

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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JS 44 (Rev. 12/07)

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**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

BEVERLY BLAKE, STEPHANIE CAMILLERI, ARLENE SUPAPO, individually, and on behalf of all persons similarly situated,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Honolulu  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  
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**DEFENDANTS**

CRAIG NISHIMURA, in his official capacity as Acting Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance, City and County of

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Honolulu  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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Citizen of This State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding  
 2 Removed from State Court  
 3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
 4 Reinstated or Reopened  
 5 Transferred from another district (specify)  
 6 Multidistrict Litigation  
 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
42 U.S.C. 1983; 42 U.S.C. 1437a

Brief description of cause:  
failure to calculate rent allowances as required by 42 U.S.C. 1437a and related claims

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23  
DEMAND \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND:  Yes  No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions): JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

BEVERLY BLAKE, STEPHANIE  
CAMILLERI, ARLENE SUPAPO,  
individually, and on behalf  
of all persons similarly  
situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CRAIG NISHIMURA, in his  
official capacity as Acting  
Director of the Department of  
Facility Maintenance, City  
and County of Honolulu; CITY  
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, a  
municipal corporation,

Defendants.

CIVIL NO. CV08 00281 SPK LEK

(Contract) (Declaratory  
Judgment) (Other Civil Action)  
Class Action

COMPLAINT; DEMAND FOR JURY  
TRIAL; EXHIBITS 1-2; SUMMONS

COMPLAINT

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU and the other named defendants have been overcharging the low-income tenants of Westlake Apartments for years, unbeknownst to the tenants who relied on Defendants' false certifications that they calculated tenant rents in accordance with the federal rules that govern the Westlake Apartments complex.

2. Defendants own Westlake Apartments, a 95-unit low-income housing project subsidized by the federal "Section 8 Loan Management program" ("Westlake"). Under the program, the rent charged to tenants, including utilities, generally cannot exceed 30% of a tenant's income.

3. Where-as at Westlake-tenants pay their own utilities, landlords must provide utility allowances to cover the costs of reasonable utility consumption. To ensure that the allowances remain adequate to cover the tenants' utility costs, the allowances must be periodically reviewed. The allowances must be adjusted whenever utility rates have increased by 10%.

4. Although utility rates have skyrocketed during recent years, Defendants have failed to adjust the allowances at Westlake apartments for a least a decade. As a result, the tenants of Westlake have been significantly overcharged.

5. During that period, Defendants have repeatedly falsely certified to Westlake tenants that their rents were

properly calculated, leading tenants to continually pay excessive rents.

6. Plaintiffs, for themselves and the class of tenants they represent, seek restitution and damages, including but not limited to repayment of rent overcharges resulting from Defendants' violations of law and breaches of tenants' rental agreements. They also seek treble damages for Defendants' unfair and deceptive actions in repeatedly overcharging residents for rent and falsely certifying that their rents were properly calculated.

7. Additionally, the Plaintiff class seeks declaratory and injunctive relief directing Defendants to comply with federal law, HUD procedures and regulations, and the terms of the Plaintiff class's rental agreements by updating the utility allowances to account for increases in utility rates and barring any eviction proceedings based on rent delinquencies until tenants are credited for rent overcharges resulting from Defendants' failure to adjust the utilities allowances.

## **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

8. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3).

9. This Court further has jurisdiction under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to redress the deprivation, under federal law, of rights secured by the U.S. Housing Act.

10. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction under 28

U.S.C. § 1367 over Plaintiffs' state law claims.

11. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) on the grounds that (a) all defendants reside in this District; and (b) the violations of law described herein occurred in this District and relate to property located in this District.

12. There is an actual controversy between Plaintiffs and Defendants within the meaning of the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 57.

### III. PARTIES

13. Plaintiff BEVERLY BLAKE, aged 76, is a tenant of Westlake and a citizen and resident of the State of Hawai'i. Plaintiff BEVERLY BLAKE brings this action on her own behalf and, under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of all others who are similarly situated.

14. Plaintiff STEPHANIE CAMILLERI is a tenant of Westlake and a citizen and resident of the State of Hawai'i. Plaintiff STEPHANIE CAMILLERI brings this action on her own behalf and, under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of all others who are similarly situated.

15. Plaintiff ARLENE SUPAPO is a tenant of Westlake and a citizen and resident of the State of Hawai'i. Plaintiff ARLENE SUPAPO brings this action on her own behalf and, under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of all others who are similarly situated.

16. Plaintiffs seek to represent a class of present and past Westlake tenants who paid excessive rent because Defendants failed properly and timely to update the Westlake utility allowances.

17. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

18. There are questions of law and/or fact common to the class, as set forth below.

19. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the class as a whole.

20. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interest of the class. Plaintiffs know of no conflicts of interest among members of the class.

21. Plaintiffs are represented by attorneys who are experienced class action litigators and will adequately represent the interest of the entire class.

22. A class action is appropriate in this case for one or more of the following reasons:

a. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of adjudications with respect to individual members of the class that would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudications or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

b. Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the class, making appropriate injunctive or declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole.

c. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

23. Questions of law and fact common to the Plaintiff class include:

a. Whether the Defendants failed to recalculate utility allowances where a utility rate change would have resulted in a cumulative increase of 10 percent or more in the most recently approved utility allowance;

b. The extent of the increases in utility rates since Defendants last adjusted the allowances;

c. The amounts of the adjustments that should have been made to correspond with utility rate increases;

d. Whether Defendants violated the U.S. Housing Act and Westlake tenant leases by providing tenants with inadequate utility allowances; and

e. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair or deceptive practices when they overcharged Westlake tenants for rent and falsely certified that the rents were properly calculated.

24. Defendant CRAIG NISHIMURA is the Acting Director of the Department of Facility Management, City and County of Honolulu and is responsible for administering property management contracts for Westlake. He is sued in his official capacity only.

25. Defendant CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU is a Municipal Corporation. The CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU owns and operates Westlake.

#### IV. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

26. Under the Brooke Amendment to the United States Housing Act, rent, including utilities, for tenants residing in Section 8 Loan Management developments cannot exceed a certain percentage of a tenant's income. 42 U.S.C. § 1437a(a)(1). See also 24 C.F.R. § 5.603(b).

27. The owner of a Section 8 Loan Management development receives a certain amount of rent to operate each unit (called the "contract rent"), which is set by a "Housing Assistance Payment Contract" between the owner and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). 24 C.F.R. § 886.110. To ensure that the owner receives the full contract rent for operation of a subsidized unit, HUD pays the owner the difference between the tenant's portion of the rent and the contract rent. 24 C.F.R. § 886.118.

28. To ensure that tenants' rent plus utilities do not exceed the Brooke Amendment's rent ceiling when tenants are directly responsible for the payment of utility service (i.e.,



where tenants must pay a utility provider directly), HUD regulations require that tenants be provided with a "utility allowance." See 24 C.F.R. § 5.603(b).

29. The utility allowance provided to tenants takes the form of a rent credit that must be equal to an amount that tenants are estimated to pay for a reasonable consumption of utilities. Id.

30. Each time the contract rents for a Section 8 Loan Management development are adjusted, the owner must complete and submit an analysis of the adequacy of utility allowances in light of the relevant changes since the allowances were last adjusted (e.g., changes in utility rates). See, e.g., 24 C.F.R. § 886.126.

31. Where utility rates increase by 10 percent or more since the most recently approved utility allowance, the utility allowances must be increased to account for the utility rate increase to ensure that tenants are not charged more than 30 percent of their income for rent. See, e.g., 24 C.F.R. § 886.126.

#### **V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

32. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs.

33. Westlake is a Section 8 Loan Management housing project located at 3139 Ala Ilima St., Honolulu, Hawai'i 96818.

34. Defendants own Westlake.

35. For over thirty-one (31) years Plaintiff BEVERLY

BLAKE has been a tenant of Westlake. She resides in a two-bedroom unit under a rental agreement with Defendant CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

36. For over ten (10) years Plaintiff STEPHANIE CAMILLERI has been tenant of Westlake. She resides in a two-bedroom rental unit under a rental agreement with Defendant CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

37. For over ten (10) years, Plaintiff ARLENE SUPAPO has been a tenant of Westlake. She resides in a two-bedroom rental unit under a rental agreement with Defendant CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

38. A true and correct copy of SUPAPO's rental agreement for her Westlake Apartment is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

39. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the rental agreements for all Westlake tenants are the same as, or materially similar to, SUPAPO's rental agreement.

40. Each year SUPAPO and the other Westlake tenants go through a "recertification" process in which their rents are redetermined by Defendants. As part of the process, Defendants prepare a "Form HUD 50059--Certification and Recertification of Tenant Eligibility" on which Defendants certify that each tenants' rent has been computed in accordance with HUD regulations and procedures. The Form HUD 50059 informs tenants

what their rent and utility allowance is, and is incorporated by reference in the tenants' rental agreements. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of SUPAPO's Form HUD-50059 for 2006.

41. As residents of Westlake, BLAKE, CAMILLERI, and SUPAPO pay their own electric utilities. Defendants provide a monthly utility allowance to BLAKE, CAMILLERI, and SUPAPO in the amount of \$40.00 each, which is deducted from their rent obligations.

42. Even though utility rates have increased in excess of 10 percent since the utility allowances were last updated, Defendants have failed to increase the utility allowances for Westlake.

43. Further, Defendants have failed to complete and submit an analysis of the adequacy of utility allowances in connection with Defendants' requests for adjustments of the contract rents for Westlake.

44. As a result, Plaintiffs and the class they seek to represent have been required to pay amounts for utility bills in excess of the utility allowance provided and thereby have been forced to pay an amount for rent in excess of 30% of their income.

45. With knowledge of the falsity of their statements, or in reckless disregard of whether the statements were true or false, Defendants have repeatedly certified that the rents for

the members of the Plaintiff class were calculated in accordance with HUD regulations and procedures.

46. In reliance on Defendants' statements, Plaintiffs and the Plaintiff class paid rents in excess of what they should have paid.

**VI. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: VIOLATION OF THE U.S. HOUSING ACT AND ITS SUPPORTING REGULATIONS**

47. The Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs.

48. Defendants have failed to comply with the federal regulations governing project-based Section 8 housing that require them to increase, or request increases to, utility allowances where utility rates have increase by 10 percent or more since the utility allowances were last revised.

49. Defendants, as a result of their failure to update utility allowances at Westlake, have charged the Plaintiff class rents in excess of those permitted by the U.S. Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1437a(a)(1) and its supporting regulations.

50. On information and belief, Defendants have failed to comply with the federal regulations governing project-based Section 8 housing that require Defendant to increase, or request increases to, utility allowances where utility rates have increase by 10 percent or more since the utility allowances were last revised.

51. As a direct result of Defendant's actions in violations of the U.S. Housing Act and its supporting regulations, Plaintiffs and the class they represent have been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial. Additionally, Plaintiffs and the class they represents are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief to enforce compliance with the U.S. Housing Act and its supporting regulations, and to prevent irreparable harm resulting from their evictions or other adverse actions.

**VII. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983.**

52. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs.

53. Defendant NISHIMURA, acting under color of state law, violated the rights of the Plaintiff class under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by committing acts and omissions set forth above in violation of rights secured by federal statute, specifically the U.S. Housing Act and its supporting regulations.

54. Defendant CITY AND COUNTY AND HONOLULU, under color of state law, policies, customs, and/or usages, violated the rights of the Plaintiff class under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, by maintaining a policy, practice and long-standing custom of not updating utility allowances, overcharging for rent, and falsely certifying that rents were calculated in accordance with federal law.

55. Further, decisions to improperly calculate rent were made or ratified by Defendant NISHIMURA, a municipal official with final policy-making authority, and the series of decision to inappropriately calculate rents manifested a custom or usage to which final policy-makers at the CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU must have been aware.

56. Finally, and in the alternative, the failure to calculate rent properly evidences a failure by the CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU to train and supervise its employees to such an extent as to display a deliberate indifference to the statutory rights of those within its jurisdiction.

57. As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs and the class they represent are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief to enforce compliance with the U.S. Housing Act and its supporting regulations, and to prevent irreparable harm resulting from their evictions or other adverse actions.

58. Plaintiffs are entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### **VIII. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF: BREACH OF RENTAL AGREEMENT**

59. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs.

60. The rental agreement for Westlake tenants requires Defendants to calculate tenant rents in accordance with the HUD requirements.

61. Section 4 of the rental agreement for Westlake Apartments tenants provides, in part, that "[t]he Landlord agrees to implement changes in the Tenant's rent or assistance payment only in accordance with the time frames and administrative procedures set forth in HUD's handbooks, instructions, and regulations related to administration of multifamily subsidy programs."

62. Section 27 of the rental agreement for Westlake tenants incorporates into the terms of the lease by reference Form HUD-50059, Certification and Recertification of Tenant Eligibility. Form HUD-50059 includes an "Owner's Certification" section in which the owner must certify, in part, to the following: "I certify that this Tenant's eligibility, rent and assistance payment have been computed in accordance with HUD's regulations and administrative procedures...."

63. Additionally, since existing law is part of a contract where there is no stipulation to the contrary, the U.S. Housing Act and the supporting HUD procedures and regulations are implied into the terms of the rental agreements between the Plaintiff class and Defendants.

64. Defendants' actions with regard to the calculation of tenant rents and their failures to revise or request revisions to the utility allowances have not been in accordance with the U.S. Housing Act and the supporting HUD regulations and procedures, thereby breaching the rental agreements with the

members of the Plaintiff class.

65. As a direct result of Defendants' breaches, Plaintiffs and the class they seek to represent have been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

66. Additionally, on information and belief, Defendants may have taken action to evict members of the Plaintiff class from their apartments for alleged rent delinquencies. Plaintiffs and the class they seek to represent are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief to enforce the terms of the rental agreement and Defendants' corresponding obligations pursuant to the U.S. Housing Act and HUD requirements, and to prevent irreparable harm resulting from their evictions or other adverse actions.

**IX. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF: H.R.S CHAPTER 480 VIOLATIONS**

67. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs.

68. Plaintiffs and each member of the class they seeks to represent is a "consumer" and "person" as those terms are defined in H. R. S. Chapter 480-1, and the above-described acts and practices involved "trade or commerce," as that term is defined in H.R.S. § 480-2(a).

69. An unfair or deceptive act or practice (hereinafter referred to as "UDAP") in the conduct of any trade or commerce is unlawful, pursuant to H.R.S. § 480-2(a).



70. Defendants have engaged in UDAPs that violate H.R.S. § 480-2 (a), including but not limited to:

a. Repeatedly certifying that Defendants had properly calculated the rents for Plaintiffs and each member of the class they seek to represent when in fact Defendants had not;

b. Charging rents in excess of those permitted by the rental agreements between Defendants and Plaintiffs and each member of the class they seek to represent; and

c. Charging rents in excess of those permitted by federal law.

71. The conduct described in the above paragraphs caused Plaintiffs and each member of the class they seek to represent to suffer injury to their property.

72. Plaintiff Blake and many members of the class Plaintiffs seek to represent are "elders" within the meaning of H.R.S. § 480-13.5. Defendants' conduct was in willful disregard of the rights of such elders and Defendants knew or should have known that their conduct was directed towards or targeted in part such elders.

73. A consumer who is injured by a UDAP is entitled, for each UDAP, to be awarded threefold any damage he or she sustained and reasonable attorney's fees, together with the costs of suit. See H.R.S. § 480-13(b)(1). Blake and those members of the class Plaintiffs seek to represent who are "elders" within the meaning of H.R.S. § 480-13.5 are also entitled to minimum

damages of \$5,000 under H.R.S. § 480-13(b)(1).

74. Further, a consumer who is injured by a UDAP may bring proceedings to enjoin the unlawful practices. See H.R.S. § 480-13(b)(2),

**X. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that this Court:

1. Assume jurisdiction of this case.
2. Certify the plaintiff class.
3. Declare that Defendants have violated Plaintiff's rights as set forth herein.
4. Enter preliminary and permanent injunctions requiring Defendants to comply with the terms of the rental agreements of the plaintiff class, the U.S. Housing Act and HUD requirements, and barring Defendants from initiating or proceeding with eviction actions against members of the Plaintiff class based on rent delinquencies until rent overcharges resulting from Defendants' unlawful actions are credited to the tenants' rent payments.
5. Award damages and pre-judgment interest to each member of the plaintiff class for amounts charged for rent by Defendants in excess of 30% of tenant income resulting from inadequacies in the utility allowances.
6. Award treble damages.
7. Award statutory damages of \$5,000 to each member of the Plaintiff class that is an elder, if such amount is

greater than three times the damages sustained by such member.

8. Award Plaintiffs' costs and attorneys' fees.

9. Grant Plaintiffs and the Plaintiff class such other relief as may be just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues triable herein.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 12, 2008.



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HOUSING MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
LEASE

Project No.: 14035018  
HUD Contract No. HI10L000008

**PARTIES AND DWELLING  
UNIT:**

1. The parties to this Agreement are CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU referred to as Landlord, and SUPAPO, Arlene S., referred to as the Tenant. The Landlord leases to the Tenant dwelling Unit Number 303, located at 3139 ALA ILIMA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96818 in a project known as WESTLAKE APARTMENT'S.

**LENGTH OF TIME (TERM):**

2. The initial term of this Agreement shall begin on June 01, 1999. and end on May 31, 2000. After the initial term ends, the Agreement will continue for successive terms of one month periods, unless automatically terminated as permitted by Paragraph 23 of this Agreement.

**RENT:**

3. Effective June 01, 1999 the Tenant agrees to pay a rent of \$118.00 per month. This amount is due and payable to the project on the first day of the month. To ensure proper credit, payment must sent with the statement and self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience by Hawaii Affordable Properties Inc., P. O. Box 148, Kealahou, Hawaii 96750.

- a. For Tenants not paying market rent, it is understood that this monthly rent less than the market (unsubsidized) rent due on this unit. This lower rent is available because the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes monthly payments available to the Owner on behalf of the Tenants. (For Section 8, Rent Supplement & RAP only: These payments are called the tenant assistance payment and is shown on the "Assistance Payment" line of the Certification and Rectification of Tenant Eligibility Form-HUD Form 50059 attached as Attachment No. 1.)
- b. The Tenant may initially pay his/her rent by personal check. However, if one check is not honored for payment, the Landlord requires the Tenant to make all future rent payments by cashier's check, certified check or money order.

**CHANGES IN THE TENANTS  
SHARE OF THE RENT:**

4. The Tenant agrees that the amount of rent the Tenant pays and/or the amount of assistance that HUD pays on behalf of the Tenant may be changed during the term of this Agreement if:
  - a. HUD determines, in accordance with HUD procedures, that an increase in rents is needed;
  - b. HUD changes any allowance for utilities or services considered in computing the Tenant's share of the rent;
  - c. the income, the number of persons in the Tenant's household or other factors considered in calculating the Tenant's rent change and

HUD procedures provide that the Tenant's rent or assistance payment be adjusted to reflect the change;

- d. changes in the Tenant's rent or assistance payment are required by HUD's recertification or subsidy termination procedures;
- e. HUD's procedures for computing Tenant's assistance payment or rent change; or
- f. the Tenant fails to provide information on his/her income, family composition or other factors as required by the Landlord;

The Landlord agrees to implement changes in the Tenant's rent or tenant assistance payment only in accordance with the time frames and administrative procedures set forth in HUD's handbooks, instructions and regulations related to administration of multifamily subsidy programs. The Landlord agrees to give the Tenant at least 45 days advance written notice of any increase in the Tenant's rent except as noted in Paragraphs 11, 15 or 17. The notice will state the new amount the Tenant is required to pay, the date the new amount is effective, and the reasons for the change in rent. The notice will also advise the Tenant that he/she may meet with the Landlord to discuss the rent change.

**CHARGES-LATE FEES,  
RETURN CHECKS LEGALFEES  
&PRIORITY OFAPPLICA- 5.  
TION OF PAYMENTS**

If the Tenant does not pay the full amount of rent shown in paragraph 3 by the end of the 5th day of the month, the Landlord may collect a late fee of \$ 10.00 or NA % of the Tenant's contribution and/or market rent.

The Landlord may not terminate this Agreement for failure to pay late charges, but may terminate this Agreement for non-payment of rent, as explained in paragraph 23.

The Landlord may assess to the Tenant the actual fee charged by a bank for a rent or security check resumed to the Landlord for a second time for insufficient funds.

If Tenant defaults in making any payment required by this Agreement, and/or if tenant violates any other terms of this Lease Agreement and the Landlord has obtained the services of any atom with respect to the collection and/or enforcement thereof, the Tenant Covenants and agrees to pay to the Landlord any legal fees and court cost involved.

If any late fees and/or legal fees and/or court costs and/or return check charges are incurred by the Landlord and assessed against the Tenant, irrespective of any instructions to the contrary, all payments made by Tenant shall be applied in the order of priority as follows: 1) First, to return check charges; 2) Second, to late fees; 3) Third, to legal fees and costs; 4) Fourth, to rent; and 5) Fifth, to any other charges and/or costs.

**CONDITION OF  
DWELLING UNIT:**

- 6. By signing this Agreement, the Tenant acknowledges that the unit is safe, clean and in good condition. The Tenant agrees that all appliances

and equipment in the unit are in good working order, except as described on the Unit Inspection Report, initially attached as Attachment No. 2 to this Agreement. The Tenant also agrees that the Landlord has made no promises to decorate, alter, repair, or improve the unit, except as listed on the Unit Inspection Report.

**CHARGES FOR UTILITIES & SERVICES:**

7. The following chart describes how the cost of utilities related to occupancy of the unit will be paid:

Utilities Not Included In <u>Tenant's Rent</u>	Type of <u>Utility</u>	Utilities Included in <u>Tenant's</u>
<u>X</u>	Lights, Electric	<u>          </u>
<u>X</u>	Cooking, Gas/Electric	<u>          </u>
<u>          </u>	Water	<u>          X          </u>
<u>X</u>	Other (Specify) Parking	<u>          </u>

Tenant agrees that the above chart accurately describes the services to be paid by the Landlord and the services to be paid by the Tenant.

**SECURITY DEPOSITS:**

8. The Tenant has deposited 124.00 with the Landlord. The Landlord will hold this security deposit for the period the Tenant occupies the unit. After the Tenant has moved from the unit, the Landlord will determine whether the Tenant is eligible for a refund of any or all of the security deposit. The amount of the refund will be determined in accordance with the following:

- a. The Tenant will be eligible for a refund of the security deposit only in accordance with Chapter 521, Residential Landlord-Tenant Code, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- b. The Resident Manager will inspect the unit and complete another Unit Inspection Report. The Tenant will accompany the Resident Manager during this inspection, if the Tenant so requests. The Resident Manager and the Tenant will mutually agree on an inspection date and time which will be convenient for both parties. Failure by the Tenant to appear on the agreed date and time constitutes waiver of the Tenant's rights to dispute refurbishing charges.
- c. The Landlord will refund to the Tenant the amount of the security deposit less any amount needed to pay the cost of:
  - 1) unpaid rent;
  - 2) repairing damage(s) that are not due to normal wear and tear and are not listed on the initial Unit Inspection Report;
  - 3) charges for late payment of rent (if applicable) and returned checks, as described in Paragraph 5; and
  - 4) charges for unreturned keys, as described Paragraph 9.

- d. The Landlord agrees to refund the amount in Paragraph 8 within 14 days after the Tenant has permanently moved out of the unit and given his/her new address to the Landlord. The Landlord will also give the Tenant a written list of charges that were subtracted from the deposit. If the Tenant does not believe that the amounts deducted by the Landlord are just)justified, the Managing Agent agrees to informally discuss the disputed charges with the Tenant.
- e. If the unit is rented by more than one person, the Tenants agrees that they will work out the details of such refunds among themselves. The Landlord must pay the refund, if any, to any Tenant identified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement.
- f. During occupancy, the Tenant understands that the Landlord will not count the security deposit towards the last month's rent or towards repair charges owed by the Tenant in accordance with Paragraph 11.

**KEYS AND LOCKS:**

9. The Tenant agrees not to install additional or different locks or gates on any doors or windows of the unit without the written permission of the Landlord. If the Landlord approves the Tenant's request to install such locks, the Tenant agrees to provide the Resident Manager with a key for each lock. When this Agreement ends, the Tenant agrees to return all keys to the dwelling unit to the Resident Manager. The Landlord may charge a fee for each key not resumed to the Resident Manager. The Tenant understands that the Landlord will not refund any charges for extra/replacement keys during his/her tenancy.

**MAINTENANCE :**

10. a. The Landlord agrees to:
  - 1) regularly clean and maintain all common areas and facilities of the property in a safe condition.
  - 2) provide and maintain appropriate containers for collecting garbage and to arrange for the regular removal of such garbage;
  - 3) maintain all equipment and appliances in safe and working order,
  - 4) make necessary repairs with reasonable promptness;
  - 5) maintain exterior lighting in good working order;
  - 6) provide extermination services, as necessary; and
  - 7) maintain grounds and shrubs.
- b. The Tenant agrees to:
  - 1) keep the unit clean;
  - 2) use all appliances, fixtures and equipment in a safe manner and only for the purposes for which they are intended;
  - 3) not litter the grounds or common areas of the project;

- 4) not destroy, deface, damage, or remove any part of the unit, common areas, or project grounds;
- 5) give the Landlord prompt notice of any defects in the plumbing, fixtures, appliances, heating and cooling equipment, or any other part of the dwelling unit or related facilities;
- 6) remove garbage and other waste from the unit in a clean and safe manner as required by local laws or ordinance; and
- 7) avoid excessive or unnecessary use of water.

**DAMAGES:**

11. Whenever damage is caused by carelessness, misuse, or neglect on the part of the Tenant, his/her family, or visitors, the Tenant agrees to pay:
  - a. the cost of all repairs and do so within 30 days after receipt of the Landlord's demand for charges; and
  - b. rent for the period the unit is damaged whether or not the unit is habitable. The Tenant understands that HUD will not make assistance payments for any period in which the unit is not habitable. For any such period, the Tenant agrees to pay the HUD-approved market rent rather than the Tenant rent shown in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement.

**RESTRICTIONS OR ALTERATIONS:**

12. The Tenant agrees not to do any of the following without first obtaining the Landlord's written permission:
  - a. change or remove any part of the appliances, fixtures, or equipment in leased premises;
  - b. paint or install wallpaper or contact paper in the unit;
  - c. attach awnings or window guards in the unit;
  - d. attach or place any fixtures, signs, or fences on the building(s), the common areas, or the project grounds;
  - e. attach any shelves, screen doors, or other permanent improvements in the unit;
  - f. install washing machines, dryers, freezers, fans, heaters or air conditioners in the unit; or
9. place any aerials, antennas or other electrical connections on the unit.

**GENERAL RESTRICTIONS:**

13. The Tenant must live in the unit and the unit must be the Tenant's place of residence. The Tenant shall use the premises only as a private dwelling for himself/herself and the individuals listed on the Certification and Rectification of Tenant Eligibility.  
(Form attached as Attachment No. 1)



The Tenant agrees to permit other individuals to reside in the unit only after obtaining the prior written approval of the Landlord. The Tenant agrees not to:

- a. sublet or assign the unit, or any part of the unit;
- b. use the dwelling unit for unlawful purposes;
- c. 1) permit guests or other household members to engage in unlawful activities in the unit, in the common areas or on the project grounds. These unlawful activities include but are not limited to the possession, use and/or sale of illegal drugs and disturbances or acts of violence that damage or destroy the dwelling unit or disturb or injure other residents.  
  
2) the Tenant further agrees not to engage personally in unlawful activities in the unit, in the common areas or on or off the project grounds. Such activities include but are not limited to those listed above.
- d. have pets or animals of any kind in the unit without the prior written permission of the Landlord;
- e. make or permit noises or acts that will disturb the rights and comforts of neighbors. The Tenant agrees to keep the volume of any radio, hi-fi, stereo, etc., television, or musical instrument at a level which will not disturb the neighbors.
- f. Tenant shall notify the Landlord in writing of any planned extended absences from the apartment prior to departure, not later than the first day of such absence; or
- g. the unit shall not be used for the carrying out of any trade or business and/or for the purpose of rendering any services, including but not limited to child care or baby-sitting.

**RULES:**

- 14. The Tenant agrees to obey the House Rules initially attached as Attachment No. 3 to this Agreement. The Tenant agrees to obey additional rules established after the effective date of this Agreement if:
  - a. the rules are reasonably related to the safety, care and cleanliness of the building and the safety, comfort, and convenience of the Tenants; and
  - b. the Tenant receives written notice of the proposed rule at least 30 days before the rule is enforced.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
(ANNUAL)  
RECERTIFICATIONS:**

- 15. Every year, around the fifteenth day of NA, the Landlord will request the Tenant to report the income and composition of the Tenant's household and to supply any other information required by HUD for the

purposes of determining the Tenant's rent and assistance payment, if any. The Tenant agrees to provide accurate statements of this information and to do so by the date specified in the Landlord's request. The Landlord will verify the information supplied by the Tenant and use the verified information to recompute the amount of the Tenant's rent and assistance payment, if any.

- a. If the Tenant does not submit the required recertification information by the date specified in the Landlord's request, the Landlord may impose the following penalties. The Landlord may implement these penalties only in accordance with the administrative procedures and time frames specified in HUD's regulations, handbooks and instructions related to the administration of multifamily subsidy programs.
  - 1) Require the Tenant to pay the higher, HUD-approved market rent for the unit.
  - 2) Implement any increase in rent (to market rent) resulting from the recertification processing immediately upon the Tenant's failure to submit the required recertification information by the date specified in the Landlord's request.
- b. The Tenant may request to meet with the Landlord to discuss any change in rent or assistance payment resulting from the recertification processing. If the Tenant requests such a meeting, the Landlord agrees to meet with the Tenant and discuss how the Tenant's rent and assistance payment, if any, were computed.

**REPORTING CHANGES BETWEEN  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
RECERTIFICATIONS  
(AMENDMENTS/INTERIM):**

16. a. If any of the following changes occur, the Tenant agrees to advise the Landlord immediately:
  - 1) Any household member moves in/out of the unit.
  - 2) An adult member of the household who was reported as unemployed on the most recent certification or recertification obtains employment.
  - 3) The household's income cumulatively increases by \$40 or more a month.
- b. The Tenant may report any decrease in income or any change in other factors considered in calculating the Tenant's rent. Unless the Landlord has confirmation that the decrease in income or change in other factors will last less than one month, the Landlord will verify the information and make the appropriate rent reduction. However, if the Tenant's income will be partially or fully restored within two months, the Landlord may delay the certification process until the new income is known, but the rent reduction will be retroactive and the Landlord may not evict the Tenant for nonpayment of rent due during the period of the reported decrease and the completion of the certification process. The Tenant has thirty days after receiving

written notice of any rent due for the above described time period to pay or the Landlord can evict for nonpayment of rent.

- c. If the Tenant does not advise the Landlord of these interim changes, the Landlord may increase the Tenant's rent to the HUD-approved market rent. The Landlord may do so only in accordance with the time frames and administrative procedures set forth in HUD's regulations, handbooks and instructions on the administration of multifamily subsidy programs.
- d. The Tenant may request to meet with the Landlord to discuss how any change in income or other factors affected his/her rent or assistance payment, if any. If the Tenant requests such a meeting, the Landlord agrees to meet with the Tenant and explain how the Tenant's rent or assistance payment, if any, was computed.

**REMOVAL OF SUBSIDY  
(RENT SUPPLEMENT,  
SECTION 8 OR RAP)**

- 17. a. The Tenant understands that assistance made available on his/her behalf may be terminated if events in either items 1 or 2 below occur. Termination of assistance means that the Landlord may make the assistance available to another Tenant and the Tenant's rent will be recomputed. In addition, if the Tenant's assistance is terminated because of criterion (1) below, the Tenant will be required to pay the HUD-approved market rent for the unit.
  - 1) The Tenant does not provide the Landlord with the information or reports required by Paragraph 15 or 16 within 10 calendar days after receipt of the Landlord's notice of intent to terminate the Tenant's assistance payment.
  - 2) The amount the Tenant would be required to pay towards rent and utilities under HUD rules and regulations equals the Family Gross Rent shown on Attachment No. 1.
- b. The Landlord agrees to give the Tenant written notice of that proposed termination. The notice will advise the Tenant that, during the ten calendar days following the date of the notice, he/she may request to meet the Landlord to discuss the proposed termination of assistance. If the Tenant requests a discussion of the proposed termination, the Landlord agrees to meet with the Tenant.
- c. Termination of assistance shall not affect the Tenant's other right under this Agreement, including the right to occupy the unit. Assistance may subsequently be reinstated if the Tenant submits the income or other data required by HUD procedures, the Landlord determines the Tenant is eligible for assistance, and assistance is available.

**TENANT OBLIGATION  
TO REPAY:**

- 18. If the Tenant submits false information on any application, certification or request for interim adjustment or does not report interim changes in family income or other factors as required by Paragraph 16 of this Agreement, and as a result, is charged a rent less than the amount

required by HUD's rent formulas, the Tenant agrees to reimburse the Landlord for the difference between the rent he/she should have paid and the rent he/she was charged. The Tenant is not required to reimburse the Landlord for undercharges caused solely by the Landlord's failure to follow HUD's procedures for computing rent or assistance payments.

- a. Landlord may at its discretion enter into a Repayment Agreement with the assisted Tenant family guilty of committing fraud.
- b. The Landlord reserves the right to pursue any of the following options should the assisted Tenant default in the Repayment Agreement.
  - 1) Civil suit
  - 2) Termination of assistance
  - 3) Eviction
  - 4) Criminal prosecution, if a plea agreement is violated
  - 5) Referral to collection agency
  - 6) Reporting to Credit Bureau

**SIZE OF DWELLING:**

19. The Tenant understands that HUD requires the Landlord to assign units according to the size of the household and the age and sex of the household members. If the Tenant is or becomes eligible for a different size unit, and the required size unit becomes available, the Tenant agrees to:
  - a. Move within 30 days after the Landlord notifies him/her that a unit of the required size is available within the project; or
  - b. Remain in the same unit and pay the HUD-approved market rent.

**ACCESS BY LANDLORD:**

20. The Landlord agrees to enter the unit only during reasonable hours, to provide reasonable advance notice of his/her intent to enter the unit only after receiving the tenant's consent to do so, except when emergency situations make such notices impossible or except under Paragraph (c) below:
  - a. The Tenant agrees to permit the Landlord, his/her agents or other persons, when authorized by the Landlord, to enter the unit for the purpose of making reasonable repairs and periodic inspections.
  - b. After the Tenant has given a notice of intent to move, the Tenant agrees to permit the Landlord to show the unit to prospective tenants during reasonable hours.
  - c. If the Tenant moves before this Agreement ends, the Landlord may enter the unit to decorate, remodel, alter or otherwise prepare the unit for re-occupancy.

**DISCRIMINATION  
PROHIBITED:**

21. The Landlord agrees not to discriminate based upon race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicap, membership in a class, such as unmarried mothers or recipients of public assistance or because there are children in the family.

**CHANGE IN  
RENTAL AGREEMENT:**

22. The Landlord may, with the prior approval of HUD, change the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any changes will become effective only at the end of the initial term or a successive term. The Landlord must notify the Tenant of any change and must offer the Tenant a new Agreement or an amendment to the existing Agreement. The Tenant must receive the notice at least 60 days before the proposed effective date of the change (except in the case of an interim adjustment). The Tenant may accept the changed terms and conditions by signing the new Agreement or the amendment to the existing Agreement and returning it to the Landlord. The Tenant may reject the changed terms and conditions by giving the Landlord written notice that he/she intends to terminate the tenancy. The Tenant must give such notice at least 30 days before the proposed change will go into effect. If the Tenant does not accept the amended Agreement, the Landlord may require the Tenant to move from the project, as provided in Paragraph 23.

**TERMINATION OF  
TENANCY:**

23. a. To terminate this Agreement, the Tenant must give the Landlord 28 days written notice before moving from the unit. If the Tenant does not give the full 28-day notice, the Tenant shall be liable for rent up to the end of the 28 days for which notice was required or to the date the unit is re-rented, whichever date comes first.
- b. Any termination of this Agreement by the Landlord must be carried out in accordance with HUD regulations, State and local law, and the terms of this Agreement. The Landlord may terminate this Agreement only for:
- 1) criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants, or any drug-related criminal activity on or near such premises, engaged in by a tenant, any member of the tenant's household, or any guest or other person under the tenant's control; or
  - 2) the Tenant's material noncompliance with the terms of this Agreement.

the term material noncompliance with the lease includes: (1) one or more substantial violations of the lease; (2) repeated minor violations of the lease that: (a) disrupt the livability of the project, (b) adversely affect the health or safety of any person or the right of any tenant to the quiet enjoyment of the leased premises and related project facilities, (c) interfere with the management of the project, or (d) have an adverse financial effect on the project; (3) failure of the tenant to timely supply all required information on the income and composition, or eligibility factors, of the tenant household (including, but not limited to, failure to meet the disclosure and verification requirements for Social Security Numbers, or failure to sign and

submit consent forms for the obtaining of wage and claim information from State Wage Information Collection Agencies), or to knowingly provide incomplete or inaccurate information; and (4) non-payment of rent or any other financial obligation due under the lease beyond any grace period permitted under State law. The payment of rent or any other financial obligation due under the lease after the due date but within the grace period permitted under State law constitutes a minor violation.

- 3) the Tenant's material failure to carry out obligations under any State Landlord and Tenant Act; or
  - 4) other good cause, which includes but is not limited to the Tenant's refusal to accept the Landlord's proposed change to this Agreement. Termination's for "other good cause" may only be effective as of the end of any initial or successive term.
- c. If the Landlord proposes to terminate this Agreement, the Landlord agrees to give the Tenant written notice of the proposed termination. If the Landlord is terminating this agreement for "other good cause", the termination notice must be mailed to the Tenant and hand-delivered to the dwelling unit in the manner required by HUD at least 30 days before the date the Tenant will be required to move from the unit. Notices of proposed termination for other reasons must be given in accordance with any time frames set forth in State and local law. Any HUD required notice period may run concurrently with any notice period required by State or local law. All termination notices must:
- 1) specify the date this Agreement will be terminated;
  - 2) state the grounds for termination with enough detail for the Tenant to prepare a defense;
  - 3) advise the Tenant that he/she has 10 days within which to discuss the proposed termination of tenancy with the Landlord. The 10-day period will begin on the earlier of the date the notice was hand-delivered to the unit or the day after the date the notice is mailed. If the Tenant requests the meeting, the Landlord agrees to discuss the proposed termination with the Tenant; and
  - 4) advise the Tenant of his/her right to defend the action in court.
- d. If any eviction is initiated, the Landlord agrees to rely only upon those grounds cited in the termination notice required by Paragraph (c).

**HAZARDS:**

24. The Tenant shall not undertake, or permit his/her family or guests to undertake, any hazardous acts or do anything will increase the project's insurance premiums. Such action constitutes a material non-compliance. If the unit is damaged by fire, wind, or rain to the extent that the unit cannot be lived in and the damage is not caused or made worse by the Tenant, the Tenant will be responsible for rent only up to the date of the destruction. Additional rent will not accrue until the unit has been

repaired to a livable condition.

**PENALTIES FOR SUBMITTING FALSE INFORMATION:**

25. Knowingly giving the Landlord false information regarding income or other factors considered in determining Tenant's eligibility and rent is a material noncompliance with the lease subject to termination of tenancy. In addition, the Tenant could become subject to penalties available under the Federal law. Those penalties include fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for up to five years.

**CONTENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT:**

26. This Agreement and its Attachments make up the entire agreement between the Tenant and the Landlord regarding the unit. If any Court declares a particular provision of this Agreement to be invalid or illegal, all other terms of this Agreement will remain in effect and both the Landlord and the Tenant will continue to be bound by them.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT:**

27. The Tenant certifies that he/she has initially received a copy of this agreement and the following attachments to this Agreement and understands that these attachments are part of this Agreement.

- a. Attachment No. 1 - Form HUD-50059, Certification and Rectification of Tenant Eligibility. AS  
(Initial)
- b. Attachment No. 2 - Unit Inspection Report. AS  
(Initial)
- c. Attachment No. 3 - House Rules. AS  
(Initial)

**SIGNATURES:**

**TENANT**

By:

1. Orlene J. Fujisawa

6-1-99  
Date Signed

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

**LANDLORD: HAWAII AFFORDABLE PROPERTIES, INC., AGENT FOR**

**WESTLAKE APARTMENTS**

[Signature]  
By: Property Manager

6/1/99  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

LEASE AMENDMENT

COPY

June 9, 2006

Ms. Arlene Supapo  
3139 Ala Ilima Street, #303  
Honolulu, HI 96818-

Dear Ms. Arlene Supapo:

This is to notify you that on the basis of our recent review of your income and family composition, your monthly rent has been adjusted as follows:

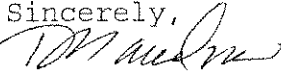
Contract Rent	\$	745
Utility Allowance	\$	40
Assistance Payment	\$	371
Total Tenant Payment	\$	414
Tenant Rent	\$	374

The new rent is effective with the rent due for the month of 06/01/2006. This notification amends Paragraph 4 of your lease agreement which sets forth the amount of rent you pay each month. All other provisions of your lease remain in full force and effect. The next scheduled recertification is 06/01/07.

Attached for your records is a copy of the Form 50059 Owner's Certification of Compliance with HUD's Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures and applicable worksheet(s). You should substitute these forms in place of the previous 50059 and worksheet(s) which are attached to your lease. The 50059 shows you the income we used to calculate your new rent and the amount of rental assistance, if any, that HUD pays monthly on your behalf.


The next scheduled recertification is 06/01/07. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have been informed by this INITIAL NOTICE of when your next scheduled recertification is and understand your responsibility to respond to a Reminder Notice that will be sent to you approximately 120 days prior to the next scheduled recertification. If you do not respond to the Reminder Notice by 4/10/07, your lease gives us the right to raise your rent.

You may call me at (808) 839-2027 if you wish to arrange a meeting to discuss the above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  


Dolores Barcelona  
Cert Occup Specialist

Accepted:

x  6/24/06 06/09/06  
Head of Household Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Co-Head Date

Received 6/24/06



**Owner's Certification of Compliance  
with HUD's Tenant Eligibility  
and Rent Procedures**

**U.S. Department of Housing  
And Urban Development**  
Office of Housing  
Federal Housing of Commissioner

NOT for submission to the Federal Government  
Landlord's Official Record of Certification

(Exp. 12/31/2007)

**Section A. Acknowledgements**

Read this before you complete and sign this form HUD-50059

**Public Reporting Burden.** The reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 55 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2502-0204), Washington, DC 20503. The information is being collected by HUD to determine an applicant's eligibility, the recommended unit size, and the amount the tenant(s) must pay toward rent and utilities. HUD uses this information to assist in managing certain HUD properties, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information furnished. HUD or a Public Housing Authority (PHA) may conduct a computer match to verify the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. You must provide all of the information requested, including the Social Security Numbers (SSNs) you, and all other household family members age six (6) years and older, have and use. Giving the SSNs of all family members age six (6) years and older is mandatory; not providing the SSNs will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

**Privacy Act Statement.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.); the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (P.L. 98-181); the Housing and Community Development Technical Amendments of 1984 (P.L. 98-479); and by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543).

**Tenant(s)' Certification -** I/We certify that the information in Sections C, D, and E of this form are true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that I/we can be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned up to five years, or lose the subsidy HUD pays and have my/our rent increased, if I/we furnish false or incomplete information.

**Owner's Certification -** I certify that this Tenant's eligibility, rent and assistance payments have been computed in accordance with HUD's regulations and administrative procedures and that all required verifications were obtained.

**Warning to Owners and Tenants.** By signing this form, you are indicating that you have read the above Privacy Act Statement and are agreeing with applicable Certification.

**False Claim Statement.** Warning: U.S. Code, Title 31, Section 3729, False Claims, provides a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damage for any person who knowingly presents, or causes to be presented, a false or fraudulent claim; or who knowingly makes, or caused to be used, a false record or statement; or conspires to defraud the Government by getting a false or fraudulent claim allowed or paid.

**Certification Summary from Page 2**

Name of Project	WESTLAKE APARTMENTS	Unit Number	303	Effective Date	06/01/2006	Certification Type	AR
Head of Household	SUPAPO, ARLENE	Total Tenant Payment	\$414	Assistance Payment	\$371	Tenant Rent	\$374

**Tenant Signatures**

Head of Household	Date	Other Adult	Date
Spouse / Co-Head	Date	Other Adult	Date
Other Adult	Date	Other Adult	Date
Other Adult	Date	Other Adult	Date
Other Adult	Date	Other Adult	Date
Other Adult	Date	Other Adult	Date
Other Adult	Date	Other Adult	Date

**Owner/Agent Signature**

Owner/Agent	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if Tenant is unable to sign for a legitimate reason	Anticipated Voucher Date

**Owner's Certification of Compliance with HUD's Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures**

**U.S. Department of Housing And Urban Development**  
Office of Housing  
Federal Housing of Commissioner

NOT for submission to the Federal Government  
Landlord's Official Record of Certification

(Exp. 12/31/2007)

Section B. Summary Information			
1. Project Name	WESTLAKE APARTMENTS	13. Effective Date	06/01/2006
2. Subsidy Type	1-Sec 8	14. Anticipated Voucher Date	07/01/2006
3. Secondary Subsidy Type		15. Next Recertification Date	06/01/2007
4. Property ID	*Future	16. Project Move-In Date	06/01/1998
5. Project Number	14035018	17. Unit Move-In Date	*Future
6. Contract Number	HI10L000008	18. Certification Type	AR
7. TRACSMail ID	TRACM21183	19. Action Processed	
8. Plan of Action Code		20. Correction Type	
9. HUD-Owner Project?	N	21. Cert. Correction Date	*Future
10. Region Code	*Future	22. Prev. Subsidy Type	
11. Field Office Code	*Future	23. Previous Housing Code	
12. FIPS County Code	*Future	24. Displacement Status Code	
25. Unit Number	303	26. No. of Bedrooms	2
27. Building ID	*Future	28. Unit Transfer Code	
29. Previous Unit No.		30. Security Deposit	\$124.00
31. Market Rent		31. Market Rent	\$0.00
32. Contract Rent		32. Contract Rent	\$745.00
33. Utility Allowance		33. Utility Allowance	\$40.00
34. Gross Rent		34. Gross Rent	\$785.00
35. Conversion Date Code		35. Conversion Date Code	
36. Age 62 at Conversion Indicator	N	36. Age 62 at Conversion Indicator	N
37. Continuous Section 8 Indicator	N	37. Continuous Section 8 Indicator	N

Section C. Household Information														
38. No.	39. Last Name	40. First Name	41. MI	42. Rel.	43. Sex	44. Race	45. Eth.	46. Birth Date	47. Special Status	48. ID Code (SSN)	49. Elig. Code	50. Alien Reg. Number	51. Age at Cert.	52. Work Codes
01	SUPAPO	ARLENE	S	H	F	1	2	10/08/1971		576-80-3439	EC		34	
02	SUPAPO HARRAWAY	DUSTIN	D	D	M	*F	*F	06/20/1994	H	576-69-1074	EC		11	
03	SUPAPO HARRIS	CASEY	M	D	M	*F	*F	02/07/2001	H	576-89-4879	PV		5	

53. Family is Mobility Impaired ?	N	56. Number of Family Members	3	60. Expected Family Addition - Adoption	0
54. Family is Hearing Impaired ?	N	57. Number of Non-Family Members	0	61. Expected Family Addition - Pregnancy	0
55. Family is Visually Impaired ?	N	58. Number of Dependents	2	62. Expected Family Addition - Foster Children	0
59. Number of Eligible Members	3				

63. Previous Head Last Name		66. Previous Effective Date	
64. Previous Head First Name		67. Previous Head ID	
65. Previous Head Middle initial		68. Previous Head Birth Date	

Section D. Income Information				Section E. Asset Information					
69. Mbr. No.	70. Income Type Code	71. Amount	72. SSN Benefits Claim No.	78. Mbr. No.	79. Description	80. Status	81. Cash Value	82. Actual Yearly Income	83. Date Divested
01	Pub. Asst. - Gen Ass	\$5,016	*Future	*F	HON FED EMPL FC	C	\$12	\$0	*Future
01	Pensions - SSI	\$7,236	*Future	*F	HON FED EMPL FC	C	\$473	\$4	*Future
03	Pensions - SSI	\$7,236	*Future						

73. Total Employment Income	\$0	84. Cash Value of Assets	\$485
74. Total Pension Income	\$14,472	85. Actual Income from Assets	\$4
75. Total Public Assistance Income	\$5,016	86. HUD Passbook Rate	2.00%
76. Total Other Income	\$0	87. Imputed Income from Assets	\$0
77. Total Non-Asset Income	\$19,488	88. Asset Income	\$4

Section F. Allowances & Rent Calculations			
89. Total Annual Income	\$19,492	100. Allowance for Dependents	\$960
90. Lower Income Limit	\$51,350	101. Child Care Expense (work)	\$0
91. Very Low Income Limit	\$32,100	102. Child Care Expense (school)	\$1,980
92. Extremely Low Income Limit	\$19,250	103. 3% of Income	\$585
93. Current Income Status	2 (Very Low)	104. Disability Expense	\$0
94. Eligibility Universe Code	2	105. Disability Allowance	\$0
95. Sec. 8 Assist. 1984 Indicator		106. Medical Expense	\$0
96. Income Exception Code		107. Medical Allowance	\$0
97. Police / Security Tenant?	N	108. Elderly Household Allowance	\$0
98. Survivor of Qualifier?	N	109. Total Allowance	\$2,940
99. Household Assistance Status	F	110. Adjusted Annual Income	\$16,552
111. Total Tenant Payment	\$414	112. Tenant Rent	\$374
113. Utility Reimbursement	\$0	114. Assistance Payment	\$371
115. Welfare Rent	\$0	116. HCDA percentage	30.00%
117. Percent Actually Charged	30.00%	118. Hardship Exemption	
119. Waiver Type Code	*Future		

Easy Worksheet for Computing  
 Total Tenant Payment/Tenant Rent  
 (All Programs)

U.S. Department of Housing  
 and Urban Development  
 Office of Housing  
 Federal Housing Commissioner  
 OMB No.2502-0204 (Exp. 4-30-90)

Name of Tenant SUPAPO, ARLENE S	Name of Project WESTLAKE APARTMENTS	Unit Number 303
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**\*\* Part A - Compute the Total Tenant Payment / Tenant Rent \*\***  
 Complete only 1 Section. Select the Section that applies to the type of subsidy

Section 8 / RAP Tenants			Rent Supplement Tenants		
A-1	[1624.33]	Monthly Income	A-1	[////////]	Monthly Income
A-2	[1379.33]	Monthly Adj Income	A-2	[ ]	Monthly Adj Income
A-3	[ 30]	HCDA Percentage	A-3	[ ]	HCDA Percentage
A-4	[ 413.80]	Monthly Adj x HCDA	A-4	[ ]	Gross Rent
A-5	[ 162.43]	10% x Monthly Inc.	A-5	[ ]	30% x Gross Rent
A-6	[ 0.00]	Welfare Rent	A-6	[ ]	Monthly Adj x HCDA
A-7	[ 413.80]	Total Tenant Payment (Enter largest of A4, A5, or A6)	A-7	[ ]	Total Tenant Payment (Enter larger of A5 or A6)

\* If this is MoveIn or Initial, Tenant is eligible ONLY if TTP is less than 90% of Gross Rent - ie  $A7 < (.90 * A4)$

\* Go To Part B \*

Section 236 Tenants			Utility Allowance		
No Utility Allowance			Utility Allowance		
A-1	[////////]	Monthly Income	A-1	[////////]	Monthly Income
A-2	[ ]	Monthly Adj Income	A-2	[ ]	Monthly Adj Income
A-3	[ ]	HCDA Percentage	A-3	[ ]	HCDA Percentage
A-4	[ ]	Monthly Adj x HCDA	A-4	[ ]	Monthly Adj x HCDA
A-5	[ ]	*Basic Rent	A-5	[ ]	*Utility Allowance
A-6	[ ]	*Market Rent	A-6	[ ]	A4 minus A5
A-7	[ ]	Tenant Rent (of A4, A5 but not more than A6)	A-7	[ ]	*Basic Rent
			A-8	[ ]	Higher of A6 or A7
			A-9	[ ]	Minimum Rent
			A-10	[ ]	*Market Rent
			A-11	[ ]	Tenant Rent (Enter th larger of A8 or A9 but not > A10)

\* Go To Part B \*

\* Note: Use the Rents and Utility Allowance as of Date Tenant Rent is Effective

**\*\* Part B - Transfer this Worksheet Data to the HUD-50059 \*\***

Enter the Answer from Part A in:	Item No.
- Section 236 Tenants	51
- All Other Tenants	50
Enter HCDA Percentage from A3 in	54
Check "No" in	55

Prepared By (Name and Date) <i>[Signature]</i> 06/09/06	Supervisory Review By (Initials and Date)
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AO 440 (Rev. 04/08) Civil Summons

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of Hawaii

BEVERLY BLAKE, et al.
Plaintiff
v.
CRAIG NISHIMURA, et al.
Defendant
Civil Action No.

Summons in a Civil Action

To: (Defendant's name and address)

Craig I. Nishimura, P.E.
Acting Director and Chief Engineer
1000 Uluohia Street, Suite 215
Kapolei, HI 96707

City & County of Honolulu
c/o Department of the Corporation Counsel
530 S. King Street, Room 110
Honolulu, HI 96813

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 20 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

VICTOR GEMINIANI, ESQ.
WILLIAM H. DURHAM, ESQ.
GAVIN K. THORNTON, ESQ.
Lawyers for Equal Justice
P.O. Box 37952 Honolulu, HI 96837

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If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

SUE BEITIA

Name of clerk of court

Deputy clerk's signature

Date: JUN 12 2008

(Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3).)

**Proof of Service**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I served the summons and complaint in this case on \_\_\_\_\_,  
by:

(1) personally delivering a copy of each to the individual at this place, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; or

(2) leaving a copy of each at the individual's dwelling or usual place of abode with \_\_\_\_\_  
who resides there and is of suitable age and discretion; or

(3) delivering a copy of each to an agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive it whose name is  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; or

(4) returning the summons unexecuted to the court clerk on \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

(5) other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Server's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name and title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Server's address