

WAIKIKI AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

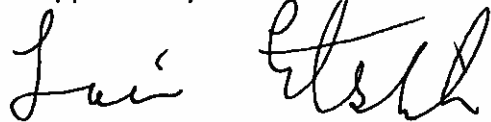
Statement of Louis Erteschik
President, Waikiki Area Residents Association

The Waikiki Area Residents Association strongly opposes the proposed development at 2121 Kuhio Avenue in its current form. The Waikiki Special District Design Guidelines call for a mauka- makai orientation of the building. Although there was a prior proposal at this site which complied with those requirements, this applicant has changed the design to a diamond head- ewa orientation. This is completely out of compliance with the requirements and will seriously impact public views. The extensive testimony presented by our member, Mark Harpenau, more fully details the concerns we have and the reasons why we feel this plan violates the regulations and should be rejected.

This proposal makes a mockery of the Waikiki Special District Design Guidelines. Our experience has been that when a developer's plan fits within the guidelines, they cite them as absolute evidence that the project deserves approval. Now that this project flouts the guidelines, the developer is attempting to argue that the guidelines really have no effect of law and can be disregarded whenever it more suits their needs.

We urge the Department of Planning and Permitting to uphold the guidelines and reject this plan and insist that the developer return with a design in keeping with one which will maximize views in accordance with a mauka-makai orientation.

We appreciate your consideration.

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Louis Erteschik
President, Waikiki Residents Association