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Aloha, I support [A11-791 HG Kauai Joint Venture LLC for Hokua Place](#) 100 percent. We need more well planned housing on Kauai yesterday.

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For my part, I support the development of Kokua Place.

Complaints about the housing not being truly “affordable” are misplaced. Property values on the Island are so high that Kokua Place will reduce some of the market pressure that trickles down to all properties on the Island. A very modest home on the Island is extraordinarily expensive relative to the rest of the country, and an imbalance between supply and demand is one of the root causes of this problem.

Likewise, the location is reasonable, as it is in an old cane field. I would have significant reservations about the development if it involved clearing a significant amount of previously undisturbed nature. As it stands, though, the development appears to be in an ideal location to balance the interests of the various stakeholders and residents.

While I respect and understand the motives behind the organized opposition, I believe that they are misplaced in this case.

Thank You,

Matt Mannisto