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Dear members of the commission

My name is Roxana Hollifield. I am a resident of Kihei, server of this community as an educator, and a mother of two children. This letter represents my full support for the opening of the new Kūlanihāko‘i High School.

I am appealing to you to grant the certificate of occupancy to the school as soon as possible. This community has waited over 20 years for the high school to be built and now that it is finally built It does NOT make any sense for you to keep it closed. I do understand that you have safety concerns but believe me when I say that the safety of our keiki is my priority as well.

As you know, there is an alternative plan for students to not cross the highway and therefore be safe at the new campus. This alternative includes the transportation of all students by bus and can take place immediately since the buses to transport students have already been purchased.

The Kūlanihāko‘i High School has been open and serving students for this school year since the beginning. The conditions in which the students have gone through are not the best suitable for them and by not granting the permit you are doing a disservice to them and this community.

I hope and pray that you reconsider your decision and give students the opportunity to experience their first year of high school in the new location. After so many years of waiting we all as a community and especially our keiki deserve to witness the opening and occupancy of the Kūlanihāko‘i High School in Kihei.

Respectfully,

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