

PSLU Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:47 AM
To: PSLU Committee
Subject: Testimony AGAINST PSLU-25 community plan amendment for 1488 S. Kihei Rd.

Aloha Council Members,

1488 S. Kihei Rd. is part of one of the only remaining undeveloped wetland areas in Kihei. It is essential for proper watershed filtration and control. Adding more hardscape over natural wetlands will only serve to exacerbate the problem of regular flooding during rain events causing S. Kihei road closures. Rather than changing the community plan to align with the current residential zoning, I believe the more appropriate action to take is to table this until the 22 year old community plan has been updated. We know a lot more about consequences of development in environmentally sensitive areas than we did 22 years ago. Another option is for the county to purchase this property and/or partner with a land trust or other conservation group to protect this important wetlands in perpetuity. Any thought of development should not be considered.

Respectfully,

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