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Aloha commissioners,

Apologies for my late testimony. I'm hoping you've received other similar testimony and have not, at this time, awarded an extension to Y-O for their redistricting.

I lived near the land in question. I remember when Hina Lani Road stubbed out above the property. It seems like a lifetime ago.

It's hard to understand or empathize with this request for several reasons. One is that Y-O was apparently given a time extension in 1988. They claim that the 2008 financial crisis is part of the reason for failure to commence their project, but that was 20 years after they were granted extension!

In the time since then, huge changes in land use and consciousness have taken place to take into account the burgeoning growth of the region and it's negative impacts. Those impacts include destruction of the natural and cultural resources of the area. Additionally, traffic and other lacking infrastructure became rampant since the original approval and time extensions were given. All of those impacts — which weren't sufficiently accounted for in existing land use zoning at that time, led to the anger and frustration of residents and, finally, to the creation of regional plans including the K-to-K plan (shelved) and the Kona Community Development Plan which became law in 2010. In fact, a law was just passed (and vetoed) by the Hawaii County Council to stop endless time extensions from being used by speculators or wayward companies who take advantage of our system.

There are also questions of whether the original or supplemental EIS (if they exist) brought this redistricting into compliance with the state constitution which should be a prerequisite condition. Without a CIS, cultural impacts are unknown with the potential of an extension causing irreparable harm.

This developer/landowner needs to go back to the drawing board including starting again with the state oversight and approval process. Skirting that public review process is not pono to the land, culture or people of this island.

Mahalo for denying this request and sending Y-O back through the rigors of our state's more contemporary redistricting process.

Sincerely,  
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