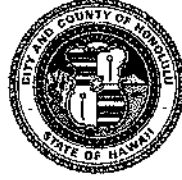


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April 17, 2019

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Committee on Housing
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 423
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chang:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 161, House Draft (HD) 1 Requesting the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to Study Properties in or Around Kakaako to Recommend Appropriate Sites for a Fire Station or, Alternately, to Identify Existing Fire Stations that May be Relocated or Expanded to More Effectively Serve the Kakaako Community

I am Manuel P. Neves, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports HCR 161, HD 1, which requests that the HCDA study properties in or around Kakaako to recommend appropriate sites for a fire station or, alternately, to identify existing fire stations that may be relocated or expanded to more effectively serve the Kakaako community.

The HFD determined that increased residential and transient populations, proposed high-rise residential structures, and additional commercial development necessitate the need for a new facility. The Kakaako Fire Station is over 40 years old and was not designed to accommodate the proposed growth.

The HFD is committed to meeting national standards for the delivery of first responder services. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is the industry leader in determining acceptable fire service standards throughout the United States. The HFD strives to achieve this objective by meeting the criteria set forth in NFPA 1710: Standard for Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.

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NFPA 1710 mandates that the travel time for the first-arriving unit responding to emergencies in urban communities, such as the Kakaako-Ala Moana area, be within four minutes. Every minute of increased travel time exacerbates the seriousness of an emergency, thus placing first responders and the community at greater risk.

Over the past five years, the HFD has diligently worked to identify a suitable site for a new public safety facility. Our needs and potential locations for a new facility were discussed with major Kakaako-Ala Moana area landowners. The Department has also worked with state and City agencies to determine if viable government-owned sites were available for public safety purposes. It is essential for the HFD to locate an appropriate site before available opportunities are lost to further redevelopment.

Life, safety, and property protection is the top priority for the HFD. This resolution will enable the HFD to identify ideal sites for a new fire station and optimize the delivery of emergency services to the growing Kakaako-Ala Moana community.

The HFD urges your committee's support of HCR 161, HD 1 as introduced.

Should you have questions, please contact Assistant Chief Nathan Ramos, Jr. of our Planning and Development division at 723-7106 or nramos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



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HCR-161-HD-1

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| Owen Miyamoto | Testifying for Hawaii Section American Society of Civil Engineers | Support | No |

Comments:

Rapid response to fires can be greatly improved by the strategic location of the fire station. With the growth of Kakaako, this has become critical with the limited resources available to the Fire Department.

Owners can help by following the advice of the fire professionals by installing appropriate sprinklers and stand pipes.

LATE

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| Louise Black | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Let's be proactive in planning for the urbanization of Kaka'ako. Crisis management will be much more costly and traumatic for everyone.

LATE

HCR-161-HD-1

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| Rachelle Nobriga | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SUPPORT HCR161 HD1:

REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO STUDY PROPERTIES IN OR AROUND KAKAAKO AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE SITES FOR A FIRE STATION.

LATE

HCR-161-HD-1

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| david tran | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

Effectively, having fire stations at certain locations would benefit many positive externalities. With many places being set on fire such as houses or even apartment buildings, over the past years construction has been vending all over KAKAAKO which means high chances of fire being set on. With negative externalities being affected in the air, it can cause air polluted such as global warming and other main factors to human health. Installing fire stations is a good way for the environment and other resource to benefit our health. May not only affect the city but also wild life species as well. The opportunity cost for this will be the installment of fire station. It'll not only help with problems such as fire but with other help as KAKAAKO need because body of water are very close to it. Looking back at to the problems that we are having in Hawaii which are fire causes, it affects the air that we breathe and causes global warming that affects sea level. With the increase of sea level, there are more problems that we are facing towards the future if we don't act now by which solution benefits us the most. Problems can't be solved but we can slower the process of each problem. Having fire stations be installed in KAKAAKO will benefit our community, but also the environment around us. It'll be a step towards changing the future even if its a small factor, it'll prevent many cases or even slower the problems that we are facing today.