

**From:** [kathrenbade@gmail.com](mailto:kathrenbade@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DBEDT LUC](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Waiehu Residential Community: Opposed  
**Date:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 11:17:12 AM

---



10/8/2022

Dear Land Use Commission,

With reference to: <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/10/08/waiehu-affordable-housing-project-pause-pending-lawsuits/>

I am hoping that while on your site inspection on Thursday, October 6, 2022, to Waiehu, Maui, for proposed site of future development by Genova Builders of the Waiehu Residential Community that you noted the community's opposition and negative stance on this overly large, and intrusive project that would remove PRIME agricultural lands from Maui. The community is opposed to using the Fast Track process for converting relatively inexpensive PRIME agricultural lands to development. Maui needs to continue to increase its production of agricultural farming in order to decrease the islands reliance on over-priced shipped in food and vegetables from out of state. The owner and developer of this property are taking advantage of the nationwide shortage of housing in the name of being "the good guys" to provide "affordable housing" while making a profit at the expense and loss of Hawaii's, especially Maui's exceptionally LIMITED prime farm-land. The owners DID NOT DECIDE TO buy land that is more suited for development, with existing infrastructure, that is MORE EXPENSIVE to purchase. They deliberately CHOSE THIS PRIME AG LAND because it is inexpensive and using the county of Maui's ill conceived FAST TRACK process, lets them off the hook for providing adequate infrastructure for such a large development. They are also developers from the mainland, California, where the state of California has implemented EXCEPTIONALLY protective restrictions for developers to comply with state, local, community, health, agricultural and other rules that make development in that state more expensive. DO NOT GIVE THEM THIS FREE RIDE TO PROFITS IN MAUI!

I AM OPPOSED to the LAND USE COMMISSIONS future proposed change in classification of this ag land to urban for development.

Sincerely,

Kathren Rosales  
Resident of Waiehu  
1367 Kakae Place  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Tel: 808-728-8073