rare, that a developer builds a building consisting of 100% rental units and is fixed for 30 years. This privately developed project will not only provide some relief for the housing shortage but 20% of this rental building will be for households earning 80% of the area median income. This means that not only will our members benefit from working on this project, but they may also qualify to live here as well. So, I urge you all to consider approving this project. Thank you again for allowing me to testify on behalf of this project.

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Written Testimony

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

Aloha City Council Members,

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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Written Testimony

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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 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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Written Testimony

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

Aloha 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 jobs in the near future.

Written
Testimony

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.

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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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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

Dear Council Members,

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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Written Testimony

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Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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 that grew up in Oahu, 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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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH
Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on
the matter Support
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Aloha Honorable Chairman Elefante,

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

Written I grew up here in Honolulu. I support the construction of more vertical rental and affordable
Testimony 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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Written Testimony

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

Aloha Honorable Chair Elefante,

Written
Testimony

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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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
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Dear Zoning, Planning & Housing Chair and Council Committee members,

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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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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Hi Council Members,

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 all 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.

Frankly, it is exhausting to fill out rental applications, interview, search and search, take time off of work and compete with other renters 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 in the for-sale condos, and this project actually promotes a diverse rental mix of people that create a unique community with affordable housing.

I strongly support this project and encourage City leadership to think about those like me that have not yet afforded to buy their slice of paradise. What about renters like me?

I read that people in neighboring condo buildings oppose this project. Please DO NOT let people who already own homes perpetuate that the only rentals around for us to live in, should be their investments.

Aloha,
Amanda Duke

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
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Your position on the matter Support
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Aloha Council Members,

I would like to submit my support for Ala Moana Plaza. I am a Kakaako resident and am grateful to live in an area close to work, restaurants, grocery stores, and other places I can spend my free time. But I know that Kakaako and other areas in town are not affordable to many people because of Hawaii's super expensive home and condo prices. That's why I support Ala Moana Plaza. Brand new rental buildings in town like Ala Moana Plaza will give more people the chance to live in a nice apartment in convenient locations.

Written
Testimony

I RARELY hear about new rentals being built, so Ala Moana Plaza is a much-needed change from all the luxury condos coming up right now. I know that some people say these rentals will devalue their property value or block their ocean views, but to me that is a very close-minded, privileged and selfish perspective. Why deny someone who cannot afford to own a home or condo, the opportunity to live in a nice, brand new apartment.

Please don't fall into the vocal opposition's narrow-minded perspective. Please give Brookfield the chance to bring brand new rentals to Honolulu, and give those who cannot afford to own a home or condo a chance at living somewhere nice and convenient.

Sincerely,
Lyssa Omori

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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Aloha Honolulu City Council Members,

I'm writing to urge you to support Brookfield Properties' Ala Moana Plaza rental development. I believe it will be a benefit for people of all ages and walks of life, to live, work and shop in the Ala Moana neighborhood.

I'm a working professional and soon-to-be resident of the Central Ala Moana condo tower. I work downtown and love that everything I need, from a car-less commute to work, to groceries, to take-out options and shopping are literally at my doorstep. The convenience and variety of services, recreation and entertainment is what attracted me to the Ala Moana area.

Written
Testimony

But I know that not everyone is able to afford to buy the new condos being built along the Kapiolani corridor, which is why the Ala Moana Plaza rentals will be a great addition to the neighborhood. Not only will it offer rentals to those who want to live in the area but cannot afford condo ownership, but it will also bring nice and safe walking paths for residents and shoppers, and beautiful landscaping to the community.

I hope you will find value in the benefits that Ala Moana Plaza can bring to the Ala Moana neighborhood – an area that deserves to become an even more vibrant, exciting and welcoming community in Honolulu.

Sincerely,
Chan Yi
Ala Moana neighborhood resident

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
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Dear Department of Planning & Permitting:

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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Written Testimony

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

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.

Written Testimony

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.

Also, 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.

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.

Na'u me ke aloha,
Alohilani Kamaunu

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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Organization

Written
Testimony

To All Concerned,

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 current pandemic only compounds the difficult housing situation for many. Unless creative solutions are forwarded many will in the years ahead face an intensified housing crisis. For the average person the dream of owning a home has sadly morphed into the dream of merely finding an affordable rental. The all rental tower will provide an amazing rental opportunity for those looking to remain on Oahu and live in town.

There's a drastic shortage and more rentals across Oahu, and specifically in the urban core, are needed. Renters are tired of the long lists and long waits to obtain affordable housing. 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.

Mahalo,
Michael Rivera

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Written Testimony

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

Written Testimony I am writing in support of a project that provides rental and affordable housing. There are very few new rental projects in the area and this project provides people the opportunity to live near their workplace. Also, rail will run right in front of this project.

Respectfully,
Kelvin Sato

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Written Testimony

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

Written
Testimony

I grew up here in Honolulu and I support more rental housing options. Many of the local people here are leaving Hawaii due to the cost of living and lack of affordable housing options. My kids will have to either leave Hawaii or live with us until they are in their mid 30s. I support the Ala Moana Plaza project to provide rental housing opportunities in Honolulu.

Liana Choy

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Affording housing in Hawaii has become a large problem over the years. It seems that home ownership is only a dream for many in the "middle class". I support the Ala Moana Plaza project to provide rental housing opportunities in Honolulu. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I believe Honolulu needs an influx in affordable housing and affordable rental housing inventory. With the Ala Moana Plaza Project, it will provide that much needed relief to locals. I support the Ala Moana Plaza project to provide rental housing opportunities in Honolulu.

- Honolulu resident (Marc Shibata)

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony We need more rental housing and affordable housing in Honolulu! Home ownership is so expensive and out of reach for so many. I support the Ala Moana Plaza project to provide rental housing opportunities in Honolulu.

S. Miranda

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Written Testimony

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

Written Testimony

Our housing crisis is getting worse; it is so expensive to live in Hawaii!! We no longer can afford to buy a home! Too many locals are leaving Hawaii and I worry that may be the future option for my children too. Not everyone is fortunate enough to buy a home, including myself. We need more affordable housing inventory, affordable rental housing; more affordable housing options! I support the Ala Moana Plaza project to provide rental housing opportunities in Honolulu!!

Thank you!
Jeanette Sugai

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March 2, 2021,

Honorable, Brandon Elefante, Committee on Zoning and Planning, Chair
Honorable, Esther Kiaaina, Committee on Zoning and Planning, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning

RE: SUPPORTING RESOLUTION 20-315 – IPD-T PROJECT / ALA MOANA PLAZA DEVELOPMENT (2020/SDD-45), CD1 to Resolution 20-315

Committee on Zoning and Planning Chair Brandon Elefante:

My name is Pane Meatoga III and I am the Community Liaison representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction. **Our organization would like to offer our written testimony in support of RESOLUTION 20-315 – IPD-T PROJECT / ALA MOANA PLAZA DEVELOPMENT (2020/SDD-45), CD1 to Resolution 20-315**

Brookfield's proposed development will create approximately 600 construction jobs and needed economic stimulus to Hawaii's ailing economy. At a time when Hawaii is experiencing record high unemployment rates, everything should be done to prioritize projects that promise to create job opportunities for as many people as possible.

Not only will Ala Moana Plaza benefit Hawaii's workers in the short-term, but it will also benefit Hawaii's workforce in the long term. This project is slated to bring 124 affordable rental units and 459 market-rate rentals to urban Honolulu when too many locals are being priced out of the housing market. Record-setting single-family median home prices are making homeownership out of reach for many of our members and much of Hawaii's workforce, leaving many with limited housing choices, long commutes, and limited family time during the work week. Brookfield's vision to bring a brand-new, all-rental development to one of Hawaii's most concentrated areas of commercial activity, dining and retail in walking distance to the future Ala Moana rail station compliments another one of our core goals of achieving higher standards of living and working conditions for our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of Brookfield's Ala Moana Plaza rental development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pane Meatoga III", followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Pane Meatoga III
Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

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Written Testimony

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

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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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony

I have been living in Kaka'ako with my fiancé 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.

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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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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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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Written Testimony

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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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Your position on the matter Support
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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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Written Testimony

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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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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To whom it may concern,

I would like to extend my support for the Ala Moana Plaza apartment project in Honolulu.

Written
Testimony

As a renter in town, Lower Punchbowl, I see firsthand the need for additional rental inventory in Honolulu. My scenario, like many of my co-workers and friends, is that of a recently married couple beginning to prepare for the next step of starting a family in this wonderful city. My wife, a pre-school teacher, and I often discuss what the future might look like for us and potential children and the discussion inevitably turns to housing and the costs associated. The discussion is always hopeful, but the reality is that the rental market is driven by demand and the demand in the city compared to the rental spaces available creates significant disadvantages to renters.

Adding hundreds of units for renters like ourselves can do nothing but help create optimism for the future of my family and so many other families that are in a similar situation. I really enjoy living in the city, I like walking and bicycling to work, shops, parks and beaches and I'd like to continue doing so in a market where the economics allow this lifestyle to remain a reality.

Best Regards,
Paul and Torey Belshoff

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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	We need more Rental Housings and Affordable Housings in Honolulu! I support Ala Moana Plaza!
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
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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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Zoning and Planning
Committee
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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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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.

I'm a local girl, born and raised in Hawaii and a graduate of Mililani high school and the University of Hawaii West Oahu.

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. I have friends still living 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.

Written
Testimony

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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Written Testimony

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

Written
Testimony

Please allow for the completion of the Ala Moana Plaza 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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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

To Whom It May Concern:

Written
Testimony

I am a recent graduate of the University of Hawaii West Oahu and have been working full-time in Honolulu since 2018. I am currently living with my parents in Makakilo and have been wanting to move closer to town to avoid the difficult daily commute and gain some independence. Although I looked for rentals in the past, I have never been able to find anything suitable – in town, affordable, and most importantly, safe. A brand new all-rental tower at Ala Moana Plaza would provide options for residents like me. Traffic has eased quite a bit due to the pandemic, but I am not looking forward to my commute as our economy opens back up again. Therefore, I support the construction of any new rental development on Oahu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brianna Ramos of Makakilo

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Written Testimony

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Written
Testimony

I am in support of more rental housing in Honolulu, especially affordable ones. Born and raised in Hawaii, I've been a renter for nearly a decade and am always looking for clean, affordable condos in Honolulu. There is simply not enough inventory to support the demand. Therefore, I am in full support of the Ala Moana Plaza that will provide local residents the option to work and live in Honolulu. Thank you.

James Nakanishi
Honolulu HI

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
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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Committee Zoning and Planning
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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,

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Written Testimony

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

Aloha Zoning, Planning and Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Brookfield Properties' proposed Ala Moana Plaza project. I have come to understand Brookfield's housing vision for the people of Oahu, after working with them on their first rental project, Lilia Waikiki. They have put a lot of thought into serving local residents and have taken great care to engage Native Hawaiian cultural stakeholders, striving to do things the right way as they work to bring more housing to Hawaii's people.

Written
Testimony

I am confident that this care and attention will be extended to their Ala Moana Plaza project. They recognize that Oahu is in a severe housing crisis, especially for local people who cannot afford record-breaking single-family home prices. We cannot allow more and more locals to be priced out of living where they grew up. Many developments built in the past few years have been for-sale luxury condos owned by non-locals who live in their units a few weeks out of the year. Ala Moana Plaza will be the first all-rental project built in urban Honolulu in years. Not only that, it's specifically for Oahu's working-class locals, with 124 units reserved for families making 80% AMI.

Additionally, Hawaii's unemployment is at all-time highs due to COVID-19. Anything to get more local people working again is needed, and needed fast. Construction of Ala Moana Plaza will create more jobs for Hawaii's working class and once completed, will support surrounding small businesses by introducing hundreds of new resident patrons.

Record high housing prices paired with record high unemployment – we must start somewhere to try and mitigate this dire outlook. Ala Moana Plaza is a step in the right direction. I urge you to consider the effects this project could have on working-class local people.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to share my support for Ala Moana Plaza.

Lani Lapilio

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Written Testimony

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

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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Written Testimony

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

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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City Council Committee on Zoning and Planning
City and County of Honolulu
Date of Hearing: Thursday, March 4, 2021
Testimony Submitted by Valerie Umeda

I oppose Resolution 20-315 - IPD-T Project / Ala Moana Plaza Development (2020/SDD-45).

I am an owner-occupant in one of the Kakaako condominiums that will be affected by Ala Moana Plaza, a Brookfield Properties project.

This project will be comprised of 459 market-rate rental units and 124 affordable rental units which is a very small percentage of affordable units given the density (on less than an acre of land) and height of the proposed building. The fixed affordable rents are good for only 45 years, negligible compared to the Ahe Group's 61 years at the previously proposed Kawainui Street Apartments. For younger renters in their 30's, the affordable rents will expire when they are in their 70's, when most will be retired and living on fixed incomes and an anticipated dramatic increase in rent may no longer be affordable.

There is no doubt that Hawaii is in dire need of affordable housing but to allow this project to move forward is setting a bad precedent for future projects in this over-saturated area of Ala Moana-Kakaako.

This area is already over-populated, over-developed and overly dense. Traffic in general and rush hour traffic in particular will be horrendous, especially with traffic into and out of the nearby shopping mall; the number of cars on the road will increase, adding to pollution and with the increased building density, the already stressed infrastructure will be taxed to the breaking point. The water and sewer pipes can barely handle the existing population. Proximity to Waikiki will add tourists to the mix of increased traffic and cars. It is doubtful that the traffic study done by Brookfield took into account the installation of the Pensacola Street bike lane which took away two lanes of traffic.

In a neighborhood in Kailua, a proposed project was opposed because of similar concerns. The proposed Kawainui Street Apartments, an affordable housing project that was only a four story, 73 unit development was successfully opposed by neighborhood residents because of issues of zoning, traffic, parking, and because the building would block their solar panels and views. It should be emphasized that the proposed building was four stories, compared with the forty floors plus an 18 foot elevator overrun of Ala Moana Plaza.

Furthermore, the Ala Moana-Kakaako Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan has not

yet been adopted by the City Council, without which a balance between community benefits and development incentives cannot be adequately and fairly determined. Additionally, it has not yet been determined if the rail project will even extend to Ala Moana, in which case the TOD may not apply.

In closing, I am opposed to Resolution 20-315 - IPD-T Project / Ala Moana Plaza Development (2020/SDD-45). At the very least, I respectfully ask that this Committee on Zoning and Planning defer the permit application until it is determined that the rail line will extend to Ala Moana and there can be more input as to what area residents see as community benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Zoning and Planning
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please see attached file. Please text me at 808.777.7738 if you did not receive it as I am experiencing some technical difficulties.
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**City and County of Honolulu
Committee on Zoning & Planning
Public Hearing
March 4, 2021**

**Interim Planned Development
Resolution 20-315
Transit and Special District Permit Application No. 2020/SDD-45
Ala Moana Plaza Development**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

GEORGE KAILIWAI III and 'Ohana

Mahalo nui loa for affording me and my family the opportunity to provide written comments.

My family and I are opposed to Resolution 20-315. We have lived in Kaka'ako for 14 years and we have witnessed first-hand, the reckless and uncontrolled building of innumerable high-rise apartments in our neighborhood.

This has had the effect of jeopardizing access to our public ambulance, fire and police services; stressed our sewage, water and electrical power systems; caused gridlock on Pensacola and Piikoi Streets; and resulted in over-crowding our elementary, middle and high schools. During rush hour it takes 20 minutes to drive between H-1 and Kapiolani Blvd. The population has tripled since we moved here and the population growth is creating an unsafe environment. In short, the reckless and uncontrolled growth of our Ala Moana-Kaka'ako neighborhood has resulted in a decreased quality of life.

Worse yet, the City Council has not approved the Ala Moana TOD, and there is no funding to complete the high-speed rail to Ala Moana Shopping Center, both of which Resolution 20-315 are based.

This makes no sense.

Please do your kuleana and reject Resolution 20-315.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Written testimony emailed to info@honoluludpp.org on March 2, 2021.

Brandon J. C. Elefante, Chair
Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero, Member
Calvin Say, Member
Committee on Zoning and Planning
City Council
City and County of Honolulu

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION 20-315, IPD-T
PROJECT/ALA MOANA PLAZA DEVELOPMENT, CD1 PROPOSALS (City
Council Meeting, March 4, 2021)

Aloha,

What do Kaka'ako United, the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11, the 244 homeowners of the Moana Pacific Condominium, Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Representative Scott Saiki and Representative Adrian Team have in common? All oppose (or wish deferment of) Reso 20-315, IPD-T Project/Ala Moana Plaza Development. All represent residents who live in Kaka'ako, whose daily lives will be impacted by the proposed development.

I am one of those residents. Sometimes I feel like our voices are being drowned by those who don't live here, but other days I am uplifted by knowing that at least one Councilmember listens and considers our concerns. Mahalo to Councilmember Carol Fukunaga for at least she has noted her reservations about the measure. Listening to her constituents, she has requested an appropriation to have a traffic study done because of the growing number of condominiums in the Ala Moana and Kaka'ako areas which has resulted in traffic congestion and pedestrian safety issues that have not been addressed.

Those for the project argue that it should be built because of the affordable housing benefits and the opportunity for job opportunities. As a proponent of affordable housing and a living wage, I appreciate that. I get it. However, I question, how many people at workplaces like Ala Moana Shopping Center can afford that "affordable rental" since the average paying job doesn't pay \$22 an hour to afford the rental.

As a resident, I am concerned about the population increase with the Ala Moana Plaza development, as well as other developments, occurring in or near our neighborhood and the impact such developments will place on our infrastructure.

I don't want Kaka'ako/Ala Moana to be another Waikiki where sewage overflows into our waters. Our schools are already overcrowded, our Fire and Police Departments stressed, traffic and pollution are on the rise, and so on.

I am concerned about whether the value of community benefits is commensurate with the value of the project and the benefits to the developer.

The resolution describes the community benefits, but it's difficult to determine in the end whether these community benefits have a value commensurate with the value of the added 300' height variance.

I believe that there is a need to better determine community benefits, especially for the neighborhood impacted: In the priority of community benefits, are these the benefits that the community (neighborhood) immediately impacted sees of value to them? In our community, we are concerned about infrastructure of our schools, our Fire and Police Dept, public sewage and water drainage systems, etc. Is it possible that our community may feel it more important to build another high school, or to improve upon the structure of McKinley High School; or to have our Parks better maintained; or to have a community Child Care Center built?

The Transit Oriented Development Plan for Ala Moana/Kaka'ako may be the answer. Key provisions of that plan would provide for the establishment of a menu of benefits combined with zoning incentives and a point value system, as well as a scorecard of community benefits to determine how they would allow development interest to have a series of predictable outcomes based on this score card. As these provisions are not yet in place, I am in agreement with Senator Moriwaki, Representative Saiki, and Representative Tam who represent our neighborhood, that this resolution is premature and should be deferred.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Leimomi Khan

From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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

Written Testimony

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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Written Testimony

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

City Council Committee of Zoning and Planning:

I am testifying in SUPPORT of Resolution 20-315.

The Ala Moana Rental Plaza project will bring the state closer to meeting the 66,000 units required by 2025 to meet its housing shortage. In order to solve this crisis we need creative solutions. Brookfield's Ala Moana Rental Plaza is uniquely suited to fill a gap in the market. Large rental projects are few and far between in Hawaii. Brookfield is taking a risk here and trying something different compared to the luxury condo towers surrounding it. Brookfield should be applauded for their attempt to build a vertical rental project within a TOD zone when no vertical rental projects have been completed in Urban Honolulu in decades.

Written
Testimony

Although the direct beneficiaries of this project are not able to testify here today, because they are not yet identified, we know they exist. They are mall employees, essential workers, and our local families. As a recent college graduate, I speak on behalf the youth in Hawaii that we need courage and progress. Otherwise, my generation will continue to look at our childhood home as a place where we can no longer see a future.

I urge the council to support this resolution for thousands of working families in Hawaii and for the future prosperity of these islands.

Aloha,
Zachary

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

1617 Palama Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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MARTIN ARANAYDO
Sergeant-At-Arms

Date: March 4, 2021 (9:00 am)

Meeting: Zoning Planning and Housing

Location: Council Chambers

RE: ALA MOANA PLAZA RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT *Reg 20-315*

Committee Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Kiaaina, and Committee 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.**

While it appears that the COVID-19 pandemic will soon be controlled vaccines being administered in the population 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 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.

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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.

PETER A. GANABAN
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item 20-315 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization IBEW LU 1186

TO: City & County Zoning & Planning Committee
Hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., Via Videoconference

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESO 20-315 CD1

Honorable Chairperson Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair Esther Kia'aina, and Counsel Members:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186) represents over 3,400 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service employees, and educator and faculty associations. We are in strong support of Reso 20-315 CD1 and ask for you approval on this matter.

Written Testimony My name is Michael Pacheco, I am a 14-year member of IBEW 1186. On behalf of my Business Manager/ Financial Secretary Damien Kim & our membership, we thank you for hearing our testimony.

I have had the opportunity to be a part of the hearings throughout. Below have been the important points I have learned.

Take away points:

1. Project is one of the very few new 100% rental projects in Honolulu.
2. Project is 20% affordable (80% AMI)
3. Rentals are badly needed to meet Oahu's housing demands where many families/individuals cannot afford to purchase.
4. Project will generate \$96 million in near-term construction wages.
5. Project will generate over \$2 million annually in permanent long-term wages.
6. NIMBY complaints relate to height of Plaza (400') but many live-in condos that are more than 400' (example: Moana Pacific is second highest building in Hawaii behind FHB tower)

Take away Easement points:

7. The project includes a SUBSTANTIAL condition of approval worth tens of millions of dollars.

a. Easement for Buses on Kona, Kona Iki, Mahukona, and Keeaumoku.

8. Easement is understood as a condition for advancing and adopting the updated Ala Moana TOD Map amendment (Reso. 20-223).

9. Use messages such as:

a. "The council should be lauded for extracting this substantial condition from Brookfield.

This easement now paves the way for the updated Ala Moana TOD Map and will enable the City to secure additional resources and community benefits from future projects."

I would like to thank you for your service to our great state.

Sincerely,

Michael Pacheco

Organizer IBEW 1186

RENEW Facilitator & Contact for Political Affairs

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION SERVICES — SINCE 1982

02 March 2021

Honorable Brandon Elefante, Chair
And Councilmembers
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **Support for:** IPD-T application No. 2020/SDD-45 for the redevelopment of Ala Moana Plaza

Aloha Mr. Elefante and Councilmembers:

I represent the cultural resource management firm Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. (CSH). We specialize in providing archaeological, historical, and cultural studies that support projects' state and federal historic preservation review. Our studies, and the assistance we provide with a project's historic preservation review process, are purposefully neutral and not intended to be either for or against any planned development project. They are intended to assess a planned project's impacts on historic properties and cultural practices. If needed, the results of our studies are used to develop mitigation measures to alleviate any project impacts on these cultural resources.

Accordingly, this letter in support of the Department of Planning and Permitting's approval of Brookfield Properties' IPD-T permit application is based not on the project itself, but on the project proponents' conscientious fulfillment of the State of Hawai'i historic preservation review process under Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §6E.

CSH has worked with the project proponents since September 2019. Incorporating the results of initial outreach to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and recognized Native Hawaiian cultural descendants to nearby projects in Waikiki, the project proponents had CSH complete an archaeological literature review and field inspection (LRFI) to support the project's planning and historic preservation review compliance. The LRFI, with its related consultation, resulted in an initial testing strategy for an archaeological inventory survey (AIS) that was developed in consultation with the SHPD.

Following Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-276 the initial AIS testing strategy was carried out. Based on these results, and in consultation with the recognized Native Hawaiian cultural descendants to nearby projects in Waikiki and the SHPD, the AIS testing strategy was augmented to provide additional project area coverage. A report detailing AIS results is currently being prepared for SHPD review and anticipated acceptance.

Through the ongoing historic preservation review process, the project proponents created and maintained an extensive and proactive consultation record with community and cultural stakeholders, recognized Native Hawaiian cultural descendants, the SHPD, and the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC). The project proponents also employed Native Hawaiian cultural monitors during the AIS fieldwork. A timeline of this process is included at the end of this letter.



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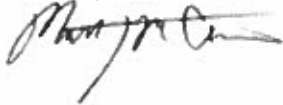
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The Ala Moana Plaza project is conscientiously completing the rigorous historic preservation review process and has garnered the approval of the SHPD and cultural stakeholders at each step of the review process thus far. Measures taken by Brookfield Properties with regards to community outreach and consultation have focused on Native Hawaiian cultural descendants and the OIBC.

Based on the project proponents' adherence to and completion of the project's historic preservation review process to date, CSH is pleased to recommend that the Department of Planning and Permitting approve Brookfield Properties' IPD-T permit application.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (808) 262-9972 on O'ahu or toll free at 1-800-599-9962. You may also reach me by e-mail at mmcdermott@culturalsurveys.com.

Sincerely,



Matt McDermott
Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc.

Date: 02 March 2021

**TIMELINE OF ALA MOANA PLAZA RESIDENTIAL TOWER PROJECT
CONSULTATION WITH SHPD, OIBC, AND CULTURAL DESCENDANTS**

2019

11 December: Meeting with Waikiki cultural descendants (CDs)

Attended by Mr. William Ho'ohuli, Ms. Kaira Ho'ohuli, members of 'Ohana Caceres (Mana, Kalehua, Hiehie, and Kamana), Ms. Keala Norman, and Mr. Kepo'o Keli'ipa'akaua; Chair of the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC)/Kona Moku Representative Ms. Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu; Brookfield Property representatives Mr. Jeremy Shorenstein, Mr. Josh Arango, Mr. Greg Anderson, Ms. Betty Dumas, Mr. Kris Hui, Mr. Kaeo Kane, Mr. Brad Anderson and Mr. Blair Suzuki; DTL Hawai'i consultant Ms. Malia Ka'aihue; Assistant General Manager of the Ala Moana Center Mr. Timothy Schweichart; Aukahi Cultural Consultant President Ms. Lani Ma'a Lapilio (' Aukahi Consulting); and Cultural Surveys Hawai'i Project Manager Mr. Matt McDermott and Project Director Dr. Rachel Hoerman. The Ala Moana Plaza Residential Tower Project was introduced, and the history and previous archaeology of the project area as well as anticipated historic preservation measures and proposed testing strategy for a potential AIS were presented. Feedback for modifications to the proposed testing strategy to include more areas outside of the pond was provided by Ms. Keala Norman and Mr. Kepo'o Keli'ipa'akaua.

18 December: OIBC meeting project presentation

Jeremy Shorenstein and Matt McDermott introduced the project to the OIBC and provided a project overview and background context consisting of the project area's history and previously known archaeology. The project and proposed testing strategy were discussed with previously-recognized Native Hawaiian CDs from the area. Ms. Keala Norman and Mr. Kamana'o Mills (OIBC member) re-iterated and expressed, respectively, expanded test excavations in areas that might contain iwi kupuna, such as the footprint of the structure on the subject property.

2020

- **2-6 January: AIS testing strategy revised to address CD concerns**
The test excavation strategy was modified to situate more test excavations beyond the former pond, and in the southern corner of the project area where a historic structure may have been.
 - **7 January: LRFI and request for determination letter with proposed AIS testing strategy submitted to SHPD electronically**
 - **8 January: SHPD confirms receipt of LRFI and supporting documentation (assigned LOG 2020.00039)**
 - **30 January through 6 July**
AIS investigation carried out with the participation of Native Hawaiian cultural monitors.
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Date: 02 March 2021

- **24 February: On-site consultation regarding in-progress AIS testing**
Ms. Keala Norman, the Caceres 'Ohana, Matt McDermott and Rachel Hoerman met on-site to discuss results from the first seven test excavations. Ms. Keala Norman requested modifications to the test excavation strategy in order to situate more test excavations in extant building footprints.
- **2 April: CD email correspondence regarding in-progress AIS testing strategy**
Ms. Keala Norman expressed support for the placement of the test excavations remaining in the AIS, and re-iterated the request to situate more test excavations in extant building footprints.
- **3 April: SHPD Consultation re: in-progress AIS testing strategy, testing strategy modification**
SHPD recommends additional test excavations situated in the pond to inform on past environment and land use, and additional test excavations situated in extant building footprints. Testing strategy modified to include additional pond and interior test excavations.
- **6 July through 15 July: Additional AIS Testing**
Per Brookfield Properties, two additional interior test excavations requested by the SHPD and CDs are completed.

As of this writing, the draft AIS report is currently in preparation for SHPD submittal and anticipated acceptance.

From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-04-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Reso 20-315
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Painter Union 1791/ DC50

Written Testimony

Dear Mr. Chair and Board Members,
My Name is Robin Schlitzkus, I am the Business Representative for the Painters Union Local 1791 Which comes under District Council 50.
We Have a very high percentage of Residence that cannot afford to purchase a place of their own. With the 100% rentals 20% which would be affordable units that this project would provide will help with the shortage that we have in Central Oahu.
Members of District Council 50 which has 2000 plus. members and their Families will also benefit from the jobs that this project would create. This will also allow our members to help circulate monies to other businesses that are at their breaking point because of the unfortunate events that have been taking place recently. Our economy will definitely benefit and create more tax revenue for the State of Hawaii.
I would like to thank you again for letting me testify to support this project.

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

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

Like many other college graduates starting off their careers, I will not be able to purchase property any time soon. Oahu's impossibly high housing market makes it seem impossible to do so. Honestly, owning a home in Hawaii seems like a pipedream.

Written
Testimony

I recently returned home from graduate school in Colorado and just finding an affordable place to rent is impossible. Rent in Honolulu is twice the amount as I paid in Colorado! I have a great job full-time, but with student loans and the high cost of living, I'm forced to live at home with my parents probably for the next 10 years.

I am really disappointed by the lack of affordable housing options in Hawaii. I moved back home to be closer to my family. And in doing so I sacrificed a cheaper cost of living, financial independence, and seemingly a better quality of life. It's no wonder that many people my age don't move back to Hawaii after graduating college. It was disheartening knowing the financial burden of moving back home.

These apartments and other new rental projects in town present an opportunity for my generation to make moving out on our own a reality. It is for these reasons that I support the construction of the Ala Moana Plaza rental tower.

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Written Testimony

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Written
Testimony

I'm writing on behalf of the many local people in Honolulu who can barely afford to live here. Housing prices have steadily gone up over the last 20 years and as a lender I understand the struggle and sacrifice it takes to save for a down payment to purchase. Many can't save at a fast enough rate to keep up with the prices of residential homes. The Ala Moana Plaza Development would be a solution and a bridge to many people looking for housing in Honolulu. Please take the time to consider approving the project for the local people of Hawaii.

Thank you,

Justin Matsukawa I Senior Loan Officer

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

Aloha, I am hoping this email finds you well and that whomever is the recipient of this, is staying safe and healthy.

Written
Testimony

I'm writing in regards to my support for the newly planned rental development, The Ala Moana Plaza. During these unprecedented times, especially now, many local residents have struggled to make a living here in Honolulu. The dream of owning your own home extends deeper as most people my age, 32, combat the biggest factor of an initial down payment for their mortgage. Many of my peers struggle to find jobs that will cover the high living expenses of this city and end up relocating to much more affordable locations. When hard working citizens want to live in desirable areas closer to their jobs, they result in renting and paying someone else's mortgage. This to me is considered a setback in one's life.

I truly believe that the housing market in Honolulu must take a drastic change in order to allow people to be able to make a comfortable living. The Ala Moana Plaza development is a perfect example of the direction that the city should take to retain local people and allow them to later give back to the community and state. With my full support for this project, I encourage your department to consider the long term value that this development will have in the future.

I appreciate your time and efforts, with gratitude.

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

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 in downtown.

I fully support the Ala Moana Plaza.

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
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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. For years I lived on the mainland because the cost of living in Hawaii was so high. But ultimately I moved home to be closer to my family.

Written Testimony

It was shocking how high the prices were to rent or buy units in Honolulu. I was left with no choice but to live with my parents. After years of waiting, I was fortunate enough to get into an affordable unit.

I have many friends who'd like to come home, but have decided to stay on the mainland for the same reason. The consistently rising prices have made it even more challenging to find a home or condo in town. 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 local residents.

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Written Testimony

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Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-315
Your position on
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Written Testimony

Hello, I am looking forward to the development of the residential tower proposed for the Ala Moana Plaza. As a the tower will be rentable apartments vs condos, it would be a welcome addition to Honolulu as most of the rentals are condo units. It would be great to offer affordable rentals within this tower to offer to the Hawaii residents that are being priced out of their homes.

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