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June 3, 2024

Public testimony received by the Planning Department as of June 3, 2024, 9:00 am for the June 4, 2024 Planning Commission, Subdivision Committee meeting regarding the following item:

- G.2.a. Subdivision Application No. S-2017-6
Moloa'a Valley Homeowners, LLC.
Proposed 7-Lot Subdivision
TMK: (4) 4-9-011: 013
Kawaihau, Kaua'i

Kenneth Estes

From: Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram <personal@fullyraw.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 9:36 AM
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Hi Kenneth,

If it's not too late, I updated a few items on my testimony.

It's attached here for you.

Thank you,

Kristina



On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram <personal@fullyraw.com> wrote:
Hi Kenneth!

Can you please confirm receipt?

Blessings,

Kristina



On Tue, May 28, 2024 at 12:25 PM Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram <personal@fullyraw.com> wrote:
Hi Kenneth,

Thank you so much for speaking with me today.

Attached is my testimonial. Please let me know it's received.

I will send the petition by Thursday evening, Friday morning at the latest.

Blessings,

Kristina
713-898-2689

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram. I am a home-owner and full-time resident in Moloa'a. I'm not only a home-owner, but also a farmer, care-taker, and steward of the beautiful land on which my partner, Lance Thomas, and I reside. We care deeply about our property, our neighborhood and our community. We are very active community members. Our parcel ID is: 490090300000.

We are aware of a new potential subdivision development pending for approval for Moloa'a Ranch, Parcel ID 490110130000, which is directly across/adjacent to our property. We--along with the undersigned residents and homeowners of Moloa'a--would like to submit our testimony in opposition of the development and express our strong objection to the proposed development of a new subdivision within our community.

We believe that this development would have detrimental effects on the character, infrastructure, and quality of life in our neighborhood. Attached in the following document is a petition with signatures of other home-owners and Hawaii residents in our neighborhood.

This is an imminent issue for everyone living in the Moloa'a area.

We hope that you will take our objections and concerns into consideration at the upcoming hearing:

- **Overcrowding and Strain on Infrastructure:** Our neighborhood is already experiencing strains on its infrastructure, including roads, resources, and utilities. The addition of a new subdivision would only exacerbate these issues, leading to increased traffic congestion, overcrowded roads, and increased strain on water and sewage systems.
 - Koolau Road is not to current county specifications. It is not a legal county road. The road is deteriorating, and it cannot support our current residency as it is. Children, animals, and active elderly play on and use this road daily and are already at risk of getting hit by cars attempting to share the road. If this new development were to be approved, it would create further stress, traffic, congestion, hazard, and risk to the area.
 - The addition of twenty+ more homes is significant for this small area. If that many homes are approved for building to the neighborhood, it would add more stress to a small road infrastructure that can't support the current population.
 - Constructing and developing twenty+ new homes in our small, quiet neighborhood will create much disturbance and congestion. Many of the land-owners desiring to develop the properties do not live on island, so they will not be inconvenienced. The residing neighbors in our small and close-proximity community will be the ones to experience the disturbance and stress of the development.
 - In addition to the road not being to current county specification, there is not adequate infrastructure *outside* of the developing property area to accommodate the residing neighbors.
 - It is noted that a new road or entrance would need to be created for the subdivision. The entrance, which is currently a dirt road, is set to cross-section right in front of private residential properties. This will not only bring in more traffic directly from the highway, but also create a large disturbance in our neighborhood. The road cannot support the extra traffic.
 - There are not enough sufficient water systems or supplies to support this development in our area. Insufficient water supply has already been an on-going issue for years amongst current residents.
- **Safety Hazards:** There are many safety hazards that need to be addressed to properly illuminate what issues could be exacerbated if more construction, development, traffic, and homes are to be added to the area.
 - The current roads (Koolau and Moloa'a) are already out of current county specification and hazardous in case of an emergency tsunami or fire evacuation. If new homes are added (increasing traffic and population), this will pose even more of a safety risk and challenge in the

- case of an emergency evacuation. Not to mention, there are sustained fire risks, due to the fact that there is already a lack of water in the area.
- Traffic is dangerous on both sides of Koolau road as it intersects Moloa'a road, and also near the bridge. This road and area will line the new development. Many neighbors have witnessed several people almost getting hit while walking this blind-corner conjunction and also while crossing the bridge Koolau/Moloa'a on multiple occasions.
 - There are multiple blind-corner conjunctions on Koolau Road that are already very risky and hazardous to locals when people speed around these corners. With more traffic this will undoubtedly create more risk.
 - In addition, husband and wife—the Goodriches—were killed on Koolau on one of the blind corners, leaving two daughters without parents. This was devastating when it happened. Here is the article: <https://archives.starbulletin.com/2008/05/13/news/story01.html>
 - Increased traffic and population to this area will cause more congestion and issues down near Moloa'a beach. Parking is already a huge problem. Many neighbors have witnessed the county and first responders struggling to enter the area during called-in emergencies and on other occasions.
 - In 2021, a home near the buddhist temple on Koolau burned down: <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2021/07/16/fire-engulfs-2-homes-kauai-displacing-6-people/>
 - Additionally, there are no fire hydrants in Moloa'a. A fire in the proposed subdivision would be devastating. There is simply not enough water in the area to support more homes.
- **Environmental Impact:** The proposed development would likely entail the destruction of natural habitats, green spaces, and mature trees, leading to environmental damage. This loss of greenery not only affects the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhood but also contributes to the loss of biodiversity and exacerbates issues such as air and noise pollution.
 - Pollution already plagues Moloa'a stream. Moloa'a stream consistently tests as one of the dirtiest waterways on Kauai island year after year. Runoff from ground chemicals, trash, and homes that are still on cesspool water systems creates even higher contamination levels and serious ecological concerns. More homes and more people in our area will only intensify this problem, making it unsafe to enjoy our neighborhood and Moloa'a Bay.
 - There is no drainage infrastructure in place to accommodate our current neighborhood. Adding more homes will only exacerbate this problem. All of the run-off or drainage flows into Moloa'a stream and then into the ocean.
 - The construction and development of this project would create a large amount of run-off. It will increase the amount of damage to the ecosystem, adding more pollution to Moloa'a stream, adversely affecting the reefs, and creating more flooding for downstream homes, which is already a big issue.
 - More development will create more pollution and destruction to nature and ruin the habitats of the existing and unique animal life to Kauai.
 - **Negative Impact on Property Values:** The construction of a new subdivision often leads to a decrease in property values for existing homeowners. The increased density, changes to the neighborhood's character, and potential strain on infrastructure can deter prospective buyers and diminish the investment value of our properties and homes.
 - Many of the surrounding parcels to this development are zoned as agricultural lots. This may affect the tax dollars and zoning of all neighboring lots if approved.
 - Moloa'a is known for being an agricultural community. By creating a new subdivision community within this neighborhood, it has the potential to change the zoning for existing parcels. This could, in turn, affect our local businesses and individual financial states.
 - **Lack of Community Consultation:** We believe that the developers have not adequately consulted or engaged with the local community regarding their plans. Decisions that affect the future of our neighborhood should involve input from residents who will be directly impacted by these changes.
 - No plans have been put into place that improve the overall infrastructure of the entire neighborhood, only for the newly proposed subdivision.
 - The entrance and exit plans of the new subdivision have not been discussed with neighbors, and this new traffic will disrupt the accessibility of the entire neighborhood. In addition, the construction will also create disruption and interference.

- **Preservation of Community Character and Land:** Our neighborhood is a very special and unique agricultural area. The introduction of a new subdivision, with a potentially transient population, threatens to erode the very essence of what makes our community special.

We believe in alternative solutions that call forth a planned community vision that will greatly benefit the Aina, community relationships, and future generations.

Moloa'a is a quiet, agricultural area. Those of us who live here, came to be here so that we could live in alignment with stewarding the land and caring for this area. We plead for you to help keep it this way.

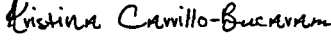
While my partner and I are not native Hawaiians, we respect and practice the Hawaiian phrase "Aloha Aina", to love the land and be connected to all living things. We must be responsible stewards of the Aina. We believe our voices—and neighboring voices—matter very much in this matter.

In light of the aforementioned concerns, we respectfully urge the relevant authorities to reconsider the approval of the proposed subdivision development.

We trust that our objections will be given due consideration, and we stand ready to participate in any further discussions or consultations regarding the future of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

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Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram & Lance Thomas
6540 Koolau Road
Kilauea, HI 96703

Kenneth Estes

From: Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram <personal@fullyraw.com>
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Hi Kenneth,

Thank you so much for your assistance.

Attached is the petition I put together with my neighborhood in opposition of the new subdivision development.

I forwarded you the direct download link, and I've also attached the signatures to this email.

We were able to gather 109 signatures of neighbors, individuals, and families who own properties or who are residing in this area.

The petition is still live at change.org here: <https://chng.it/bYnDG59yjS>

Please let me know this is received.

Blessings,

Kristina

On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 10:56 AM Kenneth Estes <kestes@kauai.gov> wrote:

Hi Kristina,

Confirming receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Kenny

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Kristina Bucaram	Houston	TX		US	2024-05-29
Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram	Kilauea	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
Hollan Hamid	Lihue	HI	96766	US	2024-05-29
Mercedes Marino	Princeville	HI	96722	US	2024-05-29
Sequoia Phillips	Anahola	HI	96703	US	2024-05-29
mary-frances ellis	hialeah	FL	33012-2643	US	2024-05-29
Lance Thomas	Kilauea	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
Hengameh Bahar	New York	NY	10013	US	2024-05-29
Mea Woodruff	Lihue	HI	96766	US	2024-05-29
Kelly Kelsey	Kilauea	HI	96754	Ireland	2024-05-29
Laura Stranks	Victoria	BC	V8Z	Canada	2024-05-29
Valerie de Marquette	Kauai	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
Dan White	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-29
Anastasia E Gulley	Sevierville	TN	37862	US	2024-05-29
Andrew Floyd				US	2024-05-29
Lindsey Verbance	Kilauea	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
Patrick McGinnis	Kilauea	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
Lavorn Sparks	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-29
betsy scolnik	Honolulu	HI	96815	US	2024-05-29
Matt Sparks	Provo	UT	84604	US	2024-05-29
Joanna Wheeler	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-29
Anna Enderes	Kauai	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
Lindsay Matthews	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-29
Cheryl Schenck	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-29
Brooke McCormick	Orem	UT	84057	US	2024-05-29
Raymond Frye	Seattle	WA	98121	US	2024-05-29
Debra Boiser	Anahola	HI	96703	US	2024-05-29
Chryssanthie Rapsomaniki	3574 Moloa'a Road, Anahola	HI	96703	US	2024-05-29
Julie Allan	West Jordan	UT	84084	US	2024-05-29
Cheri Gienger	Nipomo	CA	93444	US	2024-05-29
Peter Eacott	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-29

Mary Ellen Pearlman	Anahola	HI	96794	US	2024-05-29
Roderick Valenzuela	Kapaa	HI	96746-8121	US	2024-05-29
Alana Preziosi	Swedesboro	NJ	8085	US	2024-05-29
Gloria Navan	Lawrenceville	GA	30042	US	2024-05-29
Cindy Marvin	Moloa'a	HI	96754	US	2024-05-29
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Robert Stanislaus	Azusa	CA	91702	US	2024-05-30
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Rachel Penny	Kilauea	HI	96754	US	2024-05-30
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Malia Manuel	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-30
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David Eguizabal	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-30
Michael Becker	Moloa'a Bay	HI	96703	US	2024-05-30
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Manoah Milbrand	Kilauea	HI	96754	US	2024-05-30
Ashlyn Raborg	Clarksville	MD	21029	US	2024-05-30
Bhrea Henley	Denver	CO	80210	US	2024-05-30
Aaron Socha	Seattle	WA	96754	US	2024-05-30
Shelley Fritz	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-05-30
Mary Galam-Keller	Koloa	HI	96756	US	2024-05-30
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Stephenie Mueller	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-06-01
Jonny Morelli	Los Angeles	CA	90034	US	2024-06-01
Hunter Sussy	West Virginia	OH	(Private)	US	2024-06-01
Karen Kenny	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-06-01
KEVIN STERN	ANAHOLA	HI	96703	US	2024-06-01
Andrew Chapin	Moloaa	HI	96703	US	2024-06-01
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Shelly Poplin	Fishers	IN	46037	US	2024-06-02
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Shanda Bosma	Los Angeles	CA	90060	US	2024-06-03
Juliette LaFleur	Kapaa	HI	96746	US	2024-06-03
Kasey Nappier	Columbus	OH	43204	US	2024-06-03
Alexandra Corr	Fairfax	CA	94930	US	2024-06-03
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Hi Kenneth and Planning Department,

My neighbor Kelly Kelsey, who is cc'd on this email, has asked me to submit her testimony for her in opposition of the new subdivision Parcel ID 490110130000, pending for approval for Moloa'a Ranch. She is one of the lot owners or "stakeholders" of this proposed development.

She is currently off island, and I would like to know if I am able to present or read for her at the hearing on Tuesday? Kenneth, I left you a voicemail asking you about this and also if attendance is required in order for it to be accepted.

Please see her attached testimony, and please confirm receipt of this email as well as my petition I submitted earlier today.

Blessings and mahalo,

Kristina
personal@fullyraw.com



Aloha and mahalo to all present today or witnessing this in the future.

My name is Kelly Kelsey and I am a "stakeholder" in the Moloa'a Valley proposal that is in focus today. I have walked these lands, swam in these waters and listened to this āina with my heart and na'au for the past 9 years.

I am choosing to submit testimony because I love this āina and she welcomes me and guides me as my kūpuna. I stand to honor and protect my kūpuna.

The āina speaks clearly that she must be respected and aligned with for anything to be cultivated and perpetuated with her grace.

I can attest from my own experience over the past 9 years that what is being proposed is not being sourced from a place of alignment nor grace.

Why do you think this proposal has faced so many obstacles?

This proposal was started decades ago by people who had more interest in relationship with money than the āina herself. The land was divided and sold with shallow promises for people to do the same, someday...and here we are.

Let us observe the core root intention and tone that continues to influence this process. This will ripple on until a new intention is shared.

So I ask, what are the core intentions of this proposal today. What are the values and vision for the enduring legacy that is being cultivated?

Is this process being created in harmony with the grace of the āina, with the many neighbors nearby along Koolau Rd, with the waters and reef downstream, and for the future generations?

In these potent times, where every thought, word and action creates consequences and ripple effects, we are at a critical juncture to harmonize together for such a new intention to be rooted.

I hold each of you in a light of responsibility to be clear with what is pono and true.

I am here to hold a mirror of conscious accountability. I humbly ask each one of you to consider your personal values and intentions that you will choose to source from today and in every day.

I pray that we can all witness the best possible outcome from this place of integrity, mutual respect and deep trust of the āina who is offering us what is necessary and guiding us as she has cared for all of our ancestors, so that we may all be standing here together today.

I trust that what we each need comes to us when we are humble and allow Āina to nourish us.

Mahalo for listening and for allowing this opportunity to deepen into Aloha Āina together.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Kelsey

Kelly@lokahigardens.org