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RE: **IN SUPPORT** OF Resolution 13-2  
APPROVING A 350 FOOT HIGH BUILDING AT 2121 KUHIO AVENUE IN WAIKIKI, OAHU  
Waikiki Special District Permit Application No. 2012/SDD-73 for PACREP LLC Tax Map  
Key 2-6-18: 10, 42, 43, and 52  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 City Council Chambers

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson and Council Members;

My name is Kika G. Bukoski, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. The Council is comprised of various construction trade unions and represents the interests of over 15,000 of Hawaii's unionized construction trades men and women.

The Council **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** Resolution 13-2 approving a 350 foot high building at 2121 Kuhio Avenue in Waikiki, O'ahu.

Hawaii is making its way back from economic hard times. Projects like 2121 Kuhio Avenue will not only provide much needed employment and related economic stimulus, but enhance Hawaii's visitor industry by creating hundreds of "new" visitor related jobs that do not exist today as well as increasing the physical assets and inventory of visitor beds. Contrary to opponent's assertions, the proposed project does not reduce or eliminate employment opportunity, but rather adds to it.

The Council also strongly believes that opponents concerns of view planes have been duly noted and thoughtfully considered by the developer and by the administration in its review and approval process and is reflected in its current design plans. The idea of allowing greater height in exchange for a smaller footprint thus preserving more open space on the ground level allowing for aesthetic upgrades has been widely supported in similar discussions.

In an effort to stoke Hawaii's economic flame while preserving open space, the Council humbly asks that you approve the applicants request for a height allowance of 350 feet for 2121 Kuhio Avenue.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** OF Resolution 13-2. Mahalo

Sincerely,

Kika G. Bukoski  
Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council

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