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16. Kakaako

The American Institute of Architects/Honolulu Chapter supports the development of Kakaako as a pedestrian-oriented urban neighborhood in the heart of Honolulu that connects Ala Moana, Waikiki, Downtown, the waterfront and inland neighborhoods of the city. It supports the implementation of a master plan for Kakaako that includes the meaningful participation of concerned community groups and citizens. It supports the use of zoning codes, including form-based codes that are effective in planning and developing the district to allow residents to live, work and play in close proximity.

Kakaako Makai

The American Institute of Architects/Honolulu Chapter supports the development of Kakaako Makai as Honolulu's "gathering place", including parks, public cultural, educational and entertainment facilities, ocean-related retail use at Kewalo Basin and waterfront open space consistent with a "lei of green" concept from Diamond Head to Aloha Tower.

Kakaako Mauka

The American Institute of Architects/Honolulu Chapter supports the development of Kakaako Mauka as a mixed-use urban neighborhood. Facilities should include a range of housing types and price levels, retail and commercial office space, and schools and parks for use by current and future residents. Streets should contain attractive pathways for pedestrians, bikers and mass transit to facilitate a lifestyle independent of the automobile.

Kakaako Planning Process

The American Institute of Architects/ Honolulu Chapter strongly recommends that planning entities of the City and County of Honolulu be involved in the planning process for Kakaako.

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