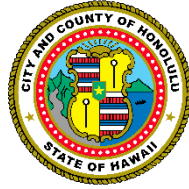


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Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
State of Hawaii
Board of Land and Natural Resources
P. O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Chairperson Case and Members of the Board:

SUBJECT: Item D-8
Authorize the Cancellation of the Existing Quitclaim Deed to the City and County of Honolulu for Union Street Mall (formerly Union Street) and Issuance of a Disclaimer and/or Quitclaim Deed of State's Interests, if any, in Union Street Mall to the Fee Owner City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu, Oahu,
Tax Map Key: (1) 2-1-010: portion of 047
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

The City and County of Honolulu ("CCH") respectfully requests that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) approve this measure.

The CCH has been increasingly challenged with illegal activities and security issues on the city-owned Union Mall in downtown Honolulu. Despite constant maintenance of the mall by the adjacent property owner pursuant to a deed covenant with the CCH, other alternatives need to be pursued to improve the mall for the health and enjoyment of the general public.

The City is contemplating the disposal and sale of Union Mall to an abutting owner which would allow the flexibility to privatize the mall while still requiring public access. In researching the feasibility of this action, the CCH determined that the above-referenced action is needed to affirmatively clear the City's title to Union Mall.

The CCH sincerely thanks the DLNR Land Division for researching and bringing forth this measure which we fully support and seek your approval.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. Pfund
Director