

Strong Support for HB 2735, HD 1

Relating to Public Housing

Monday 25, 2008

12:30 pm

To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee 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 HB 2735. 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 increase the security of Mayor Wright Homes to help stop the illegal gang behavior.

Please pass HB 2735 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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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Genevive Cadnette, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. 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 us with security in Mayor Wright Homes. Please pass HB 2735 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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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

I am Keoondorie Thakhambor, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. 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 increase the security of Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop the illegal gang behavior that we see here everyday. Please pass HB 2735 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
649 N. Vineyard, 35-B
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Phone: 450-9493

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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Fetu Kolio, my wife is Eleanor, we are residents of Mayor Wright Homes, and I am a member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board. We are testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. 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 HB 2735. Please help us to increase the security of Mayor Wright Homes, so we can begin to stop gang activity throughout our entire community, both inside and outside Mayor Wright. Please pass HB 2735 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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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Fia, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. 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 increase the security of Mayor Wright Homes, so we can stop the gang behavior.

Please pass HB 2735 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

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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Cardy Fang, I am a member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board and a neighbor of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. I am asking for safety for our entire community as well for all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

Gang activity is a tremendous problem in this area. Gang drinking, drugging, and fighting moves from corner to corner, going all the way down to Banyon Street. I strongly support increasing the security of Mayor Wright Homes as a good beginning to stopping the gang activity that uses Mayor Wright property as a safe haven.

Please pass HB 2735 so that our entire community can begin to live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Cardy Fang

1119 Banyon St.

Honolulu, HI 96817

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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Binasita Eram, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. 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 increase the security of Mayor Wright Homes, so we can stop the gangs from terrorizing our community. Please pass HB 2735 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 Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Daniel L. Dudden, and I live near to Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB 2735. 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 increase the security of Mayor Wright so we can take back our community from these gangs.

Please pass HB2735 so that we can all begin to live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Daniel L. Dudden

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FINtestimony

From: Lynn Vasquez [lynn.vasquez@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 8:55 AM
To: FINtestimony
Subject: 2/25/2008 HB2735 Agenda

My name is Alyn Vasquez. I am a resident of MWH for eleven years. I've come in the past to lobby for more Security due to the problems we have. It's not getting any better. In fact, it's worse. I don't have faith in the present Security Company. I live in fear as do others at MWH. Please help us by passing HB2735 so we can have the extra Security needed to combat crime at MWH.

Mahalo,

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Alyn L.A. Vasquez
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