SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Public hearing on the FY 2020-2021 Draft Annual Plan was held on March 9, 2020 on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and at two locations on Hawaii Island. During the 45-day public review period, one person submitted written comments. On the day of public hearing, of the 2 people who attended the public hearing on the island of Oahu, 1 person provided oral testimony. The following is a summary of testimony on provisions of the draft PHA Plans.

Safety and Crime Prevention
One person commented that current health and safety issues such as building foundations and clean water need to be addressed in the short term, while redevelopment in the long term needs to ensure that construction issues such as dust, asbestos, foundations and walls cracking should be mitigated so that residents still living on the property are not affected. In house security should be created and the current security company should better enforce the public housing rules.

HPHA Response: The HPHA agrees that current and future health and safety issues need to be addressed for our residents, and that the primary obligation of security is to maintain the safety of the projects they patrol, which includes the enforcement of the rules. The HPHA encourages tenants to speak up when the security is not meeting their responsibilities.

Operations and Management
One person commented that current health and safety issues such as power washing sidewalks need to be addressed at all public housing properties, and that maintenance staff need to be aware of sidewalk cleanliness and not track anything in tenant homes during inspections.

HPHA Response: The HPHA agrees that current health and safety issues need to be addressed for our residents. The HPHA encourages tenants to speak up when the security is not meeting their responsibilities.