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(Via E-Mail and First Class Mail)

Hawaii Community Development Authority   (contact@hsdaweb.org)
461 Cooke Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Kakaako Land Company

Gentlemen:

This law firm represents Kakaako Land Company. We have reviewed a transcript of public testimony from the October 1, 2014 HCDA Regular Meeting regarding Kakaako Land Company. Please allow us to respond.

First, since 2010 when HCDA contacted Kakaako Land Company, they have cooperated to beautify the area by removing abandoned vehicles, relocating homeless, trimming trees, hauling trash, and removing un-permitted structures within roadways. This could not be accomplished without Kakaako Land Company's cooperation since the Honolulu Police could not trespass on to private property. At HCDA's request, Kakaako Land Company even paid for a survey performed on HCDA's property at 1025 Waimanu Street.
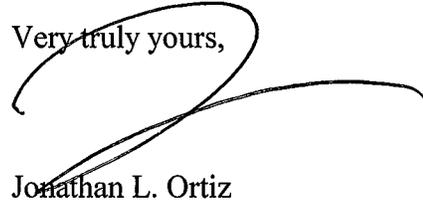
Second, there are many privately-owned streets in Honolulu where the private owner controls parking. Of course, this involves towing unauthorized vehicles when necessary. Kakaako Land Company does no different.

Contrary to public testimony at the October 1, 2014 HCDA Regular Meeting, Kakaako Land Company has never prevented an owner from retrieving their towed vehicle, nor have they ever "crushed" any vehicles. Kakaako Land Company abides by Section 290-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Finally, Kakaako Land Company's administering of parking has actually benefitted the area by bringing order to chaos. They provide reliable, reasonably-priced parking where none existed before.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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