



September 7, 2022

Susan Todani, Chairperson
Chason Ishii, Vice Chairperson
Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)
547 Queen Street
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

**Re: KAK 22-042: Kaiaulu O Kakaako Master Plan, Land Block I - Alia
(Master Plan Permit No.: PL MASP 13.2.8). Applicant: The Kobayashi Group**

The Kobayashi Group (“Applicant”) is requesting a Planned Development Permit (“Permit”) to construct a new mixed-use, high-rise development, **Alia** (“Project”).

The Project site is bounded by Ala Moana Boulevard to the south (“Makai”), Koula Street to the west (“Ewa”), and Auahi Street to the north (“Mauka”). The Project is located at 800 and 900 Ala Moana Boulevard and 825 Auahi Street in the Mauka Area of the Kakaako Community Development District (“KCDD”) [Tax Map Key Nos. 2-1-056: 014, 015 and 016].

ORAL TESTIMONY Presented by CMISLR in OPPOSITION

The Coalition to Mitigate the Impacts of Sea Level Rise (CMISLR) strongly opposes this development as it is located in the NOAA 3-4-foot sea level rise zone as well as its requested increase in height of at least 45 feet.

HCDA is continuing to permit “vested development” that was “put on the books” years ago without truly addressing the science of Climate Change and unstoppable Sea Level Rise (SLR).

We specifically request that HCDA pause the permitting of high rise development within the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) four-foot SLR zone.

In order to avoid that presently relied-on flood management is rendered ineffective already in the near future, the following multi-flooding mechanisms must be immediately addressed:

- a. rising sea levels and their cumulative effects of groundwater inundation, storm drain backflow, and “nuisance” flooding caused by occasional storm surges,
- b. the twice-a-month new and full moon tides as well as the summer and winter King tides that can turn into destructive, regular flooding events much ahead of even three-foot sea level rise.

In light of these looming Public Safety concerns:

- a. HCDA is again requested to pause the permitting of this and similar projects and coordinate in developing truly effective mitigation measures that shall be funded and implemented prior to any possible development so that it will not become a liability to the next generation.
 - b. Public hearings be held at HCDA along with sworn testimony from public officials pertaining to Climate Change and cumulative impacts of SLR on infrastructure and structural stability.
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