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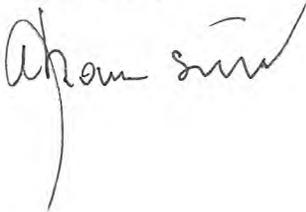
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Aloha Mr. Chairman and Council members,

My name is Said Akaou. I work for the MEO Head Start Preschool Program at Wailuku Elementary School. Last year our preschool class was studying seeds and Hawaiian plants. I wanted to end the studies with a field trip to show the children real examples of Hawaiian plants. I contacted Mrs. Leona Wilson to see if she was willing to welcome our keiki for a tour of her property. As soon as I mentioned preschoolers from Head Start, she was so excited to welcome them into her home. During our field trip, she spent two hours of her time to show the kids her house and her Hawaiian tree farm. She also planned a planting activity so that each child could plant his or her own Hawaiian plant from seed to take home. She even provided a snack for the children at the end of the field trip. I humbly ask the council members to approve this wonderful project to allow our community and our visitors to be able to visit Lona Ridge. We should embrace and celebrate the idea that some people are willing to open their own houses to our community and our visitors instead of posting private property and no trespassing signs or building big walls.

Sincerely,

Said Akaou



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