



Kilauea Town EXPANSION

Honoring the Past, Building the Future.

QUESTION 1

What specific *housing* and *transportation* needs are most important to address to enhance the quality of life for current and future residents?



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To enhance the quality of life for current and future residents of Kilauea, several critical housing and transportation needs have been identified. The foremost priority is affordability, which includes providing affordable housing options for long-time locals, young adults, and the workforce. Addressing affordability will help mitigate issues such as the high cost of living and staffing shortages exacerbated by the prevalence of short-term rental properties. There is a strong emphasis on prioritizing housing for generational locals and maintaining a permanent inventory of affordable housing for Kilauea residents. Additionally, diverse housing options are needed, including individual and apartment-style units, rental units affordable for singles, teacher housing, and housing for the elderly. Ensuring that housing remains price-controlled and accessible to working-class families is essential for community stability.

Safe and accessible transportation is another critical area, with a significant need for bike paths, sidewalks, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. Community connectivity is important, with calls to connect Kilauea to neighboring communities via alternative routes to the highway for biking and walking. Ensuring that housing and commercial areas are accessible by walking or biking is crucial for fostering a sustainable and cohesive community. Safe biking routes, especially for children, are essential. Traffic control measures, including traffic flow improvements, better parking, and efficient traffic movement within the town, are also highlighted. Enhanced public transportation options, such as expanded bus services and transport/shuttle businesses, are important for better connectivity. Addressing congestion issues and ensuring safe and efficient traffic flow are also important.

Green spaces and recreational facilities are vital for community well-being. There is a strong desire for clean, safe parks, shady walking paths, and recreational activities such as skate parks, obstacle courses, and community pools. These spaces should be accessible to all, including families, children, and senior citizens. Community facilities such as a safe community center, meeting spaces, gyms, parks, and gathering pavilions are crucial for fostering social interactions and community activities. The inclusion of community gardens, lei gardens, and inclusion of native plants can enhance the community's aesthetic and environmental health.

Infrastructure improvements, including a comprehensive sewage treatment plan, are necessary for sustainable development. Upgrading existing infrastructure, maintaining clear drains, and managing wastewater are crucial for a healthy environment. A refuse facility in Kilauea was also mentioned. Additionally, aesthetic and functional improvements such as underground power lines are noted. Lastly, safety and emergency services are highlighted, with suggestions to expand first responder opportunities and consider additional fire stations or ambulance services.



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QUESTION 2

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The summarized comments regarding the types of commercial or light industrial businesses that would best support the needs and character of the community are as follows:

The community expresses a desire for accessible and affordable food sources and grocers, explicitly avoiding high-end boutique options. Affordable storage solutions and businesses related to agriculture, landscaping, and gardening are also needed. There is strong support for artist studios, art and culture studios, local and regional small businesses, auto repair shops, and general automotive repair services. A larger community-driven redistribution center for repurposing larger household items is suggested, and the community prefers no corporate businesses.

There is a call for bike rentals, car-sharing programs, more medical facilities including doctors, a dialysis center, and a minor emergency clinic. A commercial kitchen and space for small business cottage industries are desired, along with community meeting and gathering spaces. Office spaces, particularly small and shared office spaces, should be affordable and accessible for small businesses or new start-ups. Rentable spaces for new businesses, particularly light industrial and commercial spaces, are necessary due to the current scarcity on the North Shore. Recreational facilities like a community pool and a public swimming pool are frequently suggested. Contracting stores, electrical supply stores, and a hardware store, particularly on the north shore, are recommended.

Elder care facilities and services, housing maintenance, and local-based community service jobs are highlighted as future needs. Additional services like laundromats, daycares, barber shops, and YMCA facilities are suggested. There is a demand for more first responders and medical services.

The community also emphasizes the need for repair services, movie theatre, community maker space, sports facilities, and spaces for youth activities. Additional infrastructure suggestions include a boat yard, an adult education center (such as a UH satellite campus). There is a request for a new gas station with non-ethanol fuel pumps to better serve the boating community.

Overall, the community's comments reflect a strong preference for locally-oriented, small-scale, and affordable commercial and light industrial businesses that support both everyday needs and community-driven activities.



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QUESTION 3

What are your greatest concerns about the potential impacts of the project on our community's environment, economy, and quality of life?



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The community has expressed numerous concerns regarding the potential impacts of the project on the environment, economy, and quality of life in Kilauea. A major worry is the threat of overdevelopment, which could lead to higher property taxes and an increase in traffic. The community is anxious about maintaining the unique character of Kilauea, with concerns about the height of new buildings and the architectural style being appropriate and attractive.

The desire to maintain a small-town community feel is strong, with concerns about changes in community culture and the impact of transplants getting housing over long-term residents. There are calls for thoughtful development that targets affordability for locals rather than catering to tourism. The community also fears losing the country atmosphere and creating a "concrete jungle."

Housing affordability is a significant issue, with locals being priced out and a noticeable gap between affordable and high-end homes. There is a fear that rising property costs will make it difficult for current and future generations to afford living in the area. Generational Kilauea families should be given priority for housing to prevent long-term residents from being displaced. The potential for Kilauea to transform into a suburb like Princeville, losing its small-town feel and becoming overpopulated, is a recurring theme.

Safety is another critical concern, particularly regarding traffic management, road safety for children, and overall community security. The community also highlights the importance of access to clean drinking water and agricultural water to support local food security.

Environmental concerns are prominent, with worries about pollution, traffic, noise, and other forms of pollution during and after construction. The community emphasizes the need for green spaces, the protection of wildlife, and the preservation of natural resources. There are specific concerns for birds and animals currently living in the proposed development area, as well as the potential for increased human pollution that could harm ocean wildlife caused by pollution within the new development that eventually reaches the oceans.

Additionally, there are practical concerns about water management, the impact of too much concrete, and the need for a comprehensive plan to address these issues. The community seeks clarity on how locals will be prioritized in housing opportunities and the need for essential services like fire departments and emergency shelters to be hurricane and fireproof.

Overall, the community's concerns highlight a need for balanced, thoughtful development that preserves the character, affordability, and environmental integrity of Kilauea while addressing infrastructure and safety needs.