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Aloha,

I am submitting this attachment for A85-595 Kuilima Development Co. (O'ahu) listed as such on the agenda. This in regards to our support of the development process of Turtle Bay Resort.

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KANALU & HAWAIIAN BOARDING CO.

(A nonprofit 501 c 3 organization dedicated to the cultural education and ocean safety/awareness of our community)

11/5/2013

To: Hawai'i Land Use Commission

Re: Turtle Bay Resort – Show Cause Hearing

Aloha kākou Commissioners,

I Thomas "Pohaku" Stone, am the KANALU representative to Turtle Bay Resort (TBR) as their Native Hawaiian Cultural Advisor. I represent the interest of our Hawaiian 501 c 3 nonprofit organization that provides input to the development process for our local/Hawaiian community. In essence I am the voice of our organization and one voice of our community which is a silent majority in the region. I also am a member of the Turtle Bay Cultural Advisory Committee (CAC), which are representatives from our community who have worked closely with the owners and management since Feb. 2010. Through the CAC we have guided Turtle Bay Resort through their proposed development plan so that is inclusive of the Hawaiian people and our traditions. The proposed development plan has been embraced by the majority of our local/ Native Hawaiian community from Kahuku to Waimanalo.

Since I/we have been involved with the proposed development process there have been changes that provides open shoreline access to the community, which is significant. Prior to the new owners & management acquiring the property, access to the shoreline was guaranteed by law but in practice was extremely limited making it difficult for the community to access the beaches. By fully opening their doors to the community and doing away with the restrictive practice of limiting beach access to the allotted number of community parking spaces, TBR has paved the way for area residents to interact with those who come to visit our island, minimizing tensions between the local community and the tourism industry. The Hawaiian cultural environment has become a visible foundation within the structural fabric of the resort today, in addition to efforts to more fully embrace the local community and local traditions sustainable economic growth that provides economically for our financially hard pressed community is part of the vision of both TBR and the CAC. This is clear with the implementation of new positions at the hotel and surrounding restaurants. it shows that the proposed development process is on track. These efforts have included the construction of the only usable Hawaiian hōlua slide in Hawai'i used by our schools & community as well as an educational tool for our visitors. TBR has opened the door to our Hawaiian Immersion schools to share Hawaiian traditions with the community and visitors with the presentation of the Makahiki Kuilima for the past two (2) years with the third (3rd) Ke Kula o Samuel Kamakau Makahiki Kuilima to take place Jan. 11.2014. In partnership "Da Hui o He'enalu North Shore Beach Clean Up" will be staged from Turtle Bay Resort again for a second year. Our environmental efforts to malama ka 'āina & kai has increased participation since this partnership was formed. These efforts demonstrate TBR's commitment

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and concern for the health & wellness of our community, which is good stewardship of our island by Turtle Bay Resort through increased ties with our community efforts to malama ka mokupuni (island). Turtle Bay has taken steps to ensure that there will be more than the required setback from the beaches in their development plan and to have that remain publicly open. We of our Hawaiian/local community are supportive and appreciative of the efforts of TBR to be inclusive of our input as advisors. The Hawaiian/local community is not just window dressing, and we appreciate the positive process rather than negative that the resort has taken by working closely with us as we work towards economic sustainability within our financially struggling community. This is real community (permanent/365 days) from Ka'a'awa to Kahuku that is not part of the surfing industry (mostly transient/4 months of the year) that dominates the area between Paumalū and Hale'iwa.

With a positive attitude we/I look forward to continually working with the development process of Turtle Bay Resort & Replay to provide job security, increased unification of families, which minimizes traffic because parents can have a job closer to home instead of making long commutes that does not allow them to have time with their children. This is contributing to the tensions within so many 'ohana. If we support the development efforts proposed for Turtle Bay Resort our young families will have affordable housing opportunities, more time with their children which is important to having a healthy 'ohana. Yes, we are all concerned with development of any kind but there are times that we have to look at the greater needs of our local community and move forward with smart growth, growth that brings jobs as well as housing, growth that seeks to find balance with tourism, agriculture, and the need for open space.

I/we know there is a strong effort by the minority, who are mostly transplants to our islands and those who have large homes and significant interest in the north shore surfing industry, who are trying to silence our Hawaiian/local voices. If we do not support this proposed development the presence of our Hawaiian/local community will continue to diminish only to be replaced by outside speculators, high cost rentals, high end homes, closing of beach access due to private wealthy landowners, and the end to our traditional way of life.

At this time I say mahalo for your time to read this testimony and hope that you hear the voices of the silent majority.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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Hawai'i Land Use Commission

RE: Turtle Bay Resort-Show Cause Hearing

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Dear Commissioners,

When my husband started working at Turtle Bay Resort, we were thrilled to be connected with such a prestigious property. We are very excited to see the resort reposition itself as a cultural center on the North Shore. The focus of the two restaurants has shifted to reflect local produce and traditional cuisine. Entertainment and activities are all heavily influenced by the indigineous culture.

By expanding the resort, local jobs would be created that enable North Shore/Windward residents to work in the region in which they live. This is necessary to the health of the community. Currently, a great deal of a household's income is spent just in transportation to jobs that are away from the North Shore. This, in turn, contributes to both traffic congestion and pollution, not to mention the waste of time that is spent traveling to and fro.

In addition to the cost of traveling to other areas on the island, we have the cultural cost as people leave the Oahu in the search for sustainable careers. As Hawaiians leave the islands, we lose part of the tradition and language that makes Hawaii so unique.

The current lack of jobs contributes to the poverty level which in turns increases the crime rate and government assistance needed to support the families in this region.

While managing growth and ensuring access to the North Shore's natural wonders, Turtle Bay Resort's expansion plans would benefit the entire community. We urge you to vote "no" on the petition and allow Turtle Bay Resort to move forward without delay or interference.

Respectfully,

Janet Fields



HAWAII LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

Testimony of
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State of Hawaii
Land Use Commission
November 8, 2013
Airport Conference Center
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Subject: A85-595 Action, Kuilima Development Co. (Turtle Bay Resort)

Aloha Members of the State Land Use Commission:

My name is Peter H. M. Lee. I am with Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). LECET is the labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Hawaii LECET **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** this project and applauds the new owners for engaging the North Shore and Ko'olauloa community to understand their concerns. As a result, the owner on their own accord, dramatically downsized its earlier development plans.

We often hear the saying..."Live, Work, and Play" when designing new communities. Turtle Bay Resorts understands this, but also realizes the importance of agriculture for this community. Their new plan will dedicate 469 acres to farmers to grow diversified food crops and 75 acres for a farmers market that will serve the needs of both residents and visitors. This unique combination brings to life the concept of "Live. Work. Play. Farm" to Hawaii and the North Shore and Ko'olauloa community will be a shining example of how this can work.

The new plan will also provide other benefits to the entire community including:

- Construction jobs for the next 11 yrs,
- On site and off site Resort jobs,
- Roadway and Infrastructure improvements,
- Affordable housing units for the working family, and
- Funding of training/internship programs

For these reasons, we humbly ask for your support to allow Turtle Bay Resort the opportunity to execute its new development plans....plans that will have positive impacts to (not only) the North Shore and Ko'olauloa community, but also to the local construction and farming industry as well.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha LUC,

Please find attached my testimony for Turtle Bay Resort.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or reply to this email.

Regards,

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