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Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
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Subject: Testimony Opposing Modification Request for Project Mahana Ward Village
(Permit Number: KAK 23-027)

Dear Chairperson Ishii and HCDA Board Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed modification request for the Mahana Ward Village project, Permit Number: KAK 23-027. I am an owner at Ke Kilohana, the building directly across the street from the proposed project.

Ke Kilohana was constructed by Howard Hughes as affordable housing for local residents. As such, the living areas in each unit are smaller, but the building has generous outdoor recreational spaces. The proposed modification for the Mahana Ward Village, particularly the height increase of the parking and mixed-use podium from 45 feet to 75 feet, threatens to significantly undermine the quality of life for our community at Ke Kilohana.

Our building was designed with an extensive 8th floor recreation deck that provides residents with open space for recreation and relaxation. The current design of the Mahana Ward Village at 45 feet aligns perfectly with this deck, enabling our residents to enjoy an open view over the tops of the surrounding structures. However, if the proposed height modification is approved, the vent pipes, fans, and other rooftop machinery of Mahana Ward Village would intrude into this view, dramatically diminishing the recreational experience for Ke Kilohana residents.

I acknowledge the need for residential and commercial development, but I believe it is crucial that such development respects the existing urban fabric and enhances, rather than diminishes, the quality of life for existing residents. As such, I respectfully request that the HCDA deny the proposed height modification and maintain the currently approved 45 feet height limit. This is essential to ensure that our community grows in harmony with its natural environment and respects the amenities and lifestyle of existing residents.

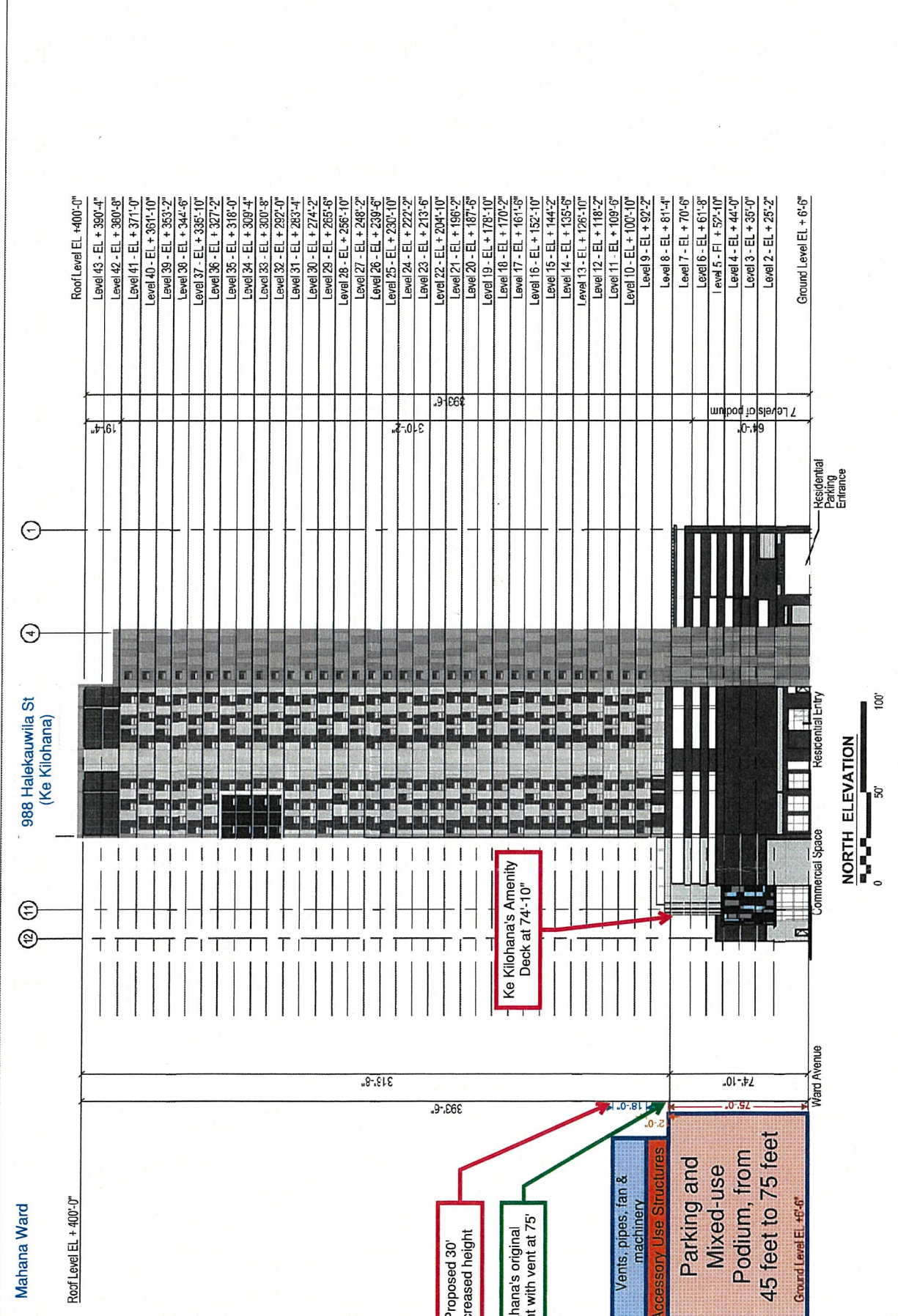
Thank you for your consideration of my views. I trust that the Board will make a decision that protects the interests of our community.

Sincerely,



Daniel Lum
988 Halekauwila St, Apt 3808
Honolulu, HI 96814

Enclosures



Mahana Ward

Roof Level EL. +400'-0"

988 Halekauwila St
(Ke Kiloohana)

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- Roof Level EL. +400'-0"
- Level 43 - EL. + 390'-4"
- Level 42 - EL. + 380'-8"
- Level 41 - EL. + 371'-0"
- Level 40 - EL. + 361'-10"
- Level 39 - EL. + 353'-2"
- Level 38 - EL. + 344'-6"
- Level 37 - EL. + 335'-10"
- Level 36 - EL. + 327'-2"
- Level 35 - EL. + 318'-0"
- Level 34 - EL. + 309'-4"
- Level 33 - EL. + 300'-8"
- Level 32 - EL. + 292'-0"
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- Level 12 - EL. + 118'-2"
- Level 11 - EL. + 109'-6"
- Level 10 - EL. + 100'-10"
- Level 9 - EL. + 92'-2"
- Level 8 - EL. + 84'-4"
- Level 7 - EL. + 76'-0"
- Level 6 - EL. + 67'-4"
- Level 5 - EL. + 58'-8"
- Level 4 - EL. + 50'-2"
- Level 3 - EL. + 41'-6"
- Level 2 - EL. + 33'-0"
- Ground Level EL. + 6'-6"

19'-4"

6'-0"

3'-10'-2"

3'-0"

3'-0"

7 Levels of podium

Proposed 30' increased height

Mahana's original height with vent at 75'

Vents, pipes, fan & machinery

Accessory Use Structures

Parking and Mixed-use Podium, from 45 feet to 75 feet

Ground Level EL. +6'-6"

313'-8"

393'-6"

18'-0"

2'-0"

75'-0"

74'-10"

Ward Avenue

Commercial Space

Residential Entry

Residential Parking Entrance



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RE: KAK 23-027 Mahana Ward Village
July 5 & 6th, 2023 Presentation & Modification Hearing
SUPPORT TESTIMONY

Aloha Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

On behalf of HONBLUE, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Victoria Ward Ltd.'s newest proposed project, the Mahana Ward Village.

We have been an active part of the community since 1967. Founded as a small, local blueprinter with a modest storefront in Honolulu, we have evolved and been part of the transformation of Honolulu and Kaka'ako.

For a local business, Ward Village and their community vision matters to my employees and my customers. We appreciate their thoughtful community development philosophy and approach to design details that make for enjoyable restaurants, retail and commercial lined streetscapes all of which our business supports.

Mahana Ward Village will provide 340 market homes, 17,000 SF of ground retail and commercial space, and create sustained future employments that will have a trickle-down effect throughout the economy to support local businesses and our construction industry. The Mahala Ward Village is designed by award-winning architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz and interior designer Tihany Design and VITA Planning & Landscape Architecture. The project is projected to have nearly \$430+ million economic impact and add \$146+ million in workers' earnings as well as provide \$27 million in state tax revenue.

As you look towards Hawaii's future, thoughtful planning and design are key. The Mahana Ward Village project provides for the next generation's financial and economic needs and I favorably support their development plan.

Mahalo for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Chairperson Chason Ishii
Hawaii Community Development Authority
HCDA Board Meeting Room
547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: PDP Application KAK 23-027, Mahana Ward Village

Dear Chairperson Ishii,

Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc. would like to support the Mahana Ward Village application for Victoria Ward, Limited.

Victoria Ward, Limited has the vision and resources to continue the revitalization of Kakaako. Mahana Ward Village will create 340 homes, 17,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space and outdoor gathering space, with a gateway plaza and sidewalks that connect to the Victoria Ward Park. The project fulfills the need for housing in urban Honolulu that enables residents to live, work and play within the community as their families grow.

Mahana Ward Village is projected to have an economic impact of more than \$433 million, including more than \$146 million in workers' earnings and \$27 million in state tax revenue. It's expected to create an average of nearly 500 jobs that will be sustained yearly for the three years of its development and construction.

The creation of these much-needed jobs can be expected to have a trickle-down effect on the local economy as workers then support local businesses. In real property tax revenue over 30 years, the project is estimated to generate \$73 million for the City and County of Honolulu.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Young', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Michael Young
President
Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc.

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Chason Ishii, Chairperson
and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
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RE: July 5th Hearing – The Mahana Ward Village by Victoria Ward

Aloha Chairperson Ishii and Members of the Authority:

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Victoria Ward's application for the Mahana Ward Village.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization committed to supporting the retail industry and businesses in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, with 27% of the jobs in Hawaii supported by the retail industry.

The Mahana Ward Village will bring on many jobs and opportunities to our community. The construction industry will be employed for at least the next 3 years on building this project. The 350 (linear feet) of activated streetscape lined retail, commercial, and outdoor dining will provide many opportunities for our community to not only work but have a brick-and-mortar location in an area that is thriving. Local brick and mortar stores are the economic backbone of our community, providing significant employment opportunities as well as tax revenue for the State. This commercial ground space will give many of local business opportunity to expand or establish their first brick-and-mortar business. Victoria Ward is committed to continue providing opportunities for small local businesses to grow and thrive.

We are also excited that this housing may be where our employees are able to live in and work close by. There is a housing shortage, and this will help provide an opportunity for more of our locals to be homeowners.

We humbly ask for your favorable consideration of this project. Mahalo.

If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (808) 592-4200 or tyamaki@rmhawaii.org

A Hui Hou Kakou

TINA YAMAKI
President
Retail Merchants of Hawaii



First Hawaiian Bank.

Daniel A. Nishikawa
Executive Vice President
Commercial Real Estate Division

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RE: KAK 23-027 / Mahana Ward Village
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Aloha Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Victoria Ward Ltd.'s proposed project. Mahana Ward Village will provide needed market housing supply in Honolulu's urban core. The proposed development site at the intersection of Ward Avenue and the new Halekauwila Extension is prime real estate for both residential and commercial purposes and will further connect and integrate Kaka'ako and Ward Village.

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Mahalo for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Nishikawa

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HCDA Board Meeting Room
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject : KAK 23-027
July 5 & 6, 2023 – Presentation & Modification Hearing
SUPPORT TESTIMONY

Aloha Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

I am in strong support of the Mahana Ward Village, Ward Village's newest proposed residence. I understand there will be many positive impacts associated with the project, including nearly 340 new homes, an additional 17,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and outdoor gathering spaces to further connect the master planned community and prioritize the pedestrian experience around green spaces. The Ward Village I've experienced is vibrant and thriving, and I believe the Mahana Ward Village will continue to enhance our Kaka'ako community.

Whether at the Victoria Ward Park, Ward Village Shops or South Shore Market, opportunity is what makes Ward Village such a wonderful venue for pop-ups and events. The local team is supportive of community educators and event vendors like myself who provide opportunities for learning about the environment and nature that surrounds us. My organization was a participant at this year's 3rd Annual Ward Village Founder's Day at the Victoria Ward Park as well as recent community activations and events at South Shore Marketplace.

I ask that you please support the Mahana Ward Village, as more people desire to benefit from community open spaces, urban living and new opportunities to engage as community. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,



Harry Fang
Owner
Paradise Monarchs

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RE: KAK 23-027/ Mahana Ward Village
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Dear Chair Ishii:

My name is Jay Catbagan, on behalf of my family, we are submitting testimony in support of the proposed Mahana Ward Village project. I am a future resident of The Park Ward Village and am so excited about the homeownership opportunity provided to me as a local resident. In addition to the convenience and lifestyle provided by Ward Village, I am delighted at the continued evolution of the community, providing more housing options, restaurants, shops and enhanced streetscapes.

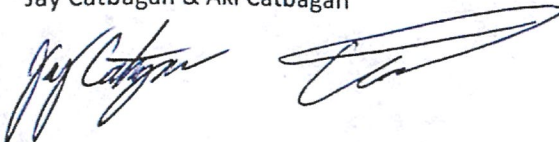
I also welcome Ward Village's continued improvements to infrastructure in the neighborhood as part of each project, including sewer and water utilities and transportation for pedestrians, bikes and cars. As part of Ulana, Ward Village is building another community park for residents to enjoy.

Mahana Ward Village will bring more homeownership opportunities for families like ours, local residents and parkside retail and outdoor dining and seating areas that all serve to make Kaka'ako fun, safe, and vibrant.

We respectfully ask that you approve the Mahana Ward Village project along with all the above features, providing further positive transformation of our community.

Mahalo nui,

Jay Catbagan & Aki Catbagan



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We have been a part of Ward Village for a year now, and have very much enjoyed being located in a master plan community. It has continued to be a tremendous opportunity for our local business. With Ward Village poised in the heart of Honolulu, we knew we would be in a location that would let us serve families and their special occasions, as well as visitors looking for delicious desserts and treats. We've also experienced the benefits of being in a thoughtful and well-designed community, where we have the added benefit of serving residents of the neighborhood, who appreciate the convenience of having a bakery just steps away from their homes.

The Mahana Ward Village will be another tremendous addition to Ward Village. I ask that you please approve the project. Your support will ensure we continue to have new retail spaces for small business like mine and create smart growth in Honolulu.

Mahalo,


Shannon Cabrera
Owner
Sugarlina



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Hawaii Community Development Authority
Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**

RE: Mahana Ward Village

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

The Ward Village master development plan continues to raise the economic productivity of the Ward and Auahi area by bringing forth high profile retail spaces and opportunities for local and small businesses in a vibrant neighborhood.

Ward Village incorporates a mix of national and local retailers and restaurants, resulting in a premier shopping and dining destination reflecting Hawaii's unique melting-pot culture. Howard Hughes' support for small businesses encourages entrepreneurial growth for current and up-and-coming generations, which will prove to be even more vital as our economy fosters business growth opportunities.

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii respectfully requests your support of this project to bring the Ward Village master development plan to completion.

Sincerely,

Sherry Menor-McNamara
President and CEO
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii



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June 25, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair
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RE: July 5, 2023 – Mahana Ward Village

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mahana Ward Village on behalf of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Hawai'i Farm Bureau and local farmers have been fortunate to showcase Hawai'i grown products to residents and visitors in urban core Honolulu and throughout the state. Our members already face unique challenges, but great opportunities help transform startup businesses and producers to have direct contact with their customers.

Small farmers typically do not have access to facilities and infrastructure, and the ability for them to showcase goods and products through the homegrown supply chain will ultimately support all local farmers. Whether it is networking with farmers markets, food hubs, restaurants, suppliers, or manufacturers – they all play out in the farm to table theatre.

We appreciate the continued support of local farmers and entrepreneurs by Howard Hughes and this project will serve to compliment the education, awareness, and appreciation of local farmers.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony in support of Mahana Ward Village.

Sincerely,

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Brian Miyamoto
Executive Director
Hawai'i Farm Bureau



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Attn: Chason Ishii, Chairperson
Members of the HCDA
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: July 5th Hearing: The Mahana Ward Village by Victoria Ward

Aloha Chairperson Ishii and Members of HCDA,

On behalf of HomeAid Hawaii, I would like to submit this testimony in support of the Victoria Ward’s application for the Mahana Ward Village.

HomeAid Hawaii is a nonprofit developer focused exclusively on housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness. The organization was founded in 2015 by the building industry, including Howard Hughes, to ensure that all members of our community benefit from financial and economic success within the communities they are building in. With the support of Howard Hughes and our building industry partners, HomeAid Hawaii has since completed 15 developments that provides shelter and housing to more than 800 homeless each year. This has included moving approximately 80% of the Kakaako encampment into permanency over the past 8-years, and ensuring housing solutions remain available to those in need through ongoing developments.

In addition to providing housing solutions for those in crisis, The Mahana Ward Village project will also provide much needed homeownership opportunities for our local workforce, particularly its mix of studio and 1-bedroom units for our professionals living in the urban core. Through our partnerships with Hawaii’s workforce across multiple industries, we recognize that housing solutions for our working professionals is in as much demand as for our homeless. The Mahana Ward Village adds an additional 340 homes and offers them that opportunity.

We are most grateful to Howard Hughes and its partners throughout the building industry for its leadership, advocacy, and community support that extends to all people of Hawaii. We appreciate their commitment to developing a quality of life that benefits everyone, living by our local values. And we humbly ask for your favorable consideration of this project.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 808-218-0873 or via email at Kimo@HomeAidHawaii.org.

Mahalo Nui,

Kimo K. Carvalho
Executive Director, HomeAid Hawaii



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Mahalo for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Guy Churchill
Senior Executive Vice President
Bank of Hawaii

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SUPPORT TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Ishii:

My name is Nicholas Tamsma, and I am submitting this testimonial in support of the proposed Mahana Ward Village project. I am a Honolulu resident. In addition to the convenience and lifestyle provided by Ward Village, I am delighted at the continued evolution of the community, providing more housing options, restaurants, shops, and enhanced streetscapes.

As a renter in the area, I appreciate the consideration to build more homes at Mahana Ward Village, so our city has more ownership opportunities and housing supply. The continued public infrastructure improvements open community space, like all the new parks Ward Village, is really terrific.

My fiancée and I are regular visitors to the dining and shopping establishments in Ward Village. We would all benefit from the further addition of commercial and outdoor dining and shopping that this project will bring to Kaka'ako.

Mahana Ward Village will bring more homeownership opportunities, park-side retail and outdoor dining and seating areas that all serve to make Kaka'ako fun, safe, and vibrant.

I respectfully ask that you approve Mahana Ward Village and transform our community further and positively.

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. Tamsma

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RE: KAK 23-027/ Mahana Ward Village
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SUPPORT TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Ishii:

My name is Nelson Burton, on behalf of my family, we are submitting testimony in support of the proposed Mahana Ward Village project. I am a resident of Mililani, Hawaii. In addition to the convenience and lifestyle provided by Ward Village, I am delighted at the continued evolution of the community, providing more housing options, restaurants, shops and enhanced streetscapes.

As a local, I appreciate the consideration to build more homes at Mahana Ward Village so our city has more ownership opportunities and housing supply. The continued public infrastructure improvements open community space like all the new parks Ward Village is really terrific.

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I respectfully ask that you approve the Mahana Ward Village and transform our community further positively.

Sincerely,

Nelson Burton

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Hawaii LECET

Organization

Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust

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info@hawaiilecet.org

Project Name

Mahana Ward Village - Wed. July 5, 2023, 9:00 am Hearing

Do you support or oppose?

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July 1, 2023

To: **The Hawaii Community Development Authority**

Re: **Testimony in Support of Mahana Ward Village, Victoria Ward, Limited, KAK 23-027**

For HCDA Public Hearing on July 5, 2023 at 9:00 am (Presentation Hearing)

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 Mahana 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 Mahana.

The Mahana proposed development of 340 new homes and 17,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space will produce over \$433 million in up-front economic impact, over \$146 million in workers' earnings, and \$27 million in state tax revenue. About 500 jobs will be sustained for three years during the project, which will generate an estimated \$73 million in real property tax for the City & County of Honolulu over the next 30 years.

In addition, 350 feet of new streetscape will be lined and activated with retail, commercial, outdoor dining, and frontage complemented with new landscaping, walking paths, and outdoor seating. The Mahana homes will help complete the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our strong support for the Mahana Ward Village project.

Mahalo,

**Hawaii Laborers & Employers
Cooperation and Education Trust**

June 27, 2023

The Honorable Chason Ishii, Chairperson
Hawaii Community Development Authority
HCDA Board Meeting Room
547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: July 5 & 6, 2023 – Presentation & Modification Hearing

Subject: PDP Application KAK 23-027, Mahana Ward Village

Dear Chairperson Ishii,

Latyon Construction Company Inc. would like to support the Mahana Ward Village (Permit # KAK 23-027) application for Victoria Ward, Limited.

Ward Village continues to deliver on it's community vision and more resources to re-vitalize Kaka'ako. Mahana Ward Village will provide 340 market homes, 17,000 SF of ground retail and commercial space, and create sustained future employments that will have a trickle-down effect throughout the economy to support local businesses and our construction industry. The Mahala Ward Village is designed by award-winning architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz and interior designer Tihany Design and VITA Planning & Landscape Architecture.

When communities thrive, the demand for more neighborhood services grow and it will become a magnet for growth and stability. As the community flourishes, the City & County and State Government will flourish and stabilize our economy so that people have steady work, start spending money and revenue will flow in. The Mahana Ward Village project provides for the next generation's financial and economic needs and I favorably support their development plan. The project is projected to have nearly \$430+ million economic impact and add \$146+ million in workers' earnings as well as provide \$27 million in state tax revenue.

Ward Village is a leader in environmental stewardship and continues to find ways to improve its' green strategy and planning which we, as well as, generations to come will all benefit from. They incorporate these practices in their land use planning to provide the best communities for people to live in.

Thank you for your time and attention in allowing me to provide this public testimony in support of Mahana Ward Village (Permit # KAK 23-027).

Sincerely,



Will Summerhays
Executive Vice President

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RE: KAK 23-027 Mahana Ward Village
July 5 & 6th, 2023 Presentation & Modification Hearing

Aloha Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Victoria Ward Ltd.'s proposed project. Mahana Ward Village will provide needed market housing supply in Honolulu's urban core. The proposed development site at the intersection of Ward Avenue and the new Halekauwila Extension is prime real estate for both residential and commercial purposes, and will further connect and integrate Kaka'ako and Ward Village.

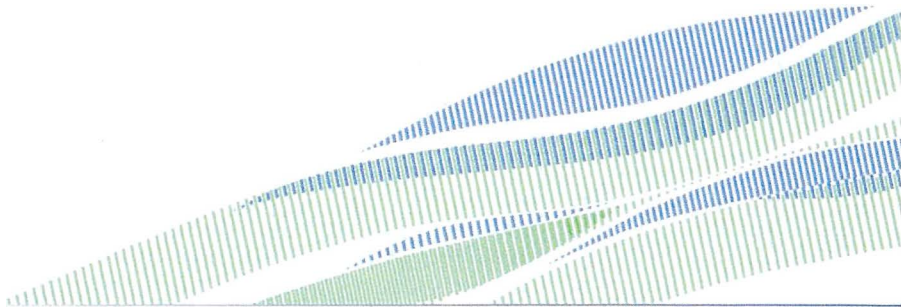
Mahana Ward Village will provide 340 market homes, 17,000 SF of ground retail and commercial space, and create sustained future employments that will have a trickle-down effect throughout the economy to support local businesses and our construction industry. The Mahala Ward Village is designed by award-winning architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz and interior designer Tihany Design and VITA Planning & Landscape Architecture. The project is projected to have nearly \$430+ million economic impact and add \$146+ million in workers' earnings as well as provide \$27 million in state tax revenue.

As we look for the best path forward towards Hawaii's future, thoughtful planning and design are key. The design and layout of the Mahana

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Ward Project benefit our community, and provide for the next generation's financial and economic needs and I favorably support their development plan.

Mahalo for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

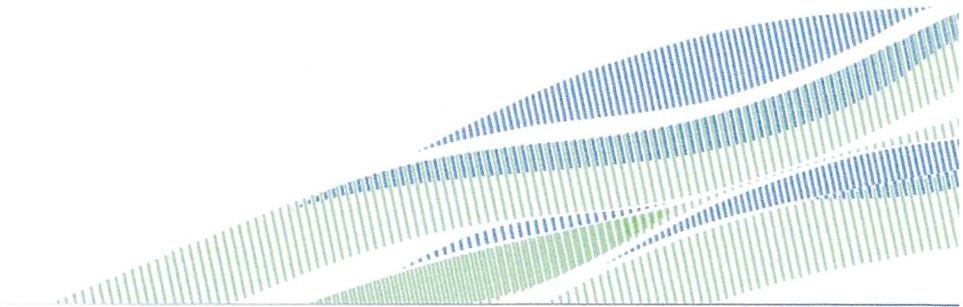
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**Hawai'i Community Development Authority
Mahana Ward Village – Development Permit Application - Public Hearing – July 5, 2023**

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports Mahana Ward Village

Aloha Chair Ishii, Vice Chair Apo, and Members of the Authority,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

HBL strongly supports the Mahana Ward Village project as well as the Ward Village master development plan. Ward Village continues to bring improvements to roadway and sidewalks that benefit all roadway users, especially vulnerable users. HBL appreciates Ward Village's commitment to providing safe multi-modal streetscapes, from dedicated bike lanes, supporting Biki locations, providing bicycle parking, and expanding sidewalks for pedestrians.

We also acknowledge Ward Village for their continued support of the Ala Moana Elevated Walkway. This project will create safe access over Ala Moana Blvd for people walking and biking. We appreciate their efforts to connect Ward Village and the surrounding communities to Kewalo Basin, Kaka'ako Waterfront, and Ala Moana Regional Park.

More and more people are recognizing the benefits, to both the individual and the community, of embracing infrastructure that encourages more bicycling and walking. As we strive to be a climate resilient community, building infrastructure to support these lower-impact modes of transportation and recreation are crucial. Additionally, as we seek to have healthier population, infrastructure that provides safe and accessible active transportation and recreation will keep our community healthy and reduce unnecessary burden on our health system.

HBL applauds Ward Village's commitment to creating a community built for people to thrive. Ward Village's master development plan aligns with HBL's mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles. And with that in mind, we respectfully request your approval of the Mahana Ward Village project.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League

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June 23, 2023

Mr. Chason Ishii, Chairperson
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HCDA Board Meeting Room
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Subject: KAK 23-027
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Aloha Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

I am in strong support of the Mahana Ward Village, Ward Village's newest proposed residence. I understand there will be many positive impacts associated with the project, including nearly 340 new homes, an additional 17,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and outdoor gathering spaces to further connect the master planned community and prioritize the pedestrian experience around green spaces. The Ward Village I've experienced is vibrant and thriving, and I believe the Mahana Ward Village will continue to enhance Kaka'ako.

We have been a part of Ward Village for many years, have very much enjoyed being a community partner of theirs. It has continued to be a tremendous opportunity for our local business. With Ward Village poised in the heart of Honolulu, we knew our events would be in a perfect location that would let us serve families, residents, and visitors. In addition, Ward Village is a thoughtful and well-designed community, where we there are many added benefits like open space, parks and play areas and outdoor events.

As members of the HCDA, you have the power to create a better future for Hawai'i. And I believe that the future will be bright for our community if Ward Village can continue to advance its master plan. I hope you will approve the Mahana Ward Village and the many wonderful opportunities it will bring for local residents, the economic stimulus it will provide our state and the further safety and connectivity it will create for those walking, running and biking through Kaka'ako.

Sincerely,



Honolulu Make's Market

June 29, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair
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547 Queen Street
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RE: KAK 23-027 / Mahana Ward Village
July 5 & 6th, 2023 Presentation & Modification Hearing

Aloha Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express support of The Mahana Ward Village project.

Like the rest of the Ward Village master plan, The Mahana Ward Village project at the corner of Ward Avenue and the new Halekauwila Extension will become a future gateway into the Ward Village and transform the underutilized space into a modern neighborhood for the benefit of the community today as well as future generations in Hawaii.

Supporting Ward Village's vision and putting these plans into motion will ensure many short- and long- term economic opportunities that benefit all of Hawaii residents and businesses and provide the much- needed infrastructure to support the activities and events in Honolulu's urban core.

The project will provide 340 market priced homes, 17,000 SF of commercial space, supporting our local businesses and creating constant employment opportunities for local residents over time. The project is estimated to have a \$430 million economic impact and add over \$146 million in workers' earnings as well as provide \$27 million in state tax revenue.

At Central Pacific Bank we honor the past while recognizing the benefit of investments in future generations for the benefit of all concerned. As the proposed Mahana Ward Village plan will deliver just that, I respectfully submit my support in favor of their development.

Sincerely,



Arnold Martines
President & CEO

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