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LAND USE COMMISSION  
STATE OF HAWAII  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Land Use Commission Meeting January 20, 2022 to consider Special Permit Application for  
Connections New Century Public Charter School

I am writing to state my opposition to a Special Permit being approved for the Connections Public Charter School to build a campus on the corner of Edita Street and Kaumana Drive, Hilo.

I exit my subdivision from Luana Way onto Kaumana Drive which can be a very busy intersection with a short range of vision uphill. Cars drive down Kaumana Drive at breakneck speeds and drivers have to be extremely careful when pulling out especially during times of school traffic. Should the school be built, the additional amount of traffic at these times would exacerbate an already dangerous situation for drivers exiting onto Kamana Drive from Luana Way and many other streets. It should be noted that Connections is proposing a student body of 435 which means many more cars would be using Kaumana Drive.

There is also the issue of wastewater coming from the school, channeling through subdivisions below and even reaching Hilo Bay. The school is proposing the use of an ecological wastewater system which is a new and unproven technology that may not be safe. Waterborne diseases such as leptospirosis, dengue fever and rat lung disease could be carried downstream.

It seems that an alternative site, which would not impact a quiet neighborhood around Edita Street and cause traffic and water drainage problems, needs to be found for Connections Public Charter School.

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