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Honorable Ann Kobayashi, Chair
Honorable Joey Manahan, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council
City and County of Honolulu
City Council Chamber, Honolulu Hale

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID
TRANSPORTATION BILLS (SECOND READING):
BILL 17 (HART OPERATING BUDGET);
BILL 18 (HART CAPITAL BUDGET); &
BILL 19 (BOND AUTHORIZATION)**

Special Budget Committee Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Manahan, and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over five hundred eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

The GCA supports the passage of budget related bills to fund the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). These bills are important to ensure that the Honolulu Rail Transit Project will move forward. The funding of the HART staff and Board is necessary to deliver the state's largest public infrastructure project. The funding mechanisms provided by these measures will ensure that HART's Board can operate and function efficiently and with necessary resources in place.

GCA supports Bill 17 (HART Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016); Bill 18 (HART Capital Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016); and Bill 19 (Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds). Collectively, these measures will ensure funding for operations and construction.

GCA is in support of Bill 17, HART's Operating Budget as it relates to the positions that HART will need to ensure the proper operation of the transit project and the administration of the system. GCA also urges the support of full funding of HART's operating budget request to ensure the Project can be completed.

GCA also supports Bill 18, HART's Capital Budget, which includes allocation of monies necessary for acquisition of land, construction, planning and design and capital expenditures. Bill 19 will provide the necessary bonding to ensure the project's long term projections are satisfied.

These bills will further secure the funding for the transit project to move forward. It is important that the rail transit project continues to progress ahead. Rail is the transportation infrastructure necessary for our island's quality, growth and prosperity. A significant benefit of the Rail Project is the economic stimulus it will bring to our entire state. As the conversation regarding the extension of the tax surcharge continues, the focus should remain on the future outcome of an alternative transportation system that will provide Honolulu's residents and visitors with travel options, while encouraging transit oriented development that will create more housing options for all.

GCA respectfully request that Bills 17, 18, and 19 be carefully reviewed and request your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.