



## HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE

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Via Email

September 29, 2020

Ms. Kathy K. Sokugawa, Acting Director  
City & County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting  
650 South King St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Interim Planned Development – Transit Permit and Special District Permit –  
Major File No. 2020/SDD-45 (LY)

Dear Director Sokugawa and Permit Issuance Branch:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the permit submitted by applicant Brookfield Properties to develop a new mixed-used development (Project) known as Ala Moana Plaza. The Project proposes an increase in the tower height limit from 100 feet to 400 feet and density from 2.5 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to 7.0 FAR, and adds 583 rental units to the community.

We held a virtual town hall meeting with our community residents on Monday, September 28, 2020. About 80 people participated, and raised a number of concerns, including sea level rise, traffic, safety, view corridors, minimal community benefits (e.g., the limited number of affordable units and parking spaces), and the lack of a park or open green space.

Based on the foregoing, we believe it is premature to consider this permit application before Resolution 20-223 is deliberated by the Honolulu City Council. To this end, **we respectfully request that this permit application be set aside to be considered again after the City Council votes to adopt the Ala Moana Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan.** These are important matters to our community. We thus recommend that the community be given the opportunity to consider the Project in the context of the long-term vision for the Ala Moana area.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

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SHARON Y. MORIWAKI  
Senator, Senate District 12

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SCOTT K. SAIKI  
Speaker of the House, Representative,  
House District 26