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I do not agree with the development of Hokua Place as it is presently planned. The original plan called for the houses to nearly surround Kapaa Middle School, with no buffer zone. Having been a teacher at Kapaa Middle School for three years, it would be better for the school and the community not to have the lots abutting the school. In its present plan, I do not agree with the change in zoning from agricultural use.

I have reviewed the comments at <http://luc.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Support-Statements-on-Hokua-Place.pdf>. I do not agree that the development would alleviate traffic, and many of the other points in the letters of support.

The recent article in The Garden Island Newspaper by Gabriela Taylor, "Eastside overdevelopment: Hokua Place," tgi forum, Sunday, December 16, 2018, has many points I agree with, in particular the quality of life. The article does not really say enough, because it lack the point: kapu 'aina seems to be the mana'o of many people, but are they afraid to say so?

I voted for Luke Evslyn for Kauai County Council, not because of his housing density standpoint, but because of his background in sustainable living, that he did by living off the grid, which can provide meaningful engagement with ideas, that can apply to island energy sustainability, and to land use.

I voted for JoAnn Yukimura because she instituted and preserved the building height moratorium for Kauai.

We use labels as an excuse for engagement with ideas. I am worried that island land is labeled as an income generating machine, when real wealth is from how people are working together. Adequate protections for the island land can be like what Kauai has done for energy sustainability, a step ahead from the rest, ahead of soft leadership decisions that other places have had.

Please do not change the zoning from agriculture. We can discuss in a meaningful way, without using labels to dismiss the mana'o of many people. For the time being, it would be better to leave the land zoned agriculture. The rush to develop, like rapid urbanization, without time for meaningful engagement with ideas, and the resulting quality planning, will affect the quality of life for years to come.

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