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 Meeting Date (*) 2016-05-10
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 Agenda Item (*) Bill 14(2016) CD2
 Your position on the matter (*) Support
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The Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club testifies in support of Bill 14, CD2, which will provide support for the organizing and planning for the Festival of Pacific Arts in 2020 and funding for the Kaka'ako Art Gallery and Performing Arts Center. A boon for Hawaii, not only in the economic sense, but as an opportunity for cultural interchange among Pacific nations. As island communities, we share many similar blessings and community needs. We urge the City Council to be a leader in hosting this educational, inspiring event. Likewise, we support the Kaka'ako Art Gallery and Performing Arts Center. Terrific vision to incorporate this Gallery and Performing Arts Center in the largest growing O'ahu Island Community. Further information on the festival follows: Every four years, representatives of 27 Pacific island countries come together in one of the longest-running and largest celebrations of indigenous culture in the world - The Festival of Pacific Arts. This will be the first time since 1972, when the festival began, that Hawai'i will host this prestigious festival. The City & County of Honolulu will be the host of the Festival

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at locations all around O‘ahu. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to learn from, engage with and share in the celebration of art, culture, music and dance from 27 Pacific Island nations in one location. The Kaka‘ako Art Gallery & Performing Arts Center is an integral part of the Ola Ka ‘Ilima Artspace affordable housing project. This facility will provide much needed creative space that will support and strengthen the arts community and central location where artists, residents and visitors can gather to create new works and share in the rich cultural heritage of Honolulu.

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