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A83-549 Kona Vistas LLC

February 6, 2024

Honorable Heather Kimball, Chair
and Members of the Hawaii County Council
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 1402
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Chair Kimball and Members:

Subject: Kuakini Heights Affordable Housing Project
Resolution 427 24

It has come to our attention that a news article in the January 29, 2024, edition of West Hawaii Today suggested that the developers of the Kona Vistas project would be using 67 affordable housing credits from the development of the Kuakini Heights Affordable Housing Project to fulfill the requirement to provide affordable housing for their project. We wish to clarify that:

1. The development of our proposed affordable rental housing project at Kuakini Heights will not provide any affordable housing credits for the Kona Vista project.
2. The Ahe Group is neither working with, cooperating with, nor does it have any contractual agreements with the developers of the Kona Vista project.

To further clarify this matter, the Ahe Group would suggest an amendment to Resolution 427 24 before the Legislative Approvals and Acquisitions Committee on February 7, 2024, to clarify that the planned Kuakini Heights affordable housing project will not fulfill the affordable housing requirements of the Kona Vista project. Such an amendment could take the form of another "Be it Further Resolved" clause that reads "The AFFORDABLE PROJECT shall not be used to fulfill the affordable housing requirements of the Kona Vista project" or any language the Chair prefers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this clarification. Please call me at (808) 381-5958 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Makani Maeva