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Re: Petition to Remove TMK# 85004089 from "IAL"

To Whom This May Concern:

Aloha,

My name is Rasikashekara Leue and I am writing to petition you to please REMOVE our family's small 1-acre parcel of land (TMK# 85004089) from the "important agricultural lands" designation/zoning on Oahu.

I'm very concerned, how will this effect our family? Our ohana live on this land, have lived here for over 15 years, and we hope they will continue to live here for many, many years to come. If our land is put into the "IAL" designation, it is my understanding that our family will no longer be allowed to live here if we each individually are not actively farming this land. My kupuna lives here. My keiki lives here. My 78-year-old mother cannot physically work on the land. My children are young, they cannot be farming the land. This is not our second or third home, this IS our home. Will our kupuna and keiki be forced to leave our land when this "IAL" goes into place? Where will they go?

This is essentially taking away our home. This is NOT a good fit for us.

It is not right to simply place our land in "IAL" designation and rezone it without our written consent. We received a notice in the mail about a year ago essentially letting us know that our land would be added to the "IAL" designation without any real explanation of what that would mean for us.

Currently, we are in AG-2 zoning. Every 10 years, we dedicate our land to agricultural uses because we have a small mango/tropical fruit orchard and care for goats/small animals. We have not been forced to do this. This is something we do because we feel it's important for our children to know what real fresh fruit is, what it feels like to milk, or shear, or bottle feed, and take care of a living breathing animal. We don't want to be forced to do this.

Please also consider, it seems that smaller parcels weren't really meant to be chosen for this designation. This "IAL" designation seems designed for larger-scale farms to help sustain Oahu's people. Our land is only one acre.

So, I ask you please to REMOVE our small parcel from the "IAL" designation.

I would be happy to be contacted regarding this letter or any questions (808) 492-9329.

Mahalo,
Rasika