

PC Committee

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Aloha.

I want to begin by sincerely thanking you for the service which you are doing our community and your ongoing aid in making Maui what it is. I know that I share the sentiment of many who are so truly grateful for your tireless work and the considerations which you make on our behalf.

I am writing in regards to the proposed zoning changes and development at Keawakapu near the Wyndham Maui Oceanfront. I recognize that development and increased tourism are an inevitable part of this island's future; however, it is my hope (and I believe I echo the voices of many) that such growth will always be done with shared wisdom, sustainability, and in consideration of the vibrant local community that makes up Maui Nui and beyond.

The proposed development includes the potential loss of the community parking lot, which would be a huge blow to what makes that area so accessible and wonderful. I hope that all you have had the joy of sharing a slow morning at Keawakapu and been able to see the same faces each day as they walk their dogs, raise their children around the water, snorkel with Honu, and share important dialogues around the lives of one another. The open parking and controlled, slow development of this area has allowed such vibrant community connections to foster and grow with good health. And, that same space has been a welcoming and accessible point of entry for our visitors too, as we teach about and share the spirit of aloha.

Please consider my words, amongst the many that you will weigh in your decision, as a vote toward having no zoning changes, no reserved parking on public lands, and continued community access for Keawakapu Beach and the surrounding areas. The time will come for changes there; though first and foremost, may it always be done in consideration of the people and nature that make that space wonderful.

Mahalo nui loa.

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