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Testimony for A04-751 Maui Land and Pineapple Company Pulelehua Project

Before issuing the Final Order for the Pulelehua Project please include the following statement:

“The construction and occupancy approval of the public elementary school at the school site shall coincide with occupancy of the housing.”

Besides years of promises to develop an elementary school in the Napili region, COVID-19 restrictions necessitate drastic measures. Even after COVID-19 precautions are relaxed, less crowded classrooms are ideal for learning. Existing elementary schools in Lahaina have historically been over crowded, adding additional affordable housing units will increase attendance in the district.

Pulelehua developers are experienced and resourceful. If anyone can achieve success in creating a livable community it would be them. Take into consideration all the developments in West Maui over the past years that have increased the number of students. Then add into the equation COVID-19 restrictions. The failure to provide promised school facilities demands that now is the time to build.

From what I have witnessed at community meetings, the current developer seems to work well with others. If the Kihei High School development has taught us anything, it is that the HIDOE needs as much help as they can get when it comes to construction.

Taking all these factors into consideration, please include language in the Final Order for A04-751 Pulelehua Project requiring the school and housing occupancy occur simultaneously.

Thank you for your consideration,
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