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Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) 547 Queen Street, Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Re: Amendment of Kaka'ako Community Development District 2005 Makai Area Plan and Rules to Reflect HRS 206E-31.5 and a Ban on Residential Development,

CMISLR strongly supports HCDA in its proposal to pass an amendment to codify the 2005 Makai Area Plan and Rules to Reflect HRS 206E-31.5 and a Ban on Residential Development. Codifying the rules that became law in 2006 and forbid residential development should have been done long ago.

With now unstoppable global warming and accelerating sea level rise, it is beyond our imagination how residential development could even be considered now in an area that is also in the path of southern typhoons and highly vulnerable to inland storm surges. Let us not forget that the area was part of the ocean with the shoreline extending to present Ala Moana Blvd before it was largely filled early last century with incinerated waste that included toxic chemicals.

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