

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

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

Mahana Ward Village (KAK 23-027)
Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Aloha HCDA Board Members:

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

The Project will help to stimulate Hawai'i's economy, delivering economic benefits and job opportunities for our residents. The Project is projected to contribute \$433+ million in economic impact, \$146+ million in workers' earnings, and \$27 million in state tax revenue. An average of almost 500 jobs will be sustained yearly for three years during the duration of the Project and estimated to generate \$73 million in real property tax over 30 years.

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 Mahana Ward Village Project, like Ward Village residential properties before it, will further activate and transform the Kaka'ako community with 340 new homes, including podium homes on level 2 through 7, 17,000 SF of ground-floor commercial along the new Halekauwila Extension and an outdoor plaza on the gateway corner of Ward Avenue.

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





June 29, 2023

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

RE: Mahana Ward Village - July 5 Presentation Hearing and July 6 Modification Hearing

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

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council (HBCTC), which is comprised of 18 construction trade unions in the State of Hawaii. I appreciate this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of the Mahana Ward Village project.

The Mahana Ward Village, located at the Mauka corner of Ward Avenue and Halekauwila, will create 340 homes, including podium homes on levels 2 –7, 17,000 square feet of street level commercial space along the new Halekauwila extension, and an outdoor plaza on the gateway corner of Ward Avenue.

The project is projected to contribute \$433+ million in economic impact, \$146+ million in workers' earnings and \$27 million in state tax revenue. Additionally, it is estimated to generate \$73 million in real property tax over 30 years. An average of almost 500 jobs will be sustained yearly for three years during the duration of the project.

As the Mahana Ward Village will greatly benefit Hawaii's economy and the construction industry, I ask for your favorable consideration in approving this project, along with the requested 75' tall podium modification, which is consistent with the 2005 HCDA Mauka Area Rules and the already approved buildings in Ward Village.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gino Soquena, Executive Director
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July 5, 2023

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

Re: **Testimony in Support of the Planned Development Permit Application for Victoria Ward, Limited- Mahana Ward Village Project. Permit Number: KAK 23-027**

Aloha HCDA Chair Ishii, Authority Members, Director Nakamoto, and HCDA staff,

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management organization representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site work and vertical construction. The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund submits this letter of support for the Victoria Ward, Limited- Mahana Ward Village Project. Permit Number: KAK 23-027

The proposed development will create 340 homes, including podium homes on level 2 through 7, 17,000 SF of ground-floor commercial along the new Halekauwila Extension and an outdoor plaza on the gateway corner of Ward Avenue. This development is projected to contribute \$433+ million in economic impact, \$146+ million in workers' earnings and \$27 million in state tax revenue. An average of almost 500 jobs will be sustained yearly for three years during the duration of the project and estimated to generate \$73 million in real property tax over 30 years.

In this application there is one modification being sought by Victoria Ward, Limited: an increase to a 75' tall podium which is consistent with the 2005 HCDA Mauka Area Rules and the already approved buildings in Ward Village. We therefore respectfully ask that the authority approve the development permit application and the requested modification.

Mahalo,

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Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund
