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Aloha,

Please find attached to this email the testimony from Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund for the Wednesday, August 24th, LUC meeting at 9:15am. This testimony is for agenda item four, A17-804 HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN, LTD. (OAHU).

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Mahalo,

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LAND USE COMMISSION
NOTIFICATION OF LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 9:15am



August 19, 2022

RE: STATUS AND PROGRESS REPORT AND ACTION (IF NECESSARY) A17-804 HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN, LTD. (OAHU) Approximately 53.449 acres of Land at Kāneʻohe, Island of Oʻahu, State of Hawaiʻi TMK (1) 4-5-033: por.01

Dear Land Use Commissioners:

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management fund representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site work and vertical construction. The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund **submits this written testimony in support** of the A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, LTD. (OAHU).

We appreciate the Land Use Commission (LUC) calling this meeting for a status and progress report on this project, but we are unclear as to why the LUC has scheduled a status update only 18 months after the approval. We look forward to hearing the rationale from the LUC on the purpose for this meeting.

As stated in our testimony from the September 22, 2020 LUC meeting, we are in strong support of this project. We feel that Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP) has satisfied the conditions of approval for construction to commence, including:

- a. Established a conservation easement with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust over the entire property to ensure no further development.
- b. Established a management agreement with the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club to restore and protect a heiau located on the property
- c. Established and implemented a preservation plan for the blackline damselfly and its habitat located on the property
- d. Provided community updates and established a project website to keep area residents and others informed.

In closing, this project will provide badly needed high paying construction jobs especially during a recessionary period of high inflation. We believe that HMP has followed through on all its representations and promises. Therefore, we respectfully request that the LUC avoid any actions that might lead to a delay or risk the project's viability.