

Strong Support for HB1984 HD1 SD1

Relating to Public Housing

Thursday, April 3, 2008

10:15 a.m.

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Nancy Antonio, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have loitering, public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. If we could stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop the illegal or inappropriate behavior that often comes from public drinking.

Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Nancy Antonio
1202 Pua Lane, #2
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Genevive Cadnette, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for my family and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

I am 80 years old with a disabled son. Gangs have taken over my son's wheelchair ramp with their public drinking. They occupy the ramp every night and all day on weekends when we have no management, and I am terrified to confront them. Why should I have to say Excuse me, please, to gangs who do not belong here so my son can use his wheelchair ramp?

Please help stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Genevive Cadnette
Mayor Wright Homes
649 N. Vineyard, 35-A
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Ceimomi Cho, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Ceimomi Cho
1202 Pua Lane, #5
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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Shirleen Cordiero, and I am a neighbor from outside of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself and for the community surrounding Mayor Wright Homes.

We have gangs that go both inside and outside Mayor Wright. When they are outside, their drinking, fighting, and loud disturbance goes into the early morning hours. They take everything from our yards, and they rob our cars. Please help the residents of Mayor Wright Homes and the surrounding community. Please stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes and the illegal gang behavior that goes with it.

Please pass HB1984 so that the entire Mayor Wright neighborhood can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Shirleen Cordiero
1118 Pua Lane, #305
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Daniel L. Dudden, and I live near to Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself and all the people who in or near in Mayor Wright Homes.

When we call the police, the gangs run into Mayor Wright, but when the police go to Mayor Wright, the gangs just leave and use the outside streets again. We have public drinking, visible drug use, and gangs that take over our streets and parking structures. We need to stop public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas so we can take back our streets from these gangs.

Please pass HB1984 so that we can all begin to live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Daniel L. Dudden
1120 Pua Lane, #302
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: 262-8282

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Binasita Eram, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for my family and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

I have a paraplegic son, and gang members beat him one day with his own crutches. They left fractures and even punched me when I tried to intervene, then they broke my windows. These same gang members also beat my 9 year old nephew bad with a baseball bat, and they have beaten other of my neighbors as well. I have a restraining order, but these gang members are still on the property.

Please help us to stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, so we can stop the gangs from terrorizing our community. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Binasita Eram
Mayor Wright Homes
566 Kukui St., 25-E
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Fia, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself and all the Mayor Wright Homes community.

A crowd of gang members gathers here every night. They sit and climb on cars and leave bottles, cigarettes, and graffiti. We have no protection from their noise, drinking, and vandalizing our vehicles. Please stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, so we can stop the gang behavior.

Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Fia
Mayor Wright Homes
1211 Pua Lane, 33-A
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Fetu Kolio, my wife is Eleanor, and we are residents of Mayor Wright Homes. We are testifying today in strong support of HB1984. We are asking for safety for our family, for all of Mayor Wright Homes, and for the entire community surrounding Mayor Wright.

Gang drinking, fighting, late-night noise, and intimidation make it impossible to sleep at night and make our community unsafe to live in. My neighbors are terrorized, and my wife has nightmares and asthma attacks at night. Police say this is public housing on private property, so it is a matter for security, then security does nothing. Even if police stop the gang activity one night, they just move outside to city streets, and they come back in the next night. My neighbors are terrified of gang retribution, so that people are afraid to speak out.

We need the standards and the tools to rid our entire community of this gang violence. We need the police to be able to do their job on Mayor Wright property, and we need real and accountable security. We need HB1984. Please help us to stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, so we can begin to stop gang activity throughout our entire community, both inside and outside Mayor Wright. Please pass HB1984 so that our entire community can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Fetu & Eleanor Kolio
Mayor Wright Homes
1235 Pua Lane, 34-D
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Leonard Lester, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself and for all the Mayor Wright Homes community.

I was beaten on the head and arms by gang members with pipes. I was seriously injured and missed work. Now the gang members know me, and they surround me and threaten me regularly. We have public drinking, trespassing, and lots of drugs here. We have people on our property lying down and sleeping on stairways, sometimes for days from drugs.

If we could stop the public consumption of alcohol and drugs on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, this would help stop the illegal gang behavior that often comes from public drinking. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Leonard Lester
Mayor Wright Homes
1235 Pua Lane, 34-J
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Randy Nicky, my wife is Aosy Helly, and we are residents of Mayor Wright Homes. We are testifying today in strong support of HB1984. We are asking for safety for our family and for all the families who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

All the public drinking and lack of security creates a great problem here. Our nephews were beaten with baseball bats by two pickup truck loads of gang members and left lying on the ground in critical condition. Gangs use Mayor Wright as a safe haven—these criminals are still loose, there have been no arrests.

Stopping the public consumption of alcohol will help us to stop these gangs from hanging around here. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Randy Nicky,
Aosy Helly
Mayor Wright Homes
1330 Liliha St., 20-G
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Awleen Paul, my husband is Francis Kerat, and we are residents of Mayor Wright Homes. We are testifying today in strong support of HB1984. We are asking for safety for ourselves and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

I had to get a restraining order against several gang members after they repeatedly threatened my husband and me with Micronesian racial slurs, chased my husband with a sword, and attacked me with kicks and punches. I am epileptic, and I even went into shock and had a seizure after one attack. The police know who these gangs are, but they are still on the property.

We are active church members, do not believe in violence, and we have done nothing to deserve this. We are terrified and confused by this criminal activity. We do not know who to rely on.

Please stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes to help us get rid of these gangs. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Awleen Paul,
Francis Kerat
Mayor Wright Homes
1235 Pua Lane, 34-M
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: 953-4036

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Marino Ricky, my wife is Judy, and we are residents of Mayor Wright Homes. We are testifying today in strong support of HB1984. We are asking for safety for ourselves and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

A cousin and I were attacked and punched repeatedly by two known gang members in the parking lot. My wife witnessed the whole thing from the third floor. More gang members were on the way when neighbors ran out, stopped them beating us, and called 911. We are terrified of these gangs. Everybody knows who they are, but there have been no arrests.

If we could stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, that would help stop the gang behavior that often comes from public drinking.

Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Marino & Judy Ricky
Mayor Wright Homes
1235 Pua Lane, 34-L
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Rose, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for all the families who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

I am over 70 years old, and I have to carry an oxygen tank with me. The loud noise, drinking, and fighting in the yard awaken me every night. My sons say that I am not safe here alone, and my family has to take me out for visits to get me away from the stress. I have attempted to address this problem with management, but this leads nowhere.

Please help us to stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Rose
Mayor Wright Homes
650 Kukui St., 32-A
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is David Soares, and I am a resident of Kukui Gardens. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for my family and for this entire neighborhood.

We have elderly and Asian residents getting harassed, robbed, mugged, or beaten almost every day waiting on busses, and the gangs are always seen running back into Mayor Wright Homes. There are never any suspects, never any arrests, just police reports of these incidences that are hard for my neighbors to file due to language barriers.

We need to do everything that we can to deny a safe haven to gangs in Mayor Wright Homes. Please stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, to help deny the gangs safe haven there. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of this area can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

David Soares
369 N. Vineyard
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: 306-3729

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

I am Keoondorie Thakhambor, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself, my daughter Joanna, and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

I am 65 years old with a heart condition, and I am terrified of the gangs that have taken over my stairs and front porch. They drink and smoke there, and the noise and smoke come into my apartment. They harass my daughter and other family and friends who try to visit me.

If we could stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop the illegal or inappropriate behavior that often comes from public drinking. Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Keoondorie Thakhambor,
Joanna Thakhambor
Mayor Wright Homes
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Honolulu HI 96817
Phone: 450-9493

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Precy Valenzuela, and I am a neighbor in support of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for our entire community as well as the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

Many gangs in this area go back and forth between our city streets and Mayor Wright Homes. If we can stop the public consumption of alcohol on the sidewalks and common areas of Mayor Wright Homes, we can begin to stop all the gang activity by removing the places where they do it.

Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of this area can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Precy Valenzuela
814 Kanoa St.
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: 392-2741

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To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, and Members,
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee, and Members,

My name is Alyn L.A. Vasquez, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Housing for twelve years. I raised my three children in the project. I have a child who is a soldier with the Stryker Brigade, stationed in Iraq on his third deployment, another child that is an HPD Police Officer who is also in the Air National Guard and a daughter that is a Legislative Aide here at the Capitol.

As a resident of Mayor Wright, I see people in the common areas drinking and it often leads to fighting and other problems. HB 1984 would prohibit the consumption of liquor on public sidewalks and common areas within public housing projects. I believe that this bill will help to make our homes and families safer.

Please pass HB1984 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

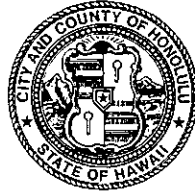
Alyn L. A. Vasquez
Mayor Wright Homes Resident
Neighborhood Board Member
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April 3, 2008

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1984, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to Public Housing

I am Major Bart Huber of District 2 (Wahiawa) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) opposes House Bill No. 1984, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which seeks to add public sidewalks and common areas within public housing projects to the areas where consuming liquor is prohibited.

It will likely result in the HPD being tasked with responding to all state public housing areas within the county. In the Kalihi area alone, there are 16 public housing projects. Without providing additional staffing to the HPD, passage of this bill will significantly impact our ability to provide timely response.

The HPD, being the largest law enforcement agency in the state, is constantly tasked with more and more duties that actually fall under the jurisdiction of state or private entities. While we understand that this bill is intended to control illegal drinking in public housing projects, we feel that the current housing administrative rules, if enforced, are adequate. Tasking a city agency with enforcement would not be appropriate.

We ask that you oppose the passage of House Bill No. 1984, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bart Huber".

for BART HUBER, Major
District 2

APPROVED:

for: A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Boisse P. Correa".
BOISSE P. CORREA
Chief of Police

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