



# HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

December 12, 2024

**TO:** Dean Minakami  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize an Application for Exemptions from Statutes, Ordinances, and Rules Pursuant to Section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Approve: (1) the Certification of HCDC Hawaii Development, LLC, or Other Successor entity Approved by the Executive Director, as an Eligible Developer Pursuant to Section 15-307-24, Hawaii Administrative Rules; (2) The Project Proposal; (3) Execution of Development Documents for Approved Exemptions; and (4) Proceeding as an State Affordable Housing as Approved by the Executive Director, for the Kaahumanu Homes Redevelopment Project Located in Honolulu, Oahu, TMK No.: (1) 1-5-024: 001

My name is Mark Anthony Clemente, and I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Regional Council Carpenters to support the authorization of the 201H-38 application for the Kaahumanu Homes Redevelopment Project in Honolulu.

We do not support all housing projects, but this strongly support the Kaahumanu Homes being redeveloped into a new and affordable transit-oriented community for local families in the heart of Honolulu. The location is within ½ mile of two rail stations. This redevelopment will provide up to 1,550 critically needed affordable and workforce homes (studios, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom homes) with ample parking for residents. Amenities for residents include a resident clubhouse, outdoor community space, keiki play areas, dog parks, and community gathering areas. Further, there will be community retail and gathering areas fronting Waiakamilo Road. To address concerns about pedestrian safety and traffic, interior streets are designed for convenient vehicle access and drop-offs, while prioritizing bike and pedestrian safety and connectivity.

This is a much-needed project to help alleviate our housing crisis. We support the Kaahumanu Homes Redevelopment Project and thank HHFDC for the opportunity to testify.

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an Additional Amendment of the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Equity Pilot (DEP) Program Allocation and Quantity of Designated DEP Units for the Kuilei Place Housing Project Located at 2599 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, TMK Nos.: (1) 2-7-022: 011, 015, & 031 to 049

My name is Mark Anthony Clemente, and I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Regional Council Carpenters to support the approval of the additional amendment of the DEP allocational and quantity of Designated DEP Units for the Kuilei Place Housing Project.

The objective of HHFDC's Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Equity Pilot (DEP) Program is to create more homeownership opportunities for qualified purchasers, especially those who work in professions with critical shortages in the state. HHFDC works with developers of for-sale projects to purchase a specified amount of equity in designated units that are being sold to qualified residents, thus lowering the price of the qualifying home.

The DEP Program is targeted for those in Hawai'i who may work in a profession — an occupation that requires specialized skill or training — where there is a critical shortage. Kuilei Place, the first Hawai'i project to be approved as a participant in the DEP Program, began its program on April 7, 2024. For this particular project, HHFDC has determined eligible buyers who may participate in the DEP Program to be health care workers, educators, law enforcement officers, and agricultural field workers.

We support the Kuilei Place Housing Project and thank HHFDC for the opportunity to testify.

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