

EDB Committee

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To: EDB Committee
Subject: Complete the purchase of Lot 6

Aloha. My name is Charla Konohia and I support the county purchasing Lot 6. As a lineal descendent of this particular area, I would like to urge the county to not get bullied by the owner of lot 2 because they would like the whole area to themselves. I cannot see a place that my family has gone and used for generations be blocked off any longer by a landowner that is not from Hawaii and have no regard for the people, the culture, and of the laws that we follow. If you read the Gates' deed you will see that nowhere states that they have exclusive rights to the access road. In fact you cannot allow them to have sole access because really their property is only a little on the road which affects other lots that is owned by the county. I don't see how one land owner can have so much power as to cut off off our traditional access to family graves, cultural areas, and fishing/gathering acces. We have been patient and respectful to do things without causing issues but it seems that local people especially the natives of this land are once again being bullied by people who have money to disregard our rights. I would like you to see that outsiders should not dictate how the county purchases property. The goal is to preserve and protect what has been there and used for hundreds of years. I would like you guys to look into it so that you can see that the owner of Lot 2 does not have legal ownership of the historic road that they have blocked and would like no one else to use. Their deed clearly states that that easement five a road may be used it does not say that it should be used. Easement 1 A road has only a small portion on lot 2, where as the county lands have majority of the road on their lands (lots 3 & 4, as well as hopefully lot 6). The owner of Lot 2 should move the fence that goes through the road and have their fence run along the road as to not block the access to the other county lands. The county has legal rights to use that road and I plead with the council to not get bullied by a single landowner. Please continue with the purchase of Lot 6. It will benefit the people of East Maui and all of the native users. I hope that the county council stand firm and continue with the purchase.

Mahalo,

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