



Testimony before the

HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Thursday, July 20, 2023 (9:00 am)

**RE: Development Permit KAK 23-037 & KAK 23-038 Victoria Ward, Limited**

Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

Trees for Honolulu's Future (TFHF) is a non-profit organization with a vision for a tree-filled island that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change.

We support the above-referenced developments known as Blocks D and E, bounded by Auahi Street, Kamake'e Street, and Ala Moana Boulevard. While our focus is trees, TFHF realizes trees, essential green infrastructure of our city, don't exist in isolation; rather it is the interplay between the natural environment and people contributes to a sense of place. Trees not only cool and help ameliorate urban heat islands, but the shade also provided invites people – parents pushing strollers with infants, residents walking dogs, shoppers, even bicycle riders – to pause to be rather simply to pass along as quickly as one can. Trees also [provide myriad other benefits](#).

Of particular significance to these Development Permits is the one-acre park located at the corner of Ala Moana Boulevard and Kamake'e Street. Activation of this new, public, community asset with amenities, programming that can organically happen, including carrying the native planting established around the IBM Building, all is sound planning. Nobody can predict what will be trending 3, 5, or 10 years from now so flexibility is key to increase the changes of serendipitous experiences/exchanges in this space. We would, however, urge a larger planting strip along Auahi Street to mirror the mature, large canopy shade trees on the mauka side of Auahi. We understand this is far too narrow strip is dictated because of government regulators desire for a sidewalk adjacent to the street. A combined sidewalk pulled back from the street with a larger planting strip is the obvious solution.

While the modifications requested will be subject to a second public hearing, we take this opportunity that the requested changes are consistent with the 2005 HCDA Mauka Area Rules, already approved buildings in Ward Village, create a better architectural execution, and are worthy of support.

In summary, approval by the Authority of these Development Permits further the vision of Kaka'ako as a place where people live, work, and play. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dinell, President

**HONOLULU is HOT TREES are COOL**

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The project seems to be providing more efficient use of lands and providing more parks for recreations.

Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Block D and Block E (KAK 23-037 and KAK 23-038)**  
Thursday, July 20, 2023

Aloha HCDA Board Members:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of the applicant's Block D and Block E Projects.

The Project will create more homes and stimulate Hawai'i's economy, delivering economic benefits and job opportunities for our residents.

Block D's residence will deliver 242 one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom homes. Construction of the residence is estimated to have a significant economic impact, including \$225 million in workers' earnings and \$40 million in state tax revenue. From 2022 to 2028, this new residence will create an average of 450 jobs annually.

Block E's residence will create 148 two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom homes. Its construction will deliver additional economic stimulus, including an estimated \$170 million in workers' earnings and \$31 million in state tax revenue. This residence will create over 350 jobs annually from 2022-2028.

Modifications being sought by the applicant increase the platform of street front element from 45' to 65' tall podium for both Block D and E Projects and are consistent with the 2005 HCDA Mauka Area Rules and already approved buildings in Ward Village. The applicant is also requesting modifications of the view corridor setback on Ala Moana Boulevard for both projects to accommodate a continuous building façade as well as façade articulation improving the streetscape and pedestrian experience.

Since the applicant initiated its plan to transform Kaka'ako 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 Block D and Block E Projects, like Ward Village residential properties before it, will further activate and transform the Kaka'ako community.

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





## HAWAII LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

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July 14, 2023

To: **The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)**

Re: **Testimony in Support of Block D Ward Village (KAK 23-037) & Block E (KAK 23-038)  
Ward Village Projects, Victoria Ward, Limited**

For HCDA Public Hearing on July 20, 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*. The Laborers International is the largest construction trade union in North America, and Hawaii LECET is part of a network of 38 labor-management LECET Funds across the country.

**Hawaii LECET strongly supports the Block D and Block E Ward Village Projects.** Renewing the aging Ward Centre area property will provide nearly 400 homes, a new Diamond Head Plaza one-acre park with over 35,000 square feet of public open space, commercial opportunities, retail storefronts, and many public amenities. This Ward Centre redevelopment project will create over US \$1.3 billion in up-front economic impact, with over \$395 million in direct workers' earnings, \$71 million in state tax receipts, and around 800 jobs yearly through completion in 2028. Over the next 30 years, annual property tax receipts alone will contribute over \$330 million in additional government tax revenue for the City & County of Honolulu.

As part of its commitment to affordable housing, before even submitting this application to HCDA to renovate Blocks D & E, the Howard Hughes Corp. (HHC) has already front-loaded construction on all of its over 1,200 below-market-priced housing requirements far ahead of schedule, creating \$162 million in new shared equity value for the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our strong support for KAK 23-037 & KAK 23-038.

Mahalo,

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



July 14, 2023

The Honorable Chairperson Chason Ishii  
Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor  
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Subject: KAK 23-037 Block D  
KAK 23-038 Block E  
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Dear Chairperson Ishii,

Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc. would like to support Victoria Ward, Limited's application for Block D, Block E and the Diamond Head Plaza Park.

Block D will deliver 242 new homes, while Block H will create 148 new homes. The planned community park will feature a pavilion, restaurant-style seating, natural play elements with native planting and wayfinding signage. The projects fulfill the need for housing in urban Honolulu that enables residents to live, work and play within the community as their families grow.

Collectively, these projects are expected to have an economic impact of more than \$1.4 billion, including more than \$400 million in workers' earnings and \$73 million in state tax revenue. It's expected to create an average of about 800 jobs that will be sustained yearly for the five 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.

Victoria Ward, Limited has the vision and resources to continue the revitalization of Kakaako, and there is no denying the contribution these projects will have on our local economy.

Very truly yours,

Michael Young  
President  
Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc.



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Mr. Chason Ishii, Chair  
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RE: KAK 23-037 Block D  
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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 projects Block D, Block E and the Diamond Head Plaza Park. Both residences will deliver new public benefits and community amenities, including a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street, broad sidewalks, public art, native landscaping and cultural wayfinding signage.

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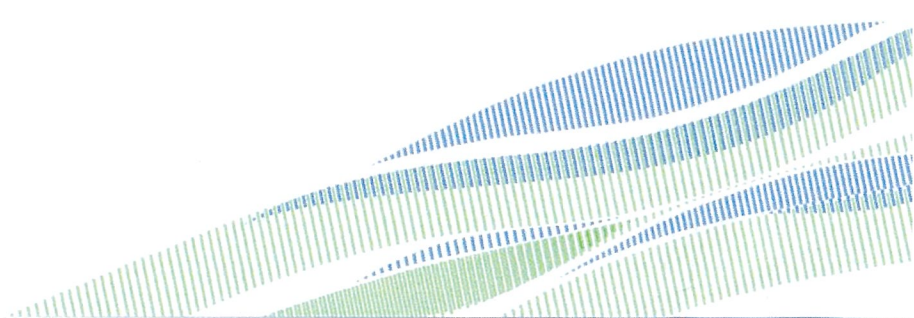
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state tax revenue. This residence will create over 350 jobs annually from 2022 to 2028.

There is no denying the significance of these impactful projects on our local economy and their contribution to ensuring the next generation's financial and economic needs. Thank you for your consideration and I favorably support these projects.

Mahalo for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

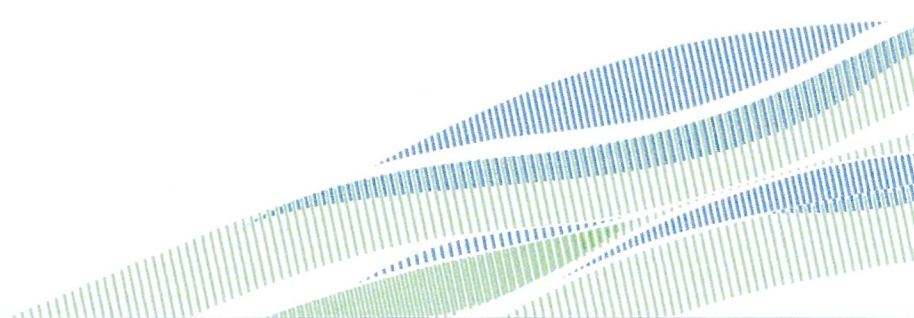
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**RE: July 20, 2023 – Block D and E Ward Village**

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 Block D and E 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 Block D and E Ward Village.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian M. Miyamoto" with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Brian Miyamoto  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Farm Bureau



**Testimony to the Hawaii Community Development Authority  
Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**

**RE: Block D and Block E Ward Village**

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

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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Sincerely,

Daniel A. Nishikawa

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Sincerely,



Guy Churchill  
Senior Executive Vice President  
Bank of Hawaii

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**RE: KAK 23-037/ Block D Ward Village  
KAK 23-038/ Block E Ward Village  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Presentation Hearing  
SUPPORT TESTIMONY**

Dear Chair Ishii:

As a current resident of Ward Village, I offer my support to the proposed Block D & Block E Ward Village residences as well as the Diamond Head Park Plaza. 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 appreciate the consideration to build more homes in Kaka'ako so our city has more ownership opportunities and housing supply for other families. Both residences will deliver new public benefits and community amenities, including a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street, broad sidewalks, public art, native landscaping and cultural wayfinding signage.

Ward Village will also be creating a new one-acre community park which will feature a pavilion, park-side restaurant seating, natural play elements with native planting and wayfinding signage.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask that you approve these projects and further enhance and continue to positively transform our community.

Sincerely,



Julie Arigo  
Ward Village Resident



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Aloha Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:


As the Owner of Salon Bobbi & Guy located in Ward Village, I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Victoria Ward Ltd.'s proposed projects Block D, Block E and the Diamond Head Plaza Park.

My family, a multi-generational business, has witnessed first-hand Kaka'ako's transformation over the decades and the amazing urban development and investment by Ward Village which has made this area attractive for shopping, dining and lifestyle services. My mother Bobbi Choi, founded Salon Bobbi & Guy at Ward Warehouse over 25 years ago and I'm am so blessed to continue the long tradition of salon services to our growing Kaka'ako and Ward Village community.

We support the addition of Block D and Block E's residences as well as the nearly one acre, new community park that will feature a pavilion, park-side restaurant seating, natural play elements with native planting and way finding signage. There is no comparison to the vibrancy of the streets and sidewalks throughout Ward Village as compared to the days of past industrial warehouses and parking lots.

Thank you for your consideration in approving these projects so that my family business can continue to be a part of this amazing community and serve a customers for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Jin Choi



July 12, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chairperson  
and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: July 20<sup>th</sup> Hearing – Block D and Block E 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 Block D and Block E.

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.

It is our understanding that both residences will include a combined total of over 20,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street, broad sidewalks, public art, native landscaping, and cultural wayfinding signage.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii supports the Block D and Block E Projects as it will help provide a stable economic future for Hawaii's local businesses. 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 local businesses an opportunity to expand or establish a brick-and-mortar business in an area that is thriving. Victoria Ward is committed to continue providing opportunities for small local businesses to grow and thrive.

We humbly ask for your favorable consideration of these projects. 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](mailto:tyamaki@rmhawaii.org)

A Hui Hou Kakou

TINA YAMAKI  
President  
Retail Merchants of Hawaii

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Dear Chair Ishii:

As a local community partner of Ward Village, the Majestic Culture and the Arts Association is a non-profit Chinese lion dance organization that provides free lion dances and kung fu instruction in a family friendly environment. We specialize in many well-known festivals and celebrations throughout Honolulu. We appreciate the continued development and community investment by Ward Village and would like to offer our support for their proposed Block D & Block E projects which will bring more residences, community activations and events to Kaka'ako.

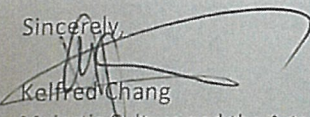
Majestic Culture and the Arts Association has participated for years in important community celebrations at Ward Village that provide meaningful and engaging lion dance tradition for Ward Village's commercial centers, business and shoppers.

Our business thrives when our community thrives. Ward Village continues to place community engagement and activations at the forefront of their community and retail events.

Ward Village is important to community partners like ours as they create a place people want to shop and visit as well as provide diverse housing supply for families. In addition to these residences, Ward Village will be delivering new public benefits and community amenities, with a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street. There will also be a new 1-acre Diamond Head Plaza Park. No one else is creating parks in Kaka'ako for our community to hold events, and we believe in more events and celebrations for our community.

Thank you for your consideration and we respectfully ask that you support the creation of a new community park and the proposed Block D and Block E projects.

Sincerely,



Kelfred Chang

Majestic Culture and the Arts Association



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Aloha Chair Ishii and Members of the Authority:

I am the president of A-1 A-lectrician, Inc, an electrical contractor blessed to be lighting up Hawaii's homes for over 50 years. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Victoria Ward Ltd.'s proposed projects Block D, Block E and the Diamond Head Plaza Park. The nearly one acre, new community park will feature a pavilion, park-side restaurant seating, natural play elements with native planting and wayfinding signage.

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There is no denying the significance of these impactful projects on our local economy and their contribution to ensuring the next generation's financial and economic needs. Planning and approving for future development now lends to the future my workforce and the community we build for relies on. Thank you very much for your continued commitment to support local hard working families with the steady construction jobs we need.

Sincerely,

Jason Yamada  
President  
A-1 A-lectrician, Inc.





July 10, 2023

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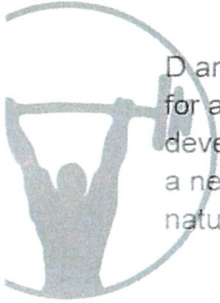
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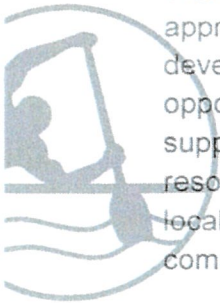
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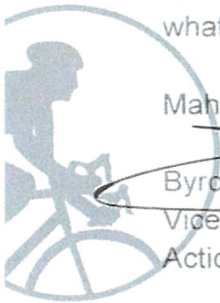
Dear Chair Ishii:



I strongly support Ward Village's plans for its newest residences to be located on Block D and Block E of the Ward Village master plan. Ward Village continues to be a dream location for any business, and it's because of their thoughtful approach as a master plan community developer. I understand that with these proposed residences, Ward Village will also be creating a new one-acre community park which will feature a pavilion, park-side restaurant seating, natural play elements with native planting and wayfinding signage.




At Action Rehab, we're a small, local team, but we're committed to providing our patients with a range of programs tailored specifically to meet their needs. The same can be said for Ward Village. Their team is made up of people who were born and raised here with an appreciation for Hawaii's people, special sense of community, culture and history. As a developer, they look at Ward Village as an ecosystem that is connected and works together, as opposed to other developers who create one-off and siloed projects. As a landlord, they are supportive, finding ways to ensure each business fits in well with the community, assisting with resources and solutions during a global pandemic and looking for ways to meet the needs of local residents and families. They care about their tenants deeply and want the best for our community.



I ask for your support in advancing these projects as you'll be empowering Ward Village to create additional small business opportunities for the community and setting the standard for what smart growth and development should look like in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

  
Byron Ho  
Vice President  
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To: HCDA Board Members

From: Craig I'okepa Fuentes

Aloha, I am writing to express my strong support for Ward Village's Block D and Block E development project. As a Hawaiian single father in Honolulu, I believe this project will create a safer and more family-friendly environment while generating much-needed job opportunities for our community. The addition of green spaces and recreational facilities will provide a nurturing space for my daughter and other children to play and thrive, contributing to their overall well-being.

Furthermore, the economic growth generated by this project will have a positive impact on families like mine. The job opportunities created through this development will also help ensure a stable future for myself and my daughter. It will not only provide financial security but also open doors for personal growth and advancement, allowing me to provide a better life for my family.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Ward Village's Block D and Block E development project. It has the potential to create a nurturing environment for families, offer employment opportunities, and improve the quality of life for our community. I kindly request your support and consideration for this project, as it will positively impact the lives of many individuals and families like mine.

Thank you very much for considering my input,

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**RE: KAK 23-037/ Block D Ward Village  
KAK 23-038/ Block E Ward Village  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Presentation Hearing  
SUPPORT TESTIMONY**

Dear Chair Ishii:

As a local small business owner of Pitch Sports Bar in SALT Kaka'ako, I appreciate the development and investment by Ward Village. I offer my support to their proposed Block D & Block E projects which will bring more residences and more business to my neighborhood establishment.

Their track record over the last decade in transforming the Kaka'ako area with market and reserved housing opportunities, improved streets and sidewalks, new bike lanes and most importantly creating more open and green spaces for us all to enjoy are not to be overlooked.

Ward Village is important to small businesses like mine as they create a place people want to come and visit as well as providing diverse housing supply for families. Both residences will deliver new public benefits and community amenities, including a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street, broad sidewalks, public art, native landscaping and cultural wayfinding signage.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask that you support small local businesses by supporting and approving these projects to further enhance and continue to positively transform our community.

Sincerely,



Matt Choy

Owner

Pitch Sports Bar

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RE: **KAK 23-037/ Block D Ward Village**  
**KAK 23-038/ Block E Ward Village**  
**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Presentation Hearing**  
**SUPPORT TESTIMONY**

Dear Chair Ishii:

As current residents of Ward Village, we offer our support for the proposed Block D & Block E Ward Village residences as well as the Diamond Head Park Plaza. In addition to the convenience and lifestyle provided by Ward Village, as retirees we are so delighted with the continued evolution of the community, the addition of families, restaurants, shops and enhanced streetscapes.

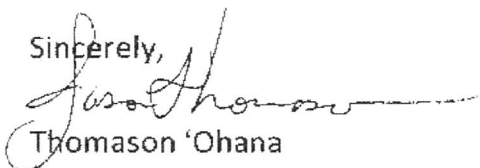
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We appreciate the consideration to build more homes in Kaka'ako so our city has more ownership opportunities and housing supply for other families. Ward Village provides multi-generational housing options which adds diversity to our community.

Of particular importance for Kaka'ako is the addition of a new one-acre community park which will feature a pavilion, park-side restaurant seating, natural play elements with native planting and wayfinding signage.

Thank you for your consideration and please approve this new park and additional residences to further enhance and continue the positive transformation of our home.

Sincerely,

  
Thomason 'Ohana



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Both proposed residences will deliver new public benefits and community amenities, including a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street, broad sidewalks, public art, native landscaping and cultural wayfinding signage.

We appreciate the consideration to build more homes in Kaka'ako so our city has more ownership opportunities and housing supply for other families. Our daughter also lives in Ward Village and we are so appreciative of the multi-generational housing options that Ward Village brings to our community.

Of particular importance for Kaka'ako is the addition of a new one-acre community park which will feature a pavilion, park-side restaurant seating, natural play elements with native planting and wayfinding signage.

Thank you for your consideration and we respectfully ask that you approve this new park and proposed projects and further enhance and continue the positive transformation of our home.

Sincerely,

  
Harrison Luke/ Vickie Ebesu

HCDA Testimony in Support of Ward Village's Block D & E Proposed Development Project

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Aloha Honorable Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

My name is Michael Gomes and I am writing to express my wholehearted **support** for the proposed development project of Ward Village's Block D and Block E. As a business professional residing in Honolulu, Hawaii, I firmly believe that this project will bring numerous benefits to our community and enhance the quality of life for both residents and visitors alike.

First and foremost, I would like to commend the visionary approach taken by Ward Village in their development plans. Their commitment to sustainable and thoughtful urban design is evident in the past developments within the area. I have witnessed the transformation of Ward Village into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood that seamlessly blends residential, commercial, and recreational spaces. This project is a natural extension of their successful track record, and I am confident that it will further contribute to the economic growth and prosperity of our city.

One of the key advantages of the Block D and Block E development project is the infusion of new businesses and job opportunities it will bring. I understand the importance of economic diversification and the positive impact it can have on our local economy. The introduction of new shops and restaurants will attract investments and create employment opportunities for our community members. This will not only boost our local economy but also provide opportunities for young professionals to find meaningful work without having to leave the city we love.

Moreover, I believe that the development of Block D and Block E will significantly enhance the overall livability of the neighborhood. The inclusion of green spaces, public parks, and recreational facilities will create an environment where residents and families can gather, relax, and engage in healthy activities. This project aligns perfectly with the community's desire for a well-planned and sustainable urban environment that promotes physical and mental well-being. I am particularly excited about the proposed park on the corner of Kamakee, Auahi and Ala Moana Blvd., which will provide a serene atmosphere for leisurely walks and community events.

Additionally, I would like to highlight the commitment of Ward Village to environmental sustainability. It is inspiring to see that they have incorporated renewable energy sources, water conservation measures, and green building practices into their development plans. By prioritizing sustainability, they are setting an example for other projects and contributing to our collective responsibility to protect our beautiful island home.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Ward Village's Block D and Block E development project. The economic growth, job opportunities, enhanced livability, and environmental sustainability that it promises make it an invaluable addition to our community. I urge you to consider my testimony and support this project, which will undoubtedly contribute to the continued progress and prosperity of Honolulu. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will make the best decision for our community's future.

Mahalo,

Michael Gomes

Brian Goldstein  
1000 Auahi Street  
Honolulu, HI 96814

Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testmony for HCDA Hearing scheduled for July 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear HCDA Board of Directors,

My name is Brian Goldstein, and I live in Kakaako and serve as Vice President of the Board at Koula. I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the proposed modifications to the Vested Mauka Area Rules for Victoria Ward Ltd's plan to construct two single tower, residential mixed-use condominium projects on Blocks D and E in Kakaako.

I am particularly concerned about the lack of provisions for electric vehicle (EV) charging in Victoria Ward's plans. As you know, the Hawaii Legislature has recently provided clear direction and authority to HCDA to support the adoption of EVs and consider sea level rise. These laws reflect the state's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting clean energy.

- [Hawaii Act 221](#) states that "climate change and sea level rise pose significant, dangerous, and imminent threats to the State's social and economic well-being, public safety, nature and environment." The law also recognizes that the HCDA "plans, coordinates, and implements new infrastructure and development projects in the Kakaako community development district." The law requires "the Hawaii community development authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate--resilient development in the design and siting of buildings in the Kakaako community development district."
- [Hawaii Act 226](#) states that "zero emissions transportation shall be the goal of the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve zero emissions across all transportation modes within the State, including across all sectors of Ground Transportation." The law also requires each board to "incorporate these goals into the board's plans and take any actions necessary to achieve the goals established in this section."

In addition to these laws, there is also a growing body of evidence that shows the rapid increase in sales of electric vehicles. According to the Electric Power Research Institute (<https://www.epri.com/>), EV sales in the United States are expected to reach 15 million by 2030. This means that there will be a significant demand for EV charging infrastructure in the coming years.

I also note that the Sustainability Guidelines letter dated May 3, 2013 (attached) does not reflect current law under Hawaii Act 221 (2023). Given the change in law, I believe that a new review of compliance with sustainability guidelines is warranted before any modifications are granted.

**HCDA should not approve of any requested modifications until a review of compliance with Act 221 is completed.**

I am very concerned about the lack of provisions for EV charging in Kakaako. To date, it appears that Victoria Ward/Howard Hughes Corp (VW/HHC) has done very little to promote the use of EVs in the community or their buildings. While newer buildings (e.g. 'A'ali'i and Kō'ula) are equipped with a small number of Level II chargers, VW/HHC has provided no Level 3 fast chargers in the community. In fact, VW/HHC has not demonstrated any efforts to support the use of EVs in Kakaako through the installation or plans for the development of community fast charging.

This is a missed opportunity. EVs are surging in popularity and sales are growing fast. As more and more people switch to EVs, it is essential that we have the infrastructure in place to support them. This includes Level 3 fast chargers, which can fully charge an EV in just 30 minutes.

With respect to the requested modifications for Block D and Block E, I urge HCDA to put the following conditions on any modification requests granted:

1. Victoria Ward, Ltd. be required to design, permit, and construct community charging in Kakaako with **at least six (6) Level 3 Fast chargers**.
2. Diamond Head Park Plaza remains in the plans without change.

I believe that the proposed development would be a great opportunity to promote the use of EVs in Kakaako. By ensuring compliance with Acts 221 and 226, by requiring HHC to provide plans for community charging, HCDA can help to ensure that the development is compatible with Hawaii's climate change and EV goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Brian Goldstein

Data about the rapid increase in sales of electric vehicles ([www.epri.com](http://www.epri.com))

- In 2021, EV sales in the United States increased by 82%.
- In 2022, EV sales are on track to increase by another 70%.
- By 2030, EV sales are expected to reach 15 million in the United States.
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References:

- Hawaii Act 221:  
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May 3, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Vanderboom  
Senior Vice President of Development  
The Howard Hughes Corporation  
1240 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 601  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Vanderboom:

Re: Sustainability Guidelines

The Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA") has completed the review of the sustainability guidelines for the Ward Village Master Plan area. Preparation and submittal of the sustainability guidelines to the HCDA is a requirement under the Master Plan Permit No.: PL MASP 13.1.3, dated September 14, 2009 (see Decision & Order paragraph 12. **Sustainability** of the Master Plan Permit). We note that as submitted, the sustainability guidelines meet the requirement of the Master Plan Permit.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or the Master Plan Permit, Decision & Order, please contact Mr. Carson Schultz, HCDA Planner, at 594-0314 or by email at: [carson.j.schultz@hcdaweb.org](mailto:carson.j.schultz@hcdaweb.org).

Sincerely,

  
Anthony J. H. Ching  
Executive Director

AJHC/DN/CS:ak

July 13, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair  
Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street  
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**RE: KAK 23-037/ Block D Ward Village  
KAK 23-038/ Block E Ward Village  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Presentation Hearing  
SUPPORT TESTIMONY**

Dear Chair Ishii:

As a local community partner of Ward Village, the Majestic Culture and the Arts Association is a non-profit Chinese lion dance organization that provides free lion dances and kung fu instruction in a family friendly environment. We specialize in many well-known festivals and celebrations throughout Honolulu. We appreciate the continued development and community investment by Ward Village and would like to offer our support for their proposed Block D & Block E projects which will bring more residences, community activations and events to Kaka'ako.

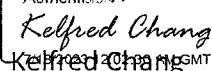
Majestic Culture and the Arts Association has participated for years in important community celebrations at Ward Village that provide meaningful and engaging lion dance tradition for Ward Village's commercial centers, business and shoppers.

Our business thrives when our community thrives. Ward Village continues to place community engagement and activations at the forefront of their community and retail events.

Ward Village is important to community partners like ours as they create a place people want to shop and visit as well as provide diverse housing supply for families. In addition to these residences, Ward Village will be delivering new public benefits and community amenities, with a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street. There will also be a new 1-acre Diamond Head Plaza Park. No one else is creating parks in Kaka'ako for our community to hold events, and we believe in more events and celebrations for our community.

Thank you for your consideration and we respectfully ask that you support the creation of a new community park and the proposed Block D and Block E projects.

Sincerely,

  
Kelfred Chang

Majestic Culture and the Arts Association



July 17, 2023

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

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**RE: Ward Village Bock D, Block E, and Diamond Head Plaza Letter of Support**

Aloha Chairperson Ishii and Members of HCDA,

On behalf of HomeAid Hawaii, I would like to submit this testimony in support of Ward Villages Block D & E

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 two towers of mixed retail and 390 homes will also provide much needed homeownership opportunities for our local workforce, particularly for our working 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.

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](mailto:Kimo@HomeAidHawaii.org).

Mahalo Nui,

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Kimo K. Carvalho  
Executive Director, HomeAid Hawaii

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July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Presentation Hearing  
SUPPORT TESTIMONY**

Dear Chair Ishii:

As a new local small business located at 'A'ali'i, Walea by Salon Glitter is so excited to be a part of the growing community at Ward Village. We appreciate the continued development and community investment by Ward Village. We would like to offer our support to their proposed Block D & Block E projects which will bring more residences, customers and community activations to Kaka'ako.

Walea by Salon Glitter offers manicures, pedicures, acrylic and gel nail care, and adds permanent makeup and massages. Using only the highest quality products, purchased exclusively from Japan, Walea by Salon Glitter strives to ensure clients receive the best possible beauty experience.

Ward Village is important to small businesses like ours as they create a place people want to come and visit as well as providing diverse housing supply for families. In addition to these residences delivering new public benefits and community amenities, with a combined total of over 15,000 square feet of commercial ground floor shops and restaurants with outdoor seating along Auahi Street, there will be a new one-acre community park, Diamond Head Plaza Park.

Our business thrives when our community thrives. Thank you for your consideration and we respectfully ask that you support small local businesses by supporting and approving these projects to further enhance and continue to positively transform Kaka'ako.

Sincerely,

  
Walea by Salon Glitter

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<b>Project Name</b>
Howard Hughes development
<b>Do you support or oppose?</b>
Oppose
<b>Comment</b>
Howard Hughes is no longer living up to their initial agreement to "support" the community. Too much development, less than satisfactory completion of existing buildings and always asking for variances and special dispensation. Hold them to their promises before granting more approval.

**From:** SibylGlasby <[sibylglasby@hotmail.com](mailto:sibylglasby@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 5:12 PM  
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### Name

Sibyl Glasby

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Kaka'ako resident

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### Project Name

Ward Village Land Block 4, Project 1 (Block D) and Ward Village Land Block 4, Project 1 (Block E)

### Do you support or oppose?

Oppose

### Comment

With respect to the requested modifications for Block D and Block E, I urge HCDA to put the following conditions on any modification requests granted:

1. HCDA enforces Section 15-22-14(b) (1) and (2) of the Vested Rules and does not allow for the development of two towers in too close proximity.
2. Diamond Head Park Plaza remains in the plans and additional green space is required on Block D and E.
3. Victoria Ward, Limited. be required to design, permit, and construct community charging in Ward Village with at least six (6) Level 3 Fast chargers.

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Sibyl Glasby  
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July 18, 2023

Hawaii Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor  
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Re: Written testimony for HCDA Hearing scheduled for July 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Dear HCDA Board of Directors,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the proposed modifications to the Vested Mauka Area Rules for Victoria Ward Limited to construct two single tower, residential mixed-use condominium projects on Blocks D and E in Kaka'ako. My family and I live in Kaka'ako and specifically in Ward Village.

The current plan for two towers on the site does not allow for enough space between the two towers as well as to the existing buildings in accordance with Section 15-22-14(b) (1) and (2) of the Vested Rules as cited on page 11 of the Development Permit Request Presentation Hearing Staff Report, KAK 23-037: Ward Village Land Block 4, Project 1 (Block D) (Master Plan Permit No.: PL MASP 13.1.3) and page 13 of the Development Permit Request Presentation Hearing Staff Report KAK 23-037: Ward Village Land Block 4, Project 1 (Block E) (Master Plan Permit No.: PL MASP 13.1.3). The proximity of the two towers will block the light and create another wind tunnel in the neighborhood. This will also have a detrimental effect on Auahi Street which is envisioned to be an enlivened pedestrian friendly environment. One tower on Block D and E would better suit the Ward Village community, be in harmony with the spacing of the existing towers and provide a rare opportunity to create adequate open green space and play areas that are desperately needed in the community.

The other concern with the plan for Block D and E is the lack of facilities for public high-speed charging for electric vehicles. There are currently three public slow chargers available in Ward Village. These chargers are in constant use during open hours and are woefully inadequate to support the existing residential and business community. As the community grows and more electric vehicles are added this problem will only continue to grow.

I understand that the Hawaii Legislature has recently provided clear direction and authority to HCDA to support the adoption of EVs and consider sea level rise. These laws reflect the state's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting clean energy. By requiring more open space on Blocks D and E and high-speed EV charging at Ward Village, HCDA would be supporting this mandate.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sibyl Glasby





# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL, ORNAMENTAL AND REINFORCING IRON WORKERS

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**T.G. Paris**  
President Emeritus

July 19, 2023

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Dear Honolulu Community Development Authority (HCDA),

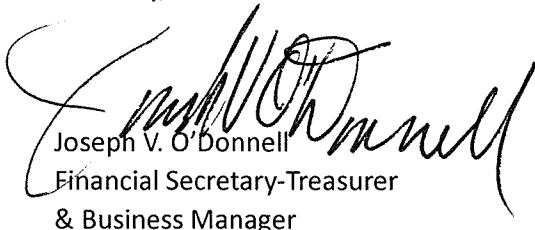
The Hawaii Ironworkers Local 625 strongly supports Ward Village Projects Block D&E as it will help stimulate our local economy and provide long-term jobs for many of our members.

Block D's residence will deliver 242 one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom homes. Construction of the residence is estimated to have a significant economic impact, including \$225 million in workers' earnings and \$40 million in state tax revenue. From 2022 to 2028, this new residence will create an average of 450 jobs annually.

Block E's residence will create 148 two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom homes. Its construction will deliver additional economic stimulus, including an estimated \$170 million in workers' earnings and \$31 million in state tax revenue. This residence will create over 350 jobs annually from 2022 to 2028.

We strongly urge the support of this important development for our community and state.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph V. O'Donnell  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer  
& Business Manager

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July 18, 2023

Chason Ishii, Chair  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority  
547 Queen Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Hawai'i Community Development Authority  
Ward Village Block D & Block E- Development Permit Application - Public Hearing - July 20, 2023**

**Hawai'i Bicycling League supports Ward Village's Block D & Block E**

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 Ward Village Block D & Block E projects 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 Ward Village Block D & Block E projects.

Ride Aloha,

**Travis L. Counsell**  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Bicycling League



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# PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675 UNITED ASSOCIATION



July 18, 2023

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

RE: Block D and E Ward Village – July 20 Presentation Hearing

My name is Valentino Ceria and I am the Business Manager for the Plumbers & Fitters UA Local Union 675. I appreciate this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Block D and E Ward Village projects.

Block D and Block E will deliver 390 new homes along with new public benefits and community amenities. These projects ensure a pipeline of work for our members now and into the future.

Construction of these projects is estimated to have a significant economic impact, including a combined estimate of \$400 million in workers' earning and over \$70 million in state tax revenues. Moreover, the projects will create over 800 jobs over the life of the construction and will provide an environment to extend our apprentice program to a new generation of the workforce.

Combined, the projects will greatly benefit Hawaii's economy and the construction industry, and I ask for your favorable consideration in approving these projects. Let's continue to give confidence to our working members and their families for years to come.

Mahalo,

Valentino Ceria  
Business Manager

