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Hello Land Use Commission Members,

My name is Agustin Garcia, I was born at Wilcox hospital, went to Kapa'a Elementary School, was a part of the first 6th grade class at Kapa'a Middle School and then later graduated from Kauai High School in 2006. In my upbringing on the island I have learned much with regards to the Hawaiian respect and stewardship of the land, and believe the leaders have lost sight of what is important. Yes, the system we currently use requires money, but that is not the sole purpose to life!

In my youth, I remember the sugar cane plantations still being active on both the East and the West sides. In retrospect, the concept of what plantations (more what the owners decided to do) were doing is completely ludicrous; how can the Hawaiian Islands (total land mass of under 10,000 square miles) with its limited land mass to grow on expect to supply the world (57,505,693.767 square miles [16,791,662.579,964 square miles accounting for only 29.2% of Earth's surface being land]) with food!!!! Granted, it was predominately sugar and pineapple, but still! There are many other places with more land and less endangered species living there that could have been utilized to feed the world (preferably more local to the region it supplies); the destruction of the natural habitats that occurred so that these plantation owners can seek a profit is flat out wrong.

The example above with the sugar plantation in the past is similar to the Hokuia place now; leaders are being selfish and irresponsible!! Is money really all that matters in this world!?!?!?!? I think not. I hope our leaders are not venal as well.

The Hokuia Place will add to Kauai's problems, not help them. Kauai is overpopulated, overconstructed and overused. Addition of overpriced homes that NO Local can afford will only further deteriorate the diminishing Aloha due to increase traffic, increase issues with infrastructure, increase of cost of living on an already exorbitant expenses needed to survive.

I think these lands should stay in agriculture; not agriculture to feed the world, but agriculture to feed the island! It is foolish insolent talk that a majority of the goods needed to survive on the island comes in on a boat, when life has, and can continue to, happened on the island without goods being shipped in; this, I believe is solely for the profit of a few at the expense of the majority. We need to increase the local farmers that sustainably feed Kauai! We need more affordable housing; the bougie plan of Hokuia place will only bring in more outsiders like Mark Zuckerberg to purchase vacation homes...not a solution for the struggling local whose housing prices have skyrocketed.

I recommend that we take the No Action Alternative from the Second Draft Environment Impact Statement.

Thank you for your time and hearing out this concerned citizen.

Aloha,
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