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Hokua Place Testimony

Aloha Mr. Riley Hakoda, I am born and raised on Kauai however moved from the west to the east side about 19yrs ago. 19 yrs ago I already thought Kapaa to be over developed and crowded with infrastructure and traffic and people..

I am in opposition of changing agricultural land in Kapaa to Urban use. I worry of the traffic, the amount of families that will relocate to Kauai and in turn displace Kauai born residents who will not afford these homes. I worry about the neighborhood and our future.

This development is directly besides Kapaa Middle School where my 2 keiki attend. I worry that any development near to the school such as Hokua place including a pool, parks, pathways and private residences would encourage truancy, higher drug use, and other criminal activities within and near our youth. Currently Kapaa Middle School is in a great area surrounded by agricultural land and we (as a community) should be encouraging the proper care and use for those lands. Specifically, what a great oppertunity to surround our keiki with healthy productive agriculture learning opportunities vs. more development, strain on infrastructure, traffic and improper use of one of the last agricultural open lands in Kapaa.

The developer has already presented an inadequate and incomplete Environmental Impact Statement using old and outdated data which fails to assess the entire picture or include additional already approved projects in the Kapa'a area. The report was full of misleading statements, inconsistencies and incorrect data.

I strongly feel that this project will endanger the quality of life, and future for myself as well as our youth here in Kapaa. Please oppose the re-designation of this area from agriculture to urban and reject the proposed Hokua Place development.

Mahalo for reading this!
- Tina Taniguchi
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Attn: Mr Riley Hakoda (riley.k.hakoda@hawaii.gov)

Aloha Land Use Commission,

We kindly and respectfully ask that you do not change the designation of the 96 acres from agriculture to urban for the proposed Hokua Place development. We are in strong opposition to the development of Hokua Place in this location and feel that it will adversely impact day to day life here on Kauai.

The developer has already presented an inadequate and incomplete Environmental Impact Statement using old and outdated data which fails to assess the entire picture or include additional already approved projects in the Kapa'a area. We were very concerned because the report was full of misleading statements, inconsistencies and incorrect data. This project is not a true affordable housing project nor is it likely to provide average Kaua'i income earners with homes. Hokua Place is proposed because the developer claimed Kaua'i needs housing, but this is not the type of housing we need! In the EIS they make this claim about the need for this project yet fail to include in their assessment the hundreds of houses already approved or being built which do not require redistricting these agricultural lands or building Hokua Place, some of which are affordable housing projects.

Our roads are already heavily overburdened with traffic and in poor condition. Adding 769 homes mauka of the Kapa'a Bypass Road will turn the 'Kapa'a crawl' into a parking lot. The solutions proposed in the EIS to address traffic concerns are unrealistic and inadequate. There is limited wastewater capacity in Wailua. The Wailua Wastewater Treatment Plant and Transfer Station have already been fined multiple times by the State of Hawai'i for overflows and spill violations. This infrastructure is old and in need of repair before this additional project should even be considered.

The paving of roads and pouring of the concrete for Hokua Place will clearly add additional burden to an already overburdened overland flow drainage system. Fresh water access to this area is also limited and the current proposed source would rely on Grove Farms Waiahi Surface Water Treatment Plant and there are already existing concerns with this facilities ability to provide water into the future including the absence of a NPDS wastewater permit with the State of Hawai'i since May 2016. There is also ongoing litigation relating to the un-permitted taking of water from streams within adjacent conservation areas that feed into the Waiahi Plant. In addition the water plant is already at or near capacity.

We believe that Kaua'i has reached a tipping point. Our infrastructure is over capacity and failing and it simply cannot sustain this kind of overdevelopment in this area. Aging and overstressed infrastructure is present all around the area being considered and is evident as we sit in excessive traffic delays, drive on roads that are in disrepair, when sewage overflows into the ocean, when our school classrooms are overcrowded and our coral reefs and environment buckle under the stress of overdevelopment or development in which infrastructure needs and thoughtful planning aren't considered first.

Furthermore, more than ever, we have recently realized that we need to be protecting and preserving agricultural lands in each ahupua'a. Now more than ever we should be seriously reconsidering changes to designation and developing in areas already marked for urban and where infrastructure is built to suit.

We strongly feel that this project will endanger the quality of life on the east side of Kaua'i

and our communities future. Please oppose the re-designation of this area from agriculture to urban and reject the proposed Hokua Place development.

Sincerely,
Robert and Marion McHenry
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