

Umi's Farm
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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 3, 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 Umi's Farm. We hold a 35 year license on 15 acres of ADC land in Kekaha, that is subject to the IAL designation. Since 2016, we have been developing a mango, citrus and avocado orchard 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 lands.

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,
Umi's Farm



Kalaniumi H. Martin

Sent via email to: dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov

Letter Supporting Kekaha Agriculture Association Important Agricultural Land Petition.

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

May 2, 2022

Dear Chairman Scheuer and Commissioners.

My name is Maurice A. "Joe" Munechika and I am the President of the Wines of Kauai, LLC. and a founding member of the Kekaha Agriculture Association (KAA). I am very supportive of the KAA Petition to have the lands be granted "Important Agriculture Lands" (IAL) status.

Wines of Kauai, LLC as its name implies is grape vineyard and wine manufacturing operation. It has been in operation prior to but received our license for 126.96 acres via the State of Hawaii, Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) in 2008. Wines of Kauai, LLC is located at the upper most (Mauka) lands under the jurisdiction of the ADC/KAA. Because of its elevation and climate, it is suitable in the growing of grapes as well as vegetables, fruit trees and protea plants (flowers). We have planted over 100 native Koa and a smaller amount of sandal wood trees. We are currently experimenting in the growing of Ohia trees.

I understand that the granting of IAL status will be of significant benefit for small agricultural operation like Wines of Kauai, LLC. It has been a struggle to maintain the farm and any benefit derived from the granting of IAL status will help small farmers like myself. Granting of IAL status will keep the land for agriculture/aquaculture purposes and will only help to get more people involved in farming.

For the above stated reason, I strongly support the KAA Petition to grant the KAA IAL status for the Kekaha/Mana agricultural lands.

Sincerely,

Wines of Kauai, LLC

Maurice A. Munechika



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May 3, 2022

Land Use Commission,
Chairperson Scheuer & Commissioners,
State Of Hawaii

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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 Aloun Farms. We have been farming on Oahu for more than 40 years and are currently expanding our operations to west Kauai. Our mission is to provide the people of Hawaii with the highest quality of fresh locally grown produce, while at the same time, educating future generations on the importance of agriculture.

On the Kekaha ADC lands, we are currently planting our first crop on about 500 acres, and plan to grow the diversified crops to several thousand acres on Kauai. 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.

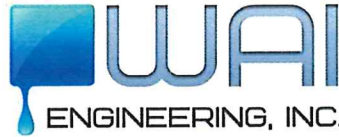
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For all of these reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Mahalo and sincerely,

Alec Sou,
President & General Manager,
Aloun Farm, Inc.



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Re: SUPPORT for,
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May 2nd, 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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Wai Engineering

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May 4, 2022

Re: SUPPORT for,
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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 Hawaii Labor Solutions, and Global Ag. We hold a 35 year license on approximately 84 acres of ADC land in Kekaha, that is subject to the referenced IAL designation. We have been farming mangos and diversified crops in Kekaha, as well as other areas on Kauai, for more than 30 years. Our operations also provide labor for several of the ag operations on Kauai. We have met many challenges over the years for agriculture.

We have been waiting for the kinds of benefits the IAL designation will bring for years and understand that the benefits and incentives offered by the IAL designation will be helpful in the growth of our operations, 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.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wallace Johnson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Wallace Johnson, President
Hawaii Labor Solutions

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