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<b>Project Name</b>
Amendment of Kaka'ako CDD 2005 Makai Area Plan
<b>Do you support or oppose?</b>
Support
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There must be no residential development and no sale of state lands in Kaka'ako Makai.

**From:** [Dan Treas Jr.](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kaka'ako Makai Area // No Residential Development // No Sale of State land in the Kaka'ako Makai  
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Aloha Sir / Madam,

I support protecting open shoreline spaces in Kaka'ako especially for environmental safety reasons.

Please accept this Email as testimony in opposition to:

**[\\*No residential development](#)**

**[\\*No sale of State Land in Kaka'ako Makai](#)**

Warmest Aloha,

Dan Treas Jr.

## Soares, Tommilyn

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about time. the law was changed in 2006 and now, 17 years later, you are planning to amend the rules prohibiting residential construction makai of ala moana. what took so long?

i was involved with the hearings back then and subsequent meetings. it is very simple, no residential development and sale of state land in kakaako makai. ever. OHA goofed. they should never have accepted the settlement. what you can do is have the land revert to the state and give OHA land elsewhere on the island, land that is not above or does not have toxic material.

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## Soares, Tommilyn

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kakaako makai

Aloha

We are Owners and residents of One Waterfront Towers.

**No residential development and No sale of state land in Kaka'ako Makai.**

Mahalo.

James and Sally Clemens

## Soares, Tommilyn

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To: Hawaii Community Development Authority

From: Thomas Iwai Jr.

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Re: Discussion Regarding Amendment of Kaka'ako Community Development District 2005 Makai Area Plan and Rules to Reflect HRS 206E-31.5 and a Ban on Residential Development, Subsequent Planning Efforts, and Consistency with Rules in Other

Public sentiment and opposition against any residential development in KM was expressed in 2005 and was legislatively approved with nearly a unanimous decision by the Hawaii State legislature with the passage of HRS 206E-31.5. Unfortunately, after OHA agreed to acquire parcels within KM in 2012 and having prior knowledge of this residential development restriction, OHA has attempted to secure an exemption to build high rise residential condominiums in KM.

Historically, KM was once a wetland area that later over many years became a public dump site for autoparts, batteries, garbage, plastics, construction waste, etc. The State later decided it was more cost effective to convert much of the KM dump site into a public park because of the projected high environmental removal and reclamation costs. OHA's proposed high rise residential towers would require substantial excavation disruption (e.g. piling supports) of the existing "brownfield" that will likely result in soluble contamination of surrounding recreational waters of Kaka'ako Makai Park, Kewalo Basin Park, and Ala Moana Beach Park.

Any subsequent HCDA changes to this residential restriction reflected in HRS 206E-31.5 HCDA would likely result in future confusion. HCDA is encouraged to update but not make any rule changes regarding "No residential development in KM!"

## Soares, Tommilyn

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**No residential development and No sale of state land in Kaka'ako Makai.**

**From:** [annviera](#)  
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HRS 206E-31.5 no residential makai of Ala Moana
<b>Do you support or oppose?</b>
Support
<b>Comment</b>
<p>I returned to Oahu in 2022 after nearly 50 years away. Lived in Makiki (1651 Mott Smith Drive, a lovely 6 unit 1960's building that was slightly upgraded, then flipped while we were there \$2000 per month, Standard Commercial) , went to Kewalo / Point Panic at least several times a week by bike. Lived in Ewa as a young child, Hawaii Kai 8th-grade through high school (Kaiser 1974). Worked at Art Smith Sailmakers up in the loft making tourist totes and at a coffee shop where Ward Village is now(?) in late 1970s.</p> <p>It was traumatic to see the changes in Oahu since then. I'm sorry I visited, I tried to be a low-impact visitor. Wrecked my shoulder picking up trash and marine plastic.</p> <p>The solid wall of really high concrete and glass from Waikiki to Honolulu particularly dispiriting. The use of public lands to sell views from those towers where the monthly condo fee is as high or higher than the monthly mortgage. The constant brown water alerts. The 60-90 thousand unattached septic tanks. There are so many better solutions than the status quo. Hawai'i can and must do better than that.</p> <p>STOP the development of land that is not for residents. No residential makai of Ala Moana.</p>

**From:** [Darren Tanaka](#)  
**To:** [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kaka'ako Makai rules change  
**Date:** Sunday, June 4, 2023 5:22:05 PM

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Aloha

I am encouraging the board to pass a rule change that would correspond to the law that bans residential development in Kaka'ako Makai and would also support the Makai conceptual master plan. Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully  
Darren Tanaka  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [jeanne datz rice](#)  
**To:** [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] KAKA'AKO MAKAI DEVELOPMENT  
**Date:** Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:17:18 AM

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Aloha HCDA,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views regarding the 30-acres that make up Kaka'ako Makai and OHA's desire to develop residential and commercial projects -- or any developer's desire to develop residential (condos) or commercial projects on the land that OHA received from the state back in 2006 and in the settlement they received from the State in 2012.

Keeping the Kaka'ako Makai land free from tall buildings and commercial spaces is critical to maintain the beauty of Oahu's South Shore for future generations.

The Kaka'ako Makai land - where a landfill used to be - may also present future problems for the developers and potential residents/tenants - and who would then pay for any future issues: the taxpayers of the State of Hawaii - not just Oahu taxpayers.

OHA needs to realize that they had their opportunity. They have to take responsibility for it's decisions. It is evident, by the overwhelmingly negative response to OHA from the community at large, the media, State and City stakeholders - that their desire to develop on Kaka'ako Makai land just isn't pono.

Let OHA find land elsewhere on Oahu to develop. The State has offered them the opportunity to negotiate - in good faith. However, OHA keeps pushing for something that most people here in Hawaii just do not want.

Please do not approve the OHA request to develop on the Kaka'ako Makai land - today, tomorrow or ever.

Mahalo,

**Jeanne**

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HCDA informational hearing on June 7 at 10:30 on Kaka'ako Makai Rule Amendments
<b>Do you support or oppose?</b>
Oppose
<b>Comment</b>
<p>STOP DEVELOPMENT ON THE KAKA'AKO MAKAI LAND BY OHA!</p> <p>I'm opposing amendments to HRS 206E-31.5 which currently prohibits residential development on Makai land. I'm concerned about our 'aina and keeping our coastline --especially in congested urban Honolulu-- open not only for the many to now enjoy, but also for future generations. There should be NO residential development and NO sale of state land in Kaka'ako Makai. It is even more important that the land be kept open because any dense and high residential building will disturb the encapsulated toxic material below (it was formerly a toxic landfill and incinerator). We do not need 400 foot condo towers and commercial buildings on land that has been a landfill for more than 30-years - we need to keep this land open for the enjoyment of the people of Hawaii for future generations. Also, rules should conform to SB1417 which requires Kaka'ako developments to consider climate change and SLR in design &amp; siting of buildings. Mahalo nui loa for listening to the testimonies of concerned residents!</p>

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Oppose
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NO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NO SALE OF STATE LAND IN KAKA'AKO MAKAI.  Mahalo  Chuck Lee

**From:** [Chuck Lee](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] AGAINST ANY DEVELOPMENT OF ANY KIND IN KAKA'AKO MAKAI  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023 10:50:02 AM

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Aloha,  
No Residential Development and No Sale of State land in Kaka'ako Makai!!!!!!

Mahalo

Chuck Lee