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Re: TMK# 85019036

My name is Samuel Campbell and I did present oral testimony at yesterday's LUC Zoom's meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. However, I want to take this opportunity to address my concerns and submit a written testimony regarding my home and property being identified as Important Agriculture Land (IAL).

My wife and I were public school teachers here in Hawaii, but now I am retired and my wife has recently died after fighting cancer for two years. During those two years (2018 -- 2020), I took early retirement to be a caregiver for my wife. My wife retired in 2017 because she was sick, but the cancer was not identified even though she went to the doctor's office for diagnostics and treatment care. Her cancer was finally confirmed in January 2018 after having a colostomy procedure and biopsy. I now am being told with the IAL designation of my home that I will not be able to live in my home that my wife and I purchased as our retirement home.

When we bought our current home and property in 2011, we purchased the land from the bank because the property was foreclosed. Our FHA mortgage loan had very strict requirements and we were told that FHA does not allow us to use our property as a business. We specifically asked for clarification and we were told that we definitely cannot use our property for an agricultural business. These requirements were always in our mindset because we knew that we would never be allowed to have an agricultural business. Now, I am being told that I must run an agricultural business to live on my own land. The FHA rules on how I use my land are still in effect. Please explain how I am expected to run an agricultural business when I am

not allowed to run an agricultural business under FHA requirements.

The previous owner of my home, before going into foreclosure, used the property as an industrial park. The owners brought in tons of gravel to make a parking lot for their commercial fleets of semi-trucks and heavy industrial equipment. The heavy industrial equipment and semi-trucks compacted and contaminated the soil with oil leaks. The soil is not only rocky but most definitely usable. Our goal as homeowners was to take care of the land and hopefully, the land can recover from its previous use and abuse. Eventually, the land could become usable agricultural land. The property cannot sustain itself as agricultural land under its current condition. It would be great if the property can be used sometime in the future. But now, I am being told, by the IAL designation, that my land must be an active agricultural land business.

I wish to be exempt from my home being identified as IAL. The City and County did not in good faith contact and notify of the IAL designation. My land only has access to my garden hose as a source of water but does not meet the other two requirements. I am presently a widower and retired, and I want to stay and live in the home that my deceased wife and I bought for our retirement. Finally, according to FHA mortgage rules, I cannot use my home for an agricultural business.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns and my reasons for being exempt from the IAL designations.

Samuel Campbell (Sam)