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May 30, 2023

Aloha Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

Please accept this letter of support to approve The Launiu Ward Village, Ward Village's newest residence. Merriman's Hawaii continues to credit Ward Village as a first-class developer who has paid attention to creating community and local culture of this special place – in large part due to their local team on the ground here – and is creating a thriving Kaka'ako community. We appreciate their vision and HCDA should support smart growth and mixed-use neighborhoods that blend retail, restaurant, commercial and residential.

Given my own role overseeing four restaurants across Hawai'i, I know what it means to be a thoughtful steward and to create opportunities for the community, which is exactly what Ward Village does every day. Residents and visitors enjoy what Ward Village has to offer the community. Ward Village has track record in transforming Kaka'ako over the last ten years, and it's evident what a special place and neighborhood exists now.

With your approval, Ward Village can continue to positively impact the community and create opportunities for other small and local businesses to expand and succeed.

Mahalo,



Cristina Schenk
CEO, Merriman's Hawai'i

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Aloha Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

On behalf of **Sustainable Farm & Brew**, I am writing in strong support of Ward Village's newest residence, The Launiu Ward Village. Our collaboration with Ward Village helps us achieve our mission to find the best gardening resources possible for the betterment of humanity. We're both deeply invested in sustainability and admire Ward Village's leadership in this field as the first-ever approved LEED-ND Platinum Certified project in the U.S. and the only one in Hawai'i.

Just recently we participated at Ward Village's Earth Day Celebration at South Shore Market and look forward to additional community events to be created by the approval of The Launiu Ward Village's Auahi Plaza.

Your approval of this project will bring the best elements of the area as a gathering place, creating nearly 500 homes, public parks and walkable, bikeable streets. Importantly, Ward Village is developing a neighborhood that makes it possible to sustain the joys of life, including having the space and time to connect with one another and nature. They promote community partnerships and unique learning events for our community, where I'm able to share my mission and passion.

Ward Village continues to thoughtfully deliver on its master planned community in a way that benefits small businesses and missions like mine. Your support of The Launiu Ward Village will have lasting positive impacts on the future of our Honolulu community. I humbly ask for you to approve this project.

Mahalo,

Heidi Frattalone

Sustainable Farm & Brew



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Aloha Honorable Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

My name is Kellan Briones, and I am a proud Native Hawaiian and small business owner. I am here today to once again express my strong support for the modern high-rise condo development proposed in the submittal for The Launiu Ward Village.

As someone who has grown up and lived in Honolulu for most of my life, I understand the importance of preserving the beauty and culture of our city while also promoting growth and development. This new high-rise will not only provide much-needed housing options for our residents, but it will also bring new opportunities for community engagement and social interaction.

Living in a close-knit community like Honolulu, I have come to appreciate the importance of social connections and interactions. This new development will provide residents with access to modern amenities and communal spaces where they can come together, share experiences, and build meaningful relationships with one another. It will enhance the social fabric of our city and foster a sense of community pride and belonging. I have watched Ward Village promise and deliver benefits not only for their residents and businesses but also for the broader community and for those reasons of follow through, my support of their projects continues.

Moreover, this development will also boost our local economy by creating new jobs and opportunities for businesses in the area. It will contribute to the city's tax revenue and help support the growth of small businesses like mine.

In conclusion, I urge you to support this development for the benefit of our community, our economy, and our future. Let us embrace progress and growth while maintaining our cultural heritage and promoting social connectivity in our beloved city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kellan Briones

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Ross Miyasato
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June 1, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

June 7, 2023 Decision Making Hearing – The Launiu

Dear Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

Thank you for opportunity to express my support of The Launiu Ward Village. The neighborhood and future consideration of Kakaako are tremendous benefits to me, my neighborhood, the state, and future generations.

I appreciate the commitment by Howard Hughes and their vision to execute a true live, work, and play community in the urban core. Whether it's visiting the South Shore Market Courtyard for the Aloha Friday Music Series or visiting one of many great restaurants, there's always something to do in this developing community.

More housing is needed in the urban core and the The Launiu project will give more people the opportunity to enjoy all the family amenities that Kakaako has to offer.

I ask for your favorable consideration in approving this project.

Mahalo,



Ross Miyasato Jr.
'A'ali'i Owner

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Testimony by Javison Caires

June 1, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair
Hawaii Community Development Authority
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Decision Making on June 7 / The Launiu Ward Village Hawaii Community Development Authority

Dear Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

My name is Javison Caires and I am submitting testimony in support of The Launiu Ward Village project. I am a proud resident of 'A'ali'i and enjoy the evolving community since moving into the neighborhood.

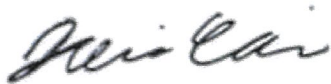
Living and working in and along the urban core, I have had the opportunity to grow my business providing preventative HVAC maintenance service to my neighbors and area residents. It is through my involvement and engagement with fellow neighbors that encouraged me to serve on the association's Board of Directors to positively shape and be a voice for my fellow condominium owners.

More than that, I am delighted at the continued evolution of the community and what the future has in store -- providing more housing options, restaurants, and shops in a pet-friendly community.

I believe more housing is needed in the urban core and The Launiu Ward Village project will give more people across the entire housing spectrum options to climb the housing ladder and allow future young professionals like myself to build equity.

I ask for your favorable consideration in approving this project.

Mahalo,



Javison Caires
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June 2, 2023

To: **The Hawaii Community Development Authority**

Re: **Testimony in Support of Launiu Ward Village, Victoria Ward, Limited, KAK 23-001**

For Public Hearing on June 7, 2023 at 9:00 am (Decision-Making)

Aloha Chair Ishii, HCDA Board Members, Director Nakamoto, and HCDA Staff,

The **Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust** (Hawaii LECET) is a labor + management partnership established in 1992 between the 5,000 statewide members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and over 250 construction companies from the *General Contractors Association* and the *Building Industry Association*.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports the Launiu Ward Village Project. Howard Hughes Corp. (HHC) has already started development on all of its 1,200-plus below-market priced housing requirements ahead of schedule, creating \$162 million in new shared equity value for the State of Hawaii, even before submitting this current application to build homes for Launiu.

The Launiu homes will be key to the complete fulfillment of HHC's commitment to provide over seven acres of new green space in Ward Village that will be open to the general public, but maintained by HHC at no cost to taxpayers. In addition, the homes created by Launiu will generate over \$691 million in immediate economic impact, including over \$42 million in tax receipts, while adding \$123 million in property tax revenue over the next 30 years.

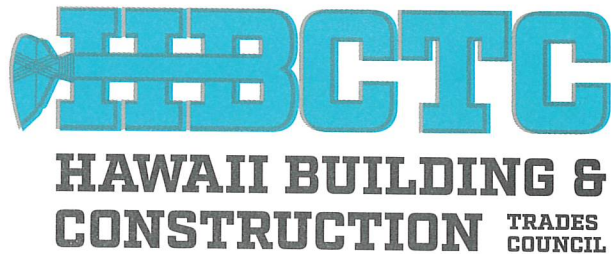
Launiu's thoughtful project design utilizes several beneficial improvements for the public contemplated by the Mauka Area Rules, including a podium design that enables community amenities, lively streetscapes, and safe activities; a mauka-makai orientation that complies with the 75-foot view corridor setback; as well as realigning Auahi Street to provide even greater landscaped open space for all the public to enjoy. Thank you for this opportunity to offer our strong support for the Launiu Ward Village homes project.

Mahalo,

**Hawaii Laborers & Employers
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May 22, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair
Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
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RE: June 7 Decision Making Hearing - The Launiu

Aloha Chair Ishii, Vice Chair Apo and members of the Authority:

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council (HBCTC), which is comprised of 18 construction trade unions in the State of Hawaii. I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of The Launiu project.

The Launiu will be an outstanding addition to Kakaako and will activate a key entrance to Ward Village. As originally visioned and proposed in the Ward Master Plan, the modifications to The Launiu's podium height and the podium setback make the inclusion of the ground floor retail, ground floor pedestrian activation and the podium-level residences and designs possible. The inclusion of studio and one-bedroom homes on the 2nd through 6th Floor of the podium will provide more housing opportunities for a broader group of homebuyers in Kakaako. We appreciate Ward Village's thoughtful decisions to create a sense of place and provide an interesting pedestrian experience as well as provide new, open space for the community on the Mauka side of The Launiu with the realignment of Auahi Street.

The Launiu will have a significant positive impact on Hawaii's economy and our construction industry. Based on the State of Hawaii's input-output model, estimated multi-year development impacts, in present values of constant 2022 dollars from 2022-2028 are: \$691 million in output; \$233.4 million in workers' earnings; \$42.4 million in state tax revenue (income, GET, and other); and an annual average of 565 jobs over eight years, peaking at 967 jobs in a year two of construction (2025).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of The Launiu project, which will contribute to a stronger and more resilient Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gino Soquena, Executive Director
Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council

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Testimony of
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Launiu Victoria Ward, Limited (KAK 23-001)
Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Aloha HCDA Board Members:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of the applicant's Launiu Ward Village Project.

The Launiu Ward Village Project will help to stimulate Hawaii's economy, delivering economic benefits and job opportunities for our residents. The Project is projected to contribute \$691 million in economic impact, \$233 million in workers' earnings, and \$42 million in state tax revenue. An average of over 565 jobs will be sustained yearly for three years during the duration of the Project and estimated to generate \$123 million in real property tax over 30 years.

Since the applicant initiated its plan to transform Kakaako into Ward Village, a mixed-use community with residences, public open spaces, pedestrian and bike-friendly streets, retail stores, restaurants, and recreational/fitness opportunities, we have seen the Ward Village community come to life with an influx of both residents and the broader Honolulu community. The Launiu Ward Village Project, like Ward Village residential properties before it, will further activate and transform the Kakaako community with 486 new homes, ground-floor retail and outdoor gathering spaces along Ward Avenue, including approximately 16,000 square feet of open public and green space, with meandering bike paths and sidewalks connecting Ka La'i o Kukuluāe'o park adjacent to Ulana Ward Village.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests HCDA's favorable review and approval of the applicant's Launiu Victoria Ward Project. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

