



## **SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Public hearings on the FY 2016 - 2017 draft PHA Annual Plan were held March 15, 2016 on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and at two locations on Hawaii Island. On the day of the public hearing, one person submitted written comments (attached) and five people provided oral testimony. The following is a summary of testimony on provisions of the draft PHA Annual Plan.

### **Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs**

One person commented that the Resident Advisory Board needs more leadership training on understanding the PHA annual plan and process.

### **Mixed Finance Modernization or Development**

Three people commented on the low-income, mixed-income redevelopment project that there should be more information for the tenants so that they are aware of when construction will begin, if, when and how they will be relocated during construction, whether they have return rights, etc.

One person commented that the PHA must increase revenues because it receives less funding from the Federal government, and redevelopment of mixed-income, mixed-use properties is a strategy that may help provide additional revenues while providing more housing units to help address the homeless crisis across the State.

### **Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance**

One person commented that the conversion of public housing to Section 8 is a good idea because it provides options and freedom to public housing tenants to move up and out of public housing.

### **Grievance Procedures**

One person commented that there should be an informal meeting with managers before pursuing eviction, and the grievance proceedings should be taped and recorded. Also, violations should be corrected right away rather than allow a tenant's violations to simply accumulate over time.

### **Safety and Crime Prevention**

One person commented that security needs to better enforce the rules of the project.

### **Non-Smoking Policies**

One person commented that security should not be exempt from the PHA no-smoking policy.