

LU Committee

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Subject: WAIKAPU DEVELOPMENT VENTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Aloha kakou,

I wish to submit testimony on the issue of this Waikapu project. I serve on the board of the Kehalani Community Association and served as chair of the School Community Council at Pu'u Kukui Elementary School for the first three years it was open. I believe this gives me some perspective on effects of the project.

I appreciate the efforts the developers have put into profile of the buildings and road access, but some concerns remain unaddressed or beyond their ability. Primarily, Pu'u Kukui is already grossly overcrowded, built for 550 students and currently serving over 800. The children in those apartments would also attend Pu'u Kukui, and there simply is no room to educate them. Until this issue can be resolved, I must voice strong opposition to a project adding that many units.

My other concern is about the roadway infrastructure surrounding the project. The developers have done a good job of easing access, but the feeder roads are already clogged at certain times of the day. I question the percent of increase their study claims, and suggest this project will bring traffic to a standstill several hours each day. In addition to great inconvenience to the community, this will affect ambulance access to the hospital that must use Waiale or take a much longer route. Until roadways can be expanded the situation is untenable.

I do understand the need for workforce housing, and I support the developers' wish to contribute, but this project, adding that many units in such a small space, simply has too much adverse impact on our community.

*Aloha a hui hou,
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