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Anthony J.H. Ching
 Hawaii Community Development Authority
 677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1001
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Ocean Investments LLC (John Dominis Restaurant) new construction proposal

Aloha Mr. Ching,

As you are aware, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) has a multi-faceted relationship with Kaka'ako Makai. OHA has for the past two years at the state Legislature sought conveyance of 18.5 acres in Kaka'ako Makai as partial settlement of past-due amounts owed to OHA from the income and proceeds from lands in the state's Public Land Trust. We also have a general interest in the policy decisions made by HCDA and all other state agencies in the management of all the lands in the States' Public Land Trust as it affects our beneficiaries, native Hawaiians and Hawaiians.

We have particular concerns with the proposed development plans for Kaka'ako Makai by Ocean Investments LLC for the John Dominis lot as was described to the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) on November 10, 2009. In our review of the plans and renderings submitted by Ocean Investments, we find that the architectural renderings show a building that does not represent a Hawaiian sense of place, as OHA has long advocated for in Kaka'ako Makai. It certainly does not fit with the vision that OHA has proposed and presented in public meetings for the use of the area.

Cognizant of your need to work with property owners with vested rights and financial interests, we would encourage you to work closely with the CPAC on this particular issue and build on the good will you have engendered with the group during your tenure. Particularly we believe that it would be beneficial for you to strongly encourage Ocean Investments to do so as well, to see if a design congruent with the community's (and OHA's) vision for the area can be developed. Thank you very much for your consideration of OHA's concerns.

'O wau iho no,

Clyde W. Nāmu'o
 Administrator

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