Aloha Land Use Commission Members,

I am writing to request a full blown environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed land use district change on Lanai. Here’s why:

According to HAPSMobile officials quoted in the Maui News, August 4, 2020, plans continue for the giant 4G/5G drone project on Lanai. Here is a link to the article:
https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2020/08/large-drone-test-flight-successful-lanai-activities-still-being-planned__/;!!LIYSdFckKAIn9F-eF2CmO3_qc9Jwr9KrfHQCQBm4ThGKlzZJR1ZPApMAHgVSDyxR2NczXP5dFvIKPNXww$<https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=FrJs3&m=ggjU1Pda4s55Kc.&b=VUj_B6cpWMi5ytvh56K9hw__;!!LIYSdFfcKAln9F-eF2CmO3_qc9Jwr9KrfHQCQBm4ThGKlzZJR1ZPApMAHgVSDyxR2NczXP5dFvUTyHDT0$>

In early 2019, a 16,500 square foot HAPSMobile hangar to house two giant drones, and a giant drone airstrip with a 1000 foot diameter landing circle and 3000 foot diameter over-run circle were both created on agricultural land without proper permitting. These illegal structures still exist and the Pulama Lanai proposed 200 acre industrial park is right adjacent to this illegal drone area.

There is every reason to believe the giant drone project would make use of the adjacent industrial areas and, consequentially, would involve significant environmental impacts that are not addressed in the current environmental assessment.

And last but not least, I believe that Lanai’s agricultural lands should be preserved as much as possible to honor the rights of the Hawaiians and their descendants to use the lands as they desire, whether that be to grow their own food or be free to use the land religiously and culturally as they historically have..

Please deny the FEA and require a full blown Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Please also build in specific assurances that none of the adjacent lands will be used in connection with 5G or the giant drone project.

Thank you, Sulara James (Kihei)
To: Hakoda, Riley K <riley.k.hakoda@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony submitted on the Pulama Lanai FEA issue

Aloha,

I submitted written testimony on the Pulama Lanai FEA issue scheduled for today’s LUC meeting and my testimony is not included in the online Public Comments webpage. I submitted it on November 16 to this email address dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov and it is showing in my “sent mail” folder and was not returned or bounced. I’m wondering why it is not shown as a Public Comment and if there may be others whose testimony is missing as well?

Mahalo, Sulara James (Kihei)