



March 23, 2009

Representative Rida Cabanilla, Chair
Representative Pono Chong, Vice Chair
House Committee on Housing
State Capitol, Room 442
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: HCR62, Hearing March 25, 2009, 9:00AM; **Testimony in Support**

Dear Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Chong and Members of the House Committee on Housing:

EAH Housing supports H.C.R. No. 62 and its intent to create a master plan to redevelop Kukui Gardens and Mayor Wright Homes into a mixed income residential community with supporting commercial uses. We are a non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to developing, managing, promoting and preserving affordable rental housing. EAH in its 41 year history has never sold a property, and is dedicated to permanently affordable and high quality housing.

EAH Kukui Gardens, Inc. is the long term ground lessee (HHFDC being the lessor) of what we are now referring to as Kukui Gardens Makai (KGM). KGM consists of 389 units of the original 857 units at Kukui Gardens and is managed by EAH Housing. Our "half" of Kukui Gardens is located closest to the proposed rail transit stop on Dillingham Boulevard.

We are very interested in the future redevelopment of Mayor Wright Homes and, with our long term vested interest in KGM, we trust that we would be included in any discussions involving a master plan to redevelop the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Carney, (PB)
Vice President, Hawaii