

SCR39

Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair
Committee on Education and Housing
Conference Room 225
Hawaii State Capitol
Hawaii, Hawaii

In support of SCR 39

March 16, 2009

Aloha Senator Sakamoto:

Yes!!! Please do it, and quickly. This is great idea for a "Shovel-Ready" project for Kukui Gardens. In doing this, you in the Legislature will be allowing the residents room to breathe, and peace of mind so that they can sleep at night and not be thrown on the streets. This is great!!! Thank you very, very much. I hope to testify on this bill, but if not, please except this testimony in my place.

I have been waiting all session for a bill like this to get to you. Please, all of you, vote "Yes", pass this bill from your committee, on to the floor of the senate, and on to the Governor, for her to sign it, quickly.


Carlton N. Middleton

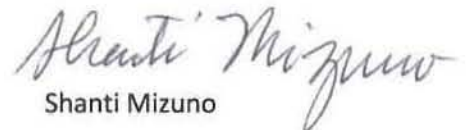
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Dear Senator Sakamoto,

Please pass this bill because many people's lives are depending on it! This bill can and will change their lives, hopefully for the better! Just think that you in the Legislature can alter people's lives and we hope for the positive! Think of these people as your own blood so give them peace of mind in order that they will be able to sleep without stress any time of day. This will mean that this number of people will have homes so that they won't be on the street! So, let's all think positively and vote this bill in .


Shanti Mizuno

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Testimony for EDH 3/16/2009 1:15:00 PM SCR39

Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Comments:
Chair Norman Sakamoto
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani
Hawaii Senate Committee on:
Economic Development and Technology (EDT)

The Right Honorable Members of the EDT Committee.

My name is Arvid Tadao Youngquist and I stand in support of SCR 39 (Kukui Gardens; Economic Stimulus Plans).

A small amendment to the concluding language is to include the President of the United States Barak H. Obama, his Cabinet (i.e., the Secretary of HUD, the Secretary of HHS, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor), the First Lady Michelle Obama, and Mrs. Joe Biden, in addition to Governor Linda Lingle or Acting Gov. James "Duke" Aiona, and the Hawaii Congressional Delegation.

I recommend the above for maximum impact and networking to assure action.

Thanking you in advance for the four out of the six members of the EDT Committee sponsoring this very important measure, i.e., not to overlook Senate President Colleen Hanabusa.

Sincerely,

Arvid T. Youngquist
Spokesman, The Mestizo Association (Est. '82)

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Comments:

The Downtown area already has a major issue with homelessness. Please do what is necessary to keep affordable housing available, especially in these difficult economic times.

The prospect of thousands of people living at the lower end of the economic scale losing their affordable housing is not a situation we would like to face.

Thank you for working on this resolution.

From: [Nancy S. Young](#)
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Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:18:00 PM

Testimony concerning SCR 39, Rm. 225, 1:15, Monday, March 16, 2009

Many have worked hard to keep Kukui Gardens an affordable housing place. Money found two years ago was expected to be in place for the renovation of Kukui Gardens and for building additional units to the makai side, now owned by the state. EUH, the nonprofit housing management company, is already in place maintaining and improving the apartments. Because the tax credit money became unavailable due to bank failures in the economic downturn, money is needed to continue this work to complete the housing by 2013, when Carmel Partners will begin turning the mauka side into for profit housing to be rented at higher prices. I urge that this resolution be passed since this is a "shovel ready project" of very high value.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy S. Young, chair of the Affordable Housing Committee of Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)

From: Bobnakata239@aol.com
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Subject: SCR 39:
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Chair Sakamoto and members of the Senate Committee on Education and Housing, I am Rev. Bob Nakata, President of Face Action for Community Equity, Oahu, speaking in strong support of SCR 39 Urging the Governorto include the Kukui Gardens affordable housing Project in the State's list ofshovel-ready projects for the President'seconomic stimulus plan.

FACE and the Kukui Gardens Resident's Association has waged an intense 3 year campaign to preserve the 857 affordable rental housing as affordable rental units , and thereby save 2,500 people from potential homelessness. We though we had succeeded when an agreement was reached in December, 2007, but the economic meltdown of late 2008 caused a part of the agreement to unravel, threatening the entire Agreement. With the help of Sen. Daniel Inouye and many others we succeeded in getting funfs into the economic stimulus to help save projects like Kukui Gardens . However projects must be on the State's priority list in order to actually receive the funds.

Hence we are asking for the Legislature's support to place Kukui Gardens on the States priority list.

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From: [Jun Yang](#)
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This testimony was sent on behalf of Carol Anzai.

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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2009
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SCR 39
URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE THE KUKUI GARDENS AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PROJECT IN THE STATE'S LIST OF SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS FOR
THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN.

Good afternoon Senator Sakamoto and the committee on Education and Housing:

My name is Carol Anzai. I am a long time resident of Kukui Gardens. I am the president of Kukui Gardens Resident Association, who is a member of FACE, Faith Action for Community Equity.

I am here today to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 39.

We at KGRA and FACE, together with EAH and Devine & Gong, have been fighting to keep our homes affordable. As you know all too well, we have been fighting for almost 3 years. We even completed the deal. But in December, because of circumstances beyond our control everything halted, and Kukui Gardens was in trouble. FACE leaders, including myself, jumped to find ways to fix the problem. We held resident meetings, made visits to the corporate centers of all the local banks, met with local senate and legislative representatives. We even had one of our leaders in Washington DC to meet with the DC office of Senator Inouye, as well as to let other Congressional representatives know of our struggle, and to find other developments and organizations that were in the same situation.

The situation is a complex and difficult one. One that we do not like, but rise to the occasion to fight. We ask that you will fight with us. There are hundreds of families that depend on the low-income housing that is provided for at Kukui Gardens. This development has been a safer place to live and raise a family since 1970. We at Kukui Gardens Resident Association and FACE ask that you will push for Kukui Gardens to be placed on the top of the list of shovel ready projects. Help us save the 389 units that will remain affordable for 389 families that really do need it, especially in this economic time.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.