



Mail Processing Center  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Southwest Regional Office  
Obstruction Evaluation Group  
10101 Hillwood Parkway  
Fort Worth, TX 76177

Aeronautical Study No.  
2016-AWP-10529-OE

Issued Date: 12/14/2016

Kanani Fu  
Kauai County Housing Agency  
4444 Rice Street, Suite #330  
Lihue, HI 96766

**\*\* DETERMINATION OF NO HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION \*\***

The Federal Aviation Administration has conducted an aeronautical study under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 44718 and if applicable Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 77, concerning:

Structure:	Building Lima Ola Development (Subdivision)
Location:	Eleele, HI
Latitude:	21-54-28.97N NAD 83
Longitude:	159-34-38.68W
Heights:	175 feet site elevation (SE) 40 feet above ground level (AGL) 215 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

It is required that FAA Form 7460-2, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration, be e-filed any time the project is abandoned or:

\_\_\_\_ At least 10 days prior to start of construction (7460-2, Part 1)  
\_\_X\_\_ Within 5 days after the construction reaches its greatest height (7460-2, Part 2)

Based on this evaluation, marking and lighting are not necessary for aviation safety. However, if marking/lighting are accomplished on a voluntary basis, we recommend it be installed and maintained in accordance with FAA Advisory circular 70/7460-1 L Change 1.

This determination expires on 06/14/2018 unless:

- (a) the construction is started (not necessarily completed) and FAA Form 7460-2, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration, is received by this office.
- (b) extended, revised, or terminated by the issuing office.
- (c) the construction is subject to the licensing authority of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and an application for a construction permit has been filed, as required by the FCC, within 6 months of the date of this determination. In such case, the determination expires on the date prescribed by the FCC for completion of construction, or the date the FCC denies the application.

NOTE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THIS DETERMINATION MUST BE E-FILED AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. AFTER RE-EVALUATION OF CURRENT OPERATIONS IN THE AREA OF THE STRUCTURE TO DETERMINE THAT NO SIGNIFICANT AERONAUTICAL CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED, YOUR DETERMINATION MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE EXTENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD.

This determination is based, in part, on the foregoing description which includes specific coordinates , heights, frequency(ies) and power . Any changes in coordinates , heights, and frequencies or use of greater power will void this determination. Any future construction or alteration , including increase to heights, power, or the addition of other transmitters, requires separate notice to the FAA.

This determination does include temporary construction equipment such as cranes, derricks, etc., which may be used during actual construction of the structure. However, this equipment shall not exceed the overall heights as indicated above. Equipment which has a height greater than the studied structure requires separate notice to the FAA.

This determination concerns the effect of this structure on the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft and does not relieve the sponsor of compliance responsibilities relating to any law, ordinance, or regulation of any Federal, State, or local government body.

Any failure or malfunction that lasts more than thirty (30) minutes and affects a top light or flashing obstruction light, regardless of its position, should be reported immediately to (877) 487-6867 so a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) can be issued. As soon as the normal operation is restored, notify the same number.

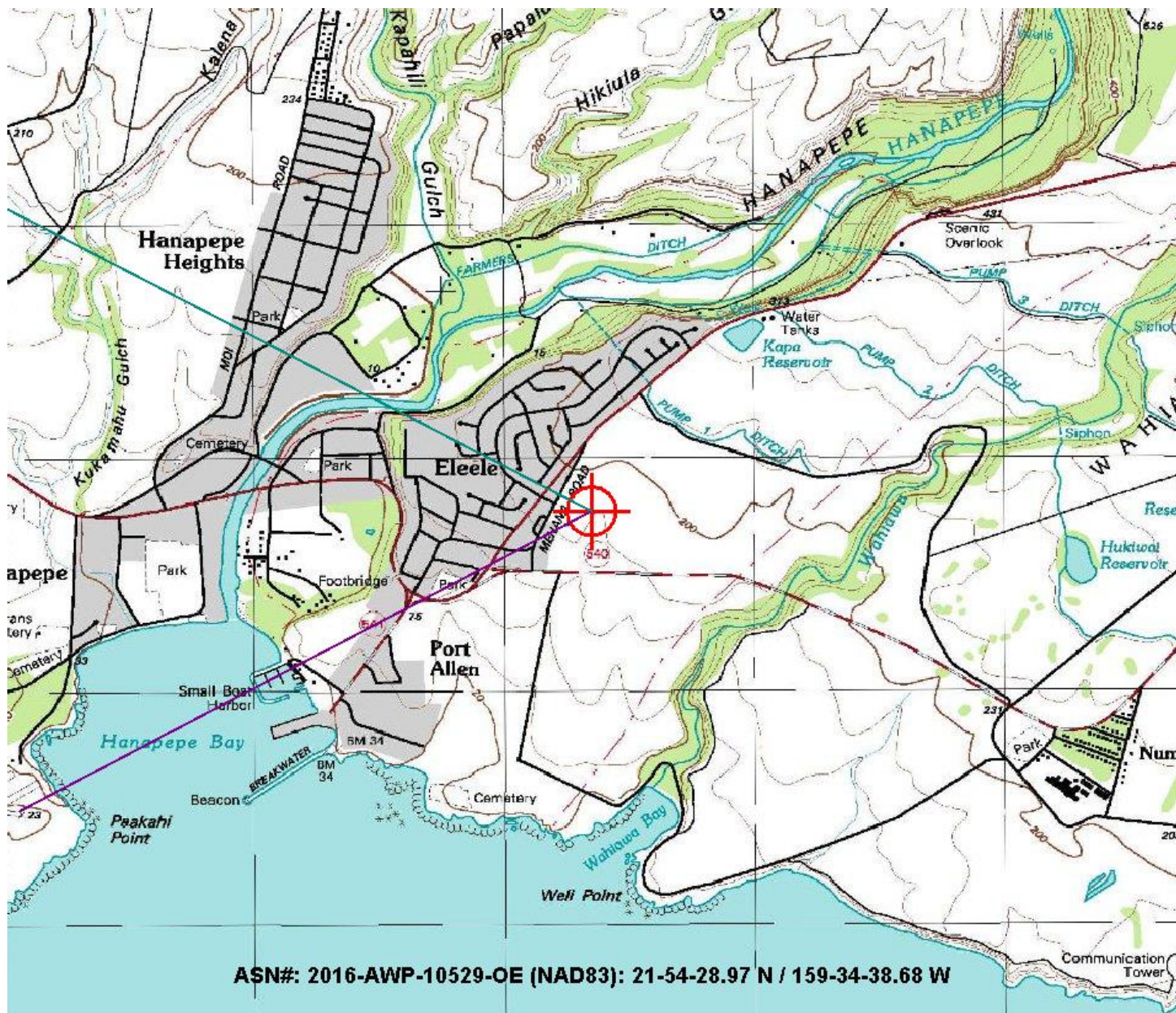
If we can be of further assistance, please contact our office at (310) 725-6558. On any future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to Aeronautical Study Number 2016-AWP-10529-OE.

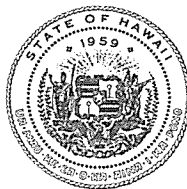
**Signature Control No: 308878076-312660546**

( DNE )

LaDonna James  
Technician

Attachment(s)  
Map(s)





STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI  
DIRECTOR

Deputy Director  
JADE T. BUTAY  
ROSS M. HIGASHI  
EDWIN H. SNIFFEN  
DARRELL T. YOUNG

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
STP 8.2111

April 13, 2017

Ms. Kanani Fu  
Housing Director  
Kauai County Housing Agency  
Piikoi Building  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Dear Ms. Fu:

Subject: Lima Ola Work Force Housing  
Response to HDOT Comments  
Eleele, Kauai  
TMK: (4) 2-1-001:054

The Department of Transportation (HDOT) has the following comments on the subject project:

Airports Division

The Airports Division has read the response to HDOT comments sent by Community Planning and Engineering, Inc. dated March 22, 2017 and finds the responses adequate.

Highways Division

Community Planning and Engineering, Inc. provided responses to HDOT comments in STP 8.2023 dated September 20, 2016 regarding the Lima Ola Work Force Housing project (Project). HDOT finds the responses satisfactory and propose the following stipulations.

The Project is expected to be constructed in four phases (1A & 1B, 2, 3, and 4). HDOT understands the transportation improvements as provided in the Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR) and the March 22, 2017 response for Phase 1 has been funded by the County, and that the County will be responsible for all costs for the construction of the remaining phased improvements for the Project.

An updated TIAR will be prepared prior to execution of Phase 2 of the Project and before all subsequent phases to re-evaluate the validity of the TIAR and revised if necessary and determine whether the previously proposed improvements are adequate or require revision. The TIAR will be submitted to HDOT for review and acceptance, specifically for proposed transportation improvements in the State Highway right-of-way.

Ms. Kanani Fu  
April 13, 2017  
Page 2

STP 8.2111

HDOT recommends prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for that Project Phase the Phase-related transportation improvements are accepted by the HDOT.

HDOT has also provided two additional comments in a letter dated March 17, 2017, STP 8.2094. HDOT has contacted the consultant which the comments have been resolved and accepted by HDOT.

If there are any questions, please contract Mr. Norren Kato of the HDOT Statewide Transportation Planning Office at telephone number (808) 831-7976.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'FORD N. FUCHIGAMI', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI  
Director of Transportation

c: County of Kauai Planning Department  
CP&E, Inc.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

June 15, 2017

TO: State Land Use Commission

FR: Representative Dee Morikawa  
House of Representatives, District 16

RE: Land Use District Boundary Amendment Petition  
County of Kaua'i Housing Agency – Lima Ola Project  
TMK (4) 2-1-001:054

Aloha Chair Aczon and Members of the State Land Use Commission. My name is Dee Morikawa, member of the House of Representatives for District 16. I am testifying today in strong support of the County of Kaua'i Housing Agency's Petition for a Land Use Boundary Amendment for development of affordable housing for the Lima Ola Project.

Lack of housing is a statewide issue and very evident on our island of Kaua'i. With the price of homes skyrocketing, the dreams of owning a new home becomes a far-fetched reality. Our local families with decades of history, being born and raised on Kaua'i wish to remain here, but simply cannot afford it here and relocate elsewhere. I wish one day that my children would have the opportunity to own a home.

Lima Ola's goals of being 100% affordable, incorporating smart growth principles, fostering social interaction and aloha, supporting healthy living, green sustainable features, and developing a community that serves as a prudent public investment for Kaua'i. I applaud the Housing Agency's hard work and commitment to produce affordable housing for our Kaua'i residents.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the Petition for more affordable housing on Kaua'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dee Morikawa".

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa  
House of Representatives  
16th District – Ni'ihau, Lehua, Kōloa, Waimea



**Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.**  
Mayor



**Lyle Tabata**  
Acting County Engineer

**Wallace G. Rezentes, Jr.**  
Managing Director

Deputy County Engineer

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i**

4444 Rice Street, Suite 275, Lihue, Hawai'i 96766  
TEL (808) 241-4992 FAX (808) 241-6604

May 4, 2017

Ms. Kanani Fu, Housing Director  
County of Kaua'i Housing Agency  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330  
Lihue, HI 96766

Dear Ms. Fu:

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SEWER CAPACITY AT 'ELE'ELE WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT FOR LIMA OLA WORKFORCE HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT TAX MAP KEY NO. (4) 2-1-001:054**

In August, 2016, the Wastewater Management Division (WMD) reviewed the proposed Lima Ola Development ("Project") projected sewage flows relative to the sewage treatment capacity at the County's 'Ele'ele Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Based on our review, WMD concluded that the 'Ele'ele WWTP has adequate capacity for full build-out of the Lima Ola Project. At that time our analysis did not consider an extended time frame of up to 20 years for full build-out of the Lima Ola Project.

The 'Ele'ele WWTP treatment capacity is 0.8 million gallons per day (MGD), and current average daily flows are less than 0.4 MGD, or a little below 50% capacity. Based on the relatively slow growth rate that has occurred over the past several years and the currently available capacity, the WMD does not anticipate that an expansion of the 'Ele'ele WWTP will be needed in the near term. The WMD recognizes that over a 20-year planning period, the pace of community development and growth can change.

Although it is difficult to project exactly when such expansion may be needed, with respect to Wastewater Systems, the County follows the requirements of Title 11, Chapter 62, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR). HAR 11-62-23.1 (i) establishes criteria for initiating a plant expansion, design for which is triggered by when actual flows reach 90 percent of plant capacity. These criteria allow the municipal wastewater utility adequate time to plan, design and construct any needed WWTP expansions.

In conclusion, the WMD does not anticipate that an expansion of the 'Ele'ele WWTP will be needed prior to full build-out of the Lima Ola Project. However, in the event that presently unforeseen community growth and development necessitates a plant expansion, such expansion is feasible. Following the criteria established in HAR 11-62-23.1(i), there will be adequate time for scheduling, planning design and construction of the facility expansion by the County. Further, it is likely that such an expansion would be funded by the State of Hawai'i Water

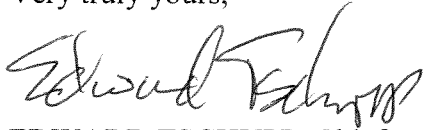
*An Equal Opportunity Employer*

Ms. Kanani Fu, Housing Director  
May 4, 2017  
Page No. 2

Pollution Control Revolving Fund (known as “SRF”), which is a dedicated source of low interest funds managed by the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health (DOH) for funding such capital improvement projects. Regardless of the source of funding, once the Lima Ola Project development permitting is completed, any expansion of the ‘Ele‘ele WWTP would not be a requirement for development of the Lima Ola Project.

If you have any questions, please call Edward Tschupp at (808) 241-4084.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Tschupp", written in a cursive style.

EDWARD TSCHUPP, Chief  
Division of Wastewater Management





# SHIOI CONSTRUCTION

*Building Hawai'i since 1948*

April 25, 2017

County of Kauai Housing Agency  
4444 Rice Street, Ste 330  
Lihue Hawaii 96766

Attention: Ms. Kanani Fu, Housing Director

Re: Support for Lima Ola affordable community by the Land Use Commission

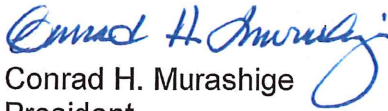
Dear Ms. Fu:

My name is Conrad Murashige, President of Shioi Construction that employs approximately 200 Kauai residents. We have experienced the growing gap of available work force housing and affordable housing inventory. Lima Ola will fill critical needs for the spectrum of housing for rentals, multi-family, single-family, self-help and kupuna, independent living.

We fully support the considerable investment by the County of Kauai in money and resources to develop a master-planned community that is sorely needed. Lima Ola is situated with available infrastructure that is almost always an issue with other developments. The existing Eleee community will benefit from the recreational amenities and transportation improvements planned for Lima Ola. The additional new families will re-vitalize the Eleee shopping mall and businesses within the area and promote new business opportunities already zoned for development.

I have seen the extremely long and tedious process to bring a new community to life, and offer our support as a kama'aina company to get through the entitlement & permits for a sustainable Kauai that we can provide to our keiki.

Sincerely,  
Shioi Construction, Inc.

  
Conrad H. Murashige  
President

## Keith Perry

---

**From:** Melissa\_Speetjens/WAIMEAC/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** Steven Franco  
**Subject:** Re: WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR LIMA OLA PROJECT IN ELEELE

Dear State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission,

As the public middle school principal on the West Side of Kauai, I am not able to physically be at your hearing today but did want to submit this email.

This email represents my full support of the Lima Ola project in Eleele.

Waimea Canyon Middle School is the smallest public middle school on Kauai - my current population is 410. In real terms, this means that I have less money to work with as far as electives, no academic coach, and limited general offerings to the students on the West Side. We are losing students every year to Kamehameha in Oahu ( 10 this year) as well as 15 families this year for economic reasons (families moving off island for employment). This is monumental for a small secondary school; I was under enrolled as of the August 12th enrollment count.

The Lime Ola project represents opportunity for housing on the West Side- it offers the opportunity of building a stable West Side community and numerous associated jobs.

The passion among the West Side educators is to build, grow and excel; let's make this a reality together by supporting the Lima Ola project and even the playing field for public education of Kauai.

Thank you.

Melissa Speetjens  
Principal

Waimea Canyon Middle School  
9555 Huakai Road  
P.O. Box 518  
Waimea, Hawaii 96796  
(808)338-6830  
fax (808) 338-6832

"Show your Minihune pride"

"Confidentially Notice: This e-mail message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and/or privileged information. Any review, use, disclosure, or distribution by unintended recipients is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message."

STATE OF HAWAII  
LAND USE COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 2359  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

RE: Lima Ola Workforce Housing

Dear MEMBERS OF THE LAND USE COMMISSION,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed Lima Ola affordable housing project in Eleele.

Lima Ola is being proposed in a great location – next to schools, shops, services, and jobs. The energy efficient design; and a “green” concept will make Lima Ola a great place to live. We also appreciate the “land banking” concept - preparing land with a plan for future generations seeking affordable housing.

Eleele Elementary School is excited about the many possibilities afforded by the potential increase in student enrollment that this project could bring. Students and their families are our most valuable resource. The increase in funding that could come with the added children from The Lima Ola affordable housing project would support new programs to better prepare our students for a life as 21 century learners. Not to mention the new family partnerships that would be added to our school ohana. Those school family partnerships that are at the core of so many county programs would grow at our school and the broader west side community.

The county has put a good deal of effort in keeping the community involved in the process of bringing Lima Ola to realization. We value this effort of working together and would like to extend our commitment to helping this process move forward.

I enthusiastically support Lima Ola and look forward to the benefits it will have on our community. I urge you to approve legislation promoting the development of this project at your earliest opportunity.

With discerning hope for our school and west side community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Zina', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Paul Zina  
Principal, Eleele Elementary School

April 24, 2017

Kanani Fu, Housing Director  
County of Kauai Housing Agency  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330  
Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766

RE: A17-802 County of Kauai Housing Agency Lima Ola-201H

Dear Director Fu:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents.

We would like to express our support for the Lima Ola master planned residential community in 'Ele'Ele.

The shortage of affordable housing units for working moderate-and lower-income households is at a crisis level negatively affecting families throughout the State, including many in the 140% of the area median income and below range.

This project will provide a mix of 550 multi-family and single family rentals and for-sale homes that are affordable to the residents of the County of Kauai. Like the County of Kauai, PRP is committed to supporting policies that provide housing that is not only affordable but environmentally friendly; and also promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you for allowing us to submit our letter of support and we respectfully request your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Christopher Delaunay  
Government Relations Manager



STATE OF HAWAII  
LAND USE COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 2359  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

RE: Lima Ola Workforce Housing

Dear MEMBERS OF THE LAND USE COMMISSION,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed Lima Ola affordable housing project in Eleele.

Lima Ola is being proposed in a great location – next to schools, shops, services, and jobs. The energy efficient design; and a “green” concept will make Lima Ola a great place to live. We also appreciate the “land banking” concept - preparing land with a plan for future generations seeking affordable housing.

Eleele Elementary School is excited about the many possibilities afforded by the potential increase in student enrollment that this project could bring. Students and their families are our most valuable resource. The increase in funding that could come with the added children from The Lima Ola affordable housing project would support new programs to better prepare our students for a life as 21 century learners. Not to mention the new family partnerships that would be added to our school ohana. Those school family partnerships that are at the core of so many county programs would grow at our school and the broader west side community.

The county has put a good deal of effort in keeping the community involved in the process of bringing Lima Ola to realization. We value this effort of working together and would like to extend our commitment to helping this process move forward.

I enthusiastically support Lima Ola and look forward to the benefits it will have on our community. I urge you to approve legislation promoting the development of this project at your earliest opportunity.

With discerning hope for our school and west side community,



Paul Zina  
Principal, Eleele Elementary School

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE  
COUNTY OF KAUAI

This Memorandum of Agreement (“Agreement”) is made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016, by and between the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, a public body and a body corporate and politic of the State of Hawaii (“HHFDC”), and the County of Kauai (“County”), a political subdivision of the State of Hawaii, through its Housing Agency, (collectively, “the Parties”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to evidence the Parties’ desire to form a cooperative relationship to provide a means by which the Parties may achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of funding to address the immediate and essential long-term affordable housing needs of the County of Kauai, additionally, to realize the administrative and contract management savings of a single source funding solution; and

WHEREAS, HHFDC, mandated to increase the supply of workforce and affordable housing, has a dedicated interest to increase and encourage the development and proliferation of affordable housing for the residents of the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in February 2010, the County acquired 75 acres in `Ele`ele, Kauai (hereinafter “Lima Ola”) for the purpose of a mixed income residential affordable housing development designed to maximize healthy living, sustainable living, and social interaction, and which represents a prudent public investment for the residents of Kauai;

and

WHEREAS, the mixed income development concept would entail: (a) the County providing the necessary infrastructure and entitlements for the development of Lima Ola; (b) HHFDC requesting a Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund ("DURF") infusion from the Legislature to be loaned to the County for infrastructure for Lima Ola; (c) the County preparing a request for proposals for the development of Lima Ola; and (d) HHFDC and the County undertaking all necessary tasks in furtherance of the development of the Lima Ola which may include HHFDC accepting one or more finished lots in Lima Ola entitled for multi-family housing in full or partial repayment of the DURF loan to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to establish a cooperative relationship for the development of Lima Ola and to define their respective roles and responsibilities in pursuing the funding for and development of Lima Ola;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

1. County Obligations. The County shall be responsible for the following:
  - A. Prepare, solicit, execute, and manage the development contract(s) for Lima Ola.
  - B. Provide a process for HHFDC to review any relevant development contract(s).
  - C. Coordinate with HHFDC on the various phases of Lima Ola, including preliminary evaluations; developer selection, construction contracts, and public outreach.
  - D. Permit an HHFDC representative to serve on the developer selection committee.
  - E. Subject to the approval of the Kauai County Council, apply for a DURF loan for the development and construction of infrastructure improvements for Lima Ola.



- F. Subject to the approval of the Kauai County Council, enter into a Loan Agreement which will set forth the terms and conditions for the DURF loan from HHFDC.
- G. Subject to the approval of the Kauai County Council, convey in fee simple to HHFDC one or more finished lots in Lima Ola entitled for multi-family housing in repayment of all or a portion of the HHFDC's DURF loan. Except for property in Phase 1 of Lima Ola which is limited by existing utility allocations, any additional properties to be conveyed to HHFDC shall have utility capacities to utilize the maximum densities allowed by the proposed zoning. The appraised value of the improved lot(s) and, loan payments, if applicable, shall be equal to the DURF loan amount.

2. HHFDC Obligations. HHFDC shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Assist the County in the selection of the Lima Ola developer(s). HHFDC shall name a representative to serve as a member of the developer selection committee.
- B. Participate in the development of Lima Ola by:
  - Reviewing and commenting on work products in a timely manner.
  - Working closely with the County in evaluating various proposals.
  - Supporting the County's public outreach and education efforts to promote interest and input in Lima Ola, as deemed appropriate by the County.
- C. Request appropriate DURF funds from the Hawaii State Legislature for a DURF loan to develop and construct infrastructure improvements for Lima Ola.
- D. Obtain necessary approvals, including approvals from the HHFDC Board of Directors, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Budget and Finance, and the Governor, to commit, disburse and recoup the value of the DURF loan funds for Lima Ola.
- E. Accept in repayment of all or a portion of the County's DURF loan the fee simple conveyance of one or more finished lots in Lima Ola entitled for multi-family housing at a cost as agreed to by the Parties, such lot or lots to be leased by HHFDC to a private entity for a term of not less than sixty-five (65) years for use as one or more affordable rental housing projects.

3. Term. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date listed above and shall continue until such time that the Parties determine that the objectives of this Agreement have been fulfilled, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

4. Notices. Any written notice required to be given by any party to this Agreement shall be (a) delivered personally, or (b) sent by United States first class mail, postage prepaid. A notice shall be deemed to have been received three (3) days after mailing or at the time of actual receipt, whichever is earlier. The Parties are responsible for notifying each other in writing of any change of address.

5. Termination of Agreement.

A. Either party may terminate this Agreement with sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the other party.

B. Upon termination of this Agreement, HHFDC and County shall be released from any further obligations hereunder.

6. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited.

7. Waiver. The failure of either party to enforce, or the granting of a waiver of, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.

8. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified, amended or extended only by mutual written agreement signed by both Parties.

9. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Hawaii.

10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several duplicate counterparts and such counterparts, when executed, shall constitute a single agreement.

**IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE,** HHFDC and County execute this Agreement by their signatures, on the dates below, to be effective as of the date first above written.

County of Kauai


DBEDT/HHFDC

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kanani Fu  
Housing Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Craig K. Hirai  
Executive Director

7/29/16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

AUG 11 2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as to Form and Legality  
Deputy County Attorney

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as to Form  
Deputy Attorney General

Tadashi Morataki  
4871 Koa Road  
Kekaha, HI

4/25/17

Kauai County Housing Agency  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330  
Lihue, HI. 96766  
Attn: Kanani Fu, Housing Director, County of Kauai Housing Agency

Re: Testimony in Support of the Lima Ola Workforce Housing Project

Dear Mrs. Fu:

I haven't been able to be at Kauai Council Meetings and will be unavailable for upcoming meetings during working hours, so I am writing this testimony in support of the development of Lima Ola.

I was born, raised and currently work (2 jobs – one at Kauai Coffee the other at Port Allen) a mile away from Lima Ola, in the Numila Camp, with both of my parents working for McBryde Sugar Company. Growing up in the area offered opportunities for hunting, fishing, and playing in a plantation camp environment: roads were for biking and football - just as much as for cars, lots of space to play, you could smell when aunty was cooking pasteles, and you knew your neighbors.

I always believed that when I got older there would be a place I could afford in the area I grew up available for me. But the old plantation homes that my friends and I grew up in are mostly gone – taken by trees and weeds – it's sad to see. Even more disappointing are the new neighborhoods (1970's and 80's are new for the west side) that my old friends and family have had to move to: no places for the kids to play, no place for biking, roads that you don't want you or your kids on, and no feeling of ohana. To add to that, we are all miles away from where we grew up, because that's what we can afford and that's what's available.

When I started working for Kauai Coffee I lived a few minutes' drive away from work, from my childhood playgrounds, and my parents' house. The lack of housing in the area caused my family and me to move a half hour away from work. Maybe I shouldn't complain because my wife drives even farther to work. My second job (it takes two jobs and my wife working to raise a family on Kauai) is at Port Allen as a boat captain. Many that I work with live farther away from work, but that's the price we are paying for "paradise".

I support Lima Ola because it looks like it takes the best parts of my childhood home, but improves on it: room to play for the kids, roads that are safe, and a place where generations of families can live, that's close to where many of us work. Maybe Lima Ola is too late for me to move back closer to what I still think of as home, but I think about my kids: where will they live? Will they be forced to live on the other side of the island – or worse yet, move to the mainland, just to have a place to call "home"?

We can't make any place like Lima Ola happen, it's in the counties hands. We are counting on you to make this happen.

Aloha,

