

KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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County of Kaua'i Planning Commission
4444 Rice Street
Lihue, HI 96766

June 1, 2010

Re: Kilauea Pavilion, Anaina Hou
Class IV Zoning Permit Z-IV-2010-14 and Special Permit SP-2010-3

Dear Chairman Raco and Members of the Planning Commission,

The Kilauea Neighborhood Association (KNA) is happy to testify in support of the Kilauea Pavilion, as part of the overall Anaina Hou project on the 15.17-acre parcel located along Kuhio Highway in Kilauea. We wrote in support of the project as a whole in July of 2008 (included herewith), and now wish to reemphasize our support for the Kilauea Pavilion in order to complete the original vision of Anaina Hou, which will ultimately include a miniature golf course landscaped with Hawaiian botanical gardens, a plant nursery, a park-and-ride, and the multi-use Kilauea Pavilion. We feel that the overall concept of the project is both a creative reflection of the agricultural heritage of this town and a community-oriented development in line with the town's needs and desires.

The Kilauea Pavilion in particular, with its indoor and outdoor theaters and conference room, will provide multitude of opportunities for community-building events, such as performing arts shows, the movies, or local fundraisers. Its certified kitchen is also supportive of local agricultural producers, which comprise an important group in our Kilauea community. We are glad that the plan for this building will comply with the North Shore building height limit of 25 feet, therefore not very visible from the highway when sunk into its proposed, lower-elevation location. The town is also excited for the potential to host a model sustainable building for the rest of the island, as the developers have expressed the likelihood of building the Kilauea Pavilion to LEED standards. What a great example to set for future developments and buildings, both here and all over Kaua'i. It is important that we encourage this type of environmental leadership and open dialogue in all projects.

Furthermore, we were extremely pleased with and appreciative of the owners' and project managers' initiative to reach out to both KNA as an organization and individual Kilauea community members at the early stages of the conceptual design several years ago, which allowed our voices to be heard and incorporated into the ultimate plan. The KNA has also been kept apprised of various updates as the project progressed, including the public hearing and

subsequent issuance of the first Use Permit for Phase I, the building of the highway, and the County Council hearings for the downzone of a portion of this property.

Finally, the Kilauea Town Plan, which the KNA supports, called for the rezone of the subject parcel to revert from Light Industrial zoning back to the previous Open/Ag zoning that existed decades ago. However, it wasn't until the current owner agreed to downzone the land that we were secure from the threat of strip mall development here. Now that a portion of the land has been rezoned back to Open/Ag, we can be ensured that it is kept for appropriate, community-enhancing uses only. The Kilauea Pavilion represents this type of beneficial use.

As representatives of the community, the KNA strongly supports the Kilauea Pavilion of Anaina Hou, and recommends approval by the Planning Commission.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Keone Kealoha
President
Kilauea Neighborhood Association



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July 1st, 2008

Mr. Ian Costa ;Mr. Imai Aiu
Kauai County Planning Department
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Dear Mr. Costa and Mr. Aiu,

The Kilauea Neighborhood Association would like to offer its support of the Anaina Hou project as represented to the Board on property located on the permitted 15.17 acre light industrial parcel along the highway in Kilauea. The proposed low impact, community-oriented, and agriculturally-based development is in line with the Kilauea Town Plan and represents a positive direction toward our community's future. The indoor/outdoor pavilion is an important asset to Kilauea, creating a much-needed gathering place for friends and family. The proposed design is well planned and blends into the property without creating an eyesore. The nursery reflects the agricultural aspects of our community and will offer another venue for local farmers to sell their crops. The miniature golf course will be landscaped as a botanical garden. It is a unique way to provide entertainment for our youth. Finally, the proposed Park-and-Ride will transport people safely to the property across the highway and will be an asset to the community.

Anaina Hou's uses conform to our rural, agricultural-based town and also provide important services and jobs. The KNA is also relieved to see that a shopping center/strip mall will not be built on this site. The creation of a community center and an agricultural commune, along with increased options for youth recreation and alternative transportation, are all long-time goals for both Kilauea and the north shore.

Mr. Kaplan and Ms. Tang have spent much time working with the community to achieve this exciting project. For two years they have met with town members and attended monthly community meetings to learn about the general needs of Kilauea's residents and the best ways to incorporate them onto the site. KNA recognizes this effort, and is further encouraged by it, for it shows the developers' willingness to collaborate and work with the community. This is the type of cooperation that we've always supported and hope for in our town developments.

As representatives of the community, the KNA strongly supports Anaina Hou and recommends approval by the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Linda Pasadava, President
Kilauea Neighborhood Association