Aloha Members of the State Land Use Commission

First I would like to thank Ann Walton for her article in Sunday’s paper.

I thought that we had already expressed our deep concern and opposition to this project. Apparently I was mistaken so this letter is once again expressing our concern and adamant opposition to this project. I assume that none of you in favor of this proposed project lived here on the east side of Kauai because the impact it will have on our infrastructure is obvious and extremely negative. First of all, as you are aware, our traffic situation is ridiculous. To get from north kapaa into Kapaa or to lihue means you are in bumper to bumper traffic on any given day, including weekends. The contra flow set up is not helping any longer because there are simply too many cars. There is also the problem of extreme congestion at kappa middle school and the round about below there during school drop off and pick up. This zone is so packed during those times (the same as work commute times) that even a few more cars will make this area into a completely gridlocked area. It will be unsafe to the students who are being dropped off and picked up. The next problem is the quality of our roads in this area, potholes abound which slows everyone down even more.

We’ve also had other “affordable housing” projects done in the recent past that aren’t even affordable for our local population. So, it won’t be for our current residents but for newcomers to the island. The greatest asset we have on Kauai is our ‘homegrown’ aloha feel and we are selling that out with these types of projects. It will ruin what we love about this place and what brings our visitors.

This project will also burden our utility infrastructure that is outdated and already over used, including our water resources. I also request, if it hasn’t been done yet, that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be done to determine whether or not this project is even legal.

I urge you all to consider what it is that you love about this precious island and it’s limited resources and consider what our actual ‘carrying capacity’ is before passing this project. I love kauai and it’s rural, local lifestyle. Please don’t disrespect the ‘aina and it’s sustainable situation. Thank you for reading my input.

Mahalo,

Christine