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Testimony
by Laurie Chang

April 5, 2016

City Council Committee on Budget
City and County of Honolulu
Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair
Joe Manahan, Vice Chair

Bill 14 (2016): Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program
for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
Proposed Amendment re Provision of the Funds for the Reimbursement of the
Purchase of Aiea Sugar Mill to Allow for Expanded Public Purpose and Uses
Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Manahan and members of the Budget Committee:

My name is Laurie Chang. I am a resident of Aiea. I strongly support Bill 14 (2016), page 32 of Chair Ernie Martin's Proposed Amendment To Provide Funds For Reimbursement Of The Purchase Of Aiea Sugar Mill To Allow For Expanded Public Purpose And Uses.

I have resided in Aiea for 57 years. My residence is located in the middle of the upper portion of the property and is my backyard. The Aiea Community Association ("ACA") and community have been involved in the redevelopment of this property for the past 20+ years. We are very interested in redeveloping this property into something that fits the needs of the community and serves the residents of Aiea and neighboring communities.

As I understand, this Bill Amendment will provide the necessary funding to reimburse HUD, for the upper parcel of this property, which would allow more flexibility in the planning, design and redevelopment of the entire property. This property, previously occupied by the Aiea Sugar Mill, consists of three parcels. Passing of this Bill Amendment would allow us to plan and redevelop the property without having certain requirements. With all three parcels having no specific requirements, it will be easier to plan, design, solicit interested developers and develop the property.

I, along with the ACA and community envision a senior facility and community center to serve the needs of the Aiea and surrounding communities. This property sits in a residential area surrounded by Aiea Elementary, Alvah Scott Elementary, Gus Webling Elementary, Aiea Intermediate and Aiea High School. With the Aiea Library anchored at the front of this property, it is the ideal location to plan for a community-type development to serve our children, teens, adults and elderly.

I strongly support the Amendment to Bill 14 (2016). Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify before this Committee.

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