## Kokee Farms, LLC PO Box 789 Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii 96796

Re:

SUPPORT for,

Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, Docket No. DR21-76

May 1, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

This email is in **strong support** of the Kekaha Agriculture Association's Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

I am writing on behalf of Kokee Farms, LLC. We hold a 35 year license on 62 acres of ADC land in Kekaha, that is subject to the referenced IAL designation. Since 2020, we have been developing a coffee and diversified agriculture farm on the property, so the benefits and incentives offered by the IAL designation will be helpful in the growth of our farm, as well as the other small farmers on the ADC land.

We understand that IAL designation of the Kekaha Ag lands is expected to make certain tax benefits, and other incentives, available to our operation. We welcome these tax benefits, and incentives, to assist our agricultural activities.

The Commission should grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as Important Agriculture Lands. This will benefit Hawaii agriculture, support our communities, and help fulfill the State's obligations under the Hawaii Constitution to promote agricultural activities.

For all of these reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha and Mahalo,

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Re: SUPPORT for,

Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, Docket No. DR21-76

May 02, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

This email is in strong support of the Kekaha Agriculture Association's Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

I am writing on behalf of Garden Island Security, Inc.. We have been providing security services for Kekaha Agriculture since 2008.

We are encouraged by the kinds of benefits the IAL designation will bring for the Kekaha farms and understand that the benefits and incentives offered by the IAL designation will be helpful to the growth and operations of established and developing farms in Kekaha.

The Commission should grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as Important Agriculture Lands. This will benefit Hawaii agriculture, support our communities, and help fulfill the State's obligations under the Hawaii Constitution to promote agricultural activities.

For these reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha,

## Anthony K. Pajela

Anthony K. Pajela Chief of Security GARDEN ISLAND SECURITY, Inc.

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Re:

SUPPORT for,

Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, Docket No. DR21-76

May 2, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

This email is in **strong support** of the Kekaha Agriculture Association's Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

I am writing on behalf of Lords Electric. We have been operating and maintaining the Kekaha Agriculture electric generation system and distribution grid since 2006, and know well the challenges facing the operations on ADC's Kekaha lands.

We are encouraged by the kinds of benefits the IAL designation will bring for the Kekaha farms and understand that the benefits and incentives offered by the IAL designation will be helpful to the growth and operations of established and developing farms in Kekaha.

The Commission should grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as Important Agriculture Lands. This will benefit Hawaii agriculture, support our communities, and help fulfill the State's obligations under the Hawaii Constitution to promote agricultural activities.

For these reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha,

**Lords Electric** 

Dan Lord, MGR



May 2, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

Re:

Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands

State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, Docket No. DR21-76

ITC Water Management, Inc, is in **Strong Support** of the Kekaha Agriculture Association's Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

ITC Water Management, Inc. ITC is a Hawaii based; locally owned company focused on water systems construction. We provide consulting, design, construction, maintenance and operation services statewide. Over the last dozen years, we have worked closely with Kekaha Agriculture and its members in enhancing the water infrastructure in Kekaha.

These lands are well situated to support agriculture and the benefits provided by an IAL designation should facilitate their long-term ability to support and strengthen this import segment of our economy.

For these reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Regards,

ITC Water Management, Inc.

Harold Edwards, President & CEO



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Re:

Support for the,

Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands, (IAL)

State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, Docket No. DR21-76

Date:

May 2, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

This email is our way of voicing our <u>strong support</u> for the Kekaha Agriculture Association's, (KAA) Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

Andros Engineering Corp. is a family run Hawaiian business supporting farmers and ag related businesses in the Hawaiian Islands. Our main facility is located on ADC leased ground in Kekaha, HI. We have been operating in Hawaii for more than 15 years, primarily assisting farming operations on ADC ag lands around Kekaha, Kauai. Over the years we have worked closely with Kekaha Agriculture and the Kekaha licensees providing services that protect and improve the farming operations we serve.

We are encouraged by the kinds of benefits the IAL designation will bring for the Kekaha farms and understand that the benefits and incentives offered by the IAL designation will be helpful to the growth and operations of established and developing farms in Kekaha.

We believe that the Commission should grant the petition and designate the <u>Kekaha Ag lands</u> as <u>Important Agriculture Lands</u>. This will benefit Hawaii agriculture, support our communities, and help fulfill the State's obligations under the Hawaii Constitution to promote agricultural activities.

For these reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha.

Matt Andros, President

Andros Engineering Corp.