

January 6,2013  
2140 Kuhio Apt 2207  
Honolulu HI 96815

Fire Chief Kenneth G Sliva  
636 South St  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

RE: 2121 Kuhio Development

Dear Chief Siliva

I know nothing about fire fighting, but I do have a question about the proposed building at 2121 Kuhio. Specifically, it is my understanding that the 35 story building has a solid wall on the mauka side facing Kuhio street . It would appear that a solid wall on the entire side of the building on Kuhio with no windows or openings would be a major hindrance for a ladder truck and fire vehicles to have any access during a fire or other emergencies.

The proposed building's widows and lanai faces west , but there is a building between it and Kalakawa, making a ladder truck very limited access. The north and south side of the building might provide some access to the building, but to rescue any person in the mid-section, seem extremely limited.

I am sure you may very well be aware of this situation and have plans on how to deal with it from the fire department point of view. But as a layman, I have concerns about how you might deal with a 35-story solid wall building facing Kuhio –the only street that has direct access to the building.

Sincerely  
Walter Powers

Cc: Assistant Chief Cane  
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