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Thank you for receiving and considering the public's viewpoint with respect to the proposed amendments of the Kaiāulu 'o Kaka'ako Master Plan Permit No. PL MASP 13.2.8, adopted on September 2, 2009, and previously amended on August 8, 2012. I respectfully submit this testimony in support of the proposed amendments.

As a young adult living in Honolulu (near the Kaka'ako area), I've appreciated how the recent development of SALT shopping center and the many new apartment buildings has breathed new life into the community. Moreover, as a proud graduate of Kamehameha Schools, I am satisfied knowing the profits from this project go toward providing educational opportunities and financial support for Native Hawaiians throughout the State of Hawai'i.

The proposed amendments at issue here appear necessary to ensure the objectives set out in the original master plan are achieved. These objectives include the creation of retail and job opportunities, the development of both market-price and affordable housing units, and the overall revitalization of a community that incorporates smart growth features while honoring its cultural history. I believe Kamehameha Schools should be afforded the flexibility to adapt to market conditions and existing and planned development within the district so that it may continue to execute these positive objectives.

Accordingly, I would like to express my support of the proposed amendments. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



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The Hawaii Laborer's Union Local 368 is made up of 5,000 working and retired men and women across the state of Hawaii and we support the KKMP.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in late-2019 and early-2020 and the governmental response to the pandemic in February and March 2020, the pandemic has had profound effects on Hawai'i's economy. For example, as a state that relies heavily on tourism dollars, the Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in Hawai'i having one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

Supporting development in the KKMP provides an opportunity for local workers displaced from other industries by layoffs and furloughs to find jobs within the construction fields and learn new skills that will become more valuable in the future. The amendments sought by KS are aimed at providing necessary flexibility for developers in the KKMP to adapt to changing market conditions such as the shift in favor of smaller, more affordable units. This flexibility will make projects within the KKMP more attractive to prospective developers and ensure

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that there is a consistent pipeline of construction projects to support existing construction jobs, create new construction jobs and create jobs resulting from the development of commercial space.

Finally, the amendments to the KKMP sought by KS will increase the number of residential units that are available within the KKMP. An increase in the availability of these units will help ease the current housing shortage, since the demand for housing continues to increase every year, especially within Honolulu's urban core.

Respectfully,

Ryan Kobayashi

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To: Hawaii Community Development Authority

From: Andrew Dellinger, Honolulu resident, William S. Richardson School of Law student

Re: Proposed Kaiāulu ‘O Kaka‘ako Master Plan Amendments

To whom it may concern,

I am testifying today in support of the proposed amendments to the Kaiāulu ‘O Kaka‘ako Master Plan.

I respect and appreciate HCDA’s willingness to consider allowing modifications to a plan which will result in the creation of both project-contingent jobs and housing opportunities for Honolulu’s residents.

Specifically, I would like to convey my strong support for amendments A and D as proposed by the Applicant.

First, Amendment A, which seeks to extend the Master Plan’s term from 1 September 2024 to 1 September 2029 or later in accordance with HAR § 15-22-205(e), presents HCDA with the opportunity to take an action which will contribute to significantly improving the quality of life for residents of Kaka‘ako and neighboring communities. HCDA’s approval of Amendment A will allow for the creation of a retail space which will provide employment opportunities for local residents. Additionally, the potential for this space to serve as a social hub and gathering point which will foster a strengthened sense of community for residents cannot be overstated, and I strongly urge the HCDA to consider this factor when it renders its decision.

Amendment D will potentially benefit residents similarly, as an increase in development density as sought by the Applicant will likely lead to an increase in community members’ access to housing and related amenities, both of which are needed at this critical juncture in Honolulu’s housing timeline.

For these reasons, I am asking HCDA to approve the Master Plan Amendments as submitted by the Applicant.

I thank you for consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Andrew Dellinger

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Testimony of
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KS Petition for Amendment of the Master Plan Permit

Dear HCDA Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Kamehameha Schools' (KS) Petition for Amendment of the Master Plan Permit. My name is Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi and I am the CEO of the Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival and the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation.

The Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival (HFWF) and Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation (HAF) are two nonprofit organizations that have worked with KS over the last eleven years to support agriculture and farming and to promote of sustainability in our islands. As part of our partnership, HFWF and HAF have worked in partnership with KS on several events in the Kaka'ako community to support our islands' artists, entrepreneurs, innovators, farmers, etc. Under Increment II, this community will gain additional affordable, workforce and market-priced housing, as well as retail areas, open spaces, broad sidewalks, public art and more. We want to see KS' plan continue in Increment II and support their Master Plan.

Furthermore, KS is committed to our environment as evidenced with their development portfolio. They have embraced the Aloha + Challenge and is committed to safe, healthy, and sustainable communities.

Therefore, within applicable rules and regulations, we support KS' request for an Amendment of their Master Plan permits.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

Sincerely,

Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi

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April 5, 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kolby Kahahawai. I was born and raised on the island of O‘ahu and currently reside in the Honolulu area. Today, I am testifying in support of Kamehameha Schools’ petition to amend the Master Plan Permit No. PL MASP 13.2.8. The proposed amendments would grant Kamehameha Schools the flexibility to continue their original vision to deliver more affordable housing and an “urban village,” which would ultimately offer numerous social and economic benefits for Honolulu.

First, approving Kamehameha Schools’ petition would continue to add social value to the area. As a Honolulu resident, I have come to appreciate the enhancements in the Kaka‘ako Community Development District. Developments like SALT Kaka‘ako have served as exciting and meaningful gathering places for local residents like myself. In this way, Kamehameha Schools has fostered a progressive and engaging environment, rich with cultural values and character. Such projects have breathed life into the area and fostered a sense of community for residents of Honolulu and granting Kamehameha Schools’ petition is necessary to sustain such efforts.

Approving the proposed amendments would allow Kamehameha Schools to continue growing the area in a way that benefits community members not only socially, but also economically. COVID-19 has taken a toll on Hawai‘i’s economy and businesses. Permitting Kamehameha Schools’ to continue their mission, through the construction of additional housing units for example, will generate much needed economic opportunities in Honolulu. Additionally, enhancing the surrounding area and the overall pedestrian experience will lead to an increase in the amount of people who can enjoy and support the 50 small businesses in SALT Kaka‘ako.

Finally, while I do support the proposed amendment, I ask that the Department ensure the Kamehameha Schools’ development continues to honor the significant cultural history of the area. As a Native Hawaiian, it is extremely important to me that the development proceeds in a culturally respectful and responsible way. Additionally, I ask that the Department guarantee that Kamehameha Schools’ keep with their promise to develop sustainably, whether that be through the continued utilization of sustainable features in their buildings or the general promotion of a sustainable lifestyle and community.

I appreciate your attention and consideration of public sentiment in the matter. For the foregoing reasons, I support the petition to amend the Master Plan Permit.

Sincerely,

Kolby Kahahawai