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The Honorable Ann Kobayashi  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Councilmember Kobayashi:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 16, 2012, addressed to Chief Operating Officer Kenneth Toru Hamayasu. In response to your request regarding the acquisition of Ms. Son Hui Min's property by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), HART provides the following:

Under Chapter IV, Section 2.e. (6)(a) of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 5010.1D, HART must seek FTA approval for any negotiated settlement that exceeds \$50,000 above the property's appraised value. The acquisition of Ms. Min's property was protracted due to the need to secure Federal approval of the negotiated settlement. Once FTA granted approval of the negotiated settlement and Ms. Min agreed, HART was able to close in thirty (30) days.

HART also offered to assist Ms. Min in finding another suitable property. In addition, as required under Federal policy, HART provided Ms. Min with three potential properties for relocation; however, she decided to search for property on her own without HART assistance. Through the recommendation of others, she later engaged a realtor, Ms. Sharon Kim Venegas, to assist her in her efforts to locate a replacement property.

HART has also reimbursed Ms. Min for her replacement property searches. As provided in the Uniform Relocation and Real Estate Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended (URA), HART reimbursed Ms. Min \$2,500 for costs associated with locating a replacement property.

HART is willing to assist Ms. Min to secure another property in any way possible within Federal, State, and local requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Grabauskas  
Executive Director and CEO

cc: All Councilmembers  
HART Board of Directors  
Mr. Douglas S. Chin, Managing Director



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August 16, 2012

TO: MR. KENNETH T. HAMAYASU, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO  
HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION (HART)

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER ANN H. KOBAYASHI *AK*

RE: LAND ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN WAIPAHU

I am respectfully writing to you on behalf of Ms. Son Hui Min regarding her property being acquired by HART for the rail project.

Recently, Ms. Min's commercial property in Waipahu was acquired by HART for only \$1 million. As there was a delay in payment, Ms. Min has since found much difficulty in relocating as cost of surrounding property has gone up.

Therefore, as HART has reported to the City Council that its land acquisition program involves providing relocation assistance to affected property owners, I respectfully ask of you to aid Ms. Min in finding new property that fits within her means and is suitable for her to continue her commercial activities. Further, please provide me with information related to any coordination done between HART and Ms. Min concerning relocation efforts.

Thank you for your attention to this request and I look forward to your timely response. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Michele Sansone, at 768-5057.

AHK/ms

cc: Daniel Grabauskas, Executive Director and CEO  
Jerry T. Iwata, Real Property Acquisition Officer