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TO: HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Hearing on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

RE: TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF APPLICATION 1 – “BLOCK D”,
and APPLICATION 2 – “BLOCK E”, by VICTORIA WARD, LIMITED

Honorable Chairperson Chason Ishii, Vice Chair Peter Apo, and Board Members:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186) represents over 3,600 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service employees, and educator and faculty associations.

The honor and responsibility of representing these hard-working members leads to our support of projects that bring new housing, new businesses and services, and most of all good paying construction jobs sustained over several years. The applicant estimates that roughly 800 jobs over 6-7 years will be created through these projects and this applicant has already demonstrated a history of commitment to utilizing the local workforce.

In addition, modification requests made by the applicant appear reasonable and focused on continuing the beautification of the Ward complex with new parks, community amenities, shops, entertainment venues, art, and restaurants. The plan includes native plant landscaping and architecture staying true to both a traditional and modern Hawaii.

Block D and Block E projects check so many boxes leading to significant positive economic impact that we urge HCDA to continue to support and approve this project and the reasonable modification requests made.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Damien T.K. Kim
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary

July 19, 2023

To: Chair Chason Ishii
HCDA Members

From: Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund
Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund
Hawaii Glaziers Stabilization Trust Fund
Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Market Recovery Trust Fund

Re: Development Permit Application of Victoria Ward, Ltd (Blocks "D" and "E")
Permit Numbers KAK 23-037 and KAK 23-038

Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund; Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund; Hawaii Glaziers, Architectural Metal Glassworkers Local Union 1889 AFL-CIO Stabilization Trust Fund; and the Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund in **strong support** of Victoria Ward Limited's Planned Development Permit Applications and modification requests for the projects known as Block "D" and Block "E" in Kakaako. The foregoing organizations are labor management cooperation funds between the Painters Union, Tapers Union, Glaziers Union, and Carpet and Soft Tile Layers Union and their signatory contractors.

Together, the Block "D" and "E" projects will create almost 400 much needed new homes. These new homes will replace an aged parking and commercial center with housing, pedestrian friendly open spaces including multiple parks, and commercial and industrial spaces. All of this will help rejuvenate and improve the urban core of Honolulu.

The Howard Hughes Corporation has an excellent track record of using our members in their past projects. During the recent pandemic, these projects were critical to keeping our members at work and our State's economy alive. Approval of these permits will ensure continuous steady work for our members into the future.

We therefore ask again for your support in approving these permit applications as well as the requests for modification of Mauka Area Rules. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of these applications.

PDP Application KAK 23-037 & KAK 23-038, Block D & Block E

Aloha Chair Ishii & members of the HCDA Board, my name is Dwayne Arelliano, I am the Business Representative for the Glaziers Union LU 1889 and I represent District Council 50 consisting of 2000 members and their families. I'd like to thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in favor of Victoria Ward Ltd.'s proposed projects – Block D & Block E and the Diamond Head Plaza Park.

First off, I just want to say that we feel that Howard Hughes is a great responsible developer, they have always had our communities' best interests at heart. They have achieved LEED Platinum certification for their entire 60-acre master planned area, promoting sustainability and conservation of Hawaii's resources. Howard Hughes is the only developer to garner this achievement in Hawaii. Howard Hughes Corp. has invested a lot of resources and continues to invest in our community, but it cannot do so without support from the HCDA Board. It is not a secret that there is a shortage of housing here on Oahu.

These projects will provide about 400 housing units and a great one-acre community park.

Our Glazier members specialize in high rise residential projects and have worked on various projects in Ward Village. For our 2000 plus members these projects will not only provide jobs for them, but they could also possibly own one of these units too.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf offer my support for Victoria Ward Ltd.'s proposed projects – the Block D & Block E and the Diamond Head Plaza Park

Sincerely,


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