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June 29, 2021

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**Re: Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic
Kalaeloa Community Development District (KAL 21-006)**

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Authority:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs strongly supports the timely and favorable consideration of a development permit and requests for waivers of the strict application of certain Kalaeloa Community Development District Rules for the proposed Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic in Kalaeloa.

The VA's vision is to honor and provide to veterans the world-class benefits that they have earned through service to our country, and to do so by adhering to the highest standards of compassion, commitment, excellence, professionalism, integrity, accountability and stewardship.

The Veterans Health Administration is the largest integrated health care network in the United States, with approximately 1,293 health care facilities, including 171 medical centers and 1,112 outpatient sites, serving approximately 9 million enrolled Veterans each year. Oahu has approximately 87,000 veterans receiving benefits, and the VA currently provides services at the Spark M. Matsunaga Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the Tripler Army Medical Center campus, and the Leeward Oahu VA Clinic in Ewa.

The VA has prioritized the construction of a new medical facility to primarily serve leeward Oahu veterans for many years. The VA continues to share and is proud (with the support of Hawaii's current congressional delegation) to help make a reality the late Senator Daniel Akaka's vision of a major medical facility in leeward Oahu to greatly improve veterans' access to health care closer to home.

The proposed multi-specialty clinic will nearly double the VA's Pacific Islands Health Care System's capacity, and is expected to significantly reduce wait times, increase provider

availability and help alleviate traffic challenges and parking deficits at the Spark M. Matsunaga Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the Tripler Army Medical Center Campus.

The VA believes that the selected site in Kalaeloa is ideal for the leeward area, and will provide convenient access to all veterans living and working in West Oahu, including Waipahu, Ewa, Kapolei and the leeward coast. The 88,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility will be a multi-specialty clinic, which will provide services in multiple areas under one roof, including primary care, mental health, specialty care, x-ray, laboratory, diagnostic, pharmacy, audiology, women veterans care, physical and occupational therapy, dental and prosthetics.

The design of the VA Clinic for consideration before the HCDA is the design accepted by the VA, and meets all of the VA's requirements, specifications and preferences for the clinic as described in the VA's Solicitation for Offers ("SFO"). The SFO described in detail the VA's requirements, design standards and preferences for the clinic, and invited interested parties to submit proposals for the site, design and construction of the clinic.

Among other factors, the VA evaluated offers with respect to the quality of the proposed building and design concept; the quality of site development; the proposed project management plan; and evidence of capacity to perform. The SFO noted that, with respect to building designs, the VA's conceptual floor plan was required to be used as the basis for the planning and functional layout of the facility. In sum, the SFO contemplated that submitted clinic designs that more closely aligned with the VA's requirements, standards and preferences as described in the SFO would be more highly rated in the evaluation process than designs that were not as closely aligned.

As the VA's selected developer / lessor for the VA Clinic, Hunt Communities Hawaii, LLC (through its wholly-owned entity, VA Aloha, LLC) is required to complete the design and construct the clinic in conformance with the accepted offer.

Among various design specifications, the VA requires no fewer than 528 parking spaces for the clinic. This is a mandatory VA requirement, and is based on the VA's analyses and standards for parking for clinics of this size and type. In developing the parking standards, the VA, among other factors, considers the type and size of the clinic, the expected demand for services, and the need to provide convenient and accessible parking for veterans and caregivers.

The VA understands that this parking requirement is over double the amount of parking required by the Kalaeloa Community Development District Rules ("KCDD Rules"). The VA supports VA Aloha's requests for waivers of the strict application of the KCDD Rules to the extent that these requests arise from, or relate to, the VA's mandatory parking requirement.

In addition, the VA understands that the accepted design requires the waiver of certain KCDD Rules pertaining to the building placement, setbacks, mid-block passageways, and the clinic's principal entrance. The VA supports the granting of these waivers to the extent that the strict application of these rules would affect the design and construction of the clinic in conformance with the accepted offer.

Among other considerations, the VA required the proposed design of the clinic to have adjoining space in order to limit potential access points and safely facilitate access by veterans and staff to various areas of this multi-specialty clinic, which is intended to conveniently provide a variety of services in one facility. Pedestrian passageways through the clinic would alter the interior functional plans of the facility, since passageways would physically separate areas within the clinic. In addition, the VA also supports VA Aloha's requests to waive the strict application of various KCDD Rules pertaining to setbacks and the principal entrance of the clinic to the extent that such requests enhance and facilitate the security of the facility in conformance with the accepted design.

Finally, the VA understands that VA Aloha is requesting a waiver of the strict application of the KCDD Rule pertaining to the visible light transmission standard for windows. The VA supports the waiver of the strict application of this rule to the extent that a waiver is necessary in order for VA Aloha to meet the energy efficiency standards required by the VA.

Pursuant to the lease between Hunt and the VA, VA Aloha is required to construct and deliver the completed VA Clinic for occupancy within 26 months of the lease award, or by the late summer of 2023. In order to meet this deadline, VA Aloha must begin construction on the clinic by the fall of 2021. Accordingly, the VA supports the timely consideration and approval of VA Aloha's application for a development permit and the request for waivers for the clinic in order to permit VA Aloha to meet this deadline.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the VA's comments in support of this important project for Hawaii's veterans.

Respectfully,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic in Kalaeloa.

My name is Allicia Thompson and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because of my grandfather who was a veteran. He recieved care at Tripler for many years but as time went on, the availability of services was much more difficult, and it became harder for him to travel farther away. Having a clinic right in our area would have been so much better for him and other veterans and that is why I support this clinic.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA approves the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Thank you,
Allicia Thompson

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BUILDING A VA CLINIC AT KALAELOA
Submitted by CMDCM(AW) Bev Brennan, USN, Ret

Good Morning –

I'm Command Master Chief Bev Brennan, USN, Retired and the co-owner of the Barbers Point Bowling Center on Kalaeloa. I'm honored to be able to give testimony in support of a Leeward VA Clinic.

I retired in 2000 after serving just over 30 years of active service. I made 4 combat deployments during my last 9 years of service, three from NAS Barbers Point and the final one from MCAS Kaneohe Bay after NAS Barbers Point was closed.

When I retired, I knew I was going to have to make the drive from Makakilo to the Spark Matsunaga VA Medical Center to apply for my benefits and receive treatment. I've never sat in traffic ... on purpose. So I'd leave home not later than 0500, arrive around 0520, found a handicap spot to park my car, then sat and waited for my 0900 appointment. When Queens West offered space, I was so happy to find out that my doctor was one of the ones moving. I now could leave at 0820 and be in the parking lot by 0835.

And now ... finally ... it's our turn. It's long past time that we take care of the Veterans on the west side. And fully take care of them. I've had great care from the VA out here but the services are very limited. Primary care and basic labs by appointment only. For anything else, it was back to the main VA. The Vet Center in Kapolei is great for mental health issues, but only if you're a combat vet. All others go to the main VA. I'm fairly certain we lost some along the way.

The proposal for the new VA Outpatient Clinic is exciting. In addition to Primary Care and basic labs, we'll

have access to X-ray, Pharmacy, Diagnostic services, Specialty Care, and most important of all – Mental Health services, all under one roof.

Thanks to Steve Colon and Thomas Lee and the staff of the Hunt Companies for stepping up to meet this challenge. The impact this clinic will have on over 86,000 veterans is immeasurable, but know that this veteran appreciates your efforts and gives you a hearty “WELL DONE”.

Bev Brennan
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VA Aloha Clinic at Kalaeloa

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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 _Brad Sekigawa_____ and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because...
INSERT PERSONAL STORY

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.

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

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

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

The proposed Veteran Affairs clinic in Kalaeloa will significantly benefit West Oahu by providing critically needed medical services for our growing veteran population. This clinic is being built at a time that the amount of veterans needing services is steadily increasing due to more recent conflicts.

Currently, there are over 87,000 Veterans in the City and County of Honolulu. 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 essential.

While there are veterans in every neighborhood across the state, West Oahu has a very large and growing veteran population. By building the clinic closer to where our veterans live, this provides easier access for those needing services, especially for those without reliable transportation and mobility issues.

In closing, I urge you to approve the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa so we can continue to provide the medical services these veterans need and deserve after serving our country so faithfully.

Sincerely,
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RE: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - HCDA Public Hearing - Permit # KAL 21-006, VA Aloha, LLC for VA Clinic in Kalaeloa

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

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

My name is Darryl Vincent, and I am the Chief Operating Officer of U.S.VETS, the largest non-profit service provider in the nation whose mission is to provide comprehensive supportive services to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. I have been with U.S.VETS since 2003 and have also proudly served in the U.S Marine Corps. U.S.VETS Barbers Point is located within a mile of the proposed VA clinic, and our Barbers Point location has served over 3,500 veterans in our transitional programs since our inception in Hawai'i in 2003. This past program year we served 1,309 veterans at our Barbers Point location across our program scope. Our program's success has been magnified because of the great partnership we have with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our collaborative partnership has been paramount in the success of our veterans' lives and in the impact of our organization's community. For all the above stated, I strongly support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Many veterans we serve, require/seek some type of VA clinic support and treatment. Since the Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical Center is co-located with Tripler Army Medical Center in the Moanalua area, U.S.VETS implements and facilitates transportation services for these veterans 3 times a day so we can support the continuity of care that we know to be most vital in their transition to independence.

Although we have been providing transportation services to the VA in Moanalua for the past 18 years, its geographic location has posed inherent challenges because of the distance between the VA and our site in Kalaeloa. Some of these challenges include but are not limited to: (1) increased commute time spent with growing traffic, which allows for less time spent on direct services, (2) veteran treatment adherence due to the location and (3) long veteran wait times at the VA in between transportation bus rides since U.S.VETS can only reasonably provide 3 round trips per day. The new VA clinic will allow the U.S.VETS staff time to prioritize veteran direct service



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needs due to less commute time. The geographic location will be extremely convenient. Moreover, it has great potential to positively impact treatment adherence since veterans will be residing much closer to the clinic.

We think it is noteworthy to mention that a substantial change in treatment accessibility and adherence was seen with the opening of the VA's Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) which is located at Queen's West O'ahu. Although this CBOC was not equipped to provide full clinic services like the VA in Moanalua, having the resource located closer to our facility contributed to the continuity of care and, ultimately, better outcomes. If this clinic had an impact, even when it was not providing all the VA services, it is reasonable to assume that this new VA clinic will yield even better positive outcomes.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on O'ahu. 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. And, as a veteran service provider and a former member of the Marine Corp, I can confidently assert that this clinic is not only an asset to our community on the west side, but a necessity. Therefore, I strongly support the development of this clinic, without reservation. I respectfully request that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Respectfully Submitted,

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VA Clinic Development

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Aloha, Thank you for the opportunity to support the VA Clinic Development in Kalaeloa. During the COVID, I had a neighbor that almost died due to the overcrowded appointments at Tripler. She had to wait for hours to get an appointment and when she got there, she had to wait for hours again. Yes, it was an emergency, but there were numerous emergencies. There are hospitals and health care everywhere on island for our non-military, to have only 1 facility for the thousand of Vets on Oahu, it's wrong that we don't have another facility on the west side for them. Imagine if this was one of your family members having to combat the overcrowding at the hospital. Please consider for the sake of mankind, approve the Development Permit for the VA Clinic in Kalaeloa!

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To: **The Hawaii Community Development Authority**

Re: **Testimony in Support of VA ALOHA, LLC, Application for Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic for Department of Veterans Affairs**

For Hearing on July 7, 2021 at 11:00 am

Aloha HCDA Chair, Kalaeloa Board Members, Director Neupane, and HCDA staff,

The **Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund** (Hawaii LECET) is a labor + management partnership established in 1992 between the 5,000 statewide members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and over 250 signatory contractors from the General Contractors Association and the Building Industry Association. The Laborers International is the largest construction trade union in the country, and Hawaii LECET is part of a network of 38 labor-management LECET Funds in North America.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports VA ALOHA, LLC's project to build a single-story Outpatient Clinic for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be named the Daniel K. Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

This new state-of-the-art building is much needed in the Leeward community, and will provide efficient primary care, dental, mental health care, x-ray, laboratory, diagnostic, pharmacy, and physical & occupational therapy to serve over 87,000 Hawaii veterans. We owe it to all our veterans to provide the best health care possible for serving our country.

The VA ALOHA project will be Green building certified and built to VA standards, while providing two beautiful acres of open space. This project will also become a major catalyst for roadway, power, water, and sewer infrastructure improvements needed in the area. Thank you for this opportunity to offer our strong support.

Mahalo,

**Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation
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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 Jason Seal and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

I am a Veteran and over the course of the last eight years I have lived in Kapolei.

This is a wonderful community and my wife and I are fortunate to call it home.

With that said, the one drawback for a Veteran (or Active Duty Servicemember) living in Kapolei is the limited medical options - the Warrior Ohana Clinic or the VA (West) facility at Queen's (West) campus. After a visit to either one of these services a follow-on appointment at Tripler Army Medical Center for specialised care is almost always the next step.

As all who live on Oahu well know, a roundtrip visit to TAMC from Kapolei takes anywhere from one hour to one and a half hours to complete. In addition, the expense of (& the ever increasing cost of) gasoline can be challenging to those on a fixed budget.

Based on the above and the fact that Kapolei is home to such a large concentration of military personnel (Active Duty; Reserve/National Guard; Veteran) it would seem to be a prudent step to situate the proposed VA clinic in Kapolei.

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

(signed)

Jason C Seal

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Leeward VA Clinic in Kalealoa

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Aloha HCDA BOD,
I am submitting my testimony in strong support of building a Veterans Administration Health Clinic in Kalealoa, Kapolei. As a Veteran who utilizes my VA benefits, this is a huge advantage for my quality of life as I would no longer have to drive to Honolulu for the majority of my health care needs. My current provider located at Queens West 5th floor can only provide consults and routine exams, so most of the time I end up at Sparks Matsunaga for tests and care. Additionally, expanded capacity of a new clinic will reduce appointment wait times which can exceed 60 days for exams such as optometry, audiology and cardiology to name a few. The Veteran population on the West Side of Oahu is the largest in the state of Hawaii and continues to grow. It only makes sense to build a new clinic in Kapolei to accommodate this growing trend. Another positive aspect of a West Side VA Clinic is reduced traffic congestion with less cars traveling on the H1 Freeway.
Mahalo,
Kevin Rathbun
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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 Melinda Ferreira and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa. I work for UHC and work closely with homeless Medicaid members including Veterans. Our Veterans are falling between the cracks with not receiving the mental health support they need. They are on the streets with no support, shelter and food. Some who have diabetes have inadequate ways to store insulin and end up in ER due to lack of proper health care. Veterans homelessness is partly due to PTSD, loss of employment, dissolution of marriages, and feelings of having a lack of support.

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.

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(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 Michael Ferreira, an Air Force Veteran. I am also the Chair, Pro Tem of the Kapolei Neighborhood Board, Commander of AmVets Post #4 and Chapter Commander of AmVets Riders. I am also the Oahu Road Captain of Patriot Guard Riders, a group of motorcycle funeral escorts who guide deceased Vets and their families from funeral home to resting place. I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because I have a keen interest for supporting Veteran initiatives, services and the availability of those services in my district outside of Tripler Army Medical Center. A large concentration of Veterans live within my district and there is a strong need that exists to have a clinic locally. 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.

Respectfully,



Michael Ferreira

Chair ProTem

Kapolei Neighborhood Board

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Project Name

VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

TESTIMONY TO THE
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HCDA Executive Director
Deepak Neupane
From
MIKE GABBARD
State Senator – District #20
July 2, 2021

Hawai'i Community Development Authority
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RE: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)

Aloha Director Neupane and Members of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority:

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

My name is Mike Gabbard. As the Senator for District 20 since 2006, which includes portions of Kalaeloa, I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa. We have over 117,000 vets in Hawai'i and over one-third are on O'ahu. The Advanced Leeward Outpatient Healthcare Access (ALOHA project), multispecialty VA clinic to be built in Kalaeloa, near the site of the former Naval Air Station Barbers Point, is much needed.

The demand for VA 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 approve the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

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Project Name

VA Clinic

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

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 Miki 'ala M. Lidstone and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

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.

Mahalo,
Miki'ala M. Lidstone

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Project Name

West Oahu VA Clinic

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

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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 Mark Sickert and I support the proposed VA Clinic in Kalaeloa. As a 60 percent Disabled Veteran I use a variety of VA services and participate in the Million Veteran Program (MVP). I reside in Ewa Beach and currently use the VA Clinic at Tripler AMC. A VA Clinic at Kalaeloa would be much more convenient for me and save time and costs and reduce traffic congestion on our already overloaded transportation systems.

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.

Thank you. Mark Sickert

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Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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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.

Thank you. Mark Sickert

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Project Name

VA Clinic

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

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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 Paul Berardo and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because the westside of Oahu does not currently have a facility such as this. I am a veteran of 30 years, Marine Corps, and have lived with my family in Kapolei for the past 13 years. Over this period, any care needed meant having to take a full day off from work to travel to the VA clinic on Tripler for services. Although this is a great facility, minus the lack of parking, it required driving in traffic termed worst in the country. In addition, I feel this new facility will not only serve the many veterans located on the westside of Oahu, but provide more jobs as well.

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.

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Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

My name is Peter Paul Pinto and I support the proposed VA in Kalaeloe because I believe it would benefit a lot of veterans on the West-side of Oahu. I know a lot of Vets don't like to travel all the way to Tripler Army Hospital, it would benefit use on the west-side. I served in 1982-85 in the United States Army station in Germany. In October 13, 1984 while we was on a mission unfortunately something happen to me(raped) that cause me to fall into depression, over eating(coping with my depression) I don't drink or do drugs. I learn how to compress my deepest demons. My sister works at the VA, for 13yrs she been trying get me service connected. I DID WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY IN TOWN BECAUSE THE TRAVEL WAS TO FAR!!!! I finally got service connected 4yrs ago. I'm a disabled veteran and was diagnose with PTSD/MST, BECAUSE WHAT HAPPEN TO ME. I go to MENTAL Health at the VA. Sometimes I don't like to go because of the traffic and parking sucks because you have to compete against regular army personnel and employees. So I get discouraged to go because I'm late and get trigger off. Building a VA clinic in KALAELOA would Benefit a lot of Veterns who has similar or other health problems. Please HELP us Veterans who helped you have your Freedom.

Sincerely
Peter Paul Pinto

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Project Name

VA Clinic

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

As a business owner, I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa.
This VA clinic will not only help our veterans, but will help to stimulate Hawaii's economy, delivering economic benefits and jobs when they are most needed. This project creates nearly 400 construction and development-related jobs during construction and over 200 permanent jobs when the clinic opens.
For all of these reasons, I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

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Project Name

VA Clinic in Kalaeloa

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support for the VA Clinic in Kalaeloa/Kapolei.

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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:

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

My name is Rayna Toyama, local resident and community business owner. My 'Ohana is from the West side of O'ahu and are in support of the growth in both residential as well as commercial developments in the area.

My grandfather was a Veteran who frequented Tripler Army Medical Center prior to his passing at the age 94 years old. I took on the responsibility of transporting my grandfather to his multiple monthly visits to the VA clinic. It was a challenge to organize my schedule around his doctor's appointments, but I always made it happen as it was a priority for me. The employee's at the VA clinic were always compassionate and took the time to listen to my grandfather's stories about the past. He felt like family there, not just a patient.

There are many Veterans that reside on the West Side of O'ahu who are in need of housing as well as critical medical care. A facility in our area will make it possible for our Veterans to get the medical care they need and deserve. Many of them do not have family or friends that are able to help with the transportation to Tripler which means the Veteran doesn't get the medical care they need. The Kapolei clinic would eliminate this transportation barrier for these patients.

Over the years I've noticed an increase in homeless Veterans in Kapolei. It appears that many of these Veterans are suffering from mental health illness and may not be receiving the consistent care that is needed for them to live a healthy life. Having a facility in our town will make it possible to better the mental and physical lives of our Veterans which will also positively impact our community.

I respectfully urge the HCDA Board to approve the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa. The time to make a difference is now.

Mahalo,



Rayna Toyama

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Project Name

VA ALOHA, LLC

Do you support or oppose?

Support

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TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 368

MEETING: The Hawaii Community Development Authority

DATE: July 7, 2021

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Re: Testimony in Support of VA ALOHA, LLC, Application for Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic for Department of Veterans Affairs

Aloha HCDA Chair, Kalaeloa Board Members, Director Neupane, and HCDA staff,

The Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 and its 5,000 working and retired men and women across the state of Hawaii **supports VA ALOHA LLC's** project to build an Outpatient Clinic for the Department of Veterans Affairs. This VA Clinic is to be named after former U.S. Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka, who first spearheaded the project with the intent to bring much needed services and benefits to veterans in West Oahu.

Once completed the VA Clinic will provide primary care, physical therapy, dental, female veterans care, mental health, audiology, and other services. The 88,675 square-foot multi-specialty clinic will provide convenient access for all veterans living and working in West Oahu. With construction expected to begin by the end of this year, this Certified Green Building will help alleviate traffic, open more than 500 parking spaces, while also creating 200 permanent jobs at the facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our testimony in support.

Respectfully,

Shingayi Masiya
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