

Public Comments for JULY 8, 2020 meeting on A94-706 (consolidated email remarks)

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Dr. Jonathan Scheuer Likeke, Chair, Hawaii Land Use Commission and Commissioners

From: Virginia Hertz

Aloha Commissioners.

I and many Maui residents, especially those in South Maui, ask you to please remain steadfast and to not dismiss the case brought forth by the intervenors and to not permit the landowners to build what they want.

Residents don't want unnecessary development.

In addition, it's worth noting that Sarofim has not provided a clear plan of how they intend to develop the property, which appears disingenuous and a sign of disrespect for all concerned, including yourselves.

This project would be a nightmare for us.

We do not need a new mall..

2) To: State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission

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From: Leah Stolley, Owner
MediSpa Maui

Re: A94-706 KA'ONO'ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Aloha Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

As an involved citizen, local business owner, parent and advocate for children's needs, I understand the balance required for smart growth and the responsibility of leadership for the greater good of our community.

I support Koa Partners and their proposed plans for the Ka'ono'ulu project in Kihei. I more recently became aware of the proposed project when the developers starting to engage with the community to enhance and improve their plan by listening to the community members feedback.

South Maui can have a better community if we focus on improving infrastructure, and I commend the developers for dedicating an investment of over \$23 million to do just that. Their improvements to the water system and flood mitigation measures are also noteworthy.

Although I commend Koa Partners for their commitment to work with, and respond to, the community, the plan does not account for affordable housing, which I would like to see in the near future. Affordable housing, affordable rentals, workforce development and senior living is a key component on meeting the needs of a growing population.

We need this project to move forward under existing approvals to support jobs, much needed infrastructure, and smart growth to support South Maui.

I hope the LUC will support this project as well.

Māhalo,

Leah Stolley

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From: Stillys <stillys@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 5:36 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A94-706 KA'ONO'ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Aloha members of Land Use Committee:

This testimony is submitted to request that you do not dismiss the order to show cause brought by interveners. Sarofim has yet to describe what their plans are for the subject property. Community needs have changed in the past 25 years since the original plans for light industrial development which morphed into a big box commercial center. The community summarily rejected this commercial center both as unwanted, outdated and not in compliance with the conditions of the LUC. It is not smart or realistic to expect the community needs will be fulfilled with an outdated, 25 year old vision that would not be a benefit for the community. Given the changing environment of our economy and life-styles in 2020, an industrial park would likely be a vacant ghost town located at the entrance to our beach community that we endeavor to make appealing and welcoming. Mahalo for all your time, effort and support in honoring the needs of our community and the rule of law.

Respectfully,
Patricia Stillwell
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From: Kelli Uderitz <kellimaui@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 8:09 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] kihei mall

Aloha, I would like to express my opinion on the mall in question on Ka'ono'ulu in Kihei. We have plenty of commercial space sitting empty on Maui already. The traffic is horrendous in Kihei already and with the new high school being built, it will only get worse. I would also like to ask that The Land Use Commission follow through with their previous decision describing why a large retail complex is not acceptable.

Thank You

Kelli Medeiros

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-----Original Message-----
From: carol lee kamekona <hynmahi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 8:42 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei Mall Project

Aloha!

I am asking the LUC not to dismiss Maui Tomorrow from the Ka'ono'ulu case as it is still unknown what the developer's intentions are. I ask that you follow your 2013 decision describing why a large retail complex was not acceptable. Maui doesn't need any more empty storefronts to sit idle and stormwater be sent into nearby gulches and ocean waters while flooding our roadways in the process.

Mahalo for allowing me to state my concern.

Respectfully,

Carol Lee Kamekona

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Terese Masters <ihilanimasters@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 8:44 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ka'ono'ulu case - transparency and oversight needed

Aloha Commission members,

Please NOT TO DISMISS Maui Tomorrow from the Ka'ono'ulu case, because:

The community needs transparency and more information from the developer.

Please follow through on the Commission's 2013 decision on why a large retail complex was not acceptable.

Maui doesn't need more commercial space, land grading/development, and stormwater flow over from impermeable surfaces.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Terese Masters

Haiku, Hawaii

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mike Wildberger <mike@kiheiice.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 11:51 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony against the Kihei mega mall

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To:

Dr. Jonathan Scheuer Likeke, Chair, Hawaii Land Use Commission and Commissioners

From:

Mike Wildberger

Aloha Commissioners, thank you for finding a way to work in these difficult conditions. I am Submitting testimony against the proposed Mall project.

I am one of the owners of Kihei ice Company which is located in a 4000 square foot commercial condominium that I own adjacent to the proposed “mega mall”. I have lived and/or operated my business adjacent to the property since the 80s. The proposed project is poorly conceived, completely unnecessary, and will have a negative affect on North Kihei and the island of Maui. The string of tenacious and misguided developers that continue to pursue permits for this project are not acting in the best interests of the general public and seem to be pursuing a “profit through entitlements” strategy that will ultimately de-evolve into a “profit through deductible business loss” strategy for the eventual owners of the property.

As a businessman who works with all sorts of other small businesses I would like to say emphatically that while commercial and retail space is extremely expensive on Maui, there is plenty of it. There is no shortage of commercial space and there is no shortage of retail space. The commercial complex that my factory is located in was built in 1993 and except for a brief period around the turn of the century it has never been more than 60% occupied. The large number of continually vacant spaces demonstrates that increased supply will not reduce costs. The high cost of commercial space is due to the high cost of land, construction, and the greed of off island and out-of-state owners. owners that refuse to ever reduce rents in order to increase occupancy.

In these times it seems perfectly ridiculous to consider a large commercial development to be constructed between a mostly empty commercial development and the high school that we have waited for for so many years. There are developers making decent money building schools, affordable housing, and hospitals but as to the best use of this area, I would leave that to the planners and the people of Kihei who have refused this project so many times.

Full disclosure; My company, and myself profit from construction, from construction workers buying ice, from the occasional need for ice in concrete work, and from the eventual stores and businesses that may occupy the perpetually mostly vacant project, but there’s no personal gain that could make me support this project.

I am asking that you do whatever is necessary to refuse this project and encourage the developers to come back with a project that is reasonable, sustainable, profitable, and useful to the people of Maui.

Mahalo
Mike Wildberger
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From: Vernon Kalanikau <frikumvk@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 6:08 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for A94-706 HI LUC

Submitting written testimony for LUC meeting 7-8-20 RE: A94-706 Ka'ono'ulu Ranch

Mahalo,

Vernon Kalanikau

*see next page for printout of attached file

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From: Vernon Kalanikau
Resident of Moku 'O Kula Kai in the Ahupua'a of Waiakoa

Re: A94-706 KA'ONO'ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Aloha Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

My name is Vernon Kalanikau of Moku 'O Kula. I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of my Ohana of Ka'ono'ulu Ahupua'a and Kalepolepo Ahupua'a.

Currently, as well for many generations, my ohana has lived here in Moku 'O Kula from mauka to makai. I currently live makai a.k.a. Kula Kai (Ocean side within the Kula Moku), within the immediate area of the Ka'ono'ulu project a.k.a. Pi'ilani Promenade.

Chair, I would like to express my gratitude to Koa Partners particularly Harry Lake for his efforts for reaching out to those involved meaning the Interveners and the Hawaiians who wanted to participate in the dialog to this project.

Chair and Members of this Commission, It is with great sadness and disappointment that I do not wholeheartedly support the current plans now or the original 1995 plans slated for Pi'ilani Promenade. What stands out most of all for me when I look at the plans now it is very dense with structures and not much cultural preservation. Just a few months ago approximately a little over 10 acres was set aside for cultural preservation, with affordable housing, light industrial space and mom-pop retail space. And quite some time ago when the discussions first began with the Interveners and Koa Partners, a proposed plan was to build more affordable housing than light industrial space. It was rejected. I was confused as to why it was turned down by the Interveners thinking "I thought we wanted affordable housing" in Kula Kai? I personally don't understand the "magic" to this goo-goo eyes process. I parked this for now.

But Chair and Members of this Commission, I do appreciate the overlay conservation easement which Koa Partners have prepared and presented to you today. Not much at all for conservation but better than nothing. It is a far cry from previous proposals for conservation.

The only kanaka that was committed to participate from day one to this project is myself, mainly because I live below this project and I'm concerned with the water, rain run-off this property will contribute to the kai below usually in a negative result meaning brown water. My questions to Koa Partners are providing Eco-Friendly projects.

Chair and Members of this Commission, it is important to know I was not a kanaka, cultural consultant, Vernon Kalanikau or the Po'o of 'Aha Moku 'O Kula Kai Council consulting with the Interveners at any time. The Interveners kanaka representative was Mr. Daniel Kanahale. I say was because approximately a year ago Mr. Kanahale passed the kanaka kuleana torch, as he describes it, to me and others so he can

focus on full time Intervener. For me I did not need that torch from Mr. Kanahale. Kalanikau's torch is just fine. Being kanaka and accepting kuleana does include transparency, truth and "We". This is important and necessary for a sustainable healthy community.

For what it's worth, I have experienced and witnessed Koa Partners sincere efforts in reaching out and at no time were they unresponsive to my calls and inquiries. I can appreciate the difference in opinions and despite talks breaking down with the Intervenors, I would like to see more land dedicated towards a conservation easement.

As a father and husband raising an ohana in Kula Kai, I believe it is important to have well balanced projects for our Community created by the Community and not by Associations and Home Owner's Associations which don't represent the entire Kula Kai.

Chair, If you need me in any capacity as a resource, please call or email me.

Mahalo,



Vernon Kalanikau

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From: Eric Miller <thelampdaddy@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 8:59 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] ERIC MILLER: SUPPORT LETTER FOR A94-706 KA'ONO'ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Aloha,

Please review and consider my attached letter of support for A94-706 Ka'ono'ulu Ranch, Maui

Regards,

Eric Miller

Maui, Hawaii

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From: Eric Miller, President

Valley Isle Lighting Company, Maui

Re: A94-706 KA'ONO'ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Aloha Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

As an involved citizen and having been raised in Kihei, a local business owner, parent and advocate for children's needs, I understand the balance required for smart growth and the responsibility of leadership for the greater good of our community.

I support Koa Partners and their proposed plans for the Ka'ono'ulu project in Kihei. I more recently became aware of the proposed project when the developers starting to engage with the community to enhance and improve their plan by listening to the community members feedback.

South Maui can have a better community if we focus on improving infrastructure, and I commend the developers for dedicating an investment of over \$23 million to do just that. Their improvements to the water system and flood mitigation measures are also noteworthy.

Although I commend Koa Partners for their commitment to work with, and respond to, the community, the plan does account for affordable housing, which I would like to see in the near future. Affordable housing, affordable rentals, workforce development and senior living is a key component on meeting the needs of a growing population.

Providing residents an area to "work & live" in North Kihei, specifically the site of the proposed project, will help to alleviate traffic in an all ready congested town. Being able to have retail space, housing, the new Kihei High School next door will all help to

provide a safer and more accommodating to residents needs.

We need this project to move forward under existing approvals to support jobs, much needed infrastructure, and smart growth to support South Maui. My understanding is that this is a "shovel ready" project and if it's able to move forward to inject more job opportunities with its build out. We don't need a delay on producing more jobs, we need to do what we can to get people working during this time of a global pandemic. I hope and urge that the LUC will support this project as well.

Mahalo,
Eric Miller

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From: De Austin <dezireenaustin@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 9:00 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reference: Item is 94-706 Kaonoulu Ranch

Honorable members of the Land Use Commission,

I am a Kihei resident.

The Pi'ilani Promenade Project concerns me greatly, as I live about two miles from it, on Ohukai Road. It also concerns me as someone who is interested in sustaining natural habitats and protecting culturally important areas.

Firstly, I do not agree with the PPP request to have an evidentiary hearing to show cause, which may, as I understand it, prevent any definitive conclusion on its case before the LUC.

Secondly, the proposed projects made by the PPP impact the dryland habitats and will likely cause more flooding during the rainy season, and thereafter erosion of the area's natural drainage systems.

Thirdly, I think, only after trying to get caught up with this situation in the past three days of reading, PPP is trying to bandage a wound. They purchased land without foresight or insight into local and cultural needs. They originally made it a huge venture and then scaled it back to appease the community, but they fell short.

It may be disappointing, and costly, for them, but perhaps the land should be reverted back to agriculture, which, as is my understanding, is a choice before the LUC. Wisdom has its price, and sometimes it's a dollar, and other times, it's a million.

Respectfully,

D Austin

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From: rodantone <rodantone@mauihla.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 9:38 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kaonoulu Project Testimony

Aloha Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1987. MHLA represents Maui County's visitor industry on policymaking and industry-related issues on the county and state government levels and serves as the industry's liaison to the general public. MHLA's membership is comprised of hotels, timeshares, resort condominiums and businesses who understand the importance of supporting an association that is "Ka Leo Ho'okipa" (the voice of the industry).

As the executive director of this organization, I can attest to the number of our South Maui members who would love to be able to work and live in this same area. Although I wish this project would be able to include affordable rentals, I know this project offers other community benefits to those who may already live in South Maui.

The project and developers have also shown their community to work with community since 2018 and have taken considerable strides to present a much better plan than what was originally introduced. I support Koa Partners and their proposed plans for the Kaonoulu project in Kihei. We need this project to move forward under existing approvals to support jobs, much needed infrastructure, and smart growth to support South Maui.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Rod Antone

Executive Director

Maui Hotel & Lodging Association

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From: Rob Weltman <rob.weltman@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 9:46 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns about LUC Docket A94-706

To State Land Use Commission

From: Sierra Club Maui Group

Re: Ka'ono'ulu Ranch, LUC Docket A94-706

Aloha LUC Commissioners:

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our comments on this project that we have been tracking for many years. The LUC is being asked by the petitioners to dismiss the original Order to Show Cause regarding this project. The Commission reviewed the request and concluded that the plans for the 88 acre parcels presented to Maui County for permits in 2012 did not comply with the 1995 LUC Decision and Order.

A year later the same ownership group filed an EIS prep notice to support a request to amend the 1995 LUC D&O and build essentially a different project than what was approved in 1995. This project was not well defined. Proposed protection for the significant number of archaeological sites on the land was also not well defined.

Sierra Club submitted oral comments during the EIS process expressing concerns about the proposed project's lack of details about their plans; impacts of project design on the natural gulch that is a feature of the property; impacts of project design on drainage, downslope flooding and ocean water quality; traffic impacts; impacts of irrigation well pumping on nearshore waters, impacts to Hawaiian historic sites and traditional Hawaiian cultural use of the land. We also questioned any real need for the proposed project.

Sierra Club Conservation committee representatives attended a number of the public meetings referred to by Mr Harry Lake in his Declaration. Our recollection of those public meetings is that vague plans were presented that were not responsive to community concerns, especially about drainage/flooding impacts and protection of Hawaiian cultural sites and cultural use.

We still have the same concerns that we did six years ago.

We can't understand why the State Office of Planning comments conclude that the project's "issue of compliance (with the 1995 LUC D&O) representations (is) no longer in question." There is no specific proof that the final project will comply, unless citizens invest considerable resources in time and legal advice to track the project compliance every step of the way.

1) A huge amount of paperwork has been filed in 2020 about this project. A lot of it is pretty confusing. We see subdivision agreements from 2009 for a subdivision of four large lots and roadway lots. We see a plan in Exhibit 36 for a 123 lot subdivision. We see a list of needed approvals from 2010 that doesn't mention any further subdivision approvals. Does the LUC know how this project is planning to get from the 4 large lots approved in 2009, and showed in its 2014 Final EIS, to the 123 lot fee-simple lot subdivision that was approved in 1995?

2) Does the LUC know how many of the larger (30,000 sq ft plus) lots in the 123 lot subdivision will be high traffic, high use commercial buildings, and what proportion will be lower key light industrial lots?

3) Does the LUC know if there will even be any demand for either Light industrial or Commercial lots over the next five years in South Maui? or 10 years?

4) Does LUC know if the planned drainage strategy for the Ka'onoulu site is still to intercept storm flow from the natural gulch that is a cultural feature on the property and route the water into a diversion structure that concentrates its flow and eventually dumps that flow back into the severely overburdened and flood prone Kulanihako'i gulch?

5) Does LUC know how much traffic the proposed "compliant" project will generate?

6) Does LUC know how the applicants can show a minimal "cultural preserve" that will destroy 16 of 20 recorded archaeological sites on the 88 acre parcel, even though 11 of these same 20 sites have been recommended for data recovery (further excavation to determine significance) that has not yet been done and reported on?

Sufficient information has not been made available to the LUC, or to the public, to show what the current plan actually is, and that it truly complies with the 1995 LUC D&O, the Kihei Makena Community Plan, and the good faith expectations of the South Maui Community.

We therefore urge the LUC not to "dismiss" this case unless and until the landowners provide clear and specific information on 1) the actual plan to which they are committing, and 2) how the impacts will be mitigated.

Mahalo nui loa

Rob Weltman
Chairperson, Sierra Club Maui Group

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From: De Austin <dezireenaustin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 11:52 AM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please review my article on the LUC ?

Hello,

I have written an article describing the LUC for a community newsletter. I believe my information is correct but I drew some connections between the LUC and state constitution.

I would appreciate your looking over my article for any inaccuracies or misstatements.

A copy is attached. It's also available via [this link](#).

Thank you for your time.

D Austin

Hawaii's Land Use Commission is Unusual Among the States

Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources are Part of Its Responsibilities

L-R Commissioner Dawn Chang, commissioner Edmund Aczon; deputy attorney general Randall Nishiyama; commission chair Jonathan Scheuer; Dan Orodener, LUC executive director; commissioner Nancy Cabral. Present but out of the photo: commissioner Gary Okuda, commissioner Lee Ohigashi (image: environment-hawaii.org)

Hawaii had recognized early on that the lack of land management controls for the island chain and the potential havoc that a lack of such controls could cause. Lawmakers in Hawaii, over time, created a land management system which produced the state Office of Planning.

[The state Office of Planning is divided into two](#) : the Planning Division and

the Land Use Commission (LUC).

In 1961, the legislature established the nine member LUC to oversee the execution of the Land Use Law. The Land Use Law, among other things, asks that tracts of land be labeled in one of four categories

1. Rural
2. Urban
3. Conservation
4. Agricultural

For a piece of land to be re-classified, it would include a proposal being made to the LUC.

One of the nine members of the LUC is required to a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner, which is in accordance with the state constitution. The nine members of the commission are appointed by the Governor, and they are volunteers, who receive no direct compensation except for expenses incurred in the execution of their job, i.e. travel to other islands, etc. (Luc.hawaii.gov).

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Phd., Hawaiian Land Use Commission, UH Manoa Lecturer in Law
The Commission is described as “ensuring that state concerns are addressed” in land-use and decisions regarding land-use (luc.hawaii.gov). However, what may not clearly be understood by the public is that the commission’s role is directly tied to the constitutional protections guaranteed for the environment and Native Hawaiians.

The 1978 state constitution specifically supported the State’s responsibility to establish a commission to protect, preserve and maintain Hawaii’s natural resources, for the benefit of Hawaii’s citizens in [Article X1, Section 2](#) .

Other interesting facts about the landmark 1978 constitutional convention are there were amendments to include Hawaiian as an official language, required state protection of natural resources, and state protection of Native Hawaiians’ [right to gather, hunt and fish](#) (Article 12, Section 7) for their own sustenance, among other changes. These amendments make Hawaii’s constitution unusual in its regard for indigenous people, indigenous rights and environmental protections.

Hawaii is [one of only six US states](#) to include environmental protections as part of its constitution. Hawaii, along with Montana, are states whose legal language enables any citizen in the state to bring a lawsuit against any entity which threatens that state’s resources.

The Land Use Commission can serve as an intermediary for concerned citizens. Maui residents formed a coalition to file “a motion to show cause” for the developer planning a retail center, the Pi’ilani Promenade. This

request is for the developer to prove why the land which is part of their project, who were in danger of lapsing in their requirements, set by the LUC,

The Land Use Commission met a few times with the Kihei Community with Hawaii's Department of Education to discuss the building plans for a future high school in Kihei, which appeared to [lack safe transit options](#) for students.

Also, there is a reason the Commission is required to have a Native Hawaiian practitioner on its panel. There are sensitive areas all over the islands that are regarded as sacred and must be left untouched, such as ancient burial sites with ancestral bones which must be left alone. One would only have to look toward Mauna Kea and understand that there is a strong, empathetic, international movement for the protection of Native Hawaiian interests.

For any developer interested in working within the state of Hawaii, the lack of knowledge about Hawaii's Land Use Commission and its history could create an extensive and expensive process. It's not just a matter of applying for building permits.

14)

From: Rose Reilly Next Level Well Being <recoverthis99@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 10:03 PM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Illegal Small Businesses on A94-706 Ka'ono'ulu Ranch

Aloha!

i feel like i have to defend this parcel from these shysters every 5 min! The Community Plan CLEARLY states that THERE ARE TO BE NO SMALL BUSINESSES IN THIS AREA (Plan clearly shows small businesses!!). It's in the lease agreement for Safeway gies that they're not allowed bc of too much strain on existing businesses.. which, when left unchecked, forces our community into empty, degraded development that's a marr in the landscape, ecosystem and therefore spiritual well being. Our suicide rate is up 95% in the last 10 yrs. The continent up 85% in the same time period. Perhaps, in light of the cultural significance of perfect alignment for moon watching, we need to think spiritually of the benefit of maintained open spaces and moon watching which is linked to spiritual wellbeing in cultures all over the world!.. moon watching tours, picnics, study groups.. Cultural site walks during the day. That area was once the largest, most diverse dryland forest AND CAN BE AGAIN!! That kind of Restoration Project can be useful all around the world. Which other culture you know has a "perfect moon watching spot according to the stars" on the sister mountain most fought after for telescopes? FORGET THE BOX! Doesn't feel free, doesn't live free.. doesn't even get a fair democratic candidate for how many years in a row?! Lets stop playing! We have work to do. These gies killing us. And seriously, one of their guys

threatened me canvassing after last time i testified about this. He said he "shld throw me and Elle Cockring in the lava" bc "everytime i show up, projects get shut down". #SMH! The last thing we need is an enormous mall! The second last thing we need are more boxes in a different spot that can't be maintained. There are so many amazing things to do with time. Do you know auntie who runs the electric company told us? at the college for the release of these sustainable energy plan.. wen we all told her we kno about free nrg and we want it? She told us "the allowed methods" If ur gonna put boxes there.. think big in a different way. Please, consult w/ the Hewahewa's and all other heirs and make sure they whole heartedly back any plans for this sacred site.

Mahalo nui loa,

C. Rose Reilly

Ha'iku

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From: Jeanne Schaaf <schaafalaska@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 8:27 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please stop destruction of Cultural Heritage by the Proposed Piilani Promenade Project

Aloha Land Use Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my concern about the destruction of several undocumented and incompletely documented cultural places within the proposed Piilani Promenade project area.

There are unrecorded sites that were not found by the current archaeological survey or reported to SHPD. I have seen and photographed them with local cultural practitioners. In addition, the sites that have been reported have not been evaluated for significance. It would be unlawful to go forward with the project without a complete survey of the parcel and collection of sufficient information about the sites to evaluate site meaning and significance.

The proposed preservation areas seem small and arbitrary. They leave many sites to be destroyed without any justification for what is preserved or what is destroyed. This decision to destroy Hawaiian heritage can only be made with solid knowledge of what those places mean. The area has forever lost so much already.

State and County Historic Preservation laws are designed to provide strong protection of cultural heritage resources. Moving forward with this project while the letter and spirit of the law have not been met would not only be unlawful, it would diminish Hawaiian people. It would not be the right thing to do. The decision to destroy heritage should not be made lightly- the laws are there for a reason.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Jeanne Schaaf

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From: LEHUANANI HUDDLESTON-HAFOKA <huddlestonhafoka@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 9:44 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

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From: Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka, Community member/Kihei resident

Re: A94-706 KA`ONO`ULU RANCH (MAUI)

Aloha Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

As an engaged citizen, a parent, a life-long resident of Kihei with ancestral ties to Kihei, a recent local business owner, and an employee and advocate for children's services and needs, I understand the balance required for smart growth and the responsibility of leadership for the greater good of our community. I support Koa Partners and their proposed plans for the Kaonoulu project in Kihei. I have been following this project since 2018 when the new developers started to engage community on a regular basis. I

believe that we can have a better community if we focus on improving infrastructure, and I appreciate the developers for dedicating an investment of over \$23 million to improve the South Maui infrastructure.

Their improvements to the water system and flood mitigation measures are also significant. I believe Koa Partners is committed to working with and responding to the community needs, and one notable area is wanting to provide affordable housing in their Kihei project. We all know that it is a high priority, especially for our young families who are often left with no other option than to move to the mainland. This is unfair to them and to us, the families who remain here, to know that the future of our 'ohana is so dependent on a place to live, whereas it should not have to be something to contemplate whatsoever.

This can only be done with good intended, sincere, sustainable projects that put aside money before anything else. We need to build "homes," not just boxes that our hardworking people pay so much for and have little to enjoy, albeit grateful for a safe place, but we want our kids to have a "home...a forever home," to live in, to love and malama for years to come. Truly affordable, well thought out designs that value the surrounding cultural areas that incorporate healthy standards of living. Included should be a walkable community structure with essential services nearby. Noting that the intent should not be any mall of some sort, but just talking about a family park, a nearby store to walk to and buy some milk, maybe a health center, or even a youth center. Kihei continues to grow and we have to keep up with affordable housing needs for keiki to kupuna.

This is where I believe Koa Partners come in. I trust their intent is to do what our families desire and deserve. I hope the LUC can provide some flexibility to pursue affordable housing on the property within its current approvals. I believe it would be good for Maui, good for Kihei, and consistent with the goals of the State and its approved land use. We need this project to move forward under existing approvals to support jobs, much needed infrastructure, and smart growth to support South Maui. I hope the LUC will support this project as well. I do!

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

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