regarding Howard Hughes Corp's response to criteria of proceeding with the building of Aalii: it is disappointing that HHC feels some criteria will be impossible to achieve. It seems that they lack any real concern for preserving a reasonable degree of open space. They are a company, like Howard Hughes himself, who feel the rules do not apply to them. The additional building underscores their complete blindness to the impact of overcrowding the streets, the beaches and the infrastructures. The building of the project should be over-turned. It is obvious that Howard Hughes Corp has little concern regarding the impact of their developments over the surrounding area. Howard Hughes Corp lacks foresight as to how over crowding will forever alter the traffic, and create an ever growing stress upon Ala Moana Beach Park.

David Striph told Pacific Business News “At Ward Village, we’re committed to perpetuating the legacy of Victoria Ward and the Ward estate, as well as the culture and history of this land, in our master plan. Victoria Ward and her family were instrumental in making this area a gathering place for the community, which is directly aligned with our vision for Ward Village.”

Where is the idea of over-crowding, over-polluting, and putting the surrounding neighborhoods in the fringes of their grossly dense neighborhood within the Legacy of Victoria Ward. HHC is a hypocrite of the ‘legacy’.

I would hope that members of the HCDA will be observant as to how the idea of overly high density neighborhoods will be nothing more than overcrowded spaces, high intensity street pollution and run off ,over years , to erode the very beach the HHC promotes in their advertising.
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Asking HCDA to deny hearing Howard Hughe's motion for reconsideration regarding HCDA's Decision and Order of January 13, 2017 related to the Aali Tower (KAK-16-075).

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Mr. John Whalen, Chair & HCDA Board Members
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

January 30, 2017

Dear Chair Whalen and HCDA Board Members.

I am writing to **VEHEMENTLY OBJECT** to the Victoria Ward/Howard Hughes permit (KAK-16-075) and their recent Motion for Reconsideration where they seek to renege on the promises they made.

I cannot even believe that testimony from the community is needed once again to shine a light on the atrocity and nerve of Howard Hughes Corporation (HHC) to ask HCDA to go back on the decision made at the January 4, 2017 meeting. C’mon HHC, live up to your end of the bargain!

At the last meeting, HHC received approval to break the very rules which they agreed to be bound by. They received approval to break the rules for podium height. They received approval to break the rules for distance between towers. They received approval to break the rules and build “single mixed use” versus the required “mixed use residential” zoning. They received approval to build their 5th tower in Kaka’ako as long as it adhered to HCDA’s Decision & Order filed January 13, 2017.

And now they seek to spend thousands of dollars on attorney fees to try and weasel out of their commitment to the community. AUWE Howard Hughes, AUWE!

As a member of this community and a resident of Kaka’ako for 10 years, I ask HCDA to end this now and deny hearing this motion. Stick to your decision and ensure that Howard Hughes upholds their end of the deal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Sincerely,

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Re: Ward Village A-111

Victoria Ward Limited’s, a/k/a Howard Hughes Corp. petition for motion for reconsideration should be denied.

Key Points to remember:
- Core to the general public is the promised Central Plaza. Any delay in construction (from 2 to 4 yrs) means a change of heart and loosening of motives to undertake the task…or maybe, they might not remember it a few years down the line and will forget all about it?
- A Central Plaza with a non-contiguous space means no integration of primary elements i.e. ocean to mountain views, residences to beaches, shopping to natural habitats, strolling instead of driving, mainland to local, etc.
- Why was Aushi Street designed into the Master Plan as a promenade without considering the traffic impacts of such a crossing (see below).
- TOD calls for a cohesive Master Plan to integrate and activate the spaces in and around the Rail Terminus. If HHC wants to sell more units then they need to serve the “rail-riding” public with the promised Central Plaza and contiguous space (see below). It’s just the right thing to do, for all parties concerned!

Central Plaza
As the heart of Ward Neighborhood, the Central Plaza is proposed to serve as the community’s outdoor living room. This public space is designed to accommodate multiple uses including civic and cultural activities and special events. The linear organization of the space will offer pedestrian opportunities to stroll, shop, dine and gather in an inviting landscaped environment. Retail, commercial, dining and entertainment venues serve to activate the open space. When appropriate, the open space can be programmed to be completely auto free. Across Aushi Street, the Central Plaza will extend to the foot of Mauna Kea Street, offering views of the Pacific Ocean.

More things to consider:
- If HHC is not giving up anything for the that “granted” 75’ podium, then negotiate more park space, more free parking, more free activities, free movie passes, free ice skating lessons, etc, etc. Otherwise… 75’ with no compensation, becomes the “new norm” and the public loses, over and over again.

- Remember: "Competition is the law of the jungle. Cooperation is the law of civilization" quote by Peter Kropotkin. Which does Howard Hughes represent?

Thank you for your kind attention on this matter,
Sincerely,

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<td>How typical for the Howard Hughes Corp to renegotiate a project to their full advantage with disregard to the original idea. Further proof that HHC embodies a high stakes profit oriented overcrowded development. They have very little emotional or traditional connect with our neighborhood. HHC acts as if the rules should not apply to their development. The project should not be allowed to move forward. Please HCDA, board members, do not allow this project to be built</td>
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HCDA should deny the applicant's motion for reconsideration. See attached testimony.

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To: Mr. John Whalen, Chairperson, and Members
Hawaii Community Development Authority

From: Sharon Moriwaki, President, Kaka'ako United

Subject: In Opposition to the Motion for Reconsideration and the Permit Application for Land Block 1, Project 3 of the Ward Neighborhood Master Plan ("Project") (KAK16-075)

I am Sharon Moriwaki, Kaka'ako resident and president of Kaka'ako United, a group of concerned citizens who seek quality living for the Kaka'ako community from mauka to makai, including smart design for a livable community.

Kaka'ako United reviewed carefully the Howard Hughes Corporation ("Howard Hughes" or "Applicant") permit application for the Project, its post-hearing memorandum of December 14, 2016, the HCDA's Decision and Order of January 4, 2017, and Howard Hughes' Motion for Reconsideration of January 23, 2017.

Big businesses such as Howard Hughes who promise that they are developing a master planned community to benefit the community appear to prefer paying attorneys thousands of dollars to research questionably appropriate legal arguments. Howard Hughes should instead make good on its predecessors' promises to "embrace the qualities that are so important to people today... a long-range plan... that would fulfill the needs of the community... and follow the guidelines set forth in the Mauka Area Plan..." (Ward Master Plan ("Ward MP"), p.5)

General Growth Properties (GGP)/ Howard Hughes promised to follow the 2005 Mauka Area Plan/Rules with its objective to create a truly high quality community with an "increased supply of housing for residents of low- or moderate-income as a condition of redevelopment" and "necessary community facilities, such as open space, parks, community meeting places... adjacent to residential development." (2005 MAP, p. 4) And, further, Applicant should recall the Mauka Area Plan (and attendant Rules) created the 45-foot platforms to add considerable new "land surface" with the upper-level pedestrianways to join neighborhoods, to provide access to public facilities throughout the community and to develop parks on the roofs of public parking garages that would contribute to limited land resources (MAP, p. 15-16). Thus, when GGP/Howard Hughes sought to follow these governing documents, rather than the 2011 Plan/Rules, its own 2008 Ward MP became subject to these constraints. The Ward MP promised only NINE high rise towers of 400 feet (see diagram on page 60 of the Ward MP) not 22 (nor the current 17). Howard Hughes should be held to the nine as there has been no public hearing on any amendment to the Ward MP that authorizes increasing the number of towers and buildings in the development areas nor their heights, as required by Section VI of the Master Plan Development Agreement of December 30 2010 ("Development Agreement") — when making such a major change, the developer must justify the increase and its benefits overriding the costs to the community.

Condition No. 2 relating to the podium or platform height: We again point to the applicable Hawaii law — not precedent from New York or Connecticut or Virginia -- the 2005 Mauka Area Plan/Rules. The 2005 Mauka Area Plan is explicit in requiring that the maximum height of the podium shall be 45 feet, with the attendant Mauka Area Rules stating, "No portion of any building or other structure located within any land use zone...
shall exceed forty-five feet in height..." (HAR 15-22-62(a)). And, for planned developments, a platform height modification commensurate with the following requirements of HAR15-22-120(7) is allowed only if approved after a public hearing: (A) subsurface construction is infeasible; (B) design requirements for ceiling height clearance require height adjustment; (C) industrial, commercial, residential or community service uses are substantially located within the platform, especially along streets or public spaces; or (D) significant public facilities or pedestrian features are provided at street level, especially arcades or publicly accessible open space in excess of the minimum grade-level open space..."

Applicant’s request for modification fails because it has not shown infeasible subsurface construction; the need for ceiling height clearances; substantial industrial, commercial or community service uses within the platform; nor has it produced significant public facilities and open space at grade level; and, most importantly, it will adversely affect adjacent buildings. It was therefore not unreasonable for HCDA to request an additional requirement of 50 reserved housing units for 30 additional feet for the podium to house more construction other than parking stalls, which are not justification for the increased height. At the January 4, 2017 decision-making hearing, the HCDA chair cited one of the reasons for voting to approve the Project permit application was because Howard Hughes would provide 50 additional reserved housing units badly needed by the community – a reasonable community benefit.

Condition No. 18 relating to the Central Plaza – “the heart of Ward Neighborhood”: Howard Hughes argues that Condition No. 18 improperly “attempted to amend the Ward MP without public notice and hearing” by requiring 150,000 square feet of “contiguous” land when the land is separated between Land Blocks 1 and 2 by Auahi Street, which in previous documents is cited as a promenade connecting open spaces. How absurd! The Mauka Area Plan, for example, uses the synonym “continuous” as in “Open space systems are continuous networks of open space that result from public rights-of-way, view corridors, building setback areas, parks and private open spaces.” (2005 MAP, p. 46). Also, a public hearing on the design and implementation of the Central Plaza (and the Ewa and Diamond Head Plazas) would be welcomed by the community, as Howard Hughes threatens to require.

Howard Hughes, in arguing for more time to build the Central Plaza promised in the initial phase, suggests that “Surely, it could not have been the intent of HCDA to obtain a Central Plaza that is simply a grassed area.” (Applicant’s motion, p.8). Why not? A public hearing would demonstrate the community’s interest in a grassy open area rather than concrete structures. Howard Hughes seems to lack understanding of “open space” and its importance, as envisioned in Chapter 206E, HRS, and in the 2005 Mauka Area Plan, specifically, “the valuable public purposes it serves as visual and psychological relief from urban developments; assists in providing adequate light and air to land uses; creates opportunities for on-site active and passive recreation activities; serves as linkages among activity centers and uses; and allows for utilization of natural elements of wind and sunlight.” (2005 MAP, p. 48).

The Ward MP promised to build the Central Plaza in its initial development of Block 1. Howard Hughes is already starting to build on Block 2. It has had 8 years since its Ward MP approval in 2008 to design the Central Plaza, what it called the “Heart of Ward Neighborhood” to be part of the first phase of development encompassing 3.25 acres and more than 250 yards in length with a public space larger than two football fields in size, “extend[ed] and open to Kewalo Basin...” (Ward MP, p.6).

HCDA’s Condition No. 18 does not violate the Development Agreement, which requires Howard Hughes to follow the 2005 Mauka Area Rule HAR 15-22-119 that authorizes the HCDA to attach conditions to planned development permits, and specifically “(2) controlling the sequence of development, including when it must be commenced and completed, and whether some or all nonresidential uses are to be built before, after, or the same time as residential uses... (5) designating the exact location and nature of development; (7) requiring provision by the developer of... parks, and other open space...all of a quality and quantity reasonably necessary
for the proposed development." In fact, it is Howard Hughes that would be violating the Agreement by its refusal to follow the directives in Condition No.18.

A number of organizations sent to HCDA and to Mr. Striph, Howard Hughes-Hawaii President, an invitation to discuss the concerns and needs of the community and meet to discuss and agree on designing and implementing project developments such as the Project that would truly meet the community's needs in a more collaborative and constructive way. We took Mr. Striph's reply to review at his word and were eager to proceed to build a better relationship among developer/landowner/community. Unfortunately, it appears that Howard Hughes chose instead to respond to the community's major concerns for affordable housing and open space with legal action, rejecting needed affordable housing and further delaying long-promised open space. Auwe!

Based on its (1) refusing to fulfill its promise to build the Central Plaza in accordance with the reasonable time frame proposed and (2) objecting to 50 reserved housing units in exchange for an additional 30 feet above the maximum 45 feet for platforms, Howard Hughes' motion for reconsideration should be denied. If Howard Hughes cannot meet these reasonable conditions, the Project permit should be denied, with the denial order issued prior to the automatic approval deadline of March 6, 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our concerns.
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**Do you support or oppose?**

Oppose

**Comment**

I strongly oppose the 'A'ali'i project on the basis of Howard Hughes Corporation's failure to deliver on both the open space and reserved housing requirements. Approving this project before the reserved housing and open space requirements are met will set a dangerous precedent in which developers in Hawaii are no longer held accountable for their promises to the community. It is clear to me as a Honolulu resident and Kaka'ako community member that Howard Hughes corporation has no regard for current residents or community life in this neighborhood, and I demand that they make good on their promises before they are allowed to break any new ground. In New York City, San Francisco and other cities around the country there are similar examples of developers who failed to provide the reserved housing and park space stipulated in their agreements, YEARS after their condo towers were completed, and these offer a glimpse into our future if Howard Hughes Corp. is allowed to bend the rules yet again. Retail and luxury housing are NOT the pillars of a community. No new permits until we see some green space and housing options for our lower income residents.
**Uehira, Leann S**

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**Do you support or oppose?**  
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Faced with a March 6, 2017 automatic approval deadline, HCDA should deny the ‘A'ali’i project. The Howard Hughes (HH) response rejecting HCDA’s approval of the permit with conditions provides a wonderful opportunity to reopen negotiations cut off by HCDA’s 5-4 vote decision and order on the ‘A’ali’i project permit application. HCDA’s denial of the ‘A’ali’i project will provide needed time to get this project built right.

Let me speak to one problem with ‘A'ali’i’s application — the attempt to overturn the 2005 Mauka Area Plan rule requiring 300 feet between buildings. Spacing buildings too close together — as HCDA did with its permit for HH’s Ke Kilohana — without a doubt has a direct, adverse impact on residents of the adjoining residential building (in Ke Kilohana’s case, those local people living in the affordable rental project Kauhale Kaka’ako).

Let me speak for the future occupants of Ae’o. They will be unhappy when they discover ‘A'ali’i was supposed to be 300 feet away, not 200. Think of them when you make your decisions on ‘A’ali’i.

As with many, I am upset that General Growth (GG)/HH chose the 2005 rules then sets about disregarding them. But I’m also distressed that GG/HH’s 2008 master plan promised only 9 high-rises of 400 feet, and now wants to build 17. If HCDA forced HH to place ‘A'ali’i 300 feet from Ae’o — as the rules require it should — and that then forced HH to build one less 400 foot tower — the one planned between ‘A'ali’i and Ward Avenue — then HH would at least be approaching the original plan of 9 high-rises, not 17.

Eventually, HH will try to squeeze two additional towers on the Central Plaza that is supposed to be a continuous rectangle connecting the transit stop with Kewalo Basin. That should not happen. Those two extra high-rises will ruin the rectangle promised under HH’s 2008 master plan.

Please deny the ‘A’ali’i project permit until ‘A’ali’i is moved 300 feet from Ae’o. Please start bringing sanity to HH’s wild expansion of 400 foot towers planned for its Kaka’ako land holdings. The local people watching have had it up to their eyeballs with high-rises built for offshore buyers. They — we — want affordable housing instead. And that means, the experts tell us, many 10-14 story structures, not 400 foot towers.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on behalf of those with no voice.
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February 1, 2017

John Whalen, Chair
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Planned Development Permit for 'A'ali'i (Land Block 1, Project 3 of the Ward Neighborhood Master Plan)

Dear Chair Whalen and members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents.

We support the Planned Development Permit for 'A'ali'i (Land Block 1, Project 3 of the Ward Neighborhood Master Plan) for the following reasons:

- Under the Ward Neighborhood Master Plan, Howard Hughes Corporation has committed to building a "live, work, play" destination and a model 21st century walkable, sustainable community;

- This mixed-use project will provide the community with public amenities, including the Central Plaza that would not normally be required of developers;

- This project is part of the integrated community envisioned for Kaka'ako which will consume less land overall, lead to fewer vehicle miles traveled, and produce environmental benefits to the community; and

- It will create much needed jobs as Hawaii's booming construction industry is nearing its peak of its cycle.
We respectfully request your support in moving this project forward appropriately, providing Howard Hughes Corporation with the time it needs to deliver a quality project and a quality Central Plaza. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion.

Sincerely,

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I sincerely ask the HCDA Board of Directors to consider the mass of new structures being placed at ground level throughout Kaka'ako. I am very concerned with HCDA's decision to allow construction of taller parking garages. Drive down Queen Street. It is becoming a tunnel. When I first moved to Kaka'ako in 2010 I was mistaken. I thought the required open space was for the benefit of everyone, not just residents living in each building. It appears Howard Hughes is creating a destination of separate buildings, not a neighborhood for all Kaka'ako residents to enjoy and call home. The project name should be changed from Ward Villages to Ward Towers. Anything you can do to improve the design density would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.
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John Whalen, Chairman
and members
Hawai‘i Community Development Authority
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Dear Chair Whalen, Vice Chair Scott, 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 wrote to your board on October 31, 2016 to support Victoria Ward, Limited’s application for the ‘A‘ali‘i Project (Permit No. KAK 16-075). We were pleased that the board approved the application, subject to certain conditions. Since then, we have learned that several of the conditions may be “impossible to accomplish” or “so burdensome or onerous that the effect is to nullify the permit.”

We have had the opportunity to review Victoria Ward, Limited’s Exceptions and/or Motion for Reconsideration of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order Filed January 13, 2017 (“motion”). After reviewing the motion, we urge the board to reconsider and amend the conditions in its January 13, 2017 Decision and Order and issue an amended Decision and Order at the earliest practicable time.

If the conditions in the original Decision and Order prove to be “impossible to accomplish” or “so burdensome or onerous that the effect is to nullify the permit,” we are concerned that our members will not be able to work to build the ‘A‘ali‘i project. In recent years, several hundred of our members have been employed on projects in Ward Village. In fact, at this very moment, more than 500 of our members are currently employed on Victoria Ward Limited’s four construction sites. In the future, we hope that many more will be employed to work on projects in Ward Village.
In the bigger picture, we are concerned that if the conditions prove to be “impossible to accomplish” or “so burdensome or onerous that the effect is to nullify the permit,” the units promised – which include 150 reserved housing units – will not be delivered, and local families will not be able to realize their dreams of living in Kaka‘ako.

Therefore, we humbly request your acceptance of Victoria Ward, Limited’s motion, and urge the board to reconsider and amend the conditions in its January 13, 2017 Decision and Order and issue an amended Decision and Order at the earliest practicable time.

Aloha,

[Signature]

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