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Subject: [EXTERNAL] ACTION ALERT: Your response is required within 30 days
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Aloha,

Our Waihe`e Community Association appreciates the work that you do for Maui County. Thank you for taking the time and listening to our community.

We firmly oppose the proposed development of 872 homes in Waiehu Ahupua`a, on the last large 240 acres of Class A Prime Agricultural land. This location is not suited for housing. The proposed project is poorly conceived and will desecrate Maui Nui A Kama future sustainability. The Environmental Assessment ("EA") presented is boilerplate. Aside from being inadequate, it shall not even be considered because of the land use.

We formally request your response within the next thirty (30) days regarding each of the following concerns. Please send your response to gnparesa@hotmail.com:

- Genova came from the mainland and proposed this development to the county administration with zero community input. This level of homes will increase the immediate community by 48%. How will we address the following key issues:
 - We have a major existing traffic problem with clogged roads. Ingress and egress which is already poor, would be dangerously affected if 872 new homes were added. Would you provide a proposal to improve this traffic situation.
 - Our schools are already overwhelmed and over capacity. Would you provide a plan to expand the schools, to build a new school, or to otherwise alleviate our system's strain.
 - Neither Genova nor its EA have addressed flood mitigation – this area and the road leading to it are prone to dangerous flooding. How will this development proceed without exacerbating this existing problem.
 - How will Genova integrate green spaces into this development? The six-acre commercial center was clearly designated, but what about green space?

- The land is rare. Not only is it rated Class A agricultural land, some of the best in the State of Hawaii, but it also produces water and has natural protection from the wind. How will we protect the land which is infinitely more valuable in agriculture than it is in housing. Please elaborate on the following:
 - This land has been tied up with developers and specifically marketed to developers for many years. As a result, nobody has been able to use it for agriculture for decades. As our population grows, producing fresh food locally on our agricultural land will alleviate our (over)reliance on mainland producers. Historically, this land provided sustenance for a large native population. What are your solutions to this problem?
 - There are two wellheads near the proposed site which support all central Maui; Our precious water is piped as far away as Makena and Paia. There are laws including Show me the Water and the Wellhead Protection Ordinance which govern and protect our priceless watershed; We are requesting Genova's plan to implement mandatory protections.
- What is the plan for supplying irrigation water to common areas and for lawns?
- Does the Kahului Wastewater Reclamation facility have enough capacity to handle the additional wastewater from the proposed commercial and residential units.
- The immediate area is culturally significant. However, these high-end home developers don't seem to care. They will make their money off our land, build houses for nonresidents, and then go back to their homes on the mainland. How will Genova address the consequences of their actions in our backyard?
- Genova did not identify their target buyers in their plan. It is unclear that locals will be able to purchase even the affordable units. We are asking for Genova to clarify their pricing.
- Is it true that Genova is not keeping current on its property tax liability? According to the Maui Property Tax website, taxes on this property are delinquent for over \$25K over the last three periods that it was owned by Genova. With penalties and interest, the amount due is over \$28K – when will this deficiency be corrected?
- Urban sprawl is described as unrestricted growth with little concern for urban planning. This proposed development reeks of urban sprawl. Will we leave these serious problems for our children to solve? Will they be forced to put in a freeway?

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