
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST IN THE PRIVATIZATION OF ITS PALOLO
VALLEY HOMES PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, the public housing project in Palolo Valley in
2 east Honolulu has been comprised of both state-controlled units
3 and federally controlled units; and
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5 WHEREAS, through the 1980s and into the mid 1990s, many
6 characteristics of neighborhood decline in the Palolo housing
7 project were evident; and
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9 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2002, the state-controlled public
10 housing project in Palolo was privatized through the execution
11 of a fifty-five-year lease with the Mutual Housing Association
12 of Hawaii, Inc.; and
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14 WHEREAS, in May 2004, the Mutual Housing Association of
15 Hawaii, Inc. began investing \$13,500,000 in renovations to the
16 three hundred six unit project, completing the renovation a year
17 later, on time and on budget, with the support of the residents
18 and the community; and
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20 WHEREAS, the renovated Palolo housing project is now a
21 thriving and vibrant community with many supportive social
22 programs, including but not limited to: programs for high
23 school equivalency courses; University of Hawaii courses; after
24 school tutoring programs conducted by students and professors
25 from the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, and
26 Chaminade University; a neighborhood security watch program; a
27 Food Bank distribution program; and art and cultural youth
28 programs; and
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30 WHEREAS, all this progress has come through the joint
31 efforts of the residents, other community members and



1 organizations, and the Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii,
2 Inc.; and

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4 WHEREAS, there remain one hundred eighteen units in the
5 Palolo housing project that are controlled by the United States
6 Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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8 WHEREAS, the residents in those latter units also want
9 Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, Inc. to assist them in the
10 privatization and renovation of their units; and

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12 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2004, these residents submitted a
13 petition to the Housing and Community Development Corporation of
14 Hawaii requesting its assistance in their efforts to privatize
15 and renovate their units; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the United States
20 Department of Housing and Urban Development is requested to
21 assist the residents of Palolo and Mutual Housing Association of
22 Hawaii, Inc. to expedite the privatization and renovation of the
23 one hundred eighteen units; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing and Community
26 Development Corporation of Hawaii or its successor agency, is
27 requested to meet with and assist the residents of Palolo and
28 Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, Inc. in their efforts to
29 work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban
30 Development to privatize and renovate the remaining units in the
31 Palolo Valley Homes project; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the
35 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the
36 Director of the Honolulu Field Office of the United States
37 Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Governor, the
38 Executive Director of the Housing and Community Development
39 Corporation of Hawaii, or its successor agency, and the members
40 of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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