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A81-525 Y-O Limited Partnership (Hawai'i)
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Testimony – AGAINST https://luc.hawaii.gov/testimony/ A81-525 Y-O LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Hawai'i) To Consider Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration of Decision and Order Denying Motion for Extension of Time to Apply for Redistricting of Phase II. Approximately 408.719 Acres of Land at Kaloko and Kohanaiki, North Kona, Hawai'i, TMK Nos.: (3) 7-3-09:19, 20 and 57 to 62.
Thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Antu Harvey. I live in the village of Hōlualoa (Hōlualoa 2, County of Hawai'i). I am the Executive Director of Pūlama iā Kona Heritage Council and on the Board of Directors of Hōlualoa Village Ohana. However, I am testifying as a fulltime resident individual and not in any official capacity.
Please DO NOT reconsider your decision and order of AUG 5, 2023 denying an extension of time to apply for redistricting of Phase II to from Agricultural District to Urban District.
The County of Hawaii is NOT maintaining infrastructure concurrency. The County has already allowed overdevelopment in North Kona. This area is not capable of supporting any additional development now and will not have the capacity until the infrastructure is brought up to adequacy and demonstrates a funding commitment to maintain concurrency for any future development. Material harm to the environment, the community and economy is already occurring.
The top three infrastructure systems that already have public SAFETY deficiencies and have done HARM:
Sewage treatment facility is deficient – polluting Honokohau harbor and near shore. It has an active lawsuit pending. https://earthjustice.org/press/2023/earthjustice-files-lawsuit-to-clean-up-kealakehe-wastewater-treatment-plant-sewage-discharges-into-the-pacific-ocean The County has made no notice that a project is advanced in the pipeline to bring it into compliance and expand it (or build additional STF) to meet the entitlements and commitments already made.
Potable water supply is deficient – North Kona mauka has been repeatedly had a mandatory 25% water restriction imposed by DWS. The latest on AUG 8, 2023. https://www.hawaiiidws.org/dws-response-re-n-kona-water-

restriction/ No notice has been posted that the 5 wells out of service (incl. Hualālai, Honokohau, Palani, Makalei) have been repaired and are back online. Instead, we just received a notice to conserve.

Transportation network is deficient – North Kona has not planned and set aside minimally adequate transportation corridors (vehicles, public trans, bicycle, pedestrian) and is 99.99% dependent on vehicles. Only one arterial traverses through Kona and few connectors exist. The County has allowed many developments to be gated. This has resulted in few alternate routes and inadequate capability to quickly evacuate any area in an emergency.

The time extensions for developments are a ticking time bomb. Agreements made 20-40 years ago, no longer exist in the same environment as when they were made. The County cannot easily even report how many residential unit entitlements and water units have been granted. We do not know the volume in the pipeline.

Development projects are negotiated to deliver/extend shared infrastructure on a timeline. Granting extensions for failing to complete their obligations and meet those commitments harms the County (throws a wrench into ensuring infrastructure concurrency for other projects and causes harm to current residents dependent on the infrastructure systems as a whole).

Please DO NOT reconsider, please do not grant an extension. This (and other developers) must abide the process and start over when the time period for performance expires. Close the Extension ‘side door’. It compromises the health and future of our communities and the environment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.
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