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Subject:
Date: 11/18/2015 02:58 PM

Aloha,

My name is Brenda Jackson, and I work as a concierge on Maui. It is my job to assist Maui's guests in finding all the beautiful and fun things to do here. Unfortunately, the more traffic you allow to populate this island, the less beautiful it will be. I am an avid kayak guide and enjoy all that our ocean has to offer, and I am sure that a development right on top of our Marine sanctuary will have nothing but adverse effects to the very fragile ecosystem I try so hard to protect.

My partner's family has been living here for many generations, and it breaks my heart to see companies ILLEGALLY acquire land from Hawaiian families to overdevelop. Just because no one has built there, doesn't mean the land isn't wanted...just the opposite, in fact. Hawaiians hold their, aina (land) sacred and consider building condos and businesses on it desecration.

To say that the building of all the proposed housing and businesses will not affect the natural environment is flat out and, simply, a lie. To invite thousands of people to reside in such a small area will, in fact, destroy the reef, thus forcing marine life to search elsewhere for homes and food.

Speaking of homes...will you be offering affordable housing to Hawaiians and local Maui residents, or will this be more overpriced condos that only mainlanders will loads of money (and no respect for the land and Hawaiian culture) can afford? Traffic is horrendous as it is on this small island...when will it stop? Are we turning Maui into Honolulu? God, I hope not!

My family and I are wholeheartedly opposed to the development of Olowalu!!! Please help keep Maui quiet, peaceful, and naturally beautiful. We owe it to this land, and its people to protect them.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ember](#)
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Subject: OPPOSED - A10-786 Olowalu Town - Testimony of the Final-EIS, Reject the EIS
Date: 11/18/2015 11:50 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

I, Ember Behrendt, live in Huelo and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns about the preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traffic, fires, tsunamis and the degradation of vital terrestrial and marine habitat, just to name a few.

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Because of the multitude of reasons, this plan is terrible; it is time to hold additional meetings with the community to talk about the proposed project and suitable win-win situations that can be reached with the citizens of Maui County.

I ask you to stand with us and reject the Olowalu town development and the EIS for the sake of future generations and a healthy thriving coral reef ecosystem.

Mahalo for your time,

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From: [Christine Spreiter](#)
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Subject: Olowalu proposed development
Date: 11/19/2015 02:49 AM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

My name is Christine Spreiter and I have been a regular visitor and a resident of Maui at different times since 1965. I now live in the UK, but visit annually. I have family resident full time in Lahaina, and we jointly own property there. We have seen incredible change on Maui over 50 years- most sadly in the ocean environment which is where the end result of overdevelopment and pollution takes its most devastating toll. The same ocean that everyone loves and cherishes, and which underpins the tourist economy upon which nearly everyone and everything on Maui depends.

In fifty years, we have seen transformative changes in traffic, access areas, development, infrastructure- everything. Olowalu was deserted when we went there as children, now it is a parking lot from the Pali to Lahaina. You cannot stretch finite resources like the coastline to accommodate an ever increasing number of cars and people- it was as obvious to a child in the 1970s as it is today. There's not much point in driving to Launiupoko now, for example, when you know you won't be able to park there, or if you do get a spot, you may be prevented from leaving by frustrated beach goers who have abandoned their vehicles and blocked the entire car park. Lack of coherent planning and the pursuit of short term gains have caused this problem. It is past time to start planning the island that you really want for your grandkids, with some thought to the quality of life of residents and visitors. Think big- if you are going to build a new highway, then turn the old coast road into a dedicated coastal bike path- not a lane on the highway, but a dedicated route, away from cars and pollution. It would be an amazing- it would elevate Maui into a new realm, stimulate the economy, and show a commitment to a sustainable and healthy future. Be innovative and different- the old solutions have created the mess you have now- why not try a bold new approach?

Olowalu should be protected from Mauka to Makai, to give nature a chance to recover. The turtle population is an indicator of the health of the ocean- the continued rise in Fibropapillomatosis (the disfiguring and disabling tumours which affect and often slowly kill the juvenile turtles over a period of years) is linked to stress and environmental degradation. Do not approve development plans that will further impact on the health of the remaining fragile ecosystems of Maui. Be progressive- protect the land, re establish native habitats lost for so many years to intensive mono crop agriculture, prevent further run off which leads to algal blooms, coral bleaching and degradation of the ocean environments.

Use some of the Transient Occupancy Tax paid by every visitor when they book accommodation to invest in the protection and restoration of the island's natural environment- let visitors know that the tax they pay is being used to safeguard the beauty, health and open access of Maui - people will appreciate it, and support it. You don't go to Maui because you want an urban vacation, you go there to enjoy and show your kids the incredible beauty of the natural world. The environment is Maui's most important and valuable asset, which is under threat from short sighted, quick profit development.

Globally, as on Maui, it is no longer a question of "can we afford to put the environment first?", but "can we realistically afford not to?"

Mahalo,

Christine Spreiter

In addition, I agree with all the reasons put forward below.

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Mahalo for your time,

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Date: 11/19/2015 06:18 AM

Dear Sirs,
Although I did not attend yesterdays session n Maui, I sent written testimony.
I have heard the Frampton group has asked for delay in a decision till a water report is submitted.
I feel they have had years to do this report. This is just a delay tactic and the people of Maui need
to see action on saving this area. If granted this delay, then I suggest that future meetings be in
the evening so the many people do not need to lose wages and the many more who could not afford to
lose wages are allowed to attended without losing any money /
Yesterdays hearing clearly showed many on Maui do not want this project.
It should be noted that all those at the meeting had to take time off from work and other priorities
to let their feelings be noted. The Frampton side gets paid or has a vested interest in the project,
Many people sacrificed their work time to let the message of the need to stop this project.
If granted further delays, they will again need to take time off to make sure your agency gets the
message of the value of this area to the future of Maui.

Aloha

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