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Dean Minakami, Executive Director
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Subject: Support for the Leiwili Kapolei Affordable Housing Development

Dear Mr. Minakami,

As the Councilmember for District I, I am pleased to offer this letter of support on behalf of Villages of Kapolei JV LLC's 2025 Consolidated Application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Hula Mae Multi-Family revenue Bonds and Rental Housing Revolving Funds, for their Leiwili Kapolei Mixed-Use Development Project located in Kapolei.

This project will provide between 172 and 344 units of affordable housing, in one-, two-, and three-bedroom configurations for residents earning 30-60% of the area median income. The range of affordability and unit mix will cater to the diverse needs of families living in Kapolei, helping to maintain and strengthen the fabric of the local community. With affordable housing in high demand, it is crucial that the City and County of Honolulu, alongside the State of Hawaii, continue to support projects like this to keep our families in Hawaii.

Located in Kapolei, this project will develop a vibrant mixed-use urban village on one of the last remaining vacant parcels in the 888-acre Villages of Kapolei master planned community. It aligns with the City and State's vision for Kapolei as a second city, aiming to prevent urban sprawl, preserve open space and agricultural lands, stimulate the economy, and support sustainable, orderly growth.

This project merits full consideration for financing by the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation, as it will address the critical housing shortage, provide sustainable development, and enhance community vitality. Your support of the Leiwili Kapolei Mixed-Use Development Project will benefit the community by providing much-needed affordable rental housing in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Tupola". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andria Tupola, Ph.D.
Honolulu City Councilmember