HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 HCDA MEETING

Following is a brief summary of informational items presented at the February 1, 2006 meeting of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Draft Kalaeloa Master Plan

HCDA is in the process of integrating revisions into the Draft Kalaeloa Master Plan. Final revisions will be made after the Department of Defense (DOD) releases the 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review in early February 2006. This document will contain some indication of the DOD's interest to home port an aircraft carrier strike group in Pearl Harbor, information that is relevant to finalizing the Kalaeloa Master Plan.

The Draft Kalaeloa Master Plan was completed in September 2005 and released for 30-day public review. Copies of the draft Plan were made available to attendees at various meetings, elected officials, government agencies, and area residents/stakeholders and also posted on the HCDA website. A public hearing on the Draft Kalaeloa Master Plan was held on November 2, 2005. During the hearing, three people provided oral testimony and written testimony were received from 14 people representing various government agencies, utilities, community organizations, private developers and concerned individuals. Public comments generally supported the draft Plan and the efforts of HCDA to proceed with some form of redevelopment of the former Naval Air Station. Some of the concerns pertained to follow-on actions during the implementation of the master plan and not so much to the content of the Plan itself. As a result, major revisions to the Plan were not required. Instead, revisions generally consist of error corrections, providing clarification, and ensuring data consistency. HCDA anticipates presenting the revised Kalaeloa Master Plan to the Authority for adoption on March 1, 2006. If the document is adopted by the Authority, copies will be transmitted to the Governor and Navy for their respective approval and concurrence.

Kaka'ako Waterfront Project

Representatives of the Save Our Kaka'ako Makai (SOKM) group gave an additional presentation on it "People's Preferred Plan" for Kaka'ako Makai. Last year, HCDA selected A&B Properties, Inc. (A&B) as the Master Developer for the Makai Area lands as set forth in the Kaka'ako Waterfront Request for Proposals. A&B revised its proposal, based on community input and concerns, and on January 11, 2006, HCDA's Waterfront Subcommittee presented its recommendations on A&B's revised proposal. At that time, SOKM presented its Plan to the Authority. In its subsequent response to SOKM, the Authority indicated that State procurement process precludes HCDA from considering any proposal outside of the Request for Proposals, but that it does not prevent other interested groups to submit an unsolicited proposal.

Click here for link to the People's Preferred Plan.