

Please do not allow Hokua Place project to happen Lori MacDonald

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Aloha Planning Department,

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the Hokua project going forward. I live in Wailua Homesteads and the traffic even going to and from Foodland is awful once you get on to Kuhio Hwy. Going into Kapaa is a nightmare most of the time and to increase homes (like 769 homes) on 97 acres seems it will add to the traffic problem. I would encourage us to fix our highway first so that traffic is easier on those of us that live here on Kauai. So again I ask Please Do Not remove State Agriculture Lands and Change it to urban.

Mahalo, Lori Abbey-MacDonald

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Aloha Land Use Commission,

I urge you to deny the request for HOKUA PLACE to remove 97 acres from designated STATE AGRICULTURAL lands by changing it to URBAN.

The property has been rightfully classified agricultural and should stay classified that way. While THE GENERAL PLAN calls for developing within designated Urban Center areas, this project will destroy what little is left of Kauai's Eastside rural character by overloading a very crowded Kapaa Town and it's environs. As a resident of the area (Wailua Homesteads specifically) I am extremely concerned about traffic on our already overloaded Kuhio Highway. We cannot avoid the current traffic situation if we need to pass between the south and north sides of the island. The Hokua project will intensify our problems if the 97 acres and 769 new residences are developed without a new major north/south thoroughfare in place FIRST.

The HOKUA PLACE project is very poor land use. It's bad for the island as a whole. It's bad for anyone living on any side of the island who will ever need to travel the east side corridor. There was some mention that the project would support Kapaa businesses. Many us will not stop to shop in town as it is now, due to the throngs of people and traffic, only wanting to get through and get out of Kapaa Town as fast as we can. Sadly fast never happens in Kapaa and this project will make a currently bad situation intolerable.

Additionally the area already has several multiunit resorts approved which will be adding to the horrendous traffic problem. They, however, are actually in designated urban/resort areas and not requiring a loss of ag lands or change of designation.

A comment about affordable housing; There are other far less congested places for that. Our county could also entertain the possibility of purchasing and rehabbing existing properties to that end and to the betterment of our communities/neighborhoods and a positive improvement to urban blight.

A final comment about the developer saying he worked hard to buy this property; He bought the properties at ag land prices, not urban, and it needs to stay ag just as it was when he bought the

parcels.

Mahalo.

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