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A83-549 Kona Vistas LLC (f.k.a. Gamrex Inc.)
Position
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<p>I would like to start by quoting from the 23-page Report KV3 submitted on January 30, 2024 to the LUC Members:</p> <p>#1. KV3 states: "There is a housing shortage, particularly for the working class and economically challenged." And yet none are being built in this project.</p> <p>#2. KV3 states: "Today there is a shortage of infrastructure, mainly roads and sewer systems. The subject property is one of few that has sufficient infrastructure." It is a fact that the subject property does NOT have adequate infrastructure, a fact supported by many years of extensive general news reporting and photos, as well as years of testimony to Hawaii government councils, commissions and agencies. Check the map - the KV3 property borders Queen K Hwy. Queen K Hwy is gridlocked over 12 hours per day, every day of the week, as are the alternative routes. Queen K is a State Hwy., and the State controls all improvements, not Hawaii County. KV3 does not have the ability to add any other roads, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Hospitals, Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Schools, etc., or increase the number of workers maintaining County beaches and parks, or control the number of residents and tourists who use County- and State-owned recreation areas either. KV3 also complains about those opposing their project who have continued to do so for so long, always citing inadequate infrastructure. KV3 is very frustrated by the community's failure to take them at their word that there is "sufficient infrastructure". KV3 disparagingly refers to these Locals and Residents in their Report as "the privileged class". This is a direct quote from the privileged, wealthy men behind KV3. Yes, it is a direct quote, look at their Report.</p> <p>#3. Regarding KV3 reference to Sewers: Kona Vistas residences are NOT on sewer, and never have been.</p>

It is not surprising that KV3 has sent the LUC such a misleading Report. They have a history of false claims regarding this development. They misled the County Council and Cultural Resources Commission recently by intentionally submitting a Report to the Cultural Resources Commission with survey results from a completely different parcel of land that is not even within the boundaries of this project. They commissioned a survey of a parcel of land that is east of their development area, and then reported "no significant cultural findings", when in fact there are cultural and archeologically significant features on the same land that is the subject of this hearing.

Now, it's 2024: The population of the area is approx. 35,000, a big increase from 6,000 in 1980. Water use restrictions are common, and, regardless of the KV3 "water agreements" in their Report, only Mother Nature has additional water resources. Bottom line - the permit is 40 years old, and should have been developed 40 years ago. All of the conditions that made this development viable 40 years ago have changed and are irrelevant, including all the government foibles. Only two things have NOT CHANGED in the past 40 years:

- 1.) The cultural and archeological importance of the property; and
- 2.) The invaluable West Hawaii floodplain in which the property is located.

Respectfully Submitted,
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