Dear Land Use Commission:

With respect, please vote NO on Kokua Place as it sits in its current state.

Traffic in Kapa'a has reached its saturation point & gridlock is constant. You would be doing a great dis-service to your residents & to your tourists if you allow this to go through prior to addressing the gridlock that Kapa'a is currently experiencing. It's beyond the "Kapa'a Crawl" & developers do not care. They just want to develop what & where they can & then move somewhere else to do the same thing. Morals are out the window. It is up to the residents of Kaua'i to care & you as our representatives SHOULD.

Please vote NO on Kokua Place until such time that traffic has been properly addressed.

Secondarily, "affordable housing" should remain "affordable" in-perpetuity. "Affordable" for 30% of current residents such as young adults working at Starbucks, Foodland, the resorts' working staff, Petco, ANY Kaua'i resident making less than $40,000 (or is it more like $20,000?) per year SHOULD IDEALLY be able to afford one of these 30% of houses in Kokua Place that are deemed "Affordable".

So here's the math:

A person earning $15 per hour for 8 hours per day makes: $120/day
$120/day times 5 days/week: $600/week
$600/week times 52 weeks per year: $31,200

No vacations included & taxes would still be taken out of this total.

How can someone earning this much afford to purchase a home between $650,000 & $950,000?? Simply stated, they can't.

30% is pathetic, by the way. This figure should be more like 75%. How many of YOUR kids can afford to purchase an "Affordable House" in this future neighborhood? How many of YOUR kids will NOT be able to purchase one because they're not part of the elite 30%?? How many of YOUR kids earn more than $31,200 per year while living in Kaua'i? Hmmm....

These developers do NOT have the best interests of the community in mind & with the abominable Traffic Situation being ignored & "Affordable" being tossed around like the term "green", developers continue to rape & pillage in the name of Progress. Is this Progress to YOU? If so, I have a bridge to sell you....

Shame on you if you allow Kokua Place to go through while ignoring the plight of those who actually LIVE here in Kaua'i.
Sincerely, Respectfully & with Aloha,

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