

PSLU Committee

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To: PSLU Committee
Subject: Say No to the Kilohana-Kihei Road Proposal!

Aloha Decision-Makers,

I fell in love with Maui the first time I visited in 1995. I finally got my wish to move here in 2018. In that time the overdevelopment I witness is heartbreaking. Now in the age of coronavirus it's become alarmingly clear how dangerous the lack of sufficient infrastructure represents to our island home, with new construction and the tourism industry steamrolling forward as a disaster waiting to happen. Each new overbuilt project increasingly overburdens the systems we have in place to support it.

By infrastructure I mean connector roads, more doctors, clinics with backup equipment, a new hospital, water systems, electricity, support for first responders, food supply, as just a few examples.

What is worse for me personally is that I discovered I was living in a tsunami and flood zone area at precisely the time when highway access was completely cut off and South Kihei Road access was *almost* completely cut off, my home and neighborhood being squeezed into a narrow isthmus of a few blocks between the two roads. And all the while, the sea keeps rising and more shoreline is lost.

The proposed rezoning and development would be a disastrous mistake. We cannot withstand that many cars and trucks on the road, not to mention the pollution they put into what used to be pristine ocean air.

In the two years I've lived here there has been NO time - high season, low season, anytime - when I could reliably count on being free of bumper-to-bumper traffic, despite a few pleasantly low-traffic moments. But of course that was due to the pandemic. How many more vehicles would this project put on the roads? How many more people that police, fire, and medical personnel must be responsible for?

I urge you to vote against this proposal instead of awarding millions to the developer while endangering the people and destroying quality of life.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Madolin Wells, Kihei