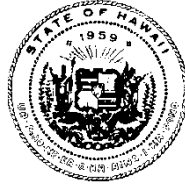


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**Thursday, November 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.
677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Boardroom
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In consideration of
**Agenda Item III. B and C – Relating to the Mayor Wright Homes Phase 1A Project Located in
Honolulu, Oahu, TMK No.: (1) 1-7-029: 003**

Aloha Chair Mackler, Vice-Chair Reimann, and Members of the HHFDC Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Agenda Items III. B and C – relating to the Mayor Wright Homes Phase 1A Project located in Honolulu, Oahu, TMK No.: (1) 1-7-029: 003

In 2023, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) partnered with the Highridge Costa Development Company (HCDC), an affordable housing developer, to embark on the Ka Lei Momi redevelopment project. As one of the nine low-income public housing project sites involved in the Ka Lei Momi redevelopment project, Mayor Wright Homes has been prioritized by Governor Green and the Legislature as one of the first sites to be redeveloped.

Phase 1A includes a total of 308 units and is the first part of a master plan which envisions approximately 2,448 new rental units which will include a one-for-one replacement of existing public housing units. The master plan was developed with extensive input from residents, community leaders and stakeholders, elected officials, and service providers who have all participated in a series of ongoing community meetings beginning in 2016.



The redevelopment approach builds on research gathered on its historical, physical, social, and geographic context and technical information provided by consultants performing various site analyses. Mayor Wright Homes Phase 1A would not only improve housing conditions for its current residents, but will start the transformation of an existing, six-decade old, state-owned land asset, into a new, mixed-income, mixed-use, transit-oriented development enhancing the existing vibrant Kalihi, Liliha, Kapalama, and Iwilei communities. Mayor Wright Homes Phase 1A will facilitate the delivery of urgently needed new rental housing units to help address the affordable rental housing crisis across the State.

Thank you and the HHFDC staff for your continued support of this important project that will benefit our community and the State. The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide its testimony, and we humbly request that the HHFDC Board of Directors approve these For Action items.