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Subject: Concerns for Kaua'i Future and Hokua Place
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Aloha,

I am Completely Against the proposed development of Hokua Place. I live in Kapahi, and the traffic generated from this development would create an impossible situation in already congested east side Kapa'a and Wailua. In addition to regular and middle school traffic at certain times "Hokua" would create a Lot of traffic just on that part of Olehena, particularly on a Wednesday when the farmers market happens in Kapa'a.

TRAFFIC is Terrible as it is, and over tourism as well as these several developments will make gridlock a deeper nightmare than it often is already.

INFRASTRUCTURE. Is in extremely BAD shape. I travel Kawaihau Rd. or Ka'apuna most days and those roads are rife with potholes. BAD shape in some places. I had to replace the shocks on my car last year and I do think it is partly due to poorly maintained county and state roads! Good job repaving by Coco Palms. That is a big improvement and I wish Kapahi's main artery roads could have repaving too.

Not only roads would be impacted by "Hokua", but WATER, SEWAGE, GARBAGE, RECYCLING. The island is already straining with overuse. There are other resorts being planned or developed on the east side. WHAT????????

Have you all seen Southern California in the 1950s before it was developed so much? Absolutely gorgeous. Clear Skys, open spaces. Orange groves. Or Boulder, Colorado, or Santa Cruz or the Bay Area, or even parts of New England. All over beautiful places attract people and they get over developed and consequently they are not as wonderful and spacious as they used to be. I have lived in all these areas and more, and seen this over and over. Have you heard that song Pave Paradise, Put up a Parking Lot? We do not get a plan B if this beautiful island gets more and more and more developed, for profit above quality of life. I vote for preservation of the amazing culture, environment and natural beauty that is Kaua'i. WE must malama the aina and develop common sense and a workable plan going forward.

THIS IS NOT TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

AGRICULTURE LAND SHOULD BE kept Ag and utilized for FOOD production. What happens here when the boats and planes stop coming? Or a hurricane strikes again. This place could truly be the GARDEN ISLAND.

To quote Gabriela Taylor, whom I agree with:

BOTTOM LINE RECOMMENDATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION:

We are recommending Alternative 1 – the No Action Alternative from the 2nd Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Under this alternative, no action will be taken and the Project area would remain zoned in Agriculture. Hokua Place would not be built. The land would remain in the State Lands Use Agricultural

District. Kaua'i has reached a tipping point and we must act now to preserve our reefs, beaches, forests, streams and rural lifestyle. Let's kokua Kaua'i before it's too late!

In peace with great love for Kaua'i, Gabriela Taylor

Mahalo,

Karen Joy