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Aloha City Council Members,

as a taxpaying, registered voter and resident of Hale'iwa, I ask that you oppose Resolution 12-143. Our public lands should not be for sale, especially a parcel that is such a critical piece of the recreational North Shore landscape, used by residents of Hawai'i and visitors alike.

Despite huge swathes of open land on the north side of the island, there are actually very few parcels where the public is able to gather on the mauka side of Kamehameha Highway. As you are all aware, vehicular movement comes to a complete standstill every weekend of the year in Hale'iwa, as well as many weekdays, which increases the value of any public land in this densely populated area.

The community has come together in a spirit of collaboration and stewardship of this 3.4 acre parcel, with many folks devoting precious volunteer hours to create a far more visually appealing and safer area. Please support these efforts and the desire of residents by honoring and upholding the 2011 North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan that you approved just one year ago.

Mahalo in advance for doing what is pono,

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