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Re: Bill 14. Chair Martin's Proposed \$3,840,000 amendment for the reimbursement of the Purchase of Aiea Sugar Mill

Dear Budget Committee Chair Ann H. Kobayashi and Members of the Committee,

My name is Susan Morishige and I am a resident of Aiea of 28 years, and a current member of the Aiea Community Association and the Friends of the Aiea Library.

I am writing to you in support of the proposed amendment made by Council Chair Ernie Martin to include an additional \$3,840,000 on page 32 to Bill 14 (2016), the City's operating budget for FY17, to "Provide Funds For Reimbursement Of The Purchase Of Aiea Sugar Mill To Allow For Expanded Public Purpose And Uses."

The Aiea Community Association has been active in plans to redevelop the Aiea Sugar Mill property, and very much involved in the Aiea Town Center Master Plan which was published in May 2002. The Aiea Sugar Mill property consists of three parcels. The Ewa parcel is currently occupied by the new Aiea Public Library. The "upper" parcel was purchased with Section 8 federal funding (HUD), which places limitations on the development of the property. The "lower" parcel does not have these limitations.

I think it would be in the Aiea Community's best interest to develop the remaining two parcels in a manner that would complement each other, as well as the Aiea Public Library. With the current limitations imposed by HUD, it would be difficult to attract many developers who could provide us with a Town Center.

Reimbursement of the HUD funds would free us to attain an integrated scheme that would better serve the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to write in favor of this amendment to Bill 14.

Sincerely,



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