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Aloha Land Use commissioners-

I live in Kapahi now after 25 years in Kilauea. Several times in past few months , it has taken me an hour + to get from Kapahi Park to the Houselots. That is one reason to slow down any new large developments in Kapaa area.

In the morning, Kapaa school traffic is bumper to bumper for a mile . I volunteer at Kapaa school . The keiki show up without enough sleep , without proper food, from violent situations and get put in classes of 25 + and are lost.

If people who buy new homes in area have children the increase in students will make a crisis worse.

I have been working on solid waste solutions since I got here in late 1980's and we have not only not made progress but all the development of big box stores without any responsibility for managing packaging has made situation worse.

We have made some gains in renewable energy sources but far from sustainable.

We have the best source of water in the world and even that resource is running into problems.

To be quite blunt. Any large development is short term financial gain while saying " To Hell" with the future health of Kauai.

We are an Island. Not California. And we can see their problems.

This is a lousy spot for any building. We need to get more infrastructure and manage current problems before adding unaffordable housing and increased population and vehicles.

Mahalo for your kokua

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