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Aloha,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the reclassification of 97 acres in Kapa'a from agriculture lands to urban center lands for the proposed Hokua Place development.

This top-down approach to planning does not seem to address the needs of Kaua'i residents. While it attempts to provide a mix affordable housing units with market rate single family lots and homes, it does so at the expense of available farm lands and rapidly worsening traffic conditions.

According to the 2nd DEIS, traffic which already operates at a LOS "F" will continue to operate at this level with the project. One can only anticipate that the congestion along the Kapa'a Bypass will be exacerbated by 650+ new units, and most residents traveling southbound for jobs located in Lihu'e.

Better solutions to housing or a reduced acreage reclassification, without sacrificing agriculturally zoned lands and quality of life for east and north shore residents traveling daily in bottlenecked traffic along Kuhio Highway should be heavily weighted in this decision.

Thank you,
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