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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Ms. Winter,

I am pleased to offer strong support of ALEA Bridge's continued presence in the Wahiawa and North Shore communities. I am so very grateful to you and the ALEA Bridge team for all that you do.

Although the annual Point-In-Time Count has shown a slight decrease in the total number of homeless individuals in the past few years, there is a disturbing trend that shows an increasing number of unsheltered and chronically homeless adult individuals. With the effects of COVID-19 and the moratorium on evictions about to expire, Aloha United Way is predicting that half of Hawaii's residents will fall into the ALICE category.

As the frontline on Central Oahu and North Shore homeless communities, it is imperative that ALEA Bridge keep their doors open to continue providing homeless services to this region.

Representing one-third of Oahu, geographically, I am deeply concerned with the challenges of the unsheltered homeless population – particularly in my hometown of Wahiawa which is one of the most impoverished areas on the island. Designated as a medically underserved population only adds to the challenges that ALEA Bridge faces in their efforts addressing homelessness. I commend the work and care they provide for the homeless population not just in Wahiawa, but throughout Central Oahu.

I look forward to continued discussions with ALEA Bridge and strongly support their efforts and services.

Please feel free to contact me at #808-768-5002 should you have any further questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi Tsuneyoshi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heidi Tsuneyoshi  
Councilmember, District II