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**Agenda Item (\*)** zoning and planning bill 20  
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**Written Testimony**

Aloha My name is annie bendon and i am the owner of a 9 acre ag2 parcel in waialua. While i do not oppose bill 20, i hope that the council can amend the bill to include ohana units for ag land. We are at a turning point where we need to address the future of ag land in hawaii. Large sugar and pineapple plantations are a thing of the past and the future of these now fallow lands is unclear. Land on oahu is expensive no matter what the zoning. Much of this ag land have been bought up or leased by large seed companies because they can afford it and they have the money to maintain the infrastructure. However, most of these farming activities do not provide food for local citizens. Many of the individuals who have been able to purchase a few acres here and there have been negatively labelled "gentleman farmers" and are seen as promoting sprawl and not promoting ag. However, in areas that would otherwise be unutilized fallow land, many of these land owners have created flourishing gardens and orchards and also sell their produce at local farmers markets. It takes time, man power and money to develop small organic parcels. Allowing ohana units on ag land would

encourage families to expand their small farms and provide the infrastructure to accomodate multiple generations. We already see the need for more housing on ag lands with the case of kunia. It has been claimed that many of those people are using the accessory building law to create makeshift homes to house workers or family members. An ohana law would provide a legal avenue for legitimate dwellings that adhere to the ibc. Not only would this allow the city to oversee new construction but it would also provide statistical records for city demographics and agricultural productivity. Further, the technological advancements in solar power and septic aeration systems means that off the grid living is not only doable but also environmentally friendly. If the city wants to promote ag on oahu, we need to provide new housing methods to do so. Unless we want all of our ag land to go to large seed companies, we need to start encouraging the family farmer system. Thank you Annie bendon

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