

Kawainui Affordable Housing Testimony **Submission Instructions**

Who we are:

We are a volunteer group of Kailua residents working in association with Faith Action for Community Equity. We believe housing is a human right, and we believe it is important that affordable rentals are built for our low-income families, seniors and disabled on fixed incomes in Kailua.

Project Information:

This Project consists of 73 one- and two-bedroom units located at the corner of Kawainui St. and Oneawa St. in downtown Kailua. Ninety-five percent of the units are for local families earning \$36,000-\$72,000 per year, with monthly rents of \$521-\$1400 per month. Affordable rents will be in place for 61 years.

The Honolulu City Council will determine whether to build it. They are being flooded with negative feedback. They need to hear from us! See below for details about the next relevant meeting:

Meeting Schedule:

Zoning, Housing and Planning Committee

Tuesday, September 8 @ 9:00 am

Informational meeting only

Written Testimony due by Monday, September 7 @ 9:00 am

Oral Testimony begins at 10:00 am, Tuesday September 8th

Zoning, Housing and Planning Committee

Tuesday, September 17 @ 9:00 am

No Testimony

Full Honolulu City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23 @ 10:00 am

You will have the opportunity to submit testimony for this meeting following the release of the meeting agenda on September 17th

Written testimony due morning of 23rd

Oral Testimony submitted remotely on day of meeting

Written Testimony Submission:

- **Testimony due:** Monday, September 7 @ 9:00 am
 - **Access to form:** <http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form.html>
 - **Meeting date:** September 8, 2020 @ 9:00 am
 - **Committee:** Zoning, Housing, and Planning Committee
 - **Item:** Kawainui Affordable Housing
 - **Your Position:** Support
 - **Representing:** Self or Organization
 - **In Text Box:** Write one or two sentences about why you think the project is important
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- **Note:** If you live in Kailua, Kaneohe, or Waimanalo, please indicate that! If you have lived there for more than 5 years, please mention the number of years as well
 - **Example:** “Lower-wage workers who have grown up in Kailua or work in our restaurants, grocery stores and coffee shops are almost universally priced out of the rental market. They are forced to find housing away from their relatives or workplaces in Kailua, spending a lot of time on the road. Oahu needs 22,000 affordable rental housing in the next two years for Hawaii's 268,000 working families that don't earn enough to make ends meet. Those who live or work in the 96734 zip code will be given preference at the Kawainui Affordable Housing Project. No affordable housing has been built in Kailua in over 30 years due to neighborhood opposition.”

Oral Testimony Submission (Strongly Encouraged):

Note: Oral Testimony must be given on the morning of the HCC Zoning Committee meeting at 10:00 am. Testimonies should be ~1 minute long.

1. Go to www.webex.com
2. Click 'Sign up now, it's free'
3. Enter in your email address and click 'Sign Up'
4. Enter your name and click 'Next'
5. Next, check your email at the address you entered. You will receive an email from Cisco Webex. If you don't receive the email within a few minutes refresh or go to your spam inbox.
6. Open the email and click 'Create Password'
7. Create a password for your new account meeting the specified password criteria (make sure to write your password down so you can access your account later) then click 'Continue,' you can now log out and close the site.
8. **On the day/time of the City Council Hearing (9/8 at 9 am)** log onto webex.com earlier by 9:45 am (remote testimonies will start promptly at 10 am), On the home page click in the 'join a meeting' field.
9. Enter in the Meeting ID #**1465014833** - and hit enter and 'join.'
10. You will be able to join in the remote meeting. Wait until you are called to provide testimony. You will automatically be kept on 'mute' until your name is called and you will then be 'unmuted' by the meeting host.

If you have any additional questions or need help registering, email Soo: sschake@faithactionhawaii.org

Thank you for your support!

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