



August 14th, 2025

Honorable, Gary Mackler, Chair

Honorable, Carol Reimann, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors

RE: AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM STATUTES, ORDINANCES, AND RULES PURSUANT TO SECITON 201H-38, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, AND APPROVE: (1) LAULIMA AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LLC AND WPP HAWAII, LLC, OR OTHER SUCCESSOR ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AS ELIBILE DEVELOPERS PURSUANT TO SECITON 15-307-24, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES; (2) THE PROJECT PROPOSAL; AND (3) EXECUTION OF DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPROVED EXEMPTIONS, FOR LAULIMA PROJECT LOCATED IN HONOLULU, OAHU TMK NO: (1) 9-1-015: 081

Gary Mackler, Chair, Carol Reimann, Vice Chair, and Members of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 strongly support the request to authorize and approve the application for exemptions from statutes, ordinances, and rules pursuant to section 201H- 38 for Laulima Affordable Housing, LLC, WPP Hawaii LLC, or other Sucessor Entities.

Per the Unilateral Agreement this 750-unit project fulfills the affordable housing requirement. We applaud the developer for building this portion of the project first, as it answers a deep and urgent need in our communities for affordable and workforce-centered housing for the people of the westside. This includes— construction workers, teachers, restaurant workers, first responders, and the small business employees who hold the region together. This is not luxury housing. This is not a development for investors. These are homes for the people who already live and work on the Westside — for families who need housing.

Mahalo,

Ana Tuiasosopo

Hawaii District Representative, Trustee

Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3