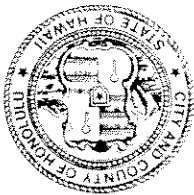


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April 6, 1989

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TO: MICHAEL SCARFONE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FROM: THEODORE JUNG, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

SUBJECT: KUAKINI STREET HOUSING PROJECT

This is in reply to your memorandum dated March 31, 1989, regarding the subject housing project.

I would like to remind you of the requirements of Chapter 30, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu as it relates to leasing out the property.

Theodore Jung
THEODORE JUNG
Director of Finance

TJ:sj

The following letters were received from concerned citizens . Because these persons may not be aware that their letters are appearing in this Environmental Assessment on file with the Office of Environmental Quality Control, their names have been blackened.

The Department of Housing and Community Development made presentations on the project proposal at the Liliha Kapalama Neighborhood Board meeting of May 2, 1989 and the Kalia Palama Neighborhood Board meeting of May 17, 1989. Neither Board voted on the project at these meetings. Minutes from both meetings are attached.

The Liliha Kapalama Neighborhood Board meeting was attended by a trained mediator from the Neighborhood Justice Center. The mediator prepared a "group memory" which is also attached.



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STATE OF HAWAII
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March 28, 1989

Mr. Michael Scarfone
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 S. King St.
5th Floor
Honolulu, HI. 96813

Dear Mr. Scarfone:

It is my understanding that your department has recently completed a study that deals with access to the land on which the proposed abused spouse shelter (at Alaneo and Kuakini Streets) may be located. I would appreciate any information you can give me on the results of your study.

Furthermore, I strongly suggest that your department meet area residents, for example at an available meeting room at Lanakila Elementary, regarding your plans before any additional steps are taken toward implementing this project.

I agree that there is an acute need to build housing for women and children in transition from abusive relationships. However, the impacted community must be given the opportunity to voice their opinions and views in the early stages of the planning process, or there will be a potential for delays and problems in the later stages. Another issue which may be of interest to the community is how long the shelter would be used for abused spouses. Concerns over future uses might also be addressed.

Please feel free to contact me at 548-3856 with any further details on your plans for this project, or if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

MIKE LIU

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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ML:jsl

cc: Rep. Dennis Arakaki
Mrs. Linda Yamakawa

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Sincerely,

MIKE LIU

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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ML:jsl

Thank you for your letter dated March 31, 1989 with preliminary information on the proposed Kuakin Street Housing project.

As stated in my letter to you on March 28, 1989, I believe information on the length of the City's contract with Child and Family Services, and future plans for the shelter upon expiration of that contract should be made available to area residents. Early and substantive communication can be beneficial to all.

Please feel free to contact me at 548-3856 with any information or comments regarding this issue.



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DEPT. OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
APR 17 10:27 '89

Dear Mr. Scarfone:
This is in further response to your March 31, 1989 letter for me. The proposed spouse abuse shelter on Kuakini Street (1-7-40: 41) is ill-advised for the following reasons:

(a) There is currently a tremendous amount of traffic congestion in the area during the week due to Lanakila Elementary School. Traffic noise, school noise, and exhaust fumes will no doubt add stress to clients of the shelter. In addition traffic to and from the shelter by clients, social workers, police and other associated personnel will add to the congested conditions at that intersection and increase traffic concerns for current residents, Lanakila Elementary students and clients of the shelter themselves.

(b) Although confidentiality of the shelter's location is intended to be maintained, we all know that it is impossible to guarantee such confidentiality. In a neighborhood that has wide open spaces and little density the risk of harm to the public is perhaps very small. However, the proposed shelter location is not such an area. Therefore, the risk of harm to the shelter be somehow located by an abusing spouse prone to unpredictable behavior.

(c) Consider strongly what residents have to contend with, relative to public use facilities within the area: Lanakila Elementary School, Hongwanji Temple, Lanakila Health Center, Elderly Special Needs Housing project on Kunawai Lane. Now, while it is true that residents may derive

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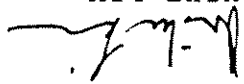
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some benefit from these facilities, it is nevertheless a high concentration of special uses.

(d) I point you to HRS Chapter 321E regarding Dispersal Review Council, which although does not directly address spouse abuse shelters, shows a general intent to disperse all special needs housing throughout the county, rather than to concentrate them in areas like Kalihi-Palama.

In conclusion, if the City is intent on attempting to justify construction of this shelter on this site, I believe the Environmental Assessment should recommend a full Environmental Impact Statement be prepared. However, I urge you to find other appropriate sites for your department's intentions on this matter.

Sincerely,



MIKE LIU
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Dear Mr. Scarfone:
On their own, a group of 30 to 40 residents in the immediate area of your department's proposed spouse abuse shelter met at Palama Settlement on April 12, 1989. I was invited to attend. A representative of Councilman Gary Gill's office was also present.

The residents (and I) would like to meet with you next week on April 19, 1989, 6 p.m., at Lanakila Elementary, Room D-1. The residents will have written (and verbal) concerns for inclusion as comments relative to the environmental assessment being prepared.

As relayed to your department (and child and family services) months ago, residents appear very concerned that more than minimum legal notice requirements have been met in regards to communicating with them on this issue. I had and still have reservations about the appropriateness of the site upon hearing about it. It would have been prudent to discuss the idea of the shelter on the site, with residents and area representatives before proposing it as a possible spouse abuse shelter location.

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April 13, 1989

Mr. Michael Scarfone, Director
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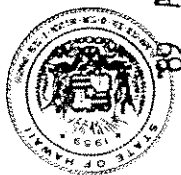
In any event, residents and I would like to initiate communication and have the chance to give your department their ideas on this subject. Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,



MIKE LIU
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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cc: Councilman Gill
Mayor Frank Fasi
Jeremy Harris, Managing Director



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April 17, 1989

Michael Scartone
Department of Housing and Community Development

650 S. King St.

Honolulu, HI 96817

Dear Mr. Scartone:

I am very disappointed in your decision not to meet with the area residents regarding the proposed Kuakini Housing Project. By refusing the invitation to meet with area residents on Wednesday, April 19, 1989, you are disregarding their obvious need to voice their concerns and have their questions answered. You are foregoing any attempt to forge good community relations with these residents. Furthermore, by not being up front with this group, it will be difficult to convince them that this proposed housing project will be good for their community.

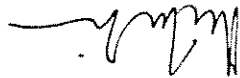
Although you indicate that you plan to be at Neighborhood Board 14's May meeting, this by no means should foreclose other meetings with community members. Neighborhood Boards are advisory bodies, and by attending Board meetings you do not meet all responsibilities as a public official to deal with public concerns. Adequately addressing such responsibilities could involve attending ad hoc community group meetings, meetings of residents in their homes, addressing their concerns in offices of other public officials, walking door to door to talk with residents, as well as attend Neighborhood Board meetings.

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It also seems unfair to forego our opportunity to meet with area residents before your self-instigated April 21, 1989 deadline for comments relative to the Environmental Assessment you are preparing. This will make even more difficult your task of dealing with residents.

Sincerely,



MIKE LIU

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cc: Area residents

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Managing Director Jeremy Harris

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May 5, 1989

Michael Scarfone
Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 South King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Scarfone:

I am glad you had an opportunity to hear the concerns of Kuakini-Kalihi/Palama residents on May 2, 1989. I have three points I wish to make in this letter:

(1) Your office was notified and invited to the April 19, 1989 Residents meeting on April 13, 1989. This is at least six days prior to the meeting, rather than the "two or three days" that you stated at the May 2, 1989 Neighborhood Board #14.

(2) For your information I have included a copy of Act 205-1988, that discusses the role of the Dispersal Review Council and the need for planning before embarking on future, albeit needed, construction of community based special needs/group living facilities. Although transitional abuse shelters are not specifically mentioned, the fact that a future use of the proposed facility might entail a type of facility enumerated in the Act makes it relevant to the project. Furthermore, Act 205 shows a clear intent by the legislature to require a plan for all special needs/group living facilities regardless of type. There will be moves to clarify this in next year's legislature. Finally, please be clear that the calls for planning in the state-city effort to provide special community based housing of various types does not place those favoring such planning, in opposition to the understanding that there is a need for such housing. Please note "Section 3" of the Act.

(3) Here is a partial list of public facilities, special needs housing, and quasi-public facilities, that although having some benefit to the immediate

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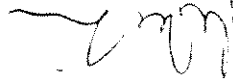
community, also require special "patience" by area residents relative to increased development, traffic, noise, parking, uncertain effects on property values and density. I doubt that there are many neighborhoods that have to contend with such a great number of facilities, within such a small radius.

- a) 1988 city built elderly housing project on Kunawai Lane, less than 3 minutes by foot from the proposed transition house on Kuakini St.
- b) Lanakila Elementary School.
- c) Hongwanji Church.
- d) Lanakila Health Center.
- e) Lanakila Senior Center.
- f) Kupuna II (elderly project).
- g) Liliha fire station at the corner of Kuakini and Alpaako.
- h) A private long-term care facility on Liliha near the corner of Liliha and Kuakini.
- i) A tenement house at 1914 Liliha St.
- j) Korean Baptist Church on Liliha St.
- k) Kuakini Hospital.
- l) Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific.
- m) Elderly high-rise at 114 N. Kuakini St.
- n) Makamae elderly project on Kuakini St.
- o) Convalescent Center on Bachelot St.
- p) Lanakila Crafts on Bachelot St.
- q) Ho'opono Center for the Blind on Bachelot St.

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This is only a partial list. Please consider the cumulative effects of this concentration of facilities in the area. Also, include these comments as part of the environmental assessment your office is compiling.

Sincerely,



MIKE LIU

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

34th District

MMFL:db

cc: Mayor Frank Fasi

Managing Director Jeremy Harris

Councilman Gary Gill

Marvin Aways, Pacific Housing Assistance Corp.

agency pursuant to section 323D-21.

..Subarea" means one of the geographic subareas designated by the state established in section 323D-11;

..State agency" means the state health planning and development agency the dispersal review council;

..Saturation rating" means a rating which reflects the extent to which a geographic area is occupied with group living facilities based upon criteria set by section 235-1;

..Person totally disabled" means a person totally disabled as defined in substance abuse as defined in section 334-1;

..Person suffering from substance abuse" means a person suffering from 334-1;

..Mentally ill person" means a mentally ill person as defined in section group living arrangements as defined in section 445-90;

boardinghouses, lodging or tenement houses, group homes, group residences, or in section 46-4(d), special treatment facilities as defined in section 334-1, and intermediate care facilities/mental retardation-community (ICF/MR-C) as defined subdivisions, including adult residential care homes as defined in section 321-15.6, ..Group living facility" means a facility licensed by the State or its political as defined in section 515-2;

..Handicapped person" means an individual having a physical impairment ..Elderly person" means a person as defined in section 359-52;

..Developmentally disabled person" means a person with developmental disabilities as defined in section 333E-2;

..Council" means the dispersal review council established in section -3; otherwise:

§ -2 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires

defined in section -2, shall supersede any other law to the contrary.

§ -1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a dispersal review council to ensure that group living facilities for persons who are developmentally disabled, elderly, handicapped, mentally ill, or totally disabled are dispersed throughout the State. The provisions of this chapter with respect to group living facilities as defined in section -2, shall supersede any other law to the contrary.

**CHAPTER
DISPERSAL REVIEW COUNCIL**

chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new SECTION 1. Section 321-15.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

§ -3 Dispersal review council. (a) There is established within the department of health for administrative purposes, the dispersal review council to be composed of fifteen members to be appointed by the governor for staggered terms without advice and consent of the Senate. The members shall include one person from each of the seven subareas, four representatives who have a special interest in persons who are developmentally disabled, elderly, handicapped, mentally ill, suffering from substance abuse, or totally disabled, and four persons from at least the two geographic areas which have the highest number of group living facilities. In addition, the director of health, the director of human services, the director of the department of land utilization of the city and county of Honolulu, and the directors of planning of the counties of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii, shall be ex-officio non-voting members.

(b) The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, including travel expenses.

(c) The council shall elect a chairperson from among its voting members.

(d) A simple majority of all voting members shall constitute a quorum to do business and concurrence of a majority of the quorum shall be necessary to validate any action of the council.

(e) No member of the council shall vote on any matter with which the member has or has had within the twelve months preceding the vote any direct or indirect financial interest or other conflict of interest.

§ -4 Powers, duties, and functions of the council. The council shall have and perform the following functions:

- (1) Maintain an updated registry of group living facilities with information to include, at a minimum, the number of group living facilities in the State, the location of each group living facility in each community, and the size and type of such group living facilities;
- (2) Establish criteria to determine the geographic areas of the State which are appropriate to the purposes of this chapter, the saturation rating of each geographic area, and criteria to determine when a geographic area has reached its saturation point or is oversaturated;
- (3) Determine a saturation rating for each geographic area of the State based upon appropriate criteria;
- (4) Issue a saturation rating for all applications for new group living facilities;
- (5) Establish memoranda of agreement with licensing agencies to utilize the rating system when a group living facility applies for licensure;
- (6) Review applications for licensure of new group living facilities which would be located in any area designated as having reached its saturation point or oversaturated;
- (7) Establish criteria to determine the density of the geographic areas with regard to proximity of group living facilities to each other;
- (8) Explore means to resolve conflicts between group living facility residents and the community; and
- (9) Explore and develop incentives for new and existing group living facilities to locate or relocate outside of saturated or oversaturated areas.

§ -5 Use of rating system. Upon the establishment of a saturation rating system, no applicant seeking licensure as a group living facility shall be granted licensure unless a satisfactory saturation rating has been issued from the dispersal review council, except as in section -9.

§ -6 Interagency coordination. The council may require any agency of the State or its political subdivisions which issues a license to a group living facility to provide information on the number, location, and occupancy of group living facilities under their jurisdiction in order to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this chapter.

§ -7 Rules. The council shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rules shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Procedures for application review by the dispersal review council and the information required of applicants;
- (2) Establishment of geographic boundaries for the purpose of issuing saturation ratings;
- (3) Criteria to determine the saturation rating of each geographic area as well as criteria as to whether that geographic area is oversaturated with group living facilities;
- (4) Criteria to determine the density within a geographic area with regards to the proximity of group living facilities to each other;
- (5) Procedures for the collection of data on the number, location, and occupancy of group living facilities;
- (6) Criteria under which an exemption or waiver of the requirements of this chapter may be granted; and
- (7) Establishment of a fair and timely grievance procedure to provide administrative due process and recourse for a party aggrieved by any action or failure to act under this chapter.

§ -8 Council administration. The state agency shall provide staff services to the council in order that the council may carry out the duties and functions of this chapter. For administrative purposes, the council shall be independent of the state agency.

§ -9 Unlicensed facilities. Unlicensed facilities currently operating as though they were group living facilities as of the effective date of this act may be granted a license by an agency responsible for licensing of group living facilities without regard to saturation rating if they file a letter of application for licensure with the licensing agency before July 1, 1989, and are in compliance with licensure requirements.

SECTION 3. The areas of Waipahu and Kalihi-Palama shall be given first priority by the council in the development and implementation of saturation ratings.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$72,544, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1988-1989, to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the hiring of necessary staff. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval, provided that:

(1) Section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 1988;

(2) The Council shall concentrate on implementation of this Act on Oahu until July 1, 1990.

(Approved June 7, 1988.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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May 30, 1989

Michael Scarfone
Director
Department of Housing & Community Development
650 South King St., 5th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Scarfone:

In reviewing the statutes and rules and regulations of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and Environmental Council, the following has come to my attention:

1) The environmental assessment shall contain a summary of "alternatives considered, if any;" and

2) In speaking with Mr. Sakamoto of the OEQC, understand that your department's rules and regulations (or any applicable county ordinances) would provide for the procedures one would need to follow, to appeal a possible assessment conclusion that an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed.

Regarding the first of these two points, it is my hope that alternative sites have or are still being considered. As to the second point, I would appreciate receiving a copy or citation to those appropriate ordinances, or rules and regulations of the County that would apply, in the event an individual or entity felt compelled to challenge or appeal an environmental assessment conclusion from your agency.

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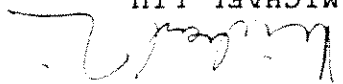
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Your assistance on this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL LIU

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

34th District

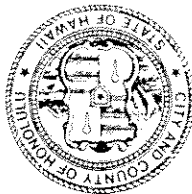
cc: Gary Gill, Councilman

Bernie Young

Area residents/property owners

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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MIKE N. SCARFONE
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HIRAM K. KAMAKA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

FRANK F. FASI
MAYOR

June 30, 1989

Honorable Mike Liu
State Representative
34th District
State Capitol, Room 415
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Dear Representative Liu:

This responds to your letter of May 30, 1989 regarding the proposed spouse abuse facility on Kuakini Street.

You are correct that alternatives to the proposed action must be covered in an environmental assessment. In this case, the alternative of developing the project on an alternative site was considered but rejected because it was too costly. We explained at the Neighborhood Board meeting on May 2, 1989 that this Department explores the possibility of using every city-owned site that is made available to us. At this time, the project site is the only one available to us for residential development. The city does own other sites, for example, municipal parking lots in the downtown area, however, the downtown lots are under active consideration for high-rise residential and office development.

We do not have at this time an administrative rule relating to appeals of environmental determinations but follow the Department of Health's administrative rules on Environmental Impact Statements. As you know, Section 343-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides for judicial appeal during the 60-day period following publication of an agency's negative declaration in the OEOC Bulletin. This Department does have an informal procedure of requesting review of our determinations by the City's accepting agency for EISs.

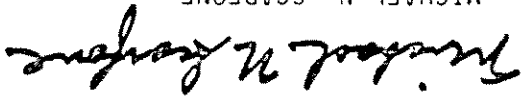
You may ask the Department to reconsider its decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement but your case should not be a restatement of the letters we have received to date. The main argument raised against this project seems to be the fact that many other housing projects and public and quasi-public facilities are located in the general Kalihi-Palama area. We do not agree that medical facilities, churches, schools and fire stations are necessarily undesirable in a

community. Further, the proposed apartment building is not an emergency shelter for those experiencing an immediate crisis but rather a transitional home which provides some breathing room for the family while searching for a more permanent home. Finally, the boundaries of the Kallini-Palama area most impacted by group homes and housing projects seem to shift to whatever area is proposed for development.

The proposed transitional home will be properly supervised by Child and Family Services (CFS), a corporation which has successfully operated similar facilities for eight years. The City would also monitor CFS's operations. We have every confidence that the project will not be a detriment to the community.

Thank you for your letter. We hope to continue working with you to resolve your concerns.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL N. SCARFONE
Director

I trust that you will take into consideration my above concerns about the proposed Kuakini Street Housing Project when you prepare the Environmental

(10) There is no criteria to determine the fair distribution or dispersal of special needs housing within the City and County of Honolulu.

(9) There should be an independent body other than the Department of Housing and Community Development to prepare the Environment Assessment.

(8) The project will affect negatively property values.

(7) There is no formal mechanism or procedure to assure that any community within the City and County of Honolulu does not become overly saturated with special needs housing.

(6) The area is already saturated with special needs housing.

(5) The quality of life in the area will be lessened.

(4) The project will degrade the image of the neighborhood because of its stigma.

(3) The project will attract undesirable into the neighborhood.

(2) The project will put an additional burden on the nearby residents, creating more noise, traffic, and violence.

(1) The proposed Kuakini Street Housing Project is in the midst of a residential area consisting of single family dwellings and will be out of tune with its surroundings.

At the meeting, it was revealed that we should voice our concerns about the project since you will be preparing an Environmental Assessment to determine the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. My concerns are as follows:

I attended the Wednesday, April 19, 1989 meeting at Lanakila Elementary School regarding the proposed Kuakini Street Housing Project for abused spouses and children. The meeting was chaired by State House Representative Mike Liu who did an excellent job in informing us what he knew about the project. Representative Liu, however, was doing a job that rightfully belongs to you of which you have refused to do.

Dear Mr. Scartone:

Mr. Michael Scartone, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 S. King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

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April 19, 1989

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Assessment. My concerns, I believe, are also shared by others who have not written to you.

I would like to receive a copy of the Environmental Assessment for my information. A reply by May 12, 1989 is requested.

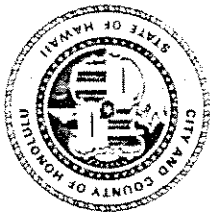
Very truly yours,



Copy to:
Mayor Frank Fasi
Representative Mike Liu
City Councilmember Gary Gill

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May 1, 1989

FRANK F. FASI
MAYOR

MIKE N. SCARFONE
DIRECTOR
HIRAM K. KAMAKA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Subject: Environmental Assessment - Kuakini Street Housing Project

Thank you for your letter dated April 19, 1989 concerning the City's proposed Kuakini Housing Project.

The concerns you raised will be addressed in the Environmental Assessment for the subject project.

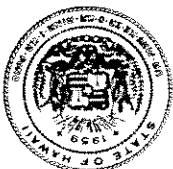
We will notify you upon completion of the environmental assessment and give you the opportunity to review and comment on the assessment's findings and conclusions.

Thank you once again for your written comments.

Sincerely,

for
MICHAEL N. SCARFONE
DIRECTOR

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DEPT. OF HOUSING
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Michael Scarfone
Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 South King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 20, 1989

Dear Mr. Scarfone:

Enclosed please find copies of written comments submitted by area residents concerned about the proposed Kuakini Housing Project.

The comments and concerns were given to me at the meeting I scheduled on Wednesday, April 19, 1989, 6pm at Lanakila Elementary School to address the residents' questions and concerns.

I encourage you to take the comments into serious consideration as part of the Environmental Assessment that you are currently preparing on the proposed Kuakini Housing Project.

Sincerely,

MIKE LIU
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
34th District

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Enclosures

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As a taxpayer of the City & County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii for 50 plus years and a registered voter for as many years it is unbelievable how lawmakers do not inform area residents of projects of great concern.

The first time I heard about the proposed Kuaikini Housing project was on 11 April 1989; a 6-unit apartment building for abused spouses and children. This was of great concern to me. In this area there are

numerous schools for young, innocent children. There is like Elementary School, St. Theresa Catholic School, Good Shepherd Lutheran Pre-School, a few single family homes away on Kuaikini St., and Lanakila Elementary School

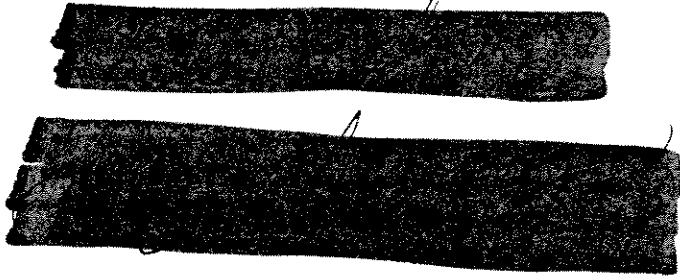
with approximately 500 students
young and innocent children, right
across from the proposed project.

It is frightening to think what
could happen with a proposed project
right across Lanakila Elementary School.

A jealous husband, full of frustrations
searching for his wife + children
could stumble to the various school
playgrounds, especially Lanakila School
playground and perform arsesome
crimes,

Example - The Salcido case in
California. A jealous husband who
slaughtered his wife, mother-in-law,
& children, + several fellow workers.

This is a peaceful single
family home area with law-
abiding taxpayers and voters
and we wish to keep it that
way.



PROPOSED ABUSED SPOUSE SHELTER - CORNER OF ALANEO & KUAKINI

CONCERNS:

1. Will the facility have 24 hour supervision or staff capable of restraining outraged spouses who come to the site?

2. Are the safety of the residents near the facility being considered?

3. Why is the facility so close to a school? Students will pass the shelter daily.

4. We understand private funding will sponsor this project. However, what happens when the funding stops? What type of facility will take its place?

5. When funding stops, will the lack of maintenance of this facility become a problem of the neighborhood?

6. Why did the residents of the area get information about this proposed facility from a few concerned people? A more formal type of notification should be made to the area. After all, this type of facility would definitely effect the neighborhood?

Kuakini Housing Project
April 19, 1989

1. Why was this property chosen - in an area so closely populated and surrounded by Lanakila, Good Shepherd Pre-School, St. Theresa and Likelike Schools? (not to mention churches and temples)
 2. How can the City justify putting up a 6-unit building on a 6,000 sq. ft. of land when residents themselves have to comply with building codes. Does the zoning change from residential to business?
 3. Who went after this parcel for the Child and Family Services and who went after the \$630,000 appropriation?
 4. If and when this project materializes, will someone be there at all times to oversee this operation?
 5. If and when the Child and Family runs of funding, will the City turn this project into an outreach for the street people, drug abuse center, low-income housing, transitional center, or an aids hospice?
- We, the residents have no objections to these types of shelters, some people do need help, but we do object to the fact that our areas, Liliha, Kalihi, Palama, are saturated with the above mentioned shelters. We do also have the most elderly housing in our areas too. In cases of spouse and child abuse, situations come from people from all walks of life, even the rich. Our areas alone are not solely responsible for the state's social ills, therefore, these shelters should be dispersed throughout the state.

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Our area is already saturated with housing projects. May not be the project in a less congested area?

-Will there be increased traffic on Kukini Street which is already a busy main street?
-Will our property tax go up?
-What will happen to the property values in the area?
-Will the area be rezoned to accommodate this apartment complex?
This area is zoned single family residential.

-Will we the neighbors have a say in what type of agency moves in next?
that the area is too small and moves out?
-What will happen to the facility if funding runs out or the agency decides
-What type of security will it have?
-Who will run the facility?

be built right next to her house.
-How safe will my 91-year old grandmother who lives alone be? The complex will
who are trying to keep the husbands away?
May firearms be used by the husbands as well as the law enforcement officers
looking for their wives and children? May some of these experiences be violent?
-Will the neighborhood be more likely to experience incidences of angry husbands
or foul language?
-Will the children be exposed first hand to violent actions by enraged spouses
neighborhood?
-Will this type of facility provide a safe environment for our children and
and parks.

School. There are always children in the area because of the many nearby schools
The children walk through the lot to get from Kunawai Lane to Lanakila Elementary

abused spouses and children:
The following are our concerns about the proposed Kukini Housing Project for

cc: Mayor Fasi
Councilman Gary Gill

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Not a phoney,

Furthermore, it is of my opinion based on the numerous letters from Representative Mike Liu that you are aloof to the concerns of area residents. Your self-instigated April 21, 1989 deadline for comments relative to the Environmental Assessment you are preparing shows contempt to the voters who got your boss, Mayor Fasi, elected. Are you afraid of face-to-face communication and meek on your position? If so, I can see why you were appointed and not elected!

I am opposed to the development of a special needs housing project at the city-owned parcel located on Kuakini street. This area is quiet residential area that does not need additional disturbances and inconveniences placed upon them. The close proximity of an elementary school is further reason to keep the proposed special needs housing away from this area. I do not believe that we will want to expose our young children of Hawaii to this type of condition so soon. Also, do you think that the children in these special needs housing will want their classmates to know under what conditions they are living in the special needs housing? I think not, if you can remember your childhood experiences where children tend to pick on and make fun of others in special circumstances.

Dear Mr. Scarfone:

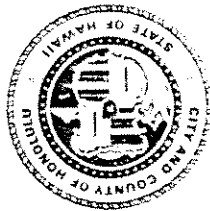
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April 19, 1989

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

650 SOUTH KING STREET, 5TH FLOOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
PHONE: 523-4427



April 26, 1989

The Honorable Mike Liu
State Representative
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Liu:

Thank you for sending our office written comments from area residents concerned about the City's proposed Kuakini Housing Project. The comments will be taken into consideration in our Environmental Assessment, and we will be addressing these concerns at the Neighborhood Board meeting on May 2, 1989. It is our desire to provide your constituency with as much information as possible at this meeting.

Thank you once again for the written comments.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. SCARFONE

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FRANK F. FASI
MAYOR

April 21, 1989

Mr. Michael Scarfone, Director
Department of Housing
City & County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Kuakini Street Housing Project

Dear Mr. Scarfone:

We the residents of the adjacent property to the proposed Kuakini Street Housing Project applaud your efforts to provide the much needed shelter for abused spouses and children. We appreciate the need for shelter for abused spouses and children, but we need more information on the impact of such housing on neighborhoods.

We do not wish to say "But, not in our neighborhood" so we are requesting more information to enable us to assess the proposal intelligently. Our specific concerns are as follows:

1. How will the proposed housing project affect the value of the neighboring properties?
2. How will the proposed housing project affect the safety and quiet enjoyment of the families in the neighborhood?
3. What is the design of the proposed housing? Can you provide us with the plot plan, elevation, parking provisions, etc.?
4. Will the proposed housing be fenced in? What type of fence and how high will it be?

We are aware that the funds are in the current budget for approval of the Council, but we feel that further study and discussion will be needed before it is presented to the Council. We thank you for your interest and look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

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