

Aloha,

My name is Bert Weeks, and I am testifying in **strong opposition** to the conditional permit at 355 Haiku Road. I live at 435 Haiku Road, right next door.

I would like to share with you how I would like Haiku to look in the future, by looking at the past.

Haiku has always been an agricultural and residential area where people lived in HOMES. Not apartments, not condos. In the early 1960s, I moved to Maui with my parents. We could have lived in Sprecklesville, Kihei, or Lahaina. Not that many people lived in Haiku then. But that is why we chose Haiku. Our house was an old house built in the 1930s. We did some research and found out that the property was named "Aina Lani". For my family, this was our "Heavenly Land".

Dad was an early member of the Maui Medical Group. He may have taken care of your parents or grandparents. Mom took care of our home and was involved in community activities. She was the president of the Maui Outdoor Circle for many years. In those days, Haiku was pineapple fields and HOMES with families. Behind my house was Mr. Shiota's field. Later it became a cattle pasture. Across the street became Haiku Hills. Homes for families were built.

On the other side of our property was the Baldwin home. Over the years, other families have owned the Baldwin home, until 2015 when the Simon family sold it. Now, it's a large house, owned by a company called "355 Haiku Road, LLC". The 355 Haiku Road LLC proposal basically is a destination for people to get married and party for three days. And then leave. In between, a couple of times a week, groups would be brought in for daytime commercial events. Such as photo shoots, yoga classes, gardening tours, etc. And then they leave. But these visitors really don't add to the Haiku community.

With this proposal, we won't have neighbors who live next door. Instead, we now have an LLC. Sort of like what now exists along the South and West shores of our island. But luckily, our County officials have recognized that they don't want Haiku to be like the south and west shores. In the Maui Master Plan, hotels are not allowed for the North Shore. But 355 Haiku Road LLC, with it's size and the number of rooms to be rented, could be considered a small hotel.

I wish another *family* would live at that property. But there are some things I cannot change. But what I would like to do is to make sure our community stays residential and agricultural in the future.

There are certain areas on the island that we have accepted will be developed for our visitor industry. With this new proposal, it will change the character of the neighborhood and make it a business oriented visitor facility. Not a home. Once again, people will come and visit. And then they will leave after a few hours or a few days. Just like they do on the other side of Maui. That is not what I want to see in the FUTURE for OUR Haiku.

I urge you not approve this conditional permit, as it will alter the Haiku that we love.

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