

LU Committee

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Subject: Filming on Residential Property

Aloha Council Members,

My name is Linda Stott and I live at 195 Apuwai St in Haiku Makai. I have concerns with PC-26 which would allow commercial filming in all zoning districts without a permit.

Last year, we had a test run of this experience, when MTV filmed in our neighborhood. One owner decided to make heaps of money by renting out his property to MTV to produce a show called, "Are You The One". There were 20 people living in the house for 30 days, and another 75 people servicing them. I realize that your proposed ordinance indicates that neighbors would be notified, but we had no notice and very little regard from a new owner. The owner, Gordon Stewart did profit immensely and should pay some tax to the county. We are AG land!!

So what was it like? Picture living a couple of lots away (so that would be at least four acres from the site) and a few people from MTV show up at your door because the filming site thinks you're being too noisy. They actually came onto our property to ask the band practice to stop as they wanted some quiet time for interviews with the reality candidates living at the house. The place was lit up like a football field several nights, noise late into the evening, vehicles parked everywhere in the neighborhood. No fun at all for the local residents. We live on two acre "AG" parcels and the impact carried over into the next neighborhood. Imagine this happening in an area like Maui Meadows! Everyone would be affected.

When you vote on this, I ask that you ponder for a moment, and ask yourself if you'd welcome this type of use in your neighborhood.

I also feel that every commercial activity should have some form of permission, and of course a little enforcement. I do believe people are entitled, on their property, to do what they want as long as they respect the land and the community.

Thank you for your time,
Linda Stott