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September 18, 2020

Mr. Daniel E. Orodener
Executive Officer
Land Use Commission
P. O. Box 2359
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Dear Mr. Orodener:

**SUBJECT: Docket No. A92-683 Halekua Development Corporation
Motion by Hoohana Solar 1, LLC (Movant) for Modification and
Time Extension**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has no objection to the Motion for Modification and Time Extension to establish a utility-scale solar farm that will generate 52 megawatts of power and include a 208 megawatt hours battery energy storage system on Tax Map Key 9-4-002: 052 (the "Project"). The Project replaces a prior utility-scale solar farm that was approved by the Land Use Commission (LUC) in 2015, but ultimately denied by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (PUC) when it denied Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Movant.

The Movant indicates that the PUC has already approved its PPA with HECO for the Project, but it must now obtain LUC approval to modify the LUC's 2015 Decision and Order to accommodate the current proposal. The Movant also indicates that it is committed to satisfying the requirements of the LUC's Decision and Order with respect to the 2015 solar farm proposal.

We understand that the adjoining landowner, Haseko Royal Kunia, LLC (Haseko), is concerned that Movant's proposed solar farm would adversely affect Haseko's proposed residential development and required support infrastructure southwest of the solar farm. As the matter involves discussions and mutual consensus between the Movant and adjoining property owners, the DPP recommends that these issues be resolved before the Movant applies for any building permit, including for

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grading or any other ground disturbance, for the Project. We suggest that a memorandum of agreement among the Movant and affected property owners be filed with the building permits for the Project, as a condition of approval of the Motion for Modification and Time Extension.

Should you have any questions, please contact Raymond Young, of our staff, at rcsyoun@honolulu.gov.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Paul Aoki, Corporation Counsel