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In re: CC-249 & CC-250

Dear Chair King and Members,

We are writing to voice our opposition to the above referenced County Communications. We are homeowners of one of the parcels immediately adjacent to the proposed project and vehemently oppose it for numerous reasons.

Notwithstanding an obvious reason of obstructing and encroaching on our views of the moana, for which we paid dearly for, there are several reasons affecting the community-at-large, for which this proposal should be denied.

Launiupoko is zoned agricultural. As a part of land use in the Maui Island Plan and the zoning as is currently stands, most, if not all, of the parcels in Launiupoko have a farm plan. In furtherance of these farm plans, there is a heavy dependence upon water provided by the Launiupoko Irrigation Company. Launiupoko is also very dry and doesn't receive much rainfall as it were. As of March 2018, nonpotable water has been regulated and restricted. All of the properties were forced to shift to more usage of potable water, at much higher rates. Water in the region already is scarce. Add in the restrictions on nonpotable water for irrigation and the water resources in Launiupoko are maxed out and tapped out. It would become unduly burdensome for the property owners in the agriculturally zoned area of Launiupoko to have much needed water for agricultural use to be redirected for urban use for the 50 units (presumably approximately 200 more people) in the carved out rezoned area as proposed. This region of land is one of the worst areas to rezone away from agriculture and further burden the water supply system.

Additionally, the traffic situation would worsen in the area as well as in West Maui as a whole. As it is, there is only one way in and out of West Maui. The approximately 10+ mile stretch of highway between Ma'alaea and Launiupoko is only one lane in both directions. In the event of an emergency or natural disaster that affects this stretch, West Maui becomes effectively cut off from the rest of the island. The current infrastructure desperately needs to be built up and improved upon to support the growing population of West Maui. While building more high density subdivisions for affordable housing is needed, what is more emergent is building more infrastructure to support the people already in the area.

With all due respect, while the intent behind the project is understandable and needed, the proposed location in Launiupoko is the wrong place to build for the reasons stated above.

Respectfully yours,
Tricia Petersen

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