Aloha Kākou,
My name is Zuri Shanklin, and I am a keiki o ka 'aina raised primarily between Kapahi and Hā'ena. I strongly oppose the proposed Kealia Mauka "Homesites" plan. It is crucial that the county seek solutions to better manage the lands that have already been developed here. These homes will not benefit Kānaka ʻōiwi or locals without proper regulation first established. On top of the completely unaffordable and inaccessible housing market we are dealing with today, an unbelievable number of homes already existing are being sold illegally as AirBnB's with no intervention from the government. It is obvious that the "Homesites" will quickly be purchased by rich tourists, as is already being done with the rest of the homes here.

Furthermore, I strongly oppose the further exploitation of lands rightfully belonging to the Kingdom of Hawai'i. Proceedings carried out under the laws of the occupier government are unlawful. Decisions regarding HAWAIIAN LANDS must be kept IN HAWAIIAN HANDS!

Mahalo Nui,
Zuri Shanklin
Re. Kealia Mauka (proposed subdivision)

Aloha Land Use Commission Members,

I am kanaka maoli (for almost 71 years now) and I live in the Kapa'a area. I oppose this project, specifically, the upzoning for these reasons:

Traffic is already bad in Kapa'a and adding another 425 cars from this project will exacerbate the problem. Both Kuhio Highway as well as the Bypass are oftentimes in gridlock...and I have even experienced the traffic jam on Sundays too!

Perhaps at some time in the distant future the Kealia Mauka site could be earmarked or designated for residential development, but certainly not at this time!

There would have to be notable improvement in the alleviation of traffic before any new projects such as this would make sense. Further, the new General Plan Update has emphasized the need to restrict residential development to the Kauaii's urban center which is Lihue, thereby partially decreasing vehicular traffic to alleviate congestion on the highway(s).

As we all know, there are already two approved resorts slated to be built in the Wailua-Kapa'a Corridor. And thus, far, I do not see any viable solution to the congestioon offered by our County.

There are other concerns regarding infrastructure, but the above should suffice as reasons enough to vote against upzoning.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

Danny Hashimoto
Kapa'a
Aloha!

O Sierra ko'u inoa.- My name is Sierra.
O Kamawaelualani ko'u mokupuni.- Kamawaelualani is my island.

Kamawaelualani (Kaua'i), like all of the Hawaiian islands, has a rich culture. This culture ties us directly to the land, making it sacred to us in more ways than one. There has already been too much development on this beautiful island. People want to come and experience the most beautiful place in the world, but want to destroy parts of it in order to do so. Selfish.

With that being said, I DISAGREE with the potential development of a new housing complex in Kealia. Again, I AGAINST any building, developing, or desecrating of Kealia.

Mahalo for your time