



# HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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TO: Commissioner Dan Giovanni, Chair  
Michael Yamane, First Vice Chair  
Commissioner Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-Ōhelo, Second Vice Chair  
and Commissioners of the Land Use Commission

FROM: Mark Anthony Clemente  
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RE: Support for Petitioner's 2024 Motion for Approval of Job Credits as required by the Land Use Commission ("LUC") Decision and Order issued on October 17, 1990.

Aloha Chair Giovanni and Commissioners of the Land Use Commission,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC), I submit this testimony in **support for Petitioner's 2024 Motion for Approval of Job Credits as required by the Land Use Commission ("LUC") Decision and Order issued on October 17, 1990.**, in which the Petitioner seeks to gain approval for 374.78 Job Credits in order to meet the 950 approved Job Credits to build 950 hotel/condominium units.

The Petitioner currently has 575.22 Job Credits that were previously approved by the LUC. Petitioner needs an additional 374.78 Job Credits to be approved by the LUC. According to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism's 2024 Statistical and Economic Report, the main drivers for economic growth in 2025 will be construction, real estate and the continued recovery of tourism.

This project represents a significant opportunity for West O'ahu. First and foremost, it will create hundreds of good-paying union jobs during the construction phase. These are not just any jobs—these are family-sustaining careers that provide quality wages, healthcare, and retirement benefits. Skilled local craftspeople stand ready to bring their expertise, ensuring this development is built to the highest standards of safety and craftsmanship.

Beyond construction, this development will contribute to long-term economic growth. By adding 950 hotel/condominium units, we are inviting tourism, business investment, and housing opportunities that will generate significant revenue for the City & County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i. The increase in hospitality and residential activity will support local

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businesses, restaurants, and service industries, leading to even more job creation beyond the construction sector.

We strongly encourage the LUC to approve the proposed hotel and condominium project. It is a win-win for our workforce, our economy, and our city's future-- will benefit West O'ahu for generations to come.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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