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HCDA,

I read the proposed project details and am outraged beyond belief. What this feels like to me is an attempt by HHC/Victoria Ward LLC (HHC) to obtain \$24 million in public funds to enhance their master planned development. HHC will earn profits in excess of \$1 billion from the development of this master planned project. They can certainly afford to construct the overpass at their expense, NOT the taxpayers.

Currently, well over 5,000 housing units exist between Atkinson and Kamakee Streets, south of Rycroft. The proposed overpass will not benefit any of these taxpaying homeowners at all. These homeowners and taxpayers have been living in these locations for 20-40 years, contributing millions to the C&C/State. If the C&C wants to protect pedestrians, the crosswalks from Atkinson to Kamakee are where pedestrian safety should be focused.

For \$30 million protective barriers could be erected at all traffic signals and cross walks from Atkinson to Kamakee. These are the places where people cross Ala Moana Blvd to access the park. No one living east of Kamakee will walk west to an overpass to cross Ala Moana Blvd to go to the park. This proposed new overpass only benefits the future owners of HHC developments - future owners who have yet to pay a nickel in taxes. If HHC wants an overpass for their project, let them pay for it and maintain it!

I am also outraged that HHC is using the graphic images of the January 2019 fatal accident to solicit support and public money for their project. Shame on them! My daughter and her friend Casimir were victims of the accident. To see my daughter's picture lying in the hospital bed being used as a marketing tool for the HHC effort to steal \$24 million from the taxpayers is outrageous!

What's even sadder is to think the DOT/C&C/State are all colluding with HHC and seem to think it's okay to spend \$24 million (which will surely turn into \$40 or \$50 million) of taxpayer money to benefit a private developer. To me that's a violation of the fiduciary duty public servants have to utilize taxpayer funds.

If the DOT wants to increase pedestrian safety, install protective barriers for pedestrians at crosswalks and automated ticket cameras for vehicles running red lights and not stopping to make right turns. This technology is effective and

proven. I cross the street at Piikoi and Ala Moana almost every day to go to the park. Traffic lights don't mean anything to drivers and HPD doesn't enforce traffic laws effectively.

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