SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO DEFER DECISIONS ON ANY APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING CHANGES UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS AND THE SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MAUKA AREA PLAN AND THE MAUKA AREA RULES.

WHEREAS, over the past year, a draft revised plan for the Kaka'ako Mauka Area in Honolulu was prepared by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), with the help and participation of the area's stakeholders and the general public; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental environmental impact statement is currently underway on the Draft Mauka Area Plan, and is expected to be completed in May 2008; and

WHEREAS, General Growth Properties, Inc. (GGP), is now in the process of public review and presentations on a proposed Master Plan, one of whose elements will drastically impact small businesses in the central Kaka'ako area; and

WHEREAS, from a public policy perspective, it would be prudent for HCDA either to delay action on the GGP Master Plan, or to require that GGP follow the Draft Mauka Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, it may not be practical at this point for the HCDA to consider adopting interim rules that would, for example, require area-wide master plans for large landholdings to follow the Draft Mauka Area Plan or allow projects like industrial condominiums in Central Kaka'ako through a special exemption process; and

WHEREAS, one means of addressing the interests of the Kaka'ako business community would be for the HCDA to refrain from adopting area-wide master plans until the Draft Mauka Area Plan is formally adopted, and to incorporate provisions in the

revised Mauka Area Rules to facilitate projects that would perpetuate service and industrial uses in Central Kaka'ako; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is requested to defer decisions on any applications for zoning changes until the completion of the supplemental environmental impact statement process and the subsequent adoption of the Draft Mauka Area Plan and the Mauka Area Rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

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