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Agenda Item

A83-549 Kona Vistas LLC (f.k.a. Gamrex Inc.)

Position

Oppose

Testimony

As a member of the Board of Pualani Estates at Kona Homeowners Association, a subdivision of 362 single-family homes several hundred yards north of the proposed Kona Vistas Project, we believe you should be aware of the serious concerns that have been expressed by us and others to the county's Leeward Planning Commission (LPC) regarding the developer's application for a 10-year time extension to complete the proposed 450-unit multiple-family housing project. Those concerns include the inadequacy of infrastructure to handle the greatly increased traffic on Highway 11, the failure to adequately plan for water drainage, and the inevitable damage to valuable cultural and burial sites and habitats for endangered species.

Early last year, the LPC asked the county's Cultural Resource Commission (CRC) to study the property and make a recommendation. After careful review and on-site inspection, the CRC's unanimous report indicates that the proposed development will likely have substantial impacts on historical and cultural assets on the property, and that "the area should be preserved in perpetuity as a historic property or, if that is not feasible that further documentation be made of the cultural history of the area in order for it to be integrated into the project's design."

The LPC has not met since August 2023, so the CRC's report has not yet been considered by the LPC. Nevertheless, we have little doubt that the LPC will not approve the application for time extension.

We trust that this background information will be helpful to you. Mahalo for your attention.

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