

EDB Committee

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Subject: 7/25/19 Testimony regarding The Fairways at Maui Lani

Testimony on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center focused a lot on the residents of Palama Street. It is understandable that they have good reason to be upset with the problems created by the fill at The Fairways. They have complained to the County for over 10 years regarding the flooding & drainage issues, loss of their views, cracked foundations, etc. to no avail. If subdivision construction was to continue, can you imagine what it would be like to look at a row of homes 40 feet or more higher than yours?

As far as restoring the grade back to the original state, is it economically and feasibly possible? For the sake of Palama Street, hopefully something can be done.

As Maui Lani residents, we have concerns about affordable housing. Whether the grading is restored back to the original state or not, how will affordable housing affect our property values? I have worked hard for over 60 years to be able to afford living on the golf course in a neighborhood governed by a strict association. When purchasing our property, our understanding was that The Fairways would be developed with homes comparable to ours. Affordable housing does not fit in that picture.

Another fact brought up in the meeting is that the fill was dirt from the plantation and may contain harmful chemicals. That is very alarming!

It's sad to see that the residents have to suffer and taxpayers had to foot the bill to cover up the mistakes of the individuals responsible for the project in the first place. Now, we as taxpayers have to pay more to alleviate the problem.

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