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Makila Rural Community EIS

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Subject: The proposed Makila Village
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To: Mariah at WML and to the LUC

My husband and I reside full time at 204 Pua Niu Way. We bought our one acre lot up here about three years ago and we were required to implement a farm plan which ended up being very costly, but we are happy now that this area is Ag land and we believe the entire neighborhood should stay Ag land, as do most other homeowners who reside up here. If this Makila Village project is allowed to go forward, it would mean we were not told the truth when we bought our parcel. As was shown on a map, we were informed that the open space of the proposed project in question off Kai Hele Ku would eventually be divided into approximately eleven large parcels. We thought that plan was solid. We never received any disclosure that the land in question would be rezoned allowing for higher density. The idea that Makila Land now wants to build 225 homes there on small parcels and change the Ag land to rural land is an unfair proposal and would ruin the concept of what Launiupoko and Makila Ridge stand for and why people bought land and homes up here in the first place over the years: Low density, space, safety, peace and quiet, and quality of life.

We want to voice our strong opposition to this Village proposal. No homeowner we've spoken with who lives up is in favor of this irresponsible project as witnessed during the community meeting on Nov. 2nd. There are many different reasons why this Village of high density should not happen. Just to list several:

An EIS will reveal that there are endangered species in the area, such as the NeNe Goose, whose habitat will be destroyed. We see them every day flying over our home. They nest up here.

The Ag land in question has good soil. It is state policy not to remove good soil that could easily be used for agriculture.

This plan does not conform to the Maui Island Plan's requirement for Open Space according to Chapter 8 pg 8-62. Private lots are not considered Open Space.

There would be Environmental damage to land and ocean. The dust and debris is too close to the ocean and will add more stress to the already endangered reef. The dust fence is not enough, considering that this area has frequent 40 mph plus winds.

It would cause Considerable congestion of traffic and people at intersection and along the highway and at the already crowded beach park and highway

The whole idea just doesn't make sense and it would be a real shame if it happens. We do not want another Waikiki here. The land should be kept Ag and when additional homes are built, they should be modeled after the surrounding homes: Perhaps 50 homes on large parcels along with a very large grassy park in the middle. Now that would be the right thing to do and make more sense to the surrounding neighbors already living here.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Suzanne Albers