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Dear Mr. Ching:

SUBJECT: **Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review –**

Archaeological Monitoring Plan for Kamehameha Schools Kaka'ako Block I

Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu

TMK: (1) 2-1-056:002, 007, and 008

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised draft plan titled Archaeological Monitoring Plan for Kamehameha Schools Kaka'ako Block I, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O'ahu TMKs: [1] 2-1-056:002, 007, and 008 (J. Tulchin and Hammatt, November 2014). We received this submittal on November 18, 2014. The Archaeological inventory survey plan (Tulchin, May 2013) was reviewed and accepted by SHPD on May 31, 2013 (Log No. 2013.3486, Doc. No. 1305SL43). The archaeological inventory survey report (Tulchin et al. 2014) was received and accepted by SHPD on October 24, 2014 (Log No. 2014.04732, 2014.04752, Doc. No. 1410SL08).

The archaeological inventory survey (AIS) was conducted at the request of Kamehameha Schools (KS). The Block I project, known as Vida at 888 Ala Moana Boulevard, is a mixed-use joint development between The MacNaughton Group and Kobayashi Group (MK) on land presently owned by Kamehameha Schools. MK will be responsible for implementation of this archaeological monitoring plan. The project area is within the block bounded by Auahi Street, Ward Avenue, Ala Moana Boulevard, and Koula Street. The project area totals approximately 3.4 acres. The project will include construction of a 400-foot tall, 38-story mixed-use building, structured parking, and landscaping and open spaces. Ground-disturbing construction activities associated with the project will include demolition of existing structures, foundation slabs, and utility lines; construction of new foundations, building footings, and retaining walls; and installation of new utility lines.

The AIS report documented six newly-identified historic properties: 50-80-14-7578 (early to mid-20th century cultural layer and associated coral pavement and pit features), 50-80-14-7579 (early 20th century fill layer and associated structural remains), 50-80-14-7580 (pre- and post-Contact cultural layer with human burial cluster), 50-80-14-7581 (pre-Contact traditional Hawaiian bundle burial), 50-80-14-7582 (isolated human skeletal remains), and 50-80-14-7583 (isolated human skeletal remains). The recommended mitigation measures included (1) in situ preservation of the Site 7580, 7581 and 7583 burials, a portion of the Site 7580 cultural layer and any associated pit features and burials, and the Site 7582 burial proposed for on-site relocation; (2) archaeological data recovery excavations within Site 7580; (3) burial treatment for all burials and isolated human remains in Sites 7580, 7581, 7582, and 7583; and (4) archaeological monitoring for the entirety of the project area.

The archaeological monitoring plan indicates that on-site archaeological monitoring will occur for all ground disturbing work extending more than 30 cmbs. It will focus on better defining the horizontal extent, nature, function,

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and temporal association of the historic properties identified during the archaeological inventory survey (Tulchin et al. 2014). The 20th century cultural layers (SIHP 7578 and 7579) will primarily be recorded in the field with only a representative sample of potentially datable diagnostic artifact or sample materials being collected for laboratory analysis. Where newly exposed (i.e., beyond the AIS and DR interpolated site boundaries), measured bulk samples will be collected and screened from the 19th century cultural layer (SIHP 7580) and from possible fire- and/or cooking-related pit features. Within the AIS and DR interpolated site boundaries, the collection and screening of measured bulk samples will be limited to possible fire- and/or cooking-related pit features.

The revisions adequately address the issues and concerns raised in our earlier correspondence (November 13, 2014; Log No. 2014.04733, Doc. No. 1411SL14). The archaeological monitoring plan meets the requirements specified in Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-279-4. It is accepted. Please send one hardcopy of the document, clearly marked FINAL, along with a copy of this review letter and a text-searchable PDF version on CD to the Kapolei SHPD office, attention SHPD Library.

Please contact me at (808) 692-8019 or at <u>Susan.A.Lebo@hawaii.gov</u> if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

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