

The Waikiki Apartment Precinct is a special place.

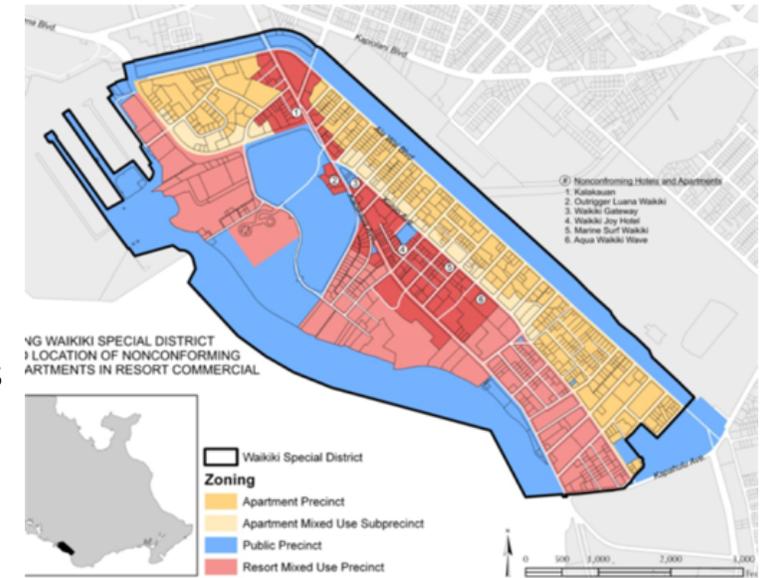
The Apartment Precinct is a slice of Waikiki zoned for primarily residential use. It is an oasis in Waikiki where regular people can live. We support the tourist industry and many of us work in hotels and other tourist-oriented businesses.

The Apartment Precinct consists largely of one-lane, one-way streets and multifamily dwellings of all sizes. Many families live in the Apartment Precinct, and we have every expectation that the city of Honolulu will honor the spirit of the zoning regulation to maintain a residential atmosphere.

Several moderate-sized hotels and boutique hotels are scattered throughout the Apartment Precinct, in addition to many legal transient vacation rentals (TVUs) that operate with nonconforming use certificates. Of course, we also live directly adjacent to the resort areas of Waikiki. We are happy to share our little slice of paradise with these tourist-oriented establishments. But, in recent years we have seen an onslaught of illegal TVUs on our blocks and in our buildings, and they threaten to destroy the quality of life in the Apartment Precinct of Waikiki. Now we are afraid that City Council might permit even more TVUs to operate in our district.

Every block is a little neighborhood. Every building is an intimate community of neighbors. We used to know each other, but as illegal TVUs operated largely by non-resident owners have proliferated, our neighborly communities have slowly eroded away. Even worse, many owners of TVUs have begun to treat us like we are the ones who don't belong here when, in fact, this is our home.

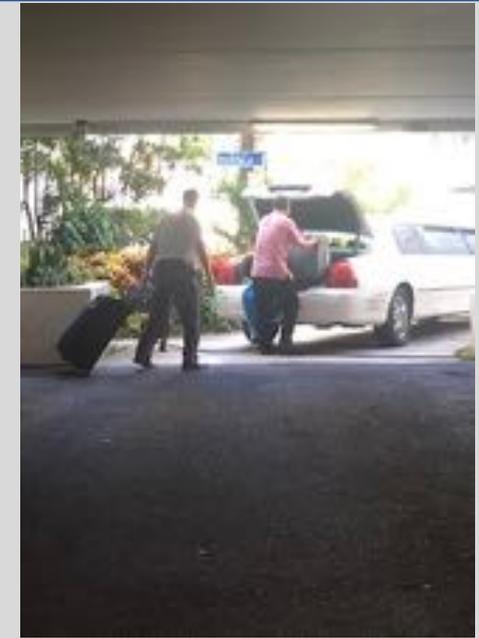
Take a look at the pictures here to see what just one block in the Apartment Precinct is like. It is probably not what you imagine when you think of Waikiki. Please do not allow more TVUs in the Apartment Precinct. You will destroy families and communities. TVU operators like to say that their livelihoods depend on income from short-term vacation rentals. But remember that we already live here and our quality of life depends on the city keeping its promise to maintain part of Waikiki for primarily residential use.







Kids playing versus luggage



Walking the dog versus blocking the driveway



Vacation renters versus gardener



Waikiki, Honolulu, HI, USA

Sleeps 7 · 2 Bedrooms · 1 Bathroom

\$195 avg/night ★★★★★ (30)



Money versus paradise

This is our home.

Many people call the Apartment Precinct home. Just because we live in Waikiki, we don't deserve to have our quality of life destroyed.

TVU operators say that there are already so many vacation rentals in the Apartment Precinct that it is already gone. On the contrary, the fact that there are many vacation venues already permitted means that we have enough. To maintain our quality of life we need to keep the moratorium in place. TVU operators say that Waikiki was always supposed to be a tourist destination and that the infrastructure is in place to operate many TVUs. No, Waikiki has always had a thriving residential presence, and residents have been relentlessly displaced by mini-hotels and illegal TVUs. Many buildings absolutely do not have the infrastructure to support high-turnover and high-traffic short term rental activities. TVU operators complain that they are losing money, but they never display compassion for people who are losing their communities and homes.

There is a quilt of multifaced neighborhoods in Waikiki, each one a unique and special place. Please don't destroy these homes and communities by opening them to even more TVUs.



Ainahau Vista
low-income
senior living.

Site of
Princess
Ka'iulani's
gardens.



Homes

