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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

March 20, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
Room 329, State Capitol

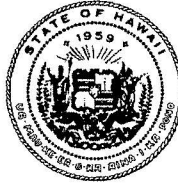
In consideration of
H.C.R. 215/H.R. 182
REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND
THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TO CREATE A REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN FOR KUKUI GARDENS
AND MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES.

The HHFDC supports the concept of H.C.R. 215 and H.R. 182, and believes that there is significant potential for redevelopment of the State-owned properties in the Kukui Gardens/Mayor Wright Homes areas. We defer to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority as to their plans for Mayor Wrights Homes, a federal public housing project.

With respect to Kukui Gardens, the first priorities are to complete the structured transactions for acquisition of the property, and rehabilitate the existing buildings. Any master planning effort that follows would include the lessee, Kukui EAH/DGI Associates, L.P.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HCR 215

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the intent of HCR 215, requesting the HPHA and Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) to create a redevelopment master plan for Kukui Gardens and Mayor Wright Homes.

HPHA is supportive of plans that will improve the condition of public housing facilities at Mayor Wright Homes as well as the overall quality of life for public housing residents and the community. The redevelopment of the Palama area will be a major undertaking and HPHA is open to working with HHFDC, residents, and other stakeholders to discuss revitalization efforts.

HPHA believes that public housing redevelopment plans should seek to preserve at least the current levels of assistance to the low-income families currently served by HPHA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: Kevin Carney [mailto:kcarney@eahhousing.org]
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HCR 215, Hearing March 20, 2008 at 9:30am.

Dear Chair Shimabukuro , Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Housing and Human Services Committee:

EAH Housing and our affiliate limited partnership, Kukui EAH/DGI Associates, L.P. applauds the foresight in resolution HCR 215 and its companion HR 182. Kukui EAH/DGI Associates, L.P. is the long term lessee of 389 units of the Kukui Gardens development, now known as Kukui Gardens Makai. We are the owners of buildings 1 through 20 on the site.

We recognize the dire need for affordable rental housing and the potential for redevelopment that exists at both Kukui Gardens and Mayor Wright Homes. Since acquiring a portion of Kukui Gardens we have been focusing our efforts on our renovation plans for the existing units. Our renovations will be conducted in phases and we estimate that it will take about 3 years to complete.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with the State, Hawaii Public Housing Authority and HHFDC on any master planning effort that would provide for additional affordable rental housing units in the neighborhood.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our thoughts.

Sincerely yours,
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