

RESOLUTION 20-14
Testimony

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February 4, 2020

The Honorable Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Manahan and members of the Budget Committee,

My name is Milton Holt, and I currently serve as Executive Director of the Sand Island Business Association (SIBA). Our organization has been in existence since 1992 when we received a 55-year master lease from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and agreed to develop 73 acres on Sand Island, which included performing extensive infrastructure improvements of the site.

A total of 112 small businesses currently operate out of Sand Island Industrial Park. These businesses have taken on major financial risks and invested heavily in new capital and improved the property into the industrial park that it is today. Yet, most are struggling to survive with real property tax bill increases of approximately 30 – 40 percent in recent years. From July 2018 to July 2019, SIBA's real property tax increases ranged from 11.45 to 70.38 percent, averaging 33.63 percent in total.

It is difficult to understand and accept the City's tax position as SIBA tenants do not receive the same services provided by the City to other areas – namely, the areas in which the City's comparable properties are located. The City services that the SIBA tenants do not receive include, but are not limited to, refuse pick up, recycling pick up, bus service, road repaving, city parks, regular police monitoring, and facilities maintenance (e.g., repairs to potholes, streetlights, traffic signs, or sidewalks; tree trimming; sidewalk landscaping or flood control systems).

Resolution 20-14, if adopted, will bring fairness and tax relief to SIBA tenants, many who are small businesses that cannot afford to pay the higher real property taxes. This resolution would grant a compromise of the real property taxes owed by tenants of SIBA for the tax year beginning July 1, 2019 such that the taxes are compromised to the amount of real property taxes for the tax year beginning July 1, 2018.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter of tax relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton Holt", is written over a horizontal line.

Milton Holt
Executive Director
Sand Island Business Association

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January 30, 2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
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Dear Chair Manahan and members of the Budget Committee,

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For your information our property tax bill was \$36,690.36 for FY 2018 and has now increased to \$49,888.92 for FY 2020, which is calculated to be a 36% Property Tax Increase - incredible!

Sincerely,



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ALFRED I. CASTILLO, LLC

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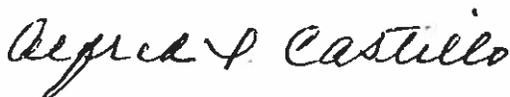
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We need your kokua! My real property taxes (TMK: 150411080000) increased \$25,594 to a total of \$130,791, or 24.33% in 2018-2019. We have been losing our accounts throughout the years, as they look to partner with other businesses with lower overhead costs. Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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AKIRA YAMAMOTO PAINTING, INC.

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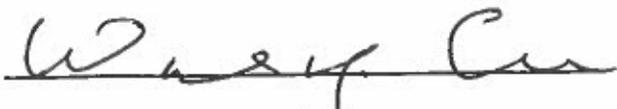
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Sincerely,
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February 3, 2020

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Sincerely,



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Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated as our taxes increased over 11% and adversely impacted our business.

Sincerely,

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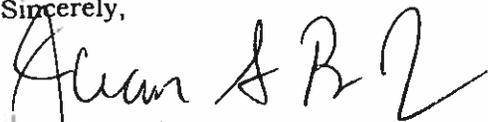
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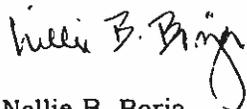
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Nellie B. Borja
Owner
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Although the infrastructure improvements have been completed and the special assessments charged to each tenant have been paid, we continue to pay the Association a fee to cover repairs and maintenance of the Sand Island infrastructure.

In closing, we feel that the recent shockingly high increases are out of line. The 112 small businesses of SIBA have taken on major financial risks and invested heavily in new capital and improved the property into the industrial park that it is today. However, the property is still vulnerable to flood, tsunami and risks associated of being next to the largest sewage treatment plant in the State.

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Sincerely,

Kent Matsuzaki

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harold H Yamada".

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Please help us with your support - our taxes for the lot we operate On TMK 150411740000 increased by \$7,313.52 (28.23%) in 2018-2019.

Sincerely,

Dan Kinoshita
Pine Enterprises, Inc.
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Honolulu Recovery Systems
Preserving Hawaii's Resources

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IDEAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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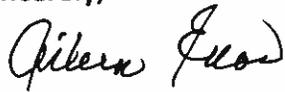
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Please kokua with your support – my taxes increased \$12,093.72 or 30% in 2018-2019!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Iwao". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

**Ideal Construction, Inc.
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Honolulu, HI 96813
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INNOVATIONS HAWAII

DENNIS RUEDIGER
PRESIDENT

2/4/20

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Sincerely, Email - druediger@hawaiiantel.net



JAYAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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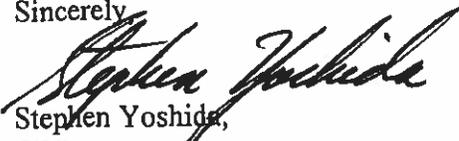
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Sincerely,



Stephen Yoshida,
CFO

KE Properties LLC
P.O. Box 31289
Honolulu, HI 96820

February 3, 2020

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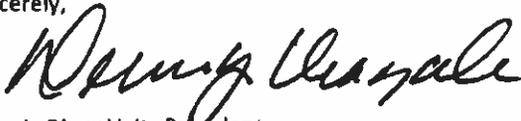
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Sincerely,



Dennis Okazaki, Its President
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KULA SAND LLC

February 4, 2020

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Sincerely,



Dean Kinoshita
Kula Sand LLC
1051 Mikole Street
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L K TAKAMORI, INC
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Stephen T. Leis
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Michael R. Chu

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Please aid us with your support as my taxes have increased by \$5,313.40 in 2018-2019 which is a 50.35% increase which I believe is unreasonably high.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Nakai, Vice President

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NAKA'S MARBLE & SOLID SURFACE, LLC.

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Tracie N. Oshiro
Office Manager

MARTIN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

349 HOOKELA PL. ♦ HONOLULU, HI 96819

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Sincerely,



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Owner
808-226-1588

TMK: 1-1-5-041-065-0000-02



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We need your kokua! My real property taxes (TMK: 150410990000) increased \$6,804, or 31.55% in 2018-2019. We constantly lose workers to the rail construction, revenues are down and expenses, such as real property taxes are constantly increasing. Thank you very much for your consideration and time on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Email: pacexp@hawaii.rr.com

Parkway Properties, LLC
Division 16 Incorporated
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February 4, 2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Manahan and members of the Budget Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 20-14, "Urging The City Administration To Provide Real Property Tax Relief To Tenants Of The Sand Island Business Association." As a longtime tenant of Sand Island Business Association, our small business is struggling to survive with real property tax bill increases of approximately 30-40 percent in recent years.

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Our property taxes increased \$5,870 (33%) in tax year 2019-2020. With 2020 -2021 property assessment, it could go up another 30%. This is great hardship for small business like us. Please help us on this.

Sincerely,



Luis Munarriz

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PLAS-TECH LTD.

January 30, 2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Manahan and Members of the Budget Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 20-14, "Urging The City Administration To Provide Real Property Tax Relief To Tenants Of The Sand Island Business Association." As a longtime tenant of Sand Island Business Association, our small business struggles to survive with the Real Property Tax increases of in recent years. Our 2018 tax was \$26,116.88; our 2019 tax was \$38,714.04, and increase of 48%.

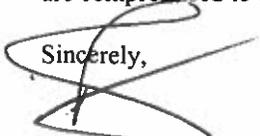
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Sincerely,


Nancy A Rowe
President

PLAS-TECH LTD.

January 30, 2020

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Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Honolulu City Council
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Sincerely,

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(808) 487-2802



January 30, 2020

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Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Please kokua with your support. Our property tax has increased \$5,503.00 or 46% in 2018 to 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin M Oshiro', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin M Oshiro, President
Rons Construction Corporation

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January 31, 2020

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Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Sincerely,



Ron K. Borja
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January 31, 2020

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Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Sincerely,



Juan S. Borja
Owner

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February 3, 2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Manahan and members of the Budget Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 20-24, "Urging the City Administration to Provide Real Property Tax Relief to Tenants of The Sand Island Business Association." As a longtime tenant of Sand Island Business Association, our small business is struggling to survive with real property tax bill increases of approximately 30 – 40 percent in recent years.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James O. Striker".

James O. Striker
President

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January 30, 2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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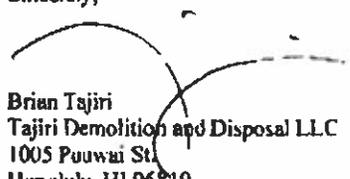
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Please kokua with your support – my taxes increased for my 1005 Puuwai St. 31.31%, 1015 Puuwai St. 34.94% and 1058 Puuwai St. 50% in 2018-2019

Sincerely,


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01/30/2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Your help with this matter is of high priority. For reference, our Real Property Tax bill increased 18.70% from FY 2018 to FY 2019 for an increased bill of \$8,144

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Y. Ushio", is written over a faint, stylized graphic of a star or asterisk.

Glenn Y. Ushio
President
glenn@tomcocorp.com

Water Resources International, Inc.



February 3, 2020

Joey Manahan, Chair
Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Manahan and members of the Budget Committee,

I wish to express my strong support for Resolution 20-14, "Urging The City Administration To Provide Real Property Tax Relief To Tenants Of The Sand Island Business Association." As one of the initial tenants of Sand Island Business Association, our small business has and is struggling to survive with real property tax bill increases of approximately 30-40 percent in recent years.

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Please kokua with your support – my taxes increased \$10,459.40 or 35% in 2018 - 2019.

Sincerely,

Russell M. Gifford, President
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WESTPAC
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"Moving Your Life Takes A Special Touch"

January 31, 2020

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Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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I am writing in strong support of Resolution 20-14, "Urging The City Administration To Provide Real Property Relief To Tenants Of The Sand Island Business Association." As a longtime tenant of Sand Island Business Association, our small business is struggling to survive with real property tax bill increases of approximately 36 percent in recent years.

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Please kokua with your support – my real property taxes (TMK: 150412750000) increased \$25,341 or 36.1% for 2018-2019. Our company provides moving services for the armed forces on the island of Oahu and our rates have not increased more than 10% in the last 10+ years. The fear of going out of business is no longer from competition, but from increases in our real property taxes.

Sincerely,

Westpac International Inc.
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Wong's Meat Market, Ltd.

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February 3, 2020

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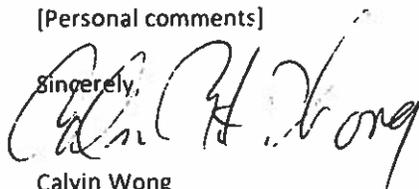
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[Personal comments]

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Calvin Wong
President

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