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Aloha,

I AM STRONGLY in Against Bills 8-9. I am against Bills# 8 and 9 because placing locations on advertising causes security issues. I respectfully request that the City Council vote to allow short-term rentals [under 30 days] for vacation rentals [condos, cottages, private homes] and B&B's facilities in Haleiwa and other places on Oahu that offer tourists, our aloha spirit, and returning Military and their families a reasonable and beautiful place to stay.

I am lucky to have been born, raised and to live in Hawaii. As a good neighbor I have supported our community by serving as a Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, University of Hawaii and Lceward Community College Professor, Employee serving Hawaii Veterans at Sparky Matsunaga Health Center, Wahiawa General Hospital and Waikiki Health center and as a Girl Scout Leader, Parent and involved citizen.

Bed and breakfast homes provide many benefits to our community including income for small business and the Honolulu City and County. Properly operated and supervised visitor accommodations also benefit the visitor by providing a chance to experience Hawaii from an "Ohana" based environment not available in larger facilities. I screen my guests. I have house rules and quiet time in consideration of neighbor, which is myself and husband, since we are a B&B. We actually do not have neighbors since we are located on agriculture land. All my guests sign contracts and agree in writing to follow rules. My house rules are posted in my rental. Only registered guests are allowed on the property.

Bed and breakfast homes do not reduce the number of buildings that are available for long term renters and increase the total number of choices that are available to the visitor. Bed and Breakfast homes are an opportunity for smart growth. According to a recent week-long poll by Pacific Business News, 79% of those polled favored licensing Bed and Breakfasts on Oahu. 20% were opposed.

According to DPP testimony, 2,376 permits were issued in 1989. Today only 964 permits exist. The total number of both licensed and unlicensed rentals on Oahu today is less than in 1989. See Hawaii Tourism Authority reports. According to *Kauai World*, [Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008], The Kauai County Council voted to grandfather existing vacation rentals on Kauai. They designated three specific areas for future vacation rental growth.

As good neighbors, we provide jobs (housecleaning, maintenance, etc) for people in outlying communities which helps to boost the economy in outlying areas of the island. Vacation guests are known to frequent local shops and craft fairs, flea markets, restaurants, gas stations, etc. thereby adding dollars to local merchants. Without our rental, local businesses are in danger of closing their doors. Thanks for taking the time to consider this issue.

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