PC Committee

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To: PC Committee **Subject:** Keawakapu Parking

Aloha Council Members,

I am another concerned Mauian who urges you to keep our Keawakapu parking lot open for public use. We south shore kama'ainas need it and use it daily. Moms and Dads, children with all their beach apparel should not have to worry about traffic in order to safely access their beach. How can you, in good conscience, give this space to another private business concern?

Who profits, gains, improves or betters themselves with this move? Not the people of Maui, but a few more money oriented people. Enough.

This proposed change would eliminate access for many locals to our beloved beach. We use this close-in parking to unload and carry our canoes, paddle boards, surf boards and kayaks directly onto the beach. Without parking we will either have to cross a busy S Kihei road (carrying these cumbersome boards/boats/beach gear through the frequently gusty winds) or stop our ocean activities altogether. I am a 71 year old paddler, have lived in Maui Meadows for 28 years and cherish my ocean time. Please do not take it away from me and so many others by privatizing our much used and needed parking.

Really, do we want more business elitism. It's just not right, it's not the Hawaiian way. Please don't allow the zoning change and/or remove our safe parking.

Sincerely,

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