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HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Wednesday, 07/072021

11:00 a.m.

Aloha Hawaii Community Development Authority Board Members,

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management fund representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site work and vertical construction. The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund submits this letter of support for the following project application:

*Application Date: May 28, 2021*

*Permit Number: KAL 21-006*

*Applicant: Hunt Communities Hawaii, LLC ("Hunt")*

*Tax Map Key: (1) 9-1-013: 002 (por)*

*Project Location: Southeast corner of Kamokila Boulevard Extension and Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue (FDR)*

*Description: The Applicant is proposing to build a Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic ("VA Clinic" or "Project") on an approximately 415,194 square feet lot. The VA Clinic consists of a forty feet high facility that will provide space for doctors of different specialties, support staff and equipment. The Project will include approximately 113,500 square feet of floor area, 83,593 square feet of open space, 4,292 square feet of recreation space, and 528 surface parking stalls.*

This 88,675 square-foot multi-specialty outpatient clinic, housed on 9.5 acres, in West Oahu will provide much needed health care services for veterans in region. This facility will help more than 87,000 veterans on Oahu receive their benefits, resources, and services. This services include, Primary care, Mental health care, X-ray services, laboratory & diagnostic services, a pharmacy, and specialty care. This facility will a great resource for the VA's Pacific Island Healthcare System and will give another option for veterans in West oahu.

From an economic perspective this project will generate about 400 construction jobs and more than 200 permanent jobs at the new facility. In short, the estimated positive economic impact from this project and the useful life of the clinic will be approximately in the \$100 million range.

We respectfully ask for your support in approving the application for this project.

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### Project Name

VA Clinic - West Oahu

### Do you support or oppose?

Support

### File Upload

- [HCDA-Hearing-Written-Testimony-for-VA-Clinic.pdf](#)

Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Monika Kauhi and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because as the granddaughter, daughter and sister of both Navy and Army Veterans, I have witnessed firsthand, the long term damage of serving in the US Armed Forces. After being the first graduating class of Youth Challenge in 1996, my older brother served in the Military at the young age of 17 years old. At the age of 19, he was stationed overseas in the aftermath of 911. He witnessed countless of his friends and fellow soldiers lose their lives in the line of duty. He has been through many obstacles since, suffering from sleep apnea and PTSD. I support the VA Clinic because I believe our veterans need our support. It is their sacrifice that allows us to live as free Americans. Being a native to Oahu, born and raised in Ewa Beach, I feel a sense of pride knowing my testimony can play a small part in the assistance of our local veterans. Especially, within my home town.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

Hawaii Community Development Authority  
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Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic Project

Wednesday, July 7, 2021  
11:00 A.M.

Aloha Chair Whalen and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Pacific Resource Partnership writes in **strong support** of the Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic (“VA Clinic”).

The proposed VA Clinic is a new state-of-the-art facility at Kalaeloa in West Oahu that will provide health care services for Oahu’s veterans who served our country, both domestically and abroad, to protect our freedoms. The VA Clinic will provide veterans with important benefits, resources, and services to enhance the quality of their lives.

Additionally, this project will help to stimulate Hawaii’s economy by generating about 400 construction jobs and more than 200 permanent jobs at the new facility. Construction is expected to begin by the end of this year with a goal for services by the second half of 2023.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests HCDA’s favorable decision for this project.

