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Subject: Pali Lanes
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Aloha Alan,

Please accept this letter as my written testimony in support of A&B Properties Hawaii (A&B) in their objection to having their property being listed on either the Hawaii Register of Historic Places or the National Register of Historic Places.

As you know, our firm has an established record of historic renovation work at notable historic sites including the Honolulu Museum of Art, Hawaii Theater, The YWCA of Oahu at Laniakea, and the Ala Moana Pump Station. These buildings are timeless and iconic landmarks, whereas Pali Lanes is a relative newcomer by comparison, with no equivalent significance in my view. From my perspective, thoughtful redevelopment of the Pali Lanes property will likely bring greater value to the community in the long term.

I would also like to express my concern that for SHPD to consider registering a property over the objections of the owner would set a questionable precedent by diminishing registration as an incentive and making it a mandate.

I very much appreciate your time and consideration on this matter, and I trust you will find merit in my thoughts.

Respectfully,



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