

TO HAWAII STATE LAND USE COMMISSION  
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RE: Piilani Promenade – Draft-EIS Comments

### **Greetings LUC Commissioners and Staff**

I am a **very concerned** resident of the Kaonoulu neighborhood. I read in the Piilani Promenade EIS that the project would have no impacts on surrounding lands. **Who are they kidding? This is absolutely not true!** I hope you will not accept this assumption and I hope you will ask the applicants to do more work on this EIS.

I am concerned the EIS is not adequate because it concludes that there will be no traffic impacts after roadway “mitigations” are built. It looks like their traffic study only looks at a few of the new projects that will be bringing traffic to Piilani Hwy, rather than the big picture. **We already have a lot of traffic and traffic noise now.** Building a big shopping center and a couple hundred apartments across the street is going to be a **huge** increase in traffic and a **huge** increase in noise. Even the EIS admits the noise on Kaonoulu street will get worse. We residents don't care whether its above or below federal noise levels. **For me and my neighbors, it's way too noisy already.** The EIS should have looked for more ways to lower noise and traffic levels. The EIS should be honest and maybe scale down the size of the project.

I am concerned because there doesn't seem to be any real alternative plans discussed for the site. **The EIS claims there will be no cultural impacts because the land has no cultural value. Again, this is absolutely and categorically untrue!** This area has a lot of history and there are no plans to save any historic sites, even though native Hawaiians have asked that they be protected. **I have walked this land and it is loaded with valuable sacred historic cultural sites. It is a crime against the ancestors and this sacred aina and the Hawaiian people to bulldoze these precious landmarks of cultural history for a mega mall! I am appalled and filled with shame that these sacred cultural sites would be treated in such an inhuman way on this island of aloha. We must ask the developers to honor this land and its people and history and culture by including aloha in their plans, setting aside the historic sites as places for all the generations to come to visit and learn from and do what is pono here. If we don't protect these lands, who will?**

The main gulch through the land is shown as filled in on the maps I have seen. This is a terrible idea. We need an EIS that shows some alternative plans. We need a plan with the gulch as part of a park with a walking path and more open spaces to absorb all the flood waters that come through and flood our streets and pollute the ocean below the Piilani Hwy. We need a plan that has a greenway through the land with historic places preserved along it.

We **already** have big flooding problems below the Piilani highway when it rains heavily in Kihei or upcountry. The EIS says all the storm water will stay on site, but if you look closer,

you see that all the water that comes down through the gulch across the land will still come down. Only now it will all be concentrated into pipes that lead to other pipes and then dumped in Kulanihakoi gulch, near our neighborhood. This is a major problem.

This dirty water goes to the ocean where we take our families to swim and residents go to fish and gather seaweed. It heads right out to where the whale sanctuary headquarters is. There has to be a better plan and studies like this should be looking at the options instead of telling us all that they represent smart growth. What's so smart about issuing a report that denies there will be any problems? **Who is holding these out of control developers accountable for their actions?**

Bottom line for this area: new developments need to not only take care of their own runoff, but they need to be part of the solution to the current problem. **Please do not accept this study as complete until it looks at some real alternative plans that are a win-win-win-win-win for the land, the historical sites, the surrounding neighborhood, the Hawaiian community and the developers.**

**I thank you in advance for employing justice and right action.**

**Sincerely,**

**Sharon Rose**