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Subject: Hanakao,o Beach Park

Dear Mayor and Council. I would like to add my voice to those supporting the measure to keep Hanakao'o Beach Park free from additional tourism. We have leveraged so much of our community for the sake of tourists and their vacation locations, that we are not providing for our community. Our neighborhoods, housing, jobs, and many of our natural resources have been taken away from those who live here. We can not hike, bicycle, ride dirt bikes in our mountains. We can't fish, jet ski, boat or enjoy our beaches without being crowded out by visitors. I understand that tourism is a staple to our economy. It is needed. But we have to conserve for our communities. We don't build affordable housing because we have need for infrastructure, then we build 6 giant time share hotels. They take over the coast line. The local community doesn't want to be there. Now we have a state and cultural past time. Paddling. Our clubs race internationally. Our schools utilize this beach park to paddle as a sport. Paddling teaches our youth, community, and mainland transplants a significant history on Hawaii's past and present. It preserves for the future a culture and identity that is unique to us. If we allow commercial growth in this area, it will push paddling out, push our community out. Soon, the local community will not be sustainable. Please support and defend our community. Preserve it for the future. Every small finger hold tourism gets, is another place your people who voted for you, lose. Mahalos for listening.

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