

AH Committee

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Aloha

I recently wrote testimony regarding the fast track of affordable housing in Launiupoko. After listening to the citizens testifying Wednesday in chambers I'd like to add to my earlier testimony. I purchased land and built in Launiupoko because the area retained the beauty of Maui. I hired a local architect that was born and raised on Maui. He designed our home with the Hawaiian values and traditions. We were required to plant 51% of our 1.3 acres in farm even though much of my land is a gulch. Thousands of dollars later, I received our building permit.

I am a gentleman farmer. I paid over a million dollars for my small acreage. I donate my bananas and fruits to local food banks. I maintain our farm even though the non-potable water was diverted from us two months after 51% was planted. We decided on Launiupoko because we wanted to keep up the traditions of Hawaii. We are doing our small part of making the island self sufficient.

I appose the rezoning of this area for all the reasons from earlier testimony. Water, sewers, infrastructure, schools and traffic. Kai Hele Ku is the first light north bound into West Maui and is the beginning of the stoppage of traffic north and south bound. After Wednesday's meeting, the council members wouldn't have been able to return to Wailuku because south bound beginning at Kai Hele Ku was at a standstill. Adding more density in this area will only create more havoc. Every evening we fight to get back into the neighborhood. Thankfully there is a construction road allowing us to avoid the bypass.

I have many friends in the service business on the West side. Communing is a nightmare. They don't want affordable housing outside all the amenities. They need these homes near schools, with water and city services.

We were evacuated last August at 3:00 am after living in our home for less than six months. It was one of the scariest times in our lives. We sat on the bypass because we couldn't go north or south. The highway was closed both directions.

We need more than one road out of Launiupoko, we need the infrastructure to keep us safe, before urban housing is ever approved. We are just waiting on the next disaster!

One resident said it best, it would be insane to approve these projects! Please vote no! Keep Launiupoko agricultural zoning. Continuing to add to the traffic on the bypass is going to cost you tourism dollars. I wouldn't visit again if I missed my plane or sat in miserable traffic for hours!

Mahalo for your time.

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