

PC Committee

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Subject: Keawakapu beach area planning meeting testimonial

Aloha,

My wife, Audrey and I are residents and homeowners in Kihei.

We frequent Keawakapu beach on a regular basis. We often park in the gravel lot that is being considered to be changed to restaurant and hotel parking. This lot needed to provide close senior citizen access. This lot is often full on weekends and late afternoons and thus is heavily used by residents. Changing the lot, pushes locals away from a favored access point to our public beaches.

I've heard planning to change zoning in this area and our community plan to allow a larger and taller hotel. What basis is this being considered other than to support developers? We do not need more service industry jobs nor visitors to the island. We already have more visitors than the county plan and it shows up in our infrastructure issues (bridges, roads and parking lots being taken away). Changing Keawakapu area will reduce the desirability of the area and restrict access to a key community meeting area.

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