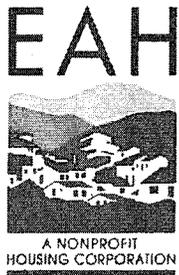


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Council Chair Martin and Members of City Council  
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RE: Bill 20 Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units – Testimony in Support  
Hearing: May 6, 2015, 10:00AM

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the City Council:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our voice in strong support of providing more affordable rental opportunities for the residents of our City and County.

I am Kevin Carney, Vice President of EAH Housing. EAH is a 47 year old 501(c) 3 non-profit developer, manager and advocate of affordable rental housing. We primarily serve those with incomes that do not exceed 60% of the area median income, based on family size. EAH supports the Mayor’s Islandwide Housing Strategy proposed in September 2014. This Strategy included the creation of Accessory Dwellings and “estimated that between 17,000 and 22,000 rental units could be built under this program.”

The Council is well aware of our housing shortage and in particular the huge demand for affordable rental housing, particularly for those at 80% of the area median income and below. The 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study completed by SMS, Inc. in November 2011 for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) projected 9,266 rental units are needed on Oahu for this income group by 2016. Well, 2016 is right around the corner and we have not come close to meeting this projection. Accessory Dwelling Units or ADUs, assuming at least a portion of the projected 17,000 – 22,000 rental units serve these lower income levels, could help us make up for lost time.

Many, many families are waiting for safe and secure homes, please pass Bill 20 without delay.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Carney, (PB), NAHP-E  
Vice President, Hawaii