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Alan S. Downer, PhD Administrator State of Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division 601 Kamokila Boulevard Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Dear Mr. Downer:

Subject: Request to Postpone Consideration and Recommendation of the Former Oahu

Railway and Land Company Terminal Property for the National Register of

Historic Places by the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) is in the process of preparing a Master Plan and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Liliha Civic Center (Property) located at 377 North King Street, which is the site that houses the former Oahu Railway and Land Company Terminal buildings.

The State of Hawaii owns fee simple title to the Property identified by Tax Map Key No. (1) 1-5-007:001(Exhibit A), totaling approximately 3.791 acres. The Property was set aside to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) by Executive Order No. 4131 on October 25, 2005 for Liliha Civic Center purposes.

On March 17, 2020, the HHFDC and DAGS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to optimize development of the Property with a mixed-use project consisting of multi-family affordable housing, office space/civic center, parking and other incidental uses (Project).

On July 20, 2020, the HHFDC entered into a contract with PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc. for the Development Program and Master Planning efforts for the Property and Project as well the preparation of an EIS.

Based on these aforementioned reasons HHFDC requests that the Hawaii Register of Historic Places Review Board postpone the hearing for the consideration of the former Oahu Railway and

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Land Company Terminal Property to the Hawaii Register of Historic Places and recommendation for the National Register of Historic Places.

As the HHFDC received notice of the hearing on September 15, 2020, the deferment of the hearing will allow the HHFDC a chance to review the request and analyze the impacts of the proposal on the Project.

We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please contact Sery Berhanu at 587-0546 or sergut.berhanu@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Attachment: Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A (Location Map)

