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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Amended Hearing Notices for Victoria Ward Limited Ward Village
Land Block 2, Project 2, at 1050 Ala Moana Boulevard, and MK
Vida LLC for Kamehameha Schools' Land Block I

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) received several comments on the requested changes to the public hearing schedule for two pending development permit applications. Applicant Victoria Ward Limited recently submitted a motion to request rescheduling the decision-making hearing for Ward Village Land Block 2, Project 2 from December 3, 2014 to November 25, 2014. Applicant MK Vida LLC also submitted a motion to request rescheduling the decision-making hearing for Kamehameha Schools' Land Block I from December 17, 2014 to November 25, 2014.

Both applicants' cited the following rationale in their requests for a new hearing date:

- The development permit applications should be decided by existing board members who are already familiar with the projects and participated in the initial public hearings and heard public input.
- Moving the hearing dates to late November will not prejudice any parties to these matters and does not violate any applicable laws.
- There is a high likelihood that quorum will not be achieved for the December hearing date.
- With the transition to the new administration on December 1, 2014, ex-officio members will likely not be named in time for a December decision-making hearing, and the existing ex-officio members and their designees will be ineligible to serve.
- The 160-day automatic approval date for the Victoria Ward Limited Land Block 2, Project 2 is January 19, 2015.
- The 100-day mandatory review and action date for the MK Vida LLC KS Land Block I project is January 5, 2015, as it is not requesting any modifications or variances from existing rules.
- Any failure to achieve quorum after December 1, 2014 will reduce the time in which the Authority can duly meet and discuss these projects.
- Applicants agree to bear the full costs of publishing amendments to the public notices, as required by law.

- Even decision-making hearing dates in November, members of the public will still have sufficient time to provide meaningful input.
 - The initial public hearing for Ward Village Land Block 2, Project was held on October 1, 2014, with a separate modification public hearing on October 2, 2014. Supplemental public hearings were also held on October 7, 2014 and October 11, 2014. The community will have eight weeks from the initial public hearing to the requested November 25, 2014 decision-making hearing to continue providing written testimony.
 - The initial Notice of Public Hearings for the MK Vida LLC KS Land Block I project was published in September 2014, giving the public about two months to provide comments and testimony to the Authority prior to the requested November 25, 2014 decision-making hearing. The HCDA will also hold supplemental public hearings on November 15, 2014 and November 18, 2014 to allow more residents the opportunity to testify.

After reviewing the supporting rationale for both requests, and in accordance with his authority as the HCDA Presiding Officer, Brian Lee approved both motions and caused the applicable hearing notices for the November 25, 2014 hearings to be published.

The community's views and understanding of the proposed developments are encourage and desired. At our hearing on November 25, 2014, the public will again have the opportunity to offer their own views and comments prior to decision-making on both development permit applications. Copies of the amended public hearing notices are posted on our website for further information and review.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. H. Ching
Executive Director