HoKua Place Section 343-5e HRS Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

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Group 1 Comments

Letters of Support

From:

sheldonr001@hawaii.rr.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent:

Friday, June 05, 2015 9:20 PM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com

To: Subject:

New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

Richard Sheldon

Email

sheldonr001@hawaii.rr.com

Comment

I am a long time resident of Kapaa. I was born, raised in this small plantation community that experienced its growth through plantations in agriculture, beginning with Rice farmers followed by Sugar and Pineapple plantations. Plantation camps were the first developed areas for housing of its workers and families. Lots for residential housing in Kapaa became available about 1915. Kapaa has not seen a housing development of this magnitude in the HoKua Place project. I am writing IN SUPPORT of this project. This projects attention to address Kauai's need for affordable housing can only have good results of providing and integrating needed housing without the stigma of public housing. HoKua Place can only improve the quality of life for all throughout the Kawaihau community. I do not see this project as adding to our traffic congestion as most of those purchasing or living in Hokua Place will be those already living in the area. I believe State Highway Officials should be the ones to address the traffic concerns. The plans for this development seems to meet the needs for those who want to remain home on Kauai. Recent developments on Kauai have not addressed the housing crisis addequately except for the upper middle socio economic families, and driving up housing and property costs and value. I am sincerely asking all in approval process to give this project, HoKua Place your support.

From:

lindasprengeler@yahoo.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent: To: Saturday, March 12, 2016 2:23 PM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com

Subject:

New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

Linda Sprengeler

Email

lindasprengeler@yahoo.com

Comment

Kauai desperately needs affordable housing and the HoKua Place development addresses this critical need. The relatively flat land parcel is above the flood zone, making it ideal for housing. The subdivision will be away from the ocean beaches and will not spoil the Oceanside beauty and will not negatively impact tourist attractions. The pedestrian/bike paths will encourage some folks to transport themselves to Kapa'a Town via walking or biking (thus reducing auto traffic on Kapa'a roads). The nearby community pool will keep local people safe from ocean drownings and reduce auto/pedestrian traffic near tourist beach areas.

The 17 acres of parks and open spaces will add to quality of life of the local residents and reduce traffic of local folks traveling to highly touristed sites to hike, bike, play, relax, etc. If a community food mart is opened on the parcel, auto traffic into Kapa'a will be reduced.

Scott Dandos Prescott Glass [prescottglass@qwestoffice.net] Monday, May 18, 2015 1:37 PM info@hookuleana.com

Sent: To: Subject:

HoKua Place

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Scott Dandos. I have been a business owner in Arizona for over 20 years. My family has been visiting Kauai for many years and we love the Island and it's citizens. Lately I have read about the proposed development, HoKua Place, and I really like what HoKua Place adds to the Island. The developers have thoroughly thought of all aspects of development; environmental, community, traffic and even affordable housing. I am writing you, showing my strong support for this much needed community. I feel it will be an asset to Kauai and its people. Sincerely,

Scott Dandos

Prescott Glass & Mirror, Inc.

From:

Dakauai@gmail.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 16, 2015 7:09 AM

To: Subject: PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

Pete Gallardo

Email

Dakauai@gmail.com

Comment

This is very important that the housing is going to affordable and they keep east side so it don't get too crowded I looked and read all that is available it looks good for everyone not just real estate agents but for first time buyers as well and possible rentera thanks for giving east side residents a chance to have something of their own. Mahalo Pete gallardo

From:

Dakauai@gmail.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent: To: Sunday, June 14, 2015 2:30 AM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com

Subject:

New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your <u>HoKua Place</u>.

Submitted Information:

Name

Pete Gallardo

Email

Dakauai@gmail.com

Comment

This a good thing, with no rentals available on KAUAI, locals and kamaainas can secure their future with a purchase of affordable houses and condominiums, some of us will be able to live like middle class citizens with out working three jobs, that would be great to offer something to the regular families on KAUAI where the county has failed time and time again to do as they promised so many times they need help expedite the process instead of hendering it that is not good for KAUAI people that the planning commission makes decisions for us the people if they want to stop the progress of Kauai maybe they have stopped Costco or Home Depot the big box stores before they close all the mom and pop stores now abc stores are making too new stores south side there goes seokas and Kukiula store already approved buy commission pushed threw the system instead of hendering it funny how that works they don't want it to be like other islands but they do everything in there power to do so thanks for your consideration on this matter help these developers and coco palms I am tired of seeing such beautiful property go to the waste side mahalo concerned citizen

From:

sgifford808@gmail.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:37 AM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com

To: Subject:

New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

sherri gifford

Email

sgifford808@gmail.com

Comment

I support this project and think it will be a great addition to our island and communities.

From:

Sent: To: Subject: info@empowermaui.com [no-reply@weebly.com] Tuesday, June 23, 2015 10:05 AM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

James Hall

Email

info@empowermaui.com

Comment

To whom it may concern.

Although I grew up on Maui and have only visited Kauai, I support this project named Hokua Place.

Having watched Maui's growth since 1969, I have seen many developments passed through with little realistic planning and the negative results over the years afterwards.

I have known Greg Allen and his family for years and believe that they operate from the best of intentions when planning a developement such as this. I believe that the people, especially the families of Kauai are foremost in their thoughts for this project. I won't comment on the specifics of the project, I just want to support the project overall and support Greg Allen and his family in going forth on this project.

After 44 years of living on Maui, I was put on disability and subsequently went through bankruptcy and foreclosure of the home I owned

Many of my friends and family have lost their homes over the years and like myself, forced to leave Hawaii due to the high cost or lack of housing on Maui.

I support allowing people and families to at least have a choice to remain on an island they call home.

Please consider this project carefully and allow it to move foreward.

Mahalo

Jim Hall

808-281-6633

From:

scham6316@yahoo.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:40 AM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com

Subject:

New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

Steve Hammond

Email

scham6316@yahoo.com

Comment

I think the project is great. I want to live there. I think that the community and outlining areas will benefit greatly from this project.

From: Sent: To: Subject: rch9876@aol.com [no-reply@weebly.com] Wednesday, June 03, 2015 9:25 AM PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

Robert Hastings

Email

rch9876@aol.com

Comment

I have been familiar with the HOKUA PLACE project for a number of years and have driven across and around the site. In my opinion the location, terrain, surrounding infrastructure, school and development plan combine to make HOKUA PLACE deserving of approval. The benefits to the community are enormous and the costs are few. In terms of market demand, now is the time.

In addition, Greg Allen and his family and partners appear to be caring and very deserving of an approval of HOKUA PLACE at this time.

Robert C. Hastings, Jr. CRE rch9876@aol.com

From:

tkhornman@gmail.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 5:37 AM

To: Subject: PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

thomas Horn

Email

tkhornman@gmail.com

Comment

we need more housing on Kauai..this is a excellent plan ..affordable housing with these amenities will be a positive addition to our island..its well planned with its own solar farm and its own well..these are the kind of projects that we need more of to alleviate the shortage of housing .. i have been a resident since 76 and seen many projects..this is one of the best

Thomas Horn

Subject:

FW: New Form Entry: HoKua Place

Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

This might sound odd to kick off a letter of support, but I am not big on development and generally favor beautiful vast fields of wild growth, especially when developments have already overwhelmed an area. AND YET, after reviewing the plans for HoKua Place and evaluating some of the issues that this project hopes to alleviate and lives it anticipates improving, I add my voice of SUPPORT to this endeavor.

First of all, I really appreciate the effort Hokua Place makes to strengthen the community through diversity, both socioeconomically and developmentally in terms of the types of housing and the uses of extra space. The solar farm and large open spaces built into the design are progressive and will enhance the area.

Another element of this project I appreciate is the acknowledgment and RESPONSE by the planners to concerns about traffic. Rather than ignoring this issue and trying to eclipse it with an agenda or push beyond it with platitudes, the developers have addressed it with detailed plans that will prevent those problems from ever arising. I especially like the proposed bike and pedestrian overpass!

While we like to imagine living in a blissfully underpopulated, pristine place, it is important to face the reality that growth is inevitable. To accommodate this growth, the HoKua Place project has created a solid, thorough, thoughtful, informed, forward-looking vision of how to address this issue and is ready to make it happen for the island.

I hope that you will APPROVE this project!

Thank you, Kelli Isakson kelliisakson@yahoo.com

From:

dwjames@investlpg.com <no-reply@weebly.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 10, 2015 4:40 AM

To: Subject: PeterYoung@Hookuleana.com New Form Entry: HoKua Place

You've just received a new submission to your HoKua Place.

Submitted Information:

Name

David James

Email

dwjames@investlpg.com

Comment

It's about time. The residents of Kauai and others who love the island have been waiting too long for an affordable option for owning their own place in paradise.