

Bill 1 (2017)  
Additional Testimony

Housing & Agriculture for All (HA)

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City & County Testimony  
HRI Request for Malaekeke Lands

In Tribute to Kupuna Dawn Wasson, Warrior Woman

My name is Pita Kanui, Kahu, blessed by Kahu Ryan Poepe Kalama with Eric Kane to Malama Ka Aina... the whole system is flawed since Statehood!

Dawn Wasson's spirit lives in all of us, & here to say that the HRI does not have <sup>her/our</sup> permission to do what they want! They have no blood, or koke to do what they want & because they have money! - That has to stop & this County has to stop utilizing the koke of our people since before 1842 - to make money as you have on the Rail... on our sweat and tears.

Our people, 84,000 Hawaiian families are kicked to the curb because of poor management of the Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands, since 1960's. Inter generations of Hawaiian families were displaced & abused by high prices and unfair ways of placing people on their lands since before 1960's and today people have to have 10% of assets for a house before they can get a house? Unfair!

Even after taking the Kalina vs. The State of Hawaii judges have failed to make a clear decision to pay for their mistakes, we want this case to be resolved now either by compensation or put them on the lands with our housing and agricultural project, "Housing &

2) Agriculture for All (H<sup>2</sup>A) at a reasonable 7/9/18  
cost based on what they can afford according  
to Hawaiian Kingdom Laws, since 1870.

I go to California for 3 years & come back to see our  
people homeless, houseless, uneducated, unemployed &  
very sick from poor management of their health!  
The conditions into Statehood called the sinking funds were  
utilized by political opportunists, Daniel Akaka Inouye  
who knew about the sinking funds built the H-1, the  
extended airport w/ his name on it, should be removed &  
replaced w/ Kanehamehame Airport or Honolulu Airport?  
Not Daniel Inouye's name? Shame! That name should be  
removed! It will one day soon! Shame on those who  
did that w/out a voting process; again this State has  
failed to live up to its obligation based on the  
conditions of Statehood & Counties. Systems have failed.

In Tourism, on ~~Hawaii~~ <sup>Hawaii</sup> Island, Harry Kim have  
failed to inform tourist NOT to go to Hawaii because  
the air is fatal. When Kanaka maoli & supporters  
called Kim to notify that there were people who died  
due to bad air from volcano - Kim swept it under  
the rug to boost tourism? Shame again!

Why do our people have to suffer!

Many of them had parents who served in the military  
during Vietnam war, come back w/ illness, transferred  
to their children who are now in Hawaii trying to  
survive a bad life - Shame! More needs to be done!

It goes on & on... Find my Exhibits A, B, & C,  
to be included to share to shape up these countries about  
how these lands should be used... All State entities

have failed over & over again.

In the spirit of Dawn Wasson we want the State of Hawaii & its entities to be replaced with the Hawaiian Kingdom, under the Council of Regency.

<sup>Ex A.</sup> See: *Lence vs. The Hawaiian Kingdom* case heard at the World Court in the Hague, Netherlands, <sup>Ex B.</sup> The UN Memorandum & <sup>Exhibit C.</sup> Teachers support teaching the Real history of Hawaii.

Many things need to be changed due to wrong history taught in Hawaii and the world.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 7:43 AM  
**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name	John Bilderback
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Meeting Date	07-09-2018
Council/PH Committee	Planning
Agenda Item	Malaekahana Development
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Open space and 'country' are vital to Oahu and the long term plan should not be changed for more development.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 10:15 AM  
**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I oppose because that land does not belong to sthe state of Hawai'i, there are present day heirs to that land.

Written  
Testimony

In a memorandum from Dr. Alfred Dezayas, who is the United Nations Independent Expert of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, he states " those of heirs and descendants with land titles that originate from the distribution of land under the authority of the Hawaiian Kingdom, are protected under international law. The state of Hawaii courts should not lend themselves to a flagrant violation of the rights of the land title holders and in consequence of pertinent international norms. Therefore the courts f the state of Hawai'i must not enable or collude in the wrongful taking of private lands, bearing in mind that the right to property is recognized not only in U.S. Law, but also in Article 17 of the universal declaration of human rights adopted under the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt. " A'ole development, it will effect the very life in the mountains, soil, ocean and coral negatively.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1 Revised Koolauloa Sustainable Community Plan  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written  
Testimony

Our land on this island is to capacity with housing and infrastructure. The natural beauty of this island is preserved only on the North Shore of Oahu as the rest of the island struggles with over building homes and lack of infrastructure to handle the increased population and traffic. Water resources are taxed. Infrastructure is not in place. Zoning for agriculture is being abused by this proposal. I see this bill as serving primarily a non-profit organization and do not support this proposal because it doesn't serve the people of Hawaii and our future generations. This bill will hurt the natural land resources available only here on the North Shore. It will ruin a way of life that has preserved country living. It will over tax water resources, infrastructure, population capacity, and create traffic nightmares. It is not a responsible use of natural resources for future generations. It is not the best option for the North Shore, Malaekahana, and the surrounding communities. Keep the Country Country. Take care of our land. Feeding corporate wants in the form of developing housing is selfish for our future generations. Once natural resources are gone, there is no replacing it. Overbuilding on our island is pure foolishness and feeds corporate greed.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1 (2017)  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

I strongly support the ORIGINAL Bill 1, which aimed to "discourage the growth of the region's housing and commercial development and protect cultural and natural resources." But, I strongly object to the addition of an amendment which deletes this language and replaces it with "support housing and services for the planned expansion of Brigham Young University-Hawai'i."

Written  
Testimony

The amendment is a complete reversal of the original intent of the bill, taking it from protecting against overdevelopment to encouraging it.

The original bill was discussed, vetted and approved by multiple communities within the region. The amendment is a quick and dirty attempt to completely change the bill to suit the needs of one small but rich constituency, the Church of Lated Day Saitns, which own and operates BYU - tax free!

Its disrespectful to the people to try and pull a quick like this. Pass the bill clean or don't pass it at all.

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## *Hawaii's Thousand Friends*

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July 9, 2018

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Chair  
Committee on Planning  
Committee Members

### Bill 1 (2017) Revised Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan

Hawaii's Thousand Friends opposes the proposed amendments to Bill 1 Revised Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan (KSCP) that allow changes to the Urban Growth Boundary and encourages urban sprawl of housing on important agricultural land between Kahuku`u and Laie.

This Plan ignores the General Plan Population Objective C to direct growth to the urban core

- Policy 1 *Encourage development within the secondary urban center at Kapolei and the Ewa and Central Oahu urban-fringe areas to relieve development pressures in the remaining urban-fringe and rural areas...*
- Policy 3 *Manage physical growth and development in the urban-fringe and rural areas so that:*
  - *An undesirable spreading of development is prevented;*
  - *b. Their population densities are consistent with the character and development and environmental qualities desired for such areas.*

This Revised Plan ignores the General Plan Economic Activity to preserve agricultural land

- Objective B Policy 8 *Preserve the well-known and widely publicized beauty of Oahu for visitors as well as residents and*
- Objective C *To maintain the viability of agriculture on Oahu*
  - Policy 5 *Maintain agricultural lands along the Windward, North Shore, and Waianae coasts for truck farming, flower growing, aquaculture, livestock production, and other types of diversified agriculture.*

During the Land Use Commission Ho`opili contested case hearing process the city's rationale for supporting the conversion of 1,500+ acres of prime A & B agricultural land to urban use was that the land was within the urban growth boundary and was needed to prevent urban sprawl in rural areas. The development proposed in the Revised KSCP amendments is not all within an urban growth boundary and creates urban sprawl on important agricultural land in a rural area.

Hawaii's Thousand Friends urges the committee to vote **no** on the Revised KSCP proposed amendments that ignore Oahu's comprehensive planning process of directed growth by allowing urban sprawl in this rural area that is not designated for growth in the General Plan.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1 amendments  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written  
Testimony

Inadequate public notice and community input have been given to proposed Amendments to Bill 1. Expansion of Laie by 50 acres is no small matter or drain on the already taxed infrastructure (especially road) if the area; include the sly upping if apartment density and the potential growth and strain increases. Laie as a tourist destination already placed a biased burden on the area (along with Kualoa ranch) and v' residents' whose concept of rural character includes much more than earth toned paint as amendments suggest  
We see rural as slow paced , nominal traffic or growth and plenty of wide open green vistas  
The loss of the view of Ko'olauloa foothills due to multi storied Marriott is sad enough, must we damage vistas further?

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-18  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I have been a north shore resident for thirty years and have raised my family here.

I oppose the passage of Bill 1 in its entirety.

This bill undermines the integrity of the existing Ko'olauloa sustainable communities plan which was created by the community and gives preferential treatment to the largest and wealthiest land owner in Laie, namely the Mormon church and its subsidiary BYU.

Written Testimony More housing for Laie residents would be available if the City and County Department of Planning and permitting did its job and enforced illegal vacation rentals in Laie of which there are several. The passage of this bill will lead to suburban sprawl, remove important agricultural lands and create more traffic for north shore and Oahu residents as well as visitors. North shore communities are already submerged in daily gridlock.

The passage of this bill will change our community for the worst forever.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 8:28 AM  
**Subject:** Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

Why develop when we need to fix the MAIN issues we got here. Homeless, schools, affordable housing for people that cannot afford the homes they have now, TRAFFIC, vacation rentals along the beach etc.. So instead of developing and making things more worse than it is, fix the big problems we have now. And KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 11:19 AM  
**Subject:** Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Housing problem in Laie  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written  
Testimony

Im part Hawaiian and had to move to the mainland because my parents could not afford to live in Hawaii where we belong. I have worked hard to make my way back to Hawaii, marry someone Hawaiian, and am raising my kids in Laie and Hauula area to restore our culture that could have been lost for generations if we kept living on the mainland. We have Hawaiian immersian programs, agricultural land to practice growing kalo, a small community isolated where my kids can genuinely get to know families in the community, and the small community invites opportunity for them to participate in various events and activities. Once you start to build there, this will all disappear. This will have serious long term affects that will change a community to a point where it can ruin it completely. Once a country community is taken over by houses it cannot be restored back to how it was. the damage is done. If the problem is lack of housing then instead of building more homes, try crack down on all the illegal vacation rentals in our area. That is what is taking up space for residents. Try that first before ruining a community flourishing with Hawaiian culture. One must know why is there a shortage of homes before jus building homes on a whim for a quick fix. Is it because of the illegal vacation rentals? Is byuh creating more jobs, but not using the land they own to build houses on their property for professors and other employees to live? Is it because you want to make more money from big investors who buy houses to make money but dont even contribute to the State of hawaii ecomomy since these investors are not even residents? One must

figure out why we have this problem and stop the root of it. Not just do a quick fix to build a ton of homes that will ruin a dying Hawaiian culture forever in our beloved Laie. Please keep the country country. This is why we thrive. You take the land away from us then you contribute to killing our Hawaiian culture and community that we are desperately trying to restore.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-09-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 1 2017 Koolauloa Affordable housing
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I oppose this bill because it will not benefit the community and always ends up in outsiders hands.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Expansion of Laie  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I do not support the expanding Laie. Our traffic and infrastructure are already at the brink. The cost of “affordable” housing is still so outrageous that most of these homes will NOT go to local buyers. This development will only help accelerate the rapid gentrification this area is already struggling with. The housing currently needed could easily be available by shutting down all the vacation rentals. I will be voting heavily on this issue as well as most people on the North Shore.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item BILL 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No  
Written Testimony Wait for the revised General Plan. Keep Ag lands in Ag use. Do not open up Ag land for Utah developers who buy Ag land to develop. Open space is precious.  
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# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAII O'AHU GROUP

July 9, 2018

Aloha Chair Anderson and members of the Planning Committee,

On behalf of the Sierra Club O'ahu Group's 8,000 members and supporters, I write to urge you to **SUPPORT Bill 1 (2017) UNAMENDED** and not move the community growth boundary onto agricultural lands into North La'ie.

Sierra Club understands the need for new transit-oriented affordable housing in rural communities to facilitate growth of local families. Sierra Club supports efforts to build such housing in appropriate places, including within the existing growth boundary in La'ie. We believe that apartment-style housing on the BYU campus will help contain sprawl in La'ie. However, we have concerns about BYU's aggressive growth strategy. That strategy has major implications for vulnerable communities on the North Shore and Windward O'ahu. Significantly increasing road traffic -at a time when sea level rise and the threat of more frequent and severe hurricanes and flooding events- raises genuine safety and evacuation concerns.

The BYU aggressive growth strategy also constantly attempts to urbanize agricultural land at a time when the growing scientific consensus is the need to grow more food locally. We oppose the amendments to change the designation of 50 acres of agricultural lands to zoning that would allow low-density apartments. We cannot afford to sacrifice any more farmland. We recognize that the Council supported developments like Ho'opili and Koa Ridge because they were inside the community growth boundary, but North La'ie is not.

More importantly, the proposed amendments to change the community growth boundary in Ko'olauloa goes against resolutions passed by all other Community Associations in Ko'olauloa, other than La'ie. This includes: Ka'a'awa, Kawela Bay, Sunset Beach, Waiahole-Waikane, Punalu'u, Kahuku, Hau'ula, Laie Point, and Kahana Bay. It is also against the resolutions of 6 neighborhood boards on O'ahu, including: North Shore, Kahalua'u, Kailua, Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu, Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale, and Manoa.

This proposal to amend Bill 1 (2017) to allow for development in North La'ie needs to go back to the North Shore and Windward Neighborhood Boards and to other community organizations for their input. Certainly there should be no effort to formally include this as an amendment in the second reading of Bill 1 (2017) until such a process of consultation has been conducted.

We believe that the unamended version of Bill 1 (2017) will maintain the integrity of the small community in La'ie, not impose additional infrastructure and traffic on an already stressed 2-lane highway, and ensure that farm and ranch lands remain available to build food resiliency of O'ahu and the State. For these reasons, we **SUPPORT Bill 1 (2017) UNAMENDED** and respectfully ask the Council to keep the country country, and keep development inside the community growth boundary where it belongs.

Mahalo,  
Jodi Malinoski

Sierra Club O'ahu Group Coordinator

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1 amendments  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No  
Written Testimony  
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I have no illusions that anything I say here today in opposition to this outrageous proposal will change anyone's vote.

I suspect that HRI has determined that they have the votes they need in order to proceed with their selfish and unreasonable plans— --otherwise this hearing probably wouldn't be taking place.

That's not why I'm here, In fact I considered not coming, not wanting to be part of the political theatre— -- --the charade that these hearings typically represent.

I'm here because I want the record to show that I stand in support and in solidarity my friends and neighbors— -- --people who over and over through many years of toil have fought tirelessly to preserve the unique beauty and characteristics of North Oahu— --the coastal communities served by 2 lane Kamehameha Highway— --the only access to these communities.

All of these adjacent communities oppose what's being proposed by HRI for Laie.

Many people consider this coastline to be a global treasure

I just said that HRI's plans are outrageous— -- --here's why:

To understand what HRI envisions for the future of our island community, one needs only to witness the damage they have done so far along our scenic rural highway:

Oversized hotel and fast food franchise placed way too close to the highway.

Circus like theme park complete with illegal signs, banners and flags touting tourist oriented concessions and a massive parking lot for thousands of cars and giant tour busses.

It's reasonable to expect more of the same from the LDS decision makers.

Don't they realize that:

Traffic on Kamehameha Highway is already unacceptable.

Kamehameha Highway is eroding into the ocean.

Refer to Star-Advertiser article: Erosion urgency mounts 7/7/18 page A8

I'm hoping Mr. Beaver will forward a copy of the report to his superiors in Salt Lake City.

Maybe they'll reconsider their outrageous plans to further urbanize and commercialize this unique and fragile environmental treasure.

# Erosion urgency mounts

At this point, even climate-change doubters should be seeing the need to take coastal erosion in our island state seriously, and to start planning mitigations.

The latest evidence of the approaching sandstorm is an eye-opening new study by University of Hawaii researchers: a full one-third of Hawaii's shorelines are moderately or highly vulnerable to coastal hazards as sea level rise intensify waves and storms that hit our islands' coasts.

Oahu's highest-risk zones are at the North Shore from Haleiwa to Kahuku, which are exposed to high wave energy; and Ewa Beach, where low elevation and little reef protection make it vulnerable to sea level rise. Other at-risk areas include stretches of Kailua, Waimanalo and Waianae.

The study, whose primary author is Yaprak Onat of the UH's Department of Ocean Resources and Engineering, comes at the heels of other recent sobering reports — such as the Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report, which warned that a 3.2-foot sea level rise by mid- to latter-century could result in \$12.9 billion in economic losses and displace 13,300 residents on Oahu.

These studies are academically projecting what residents are starting to see in real time: beach houses at Sunset Beach on the brink as high waves pound away at the structures' sandy foundation; sand depletion on the far end of Waikiki's Kuhio Beach; portions of Kamehameha Highway from Kualoa toward the North Shore, including Kaaawa and Hauula, losing chunks of pavement and holes appearing along the road's edge.

Clearly, existing structures will need to find new ways to cope — and that means relocation, retrofitting for resiliency or eventual surrender to Mother Nature. The new coastal hazards report is expected to inform other crucial studies, such as one now underway for the state Department of Transportation looking at risks to coastal roads statewide.

Hawaii officials have a bad habit of producing myriad studies, but little action. Policymakers need to strategize now. The future is here, and it's crashing onto our shores.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 7:34 AM  
**Subject:** Zoning and Housing Speaker Registration/Testimony  
**Attachments:** 20180709073345\_bill\_47.pdf

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning
Agenda Item	amendments to koolauloa plan
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Yes
Written Testimony	
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March 5, 2015

To: City Council Members Hearing ZP Bill 47

From: Kathleen Morita  
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Re: Written Testimony from Kamaaina Kaaawa resident

This communication speaks for all the Morita ohana a part-Hawaiian family who have resided in Kaaawa for the past 34 years.

We implore all the city council members who will be hearing arguments for and against this bill to “do the right thing” and be pono in deciding this life-changing issue.

Our family along with the greater Koolauloa community adamantly oppose the development of Malaekahana or “envision Laie”.

We urge you to exclude the “Envision Laie” portion of the development plan and pursue the original plan which recognized Malaekahana as a necessary open rural area.

Please acknowledge any special interests or relationships each council member may have with the Mormon Church, BYU or Hawaii Reserves and reclude yourself.

The following summary delineates primary concerns showing why it is so urgent that you reject Bill 47:

—The town of Laie is an anomaly as a community in Koolauloa in that it is predominantly a Mormon religious community. The major institutions-the Mormon

Church, PCC, BYU, Hawaii Reserves are the exclusive employers.

Religious doctrine and strict values dominate all aspects of life in Laie.

—Hawaii Reserves, the for-profit arm of the church, bought the 227 acres of land in Maleakahana. Hawaii Reserves designed and promoted “Envision Laie” as a plan to develop a new town to further expand its interests.

—The Laie community has continued to grow unchecked during the past two decades. This resulted in doubling the population, doubling BUY enrollment, doubling retail, doubling visitors to PCC.

Such expansion should have been contained due to limited natural resources and poor infrastructure.

—Our small rural Koolauloa communities have accepted the limits to growth and development restricted by our unique geography. We desire to maintain the beauty and connection to natural resources in our environment.

Yes, we also need affordable housing and hate to see our children relocating to other areas.

—Further growth and development in our Koolauloa area as proposed in Laie will be detrimental to the health and well being of residents and visitors. Traffic already is horrendous.

Kamehameha Highway cannot be enlarged or rerouted as the road winds along the ocean and around the Koolaus. Traffic has a human impact for people sitting in their cars inching along;

traffic has a physical impact with additional exhaust fumes; traffic has an economic impact by wasting time.

If "Envision Laie" does go through it will be heartbreaking for most of us to see the massive development where beautiful trees, ranch land and wildlife once thrived.

Such devastation of a truly beautiful part of our environment would no doubt be felt on an emotional level.

As the new Marriott is being built, its screening to drive by and see a monstrous cement fort looking structure so obtrusively close to the road obstructing the beautiful mountains. What a far cry from the nice little Laniloa Inn.

—Our area has always had frequent power outages, road closures, accidents, tsunami and hurricane warnings, flash floods, etc. During Hurricane Ewa in 1982 we had no electricity, no roads, and no water for over 5 days.

Civil defense and safety are significant issues for us. Such a large increase in population as proposed in Malaekahana will exacerbate the challenges of various emergencies -

to evacuate, provide food, shelter, water, ambulance or just to ensure safety.

—The majority of Koolauloa residents oppose the development of Malaekahana. Most residents of Laie advocate for "Envision Laie" as dictated by their Church and employers.

The dynamics of this issue demand that our elected officials act in the best interests of their constituents - all Koolauloa residents rather than change our community forever to only benefit the Mormon Church and Hawaii Reserves.

Mahalo nui loa for considering all of our written and written testimony. Please “do the right thing” and be pono in deciding to exclude “Envision Laie” from our future Koolauloa community plans.

Sincerely, Kathleen Morita

Honolulu City Council,

**I'm writing in opposition to any amendments to Bill 1, REVISED KOOLAU LOA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN. My name is Christopher Muhlestein, and I am a resident of Laie, Hawaii. I also represent Pomelo Travel, LLC, a tourism company that hopes to preserve the beauty of the Ko'olauloa, and the sacred space that is Malaekahana, for the well-being of future residents of La'ie. Once this area is developed there is no going back, and the consequences could be devastating.**

**While I believe BYU-Hawaii does a great job serving it's students from all over the world, I do not think Hawaii Reserves, INC. or BYU-Hawaii have the best interests of the existing Ko'olauloa community in mind. The land, and the existing community deserve to be treated with respect, and I don't see indications that this will be the case. I see the following issues arising with an amendment to Bill 1:**

- It is not a win-win: a monumental change like this that impacts every member of the community should be carefully thought out with the needs of the whole community in mind. This development is self-serving and ignores the environmental impact, potential negative impact on tourism, and the well-being of existing community members, among other things.**
- Lack of affordable housing: from what I understand, most of the people who need housing will not be able to afford the houses in this new development. I believe that lack of affordable housing is a big problem in La'ie, but I think there is a better solution than HRI's plan.**
- No attempt to maintain the beauty and sacred nature of the Ko'olauloa: Open, agricultural space is part of what makes Hawaii appealing to tourists, and locals alike. Tourists frequently comment that this is the most beautiful part of Oahu, and the reason they visit our Island. The open space, rural charm, preserved land, and respect for the Hawaiian way of life is the primary *difference* between our communities and the urban sprawl of the mainland. It's the reason my customers visit Hawaii. This development will be a major step in destroying the beauty of our island.**
- Traffic on Kam. Highway: as far as I understand, there has been no plan that includes a solution for the traffic problems on Kam. Highway. This new development would certainly exacerbate the problem.**

**I could add more to the list, but I would like to end with this simple plea: please consider the well-being of the people of Ko'olauloa while making this decision. I hope La'ie can be a refuge from the urban sprawl that will consume the rural parts of the island if we allow it. I'm originally from Utah, and I've seen the developments of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its businesses. While it may work in Utah on occasion, it certainly isn't best for the people of La'ie. It's time for us to show more respect to the land and the people who live here.**

**Christopher Muhlestein**

**55-615 Kamehameha Highway**

**Laie, Hawaii**

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 11:11 PM  
**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name Nakia Nae'ole  
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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha Councilman Anderson,

Written Testimony Please accept this letter as my opposition to the currently proposed amendments that would allow for the possibility of having 200 homes to be built within the ahupua'a of La'ie. I do support BILL 1 in its current standing, without the proposed amendments.

Mahalo nui,  
Nakia Nae'ole

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**Special Council Meeting of Committee on Zoning**

**July 9, 2018 10:00am**

**Re: Bill 1 2017**

**“An ordinance to adopt the revised Ko’olau Loa sustainable communities plan**

Dear Zoning Council Members,

I urge you to pass Bill 1 2017 in its original form, **excluding Envision Laie.**

If that cannot be done, I urge you to postpone this vote until after the November elections, when District 2 voters have elected a new representative.

All council offices should disclose who the member or staff met with to discuss this Bill’s amendments. The public has a right to know who has influence or say in this.

The Polynesian Cultural Center makes over 70 million dollar a year. They are considered “non- profit” and pay almost no taxes or very little.

The PCC and BYU are situated on a 2 lane highway that extends 25 miles or more in either direction with a speed limit of 35mph. The traffic is already over maximum carrying capacity and the population density for the area has also reached a critical level for existing infrastructure to support.

Malekahana is agricultural land and should stay as agricultural land. Many community meetings over the past years have shown that the majority of residents from Kahaluu-Haleiwa do not want development expansion in this area. It is not sustainable and sets a dangerous precedent. The Ko’olau Loa plan was the work of many community groups for over a decade.

Hawaii Reserves and the Mormon Church have spent untold amounts of money to influence legislation on re-zoning Malekahana and threatening Hawaiian families living close to or in their desired building areas. As City Council members you are charged with protecting the Aina for all the people of Hawaii. Allowing the Mormon church to convert agricultural/pastoral land to housing in not in the best interest of the Ko’olau Loa area or the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Michele Nihipali

54-074 A Kam Hwy.

Hauula, HI 96717

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	07-09-2018
Council/PH Committee	Planning
Agenda Item	Bill 1 (2017)- UNAMENDED
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Organization Aloha Aina No Koolauloa
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Yes
Written Testimony	I support Bill 1 unammended
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 9:33 AM  
**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name Shannon Oberle  
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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Malaekahana  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha e Council members,

I strongly oppose planning another urban sprawl on Oahu.  
Keep the rural character of Ko'olauloa intact.  
Please, do not disregard the way Native Hawaiians view sacred Malaekahana.

I STRONGLY oppose building in Malaekahana, because it proposes desecration of another sacred place for Native Hawaiians.  
It would be considered an international war crime.  
Malaekahana was a place of peace, safety, and refuge for people to come and go after religious laws granted pu'uhonua (asylum).

### Written Testimony

The Commission on the Responsibility of the Authors of the War and on Enforcement of Penalties states:  
"wanton devastation and destruction of religious, charitable, educational and historical buildings and monuments" as a war crime (Street, American Society of International Law West. The American Journal of International Law, 1920, Reprint. London: Forgotten Books, 2013. 114-5. Print.)

I am a descendant of Nahelehele Kamauoha of La'ie, whom gave testimony to the Privy Council under Kamehameha III during the Mahele.

Mahalo, Shannon Oberle

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 10:01 PM  
**Subject:** Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name MARGARET PRIMACIO  
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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1, 2017  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Organization  
Organization DEFEND OAHU COALITION  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written  
Testimony

Good Morning Chair Anderson and Committee Members,  
Defend Oahu Coalition opposes the amendments to Bill 1, 2017 and strongly urge your Committee to pass Bill 1, 2017 in its original content.  
Years of thoughtful planning by community members of Koolauloa authored Bill 1, 2017 now to be usurped by one developer's interests.  
Further Defend Oahu Coalition, and other community minded groups may have wisely limited the number of hotels at Turtle Bay had we known of Brigham Young University plans for expansion. Therefore the already over burdening of our rural infrastructure with no signs of relief mandates us to carefully examine changes to our community plan and reject these amendments.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 4:27 PM  
**Subject:** Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name Keaka Vendiola  
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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Malaekahana Housing  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written  
Testimony

I've been a resident of Laie for 37 years and I've seen Laie grow. Some good but lately bad. Housing in Laie has become to be only for BYU faculty. Why are only faculty able to purchase houses in the community that BYU owns? And our full time BYU workers or community workers not able to be offered housing? A lot down the road from me was sold to faculty and within 2 or 3 years of them living there they up and sold the lot, for WAY more then they bought it for. Why didn't they have to sell back to BYU for a decent price? I'm not looking for housing to do vacation rentals or live in it for a couple years and sell it. I want a forever home for my family and not fancy but I want it to be my own. And I can't buy one because realitors or mainland people come in and buy as an investment. This makes me SICK and MAD to see this happen to a town I grow up in and LOVE. Laie is like no other and to think of MORE housing being made for the RICH cause honestly their going to be the only ones who can buy them. It saddens me and all of me wishes things would still be like the olden days where things here were simple. And u didn't have vacation rentals everywhere in Laie. So I'm totally against expansion of Laie.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 8:04 AM  
**Subject:** Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name Harry wasson  
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Meeting Date 07-09-2018  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Housing development down sizing malaekahana  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Organization  
Organization Anakalea Keohokalole Ohana  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written Testimony

As a vested interest holder for Anakalea Keohokalole Ohana, I oppose hri development of malaekahana ahupuaa. 1. It hri brought a limited deed without full disclosure by campbell estate. 2.Of the other vested heirs of the Piikoi , Anakalea Keohokalole, Kalakaua, Ohana. 3. We were never consulted in this matter. 4. A copy of the Keohokalole deed was delivered to council member Ikaika Anderson 2017 by me . Harry wasson

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**Bill 1-2017 without Amendment/s**

To: The Honolulu City/County Council

Fr: Andrea Anixt – Kaaawa

Researcher: Nancy Jones – Kaaawa

Research includes those that supported, opposed or commented on the above stated bill.

Those that support this bill, are in support of it, in its **original** form – without any amendments.

One hundred and six, plus, people sent in testimony, regarding the Original Bill 1-2017.

All but six, were unanimously in favor of the bill, without amendments. Two of the six opposing were “special interest” groups, including: M 7245 – BYU, and M 7246 – Construction Alliance.

There were seven others that opposed the bill **in error**, due to misunderstanding the bill as written. Their written statements confirm the support of Bill 1-2017 (please see attached).

Those that wrote Comments, all supported the original bill. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

With aloha,

Andrea Anixt

P.O. Box 646  
Kaaawa, HI 96730  
237-8595

(See 7 attachments)

# Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 02-09-2017  
Council/PH Committee PublicHearing  
Agenda Item Bill 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Keep it the way it is...keep country country....new city what a pity , no more development. ..nuff already..no more ! We want our country life not highways, an concrete...our wayer supply is depleating

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# Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name Shannon Clancey Tuinei  
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Meeting Date 02-09-2017  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No  
Written Testimony KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY! We do not support the exploitation & over development on these lands!  
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**EAST OAHU COUNTY FARM BUREAU**  
**910 CALIFORNIA AVE., WAHIAWA, HI 96786**

August 3, 2015

Councilmember Ernest Martin, Chair  
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King St., Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

The East Oahu County Farm Bureau, which with approximately 300 members represents the area of northeast Oahu from Waimanalo to Kahuku, **opposes Bill 53**, which would include the proposed Malaekahana housing development in the Ko'olau Loa *Sustainable Communities Plan*. We **strongly support the proposed floor draft, Bill 53 FD1**, which would eliminate references to the Malaekahana development. This major development, if built, will significantly impact agricultural lands between Laie and Kahuku, including existing, productive farms, and will largely eliminate the division between these two communities. It will remove from actual or potential production not only the land developed for housing, but any adjacent areas that may have to be used as buffer zones between residential areas and whatever farms may be left after construction. Oahu has already lost much of its productive agricultural land to development, and loses more every year. Honolulu, the most isolated major city in the country, now imports more than 80% of its food. Oahu cannot afford to lose more of its agricultural lands.

Conversion of a significant area of agricultural land to a new urban area contradicts both the spirit and the letter of the existing Ko'olau Loa plan, and also contradicts the rest of the proposed plan revision, which requires the preservation of agricultural land, open space, and historic and cultural resources, and specifies that "The Sustainable Communities Plan calls for the preservation and expansion of agricultural lands..." (Sec. 3.2, p. 3-15). "The policies and guidelines related to Agricultural Areas recognize the importance of protecting existing agricultural land from being converted to urban uses, thus protecting the availability and crop production potential of those lands" (Sec. E.3.2, p. E-2). These policies and guidelines include "Protect and preserve agricultural lands from conversion to uses that are primarily residential, industrial, or commercial in purpose," (Sec. 3.2.1, p. 3-16) and "Discourage subdivision of Agriculture designated and zoned lands for residential uses" (Sec. 3.2.2, p. 3-17). The proposed development also conflicts with Honolulu's General Plan, which "designates the Ko'olau Loa region as a rural area where physical growth and development will be managed so that 'an undesirable spreading of development is prevented'" and "specifies that Ko'olau Loa's natural resources and predominately 'country' character should be maintained by allowing only limited development in established communities, and that agricultural lands along the Windward, North Shore, and Wai'anae coasts are to be maintained for diversified agriculture" (Chapter 1, p. 1-1).

The Ko'olau Loa Plan is called a *Sustainable* Communities Plan for a reason: it is not an urban development plan, but a plan to maintain and improve the sustainability of Koolau Loa's communities. The preservation of agricultural lands is a critical and explicit component of the plan. A community that cannot feed itself is not sustainable. Therefore, we strongly support the proposed floor draft that would remove wording related to the Malaekahana development from the revised *Sustainable* Communities Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Mencher  
for Grant Hamachi, President  
East Oahu County Farm Bureau

# Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 02-09-2017  
Council/PH Committee PublicHearing  
Agenda Item Ko'olau Loa Sustaniability Community Plan  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I strongly support the Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan with all references to proposed future development at Malaekahana deleted. Kamehameha Highway is currently overburdened. Allowing further growth between Hale'iwa and Kahalu'u would negatively affect the health, safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike.

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Meeting Date 02-09-2017  
Council/PH Committee PublicHearing  
Agenda Item Bill 1 - Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony  
Bill 1 (02/09/2017), Revised Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan.  
I strongly support the Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan with all references to proposed future development at Malaekahana deleted. Kamehameha Highway is currently overburdened. Allowing further growth between Hale'iwa and Kahalu'u would negatively affect the health, safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:15 PM  
**Subject:** Transportation and Planning Speaker Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name	Jerome Uluave
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Meeting Date	11-29-2017
Council/PH Committee	Transportation
Agenda Item	BILL 1 (2017) – REVISED KOOLAU LOA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
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November 29, 2017

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To: City Council Members Hearing ZP Bill 47

Bill 1 Koolauloa SUSTAINABILITY 7

From: Kathleen Morita  
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Re: Written Testimony from Kamaaina Kaaawa resident

Same Issues

This communication speaks for all the Morita ohana a part-Hawaiian family who have resided in Kaaawa for the past <sup>36</sup>~~27~~ years.

We implore all the city council members who will be hearing arguments for and against this bill to "do the right thing" and be pono in deciding this life-changing issue.

Our family along with the greater Koolauloa community adamantly oppose the development of Malaekahana or "envision Laie".

We urge you to exclude the "Envision Laie" portion of the development plan and pursue the original plan which recognized Malaekahana as a necessary open rural area.

Please acknowledge any special interests or relationships each council member may have with the Mormon Church, BYU or Hawaii Reserves and refuse yourself.

The following summary delineates primary concerns showing why it is so urgent that you reject Bill 47:

—The town of Laie is an anomaly as a community in Koolauloa in that it is predominantly a Mormon religious community. The major institutions-the Mormon

If "Envision Laie" does go through it will be heartbreaking for most of us to see the massive development where beautiful trees, ranch land and wildlife once thrived.

Such devastation of a truly beautiful part of our environment would no doubt be felt on an emotional level.

As the new Marriott is being built, its <sup>sad</sup> screening to drive by and see a monstrous cement fort looking structure so obtrusively close to the road obstructing the beautiful mountains. What a far cry from the nice little Laniloa Inn.

—Our area has always had frequent power outages, road closures, accidents, tsunami and hurricane warnings, flash floods, etc. During Hurricane Ewa in 1982 we had no electricity, no roads, and no water for <sup>over</sup> 5 days.

Civil defense and safety are significant issues for us. Such a large increase in population as proposed in Malaekahana will exacerbate the challenges of various emergencies -

to evacuate, provide food, shelter, water, ambulance or just to ensure safety.

—The majority of Koolauloa residents oppose the development of Malaekahana. Most residents of Laie advocate for "Envision Laie" as dictated by their Church and employers.

The dynamics of this issue demand that our elected officials act in the best interests of their constituents - all Koolauloa residents rather than change our community forever to only benefit the Mormon Church and Hawaii Reserves.

For  
 Chair Ernie Martin  
 and Committee Chair I. Anderson + copies please for all  
 members.

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**COMMISSION APPROVES KO`OLAU LOA PLAN DESPITE QUESTIONS OVER HOUSING FIGURES**

Some of the building blocks of the Ko`olau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan (KLSCP) have been moving targets in recent months. Information about the region's population, growth trends, and number of potential housing units was either absent from or sorely outdated in the version released by the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) in December and presented to the Planning Commission in mid-March.

Over the course of hearings in March and April, the commission got the DPP to address those key issues after repeated failed attempts by members of the public. But with some data still being refined at the time of its vote, the commission basically left it to the City Council to decide whether the KLSCP actually accomplishes what its title suggests.

Second to the issue of whether to allow bed-and-breakfasts in Kailua, proposed development in Ko`olau Loa received the most public comments -- both for and against -- in a recent survey done as part of the city's preparation of the O`ahu General Plan. In particular, the proposed KLSCP provisions allowing for the construction of a new town on a panoramic stretch of rolling fields between Kahuku and La`ie have caused a huge rift in the Ko`olau Loa community. The new "rural metropolitan area", commonly referred to as Envision La`ie, would eliminate a lot of green space and add a lot of housing units, said Helber, Hastert & Fee planner Scott Ezer at a recent University of Hawai`i seminar on planning. The city contracted his company to help draft both the KLSCP and the O`ahu General Plan.

"There are a lot of people who want housing," he said. "Equally, there are a lot of people who see it as a last stand ... of keeping the country country."

On April 3, a few planning commissioners expressed their concern that the infrastructure in Ko`olau Loa -- especially the lone two-lane coastal highway -- may not be able to handle the proposed mini-city north of La`ie and resort development at Turtle Bay. They added that it's unclear how many more housing units the plan proposes for the region. Both chair Ka`iulani Sodaro and commissioner Dean Hazama suggested deferring the commission's decision on the regional plan until the City Council approves the O`ahu General Plan, a draft of which had recently been released for public comment.

*Conditions not met*

But within a few minutes of expressing their concerns, they voted along with the rest of the commission to approve the plan on the conditions that DPP staff do the following:

Clarify the number of potential housing units already allowed under current zoning;

Indicate how many more housing units the revised plan envisions; and

Include specific language in the plan about whether any of the proposed units are being moved from one area to another. (This condition refers to the fact that the 1999 KLSCP identified two parcels in the back of La`ie where Brigham Young University planned to build 550 housing units, which were never built. The revised plan states that the university now plans to build 875 units on 300 acres of former ranch land in nearby Malaekahana.)

The plan now goes to the Honolulu City Council for approval. Whether the council will vote on it before taking up the O`ahu General Plan remains to be seen. The council has already held off voting on three SCPs that the

commission has approved. A draft of the general plan is expected to be submitted for commission approval later this year.

### **Distribution Guidelines**

In arguing for a swift approval of the KLSCP, DPP chief planner Kathy Sokugawa told the Planning Commission that none of the proposed changes in the proposed general plan revision would significantly affect the Ko`olau Loa region. For example, the current plan dictates that Ko`olau Loa should have only 1.4 percent of the island's population, and so does the proposed revision.

But whether the KLSCP helps to attain that population distribution goal is far from clear. In the last two months, the DPP has not only significantly adjusted the population numbers in the region, it's also reversed the anticipated population trend.

The version of the plan released by the DPP last December projected that Ko`olau Loa's resident population would increase from about 14,500 in the year 2000 to about 15,500 in 2035, "representing an increase of less than one percent per year over a 35-year period."

The department also projected that by 2035, the area's population would account for approximately 1.4 percent of O`ahu's population. (The DPP made these projections in September 2009, according to a footnote in the proposed KLSCP.) But at the Planning Commission's March meeting, one area resident pointed out that 2010 census numbers indicate that Ko`olau Loa's population already far exceeds 15,500.

Commissioner Hazama asked DPP's Raymond Young why the population numbers in the plan differed from the recent census numbers. Young stated merely that his department had a population projection for O`ahu from the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, but was "still working towards getting projections for plan areas." He said that while he understood that "there are some population discrepancies," his department had no choice but to use 2000 census numbers.

"Part of the reason we're having trouble with that, the way the new census numbers are done is a little different. We need to make some adjustments. Our statistical staff is hard at work," he said.

Mainly, the DPP needed to subtract out census data for Pupukeya -- the stretch of land between Kawela Bay and Waimea Bay -- because, for some reason, it's not included in the KLSCP area. Without Pupukeya, the Ko`olau Loa population was about 16,800 in 2010.

When the Planning Commission met in early April to decide whether to forward the KLSCP to the City Council, Young presented new population numbers, as well as a new growth trend.

First, he said that contrary to the plan he presented a month earlier, the population in Ko`olau Loa will decrease by 2040.

"Our preliminary findings indicate by 2040, Ko`olau Loa would be 1.5 percent of the island population," he said. Currently, it's at about 2 percent, up from 1.66 percent in 2000, and 1.7 percent in 1990.

The DPP's statistician has determined that the KLSCP area contains 16,732 people. Young said the population is expected to shrink to 16,172 by 2035. Although he did not say why his department now believes the population is going to shrink instead of grow, recent population forecasts by both DPP and DBEDT suggest that O`ahu's population will grow more slowly than before because of its aging population and mature economy.

NOT PROVING OUT

In an email to *Environment Hawaii*, Young indicates that even now, the DPP's projections are in flux. "DPP is researching what the difference in population numbers are attributed to and an update of its population forecast based on the 2010 Census for the development plan regions, including Ko`olau Loa," he wrote. He provided no bases for the projections he presented in April.

The U.S. Census estimates that about 953,000 people lived on O`ahu in 2010. Based on a 2011 DEPP report's prediction that O`ahu's population will grow by "only 4,000 more residents a year by 2035," the population in the Ko`olau Loa SCP region would actually have to shrink to fewer than 15,000 people to meet the general plan percentage distribution goal.

### **A Major Caveat**

The DPP's assertion that Ko`olau Loa's population will shrink by 2035 omitted one key point: that projection does not include the proposed expansion planned by the Mormon Church for Malaekahana and La`ie.

The KLSCP points out that BYU-Hawai`i, a Mormon school, plans to roughly double its student population in La`ie, from 2,700 to 5,000. Also, the KLSCP notes, Hawai`i Reserves, Inc. (HRI), a developer for the church, plans to build 875 housing units, mostly for BYU-H staff, faculty, and area residents already employed by church-affiliated entities. The remainder would be sold at market rates.

Just how many more people the expansion will add to Ko`olau Loa is unknown. The 300-acre area at Malaekahana that is proposed to be included in the KLSCP community growth boundary is roughly the same size

as the urbanized area of Kahuku, home to more than 2,600 people.

"When we make these projections, they never include projects not approved through the zoning process," Young told *Environment Hawai'i*. Until a developer comes to the department for a zoning change and gives some indication of the anticipated density, it's very difficult to estimate how a project will affect the population, Young said.

Even so, the KLSCP states that the expansion won't affect the population much since many of the houses will simply meet pent-up demand from people already living in the area. Furthermore, according to the plan, traffic won't be affected because most of the residents will live and work in the immediate area. Also, a connector road planned to be built at the base of the mountains will string Kahuku, Malaekahana, and La`ie together, further minimizing traffic on Kamehameha Highway, the plan states.

HRI had first proposed building 1,260 units at Malaekahana. In 2009, the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), tasked with drafting the initial plan, chose to preserve Malaekahana as open space. That year, several dissenting PAC members who supported HRI's proposal sent the DPP amendments that would meet the church's and the community's needs.

Of the new units proposed, approximately 350 of the new units would alleviate pent-up demand and overcrowding, the group claimed. "Another 400 units are intended to serve direct employment growth from BYU-Hawaii and Polynesian Cultural Center expansion, and 300 more units are expected to be needed to accommodate multiplier effect and indirect growth from this expansion. The last 210 units are needed for market rate homes that may include vacation homes and second homes and therefore are not expected to increase area population. These 210 units are needed to help pay for workforce housing units and infrastructure," their draft stated.

Only 875 units made it into the plan. The KLSCP provides no breakdown of who the intended occupants of those units are. PAC member Dee Dee Letts testified in March that 400 of the proposed Malaekahana units would be market-rate homes.

#### **Buildable Units**

At the Planning Commission's March meeting, one La`ie resident after another described their cramped living quarters and expressed their desire for a home in the area of their own or for their children. Census figures confirm that homes in Ko`olau Loa are more densely packed than in any other region on the island. And within Ko`olau Loa, La`ie houses are the most crowded.

The KLSCP proposes the Malaekahana expansion as a solution. But according to Letts, ample housing is provided for under current zoning.

In written testimony, Letts states that the DPP has said that it expanded the community growth boundary to include Malaekahana because the plan the PAC had drafted ignored housing needs. Not true, she argued, adding that the DPP removed a section in the community's draft on "identified areas in La`ie and Kahuku that would provide 720 units."

"The PAC did look at vacantly zoned URBAN lands within the Ko`olau Loa area and noted that there are enough acres in addition to those mentioned above currently zoned to meet the need. The problem with these acres is that they are not owned by HRI. A chart of currently urban zoned lands and the number of units those lands can accommodate has not been included in the SCP although it was requested by the PAC," she wrote.

The Planning Commission asked the DPP's Young to provide it with that information at its next meeting. On April 3, Young reported that current zoning -- in R-5, R-7.5, and country (Urban District) areas -- allowed for up to 4,356 housing units between Hau`ula and Kahuku: 3,588 units on private lands, 174 on city land, and 595 on state land. Those totals do not include lands with slopes greater than 20 percent, considered by many to be unbuildable for physical or economic reasons.

Although some people might see this as more than enough currently zoned land to meet any projected housing needs for the area, Young said that development in flood zones would need to meet certain standards, which would result in higher costs.

"Much of those properties, even including BYU sites, are in flood areas," he said. Some sites, such as the Kahuku High School property or Malaekahana State Recreational Park, may allow for additional structures, but are unlikely to meet the area's housing needs, he added.

In La`ie, Young noted that several hundred potential dwellings are allowed by current zoning. Most of the land is already used by BYU or the Mormon Church, he said, adding that some of the church's great lawn and other large open grass fields could be made available for housing.

"The bottom line is if you were to take constraints into consideration, that 4,000-some units would perhaps be substantially smaller," he said. In any case, his department supported the KLSCP as proposed.

Hazama asked Young how many units there would be if lands in flood zone areas were removed.

"Based on limited time, we do not have a figure for you. It would be substantially less. We cannot back it up at this point," Young responded.

When asked about the area in La`ie where 550 units were approved for BYU housing but never rezoned, Young said the reason why the new plan shifts development to Malaekahana is because "the owners thought back in that area the development constraints were far too great -- steep, not contiguous parcels. Malaekahana would be flat, more easy."

The development proposed in the new plan represents about a 30 percent increase over what's allowed in the 1999 plan, Young said.

When commissioner James Pacopac asked at the March meeting whether the KLSCP reflected a compromise between the opposing community factions, Young said simply, "We feel it's the department's position. It's the best we can present to you at this time to address affordable housing, jobs and to keep the community from losing a major economic driver. ... It did not make sense to risk the loss of such a major economic driver of the area." The Mormon Church and its affiliated entities (BYU-H, PCC, HRI) own most of La`ie town and reportedly employ nearly a third of all residents in the Ko`olau Loa SCP area. Both PCC and BYU-H have argued that they need to expand to remain financially viable.

### ***Final Words***

At the April meeting, Pacopac, for one, supported the DPP's plan.

"Being that we are just the committee that recommends to the council on items such as the community plan ... I don't see any reason to hold this up," he said.

Chair Sodaro said she had concerns about the DPP's "grip of population percentages." And after hearing about the potential units available, she said she wanted more clarity on the population forecast for the area.

"I appreciate the need for a general plan context," she said, adding that she saw "no value in escalating the community conflict to the council level." She suggested that the incoming DPP director [George Atta] facilitate discussions to "continue to resolve a lot of the passion and concern over lifestyle, infrastructure..."

Her concerns were not shared by commissioners Rodney Kim, who moved to approve the plan, or by Daniel Young, who seconded the motion.

Hazama asked that the motion be amended to "at least include conditions regarding some of the concerns raised. ... One would be definitely specifying the... housing count."

Sodaro asked that another condition be added to provide clarity on the lands in La`ie being exchanged for housing development in Malaekahana.

The commission then approved Kim's motion with the amendments proposed by Hazama and Sodaro.

— *Teresa Dawson*

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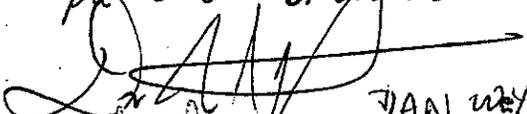
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Planning  
Agenda Item Bill 1 (2017) Revised Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written  
Testimony

I am in support of 200 workforce housing units and 200 community units to be developed in the Laie. I am from Laie and would like to see the addition of new housing out this side to help keep or provide an opportunity for our families and younger generations to stay here in Laie. Many of her friends, cousins, family members have no choice but to move away because of limited housing options and available jobs. I'm grateful to my wife's grandfather who bought land and built homes for his family when my in-laws were younger and getting married and started their families. This provided us an opportunity to buy a family home for my wife and I to raise our children here in Laie. Thank you.

Testimony  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 1 2017 Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan -Bill 1 2017  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Aloha City Council Members,

Written  
Testimony

I am writing all of you to share that I am in support of Bill 1 KSCP Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan Amendment. I was born and raised on the north shore in my beautiful home town Laie. As a child my dream was to own a home and raise my family. Now that I am 38 years old along with my husband and 3 children, I want to stay here and not end up moving to mainland. A lot of my family members and friends have moved to the mainland because of the housing problem but know that they forever have that dream of returning one day.

If you drive around our communities, there are pretty much 2-3 families in each household because there is a huge shortage of housing on the north shore.

YES TO BILL 1 2017 Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan.  
Mahalo Nui,

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July 9, 2018

Honorable Ikaika Anderson, Chair  
Honorable, Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Honorable members of the City Council Planning Committee

RE: Support of Bill 1 (2017) with Amendments (CC-205 and CC-208)

Chair Anderson and Members of the City Council Planning Committee:

John R. Monis, Executive Director for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund supports the amendments for Bill 1(2017) found in CC-205 and CC-208, to allow for housing within the boundaries of the Ahapua'a of Laie. These amendments will help relieve the pent-up housing demand with in the Koolauloa region and provide more jobs within the area. Therefore, we strongly support the two amendments (CC-205 and CC-208).

We believe that it is important to provide a viable economic future for all communities in the great state of Hawaii. This includes both urban and rural areas. Allowing for some development in rural areas with a light industrial area will not only provide jobs for the construction industry but also create jobs for residents of the Koolauloa region.

HOEISF is also in support of projects that provide affordable and workforce housing for communities. We know that housing costs have skyrocketed in recent years, but through the council's efforts in passing bills 58 and 59, we believe that home ownerships are progressing up the housing ladder and is within reach for many Hawaii residents.

We thank you for the opportunities to submit and support Bill 1 (2017) with Amendments (CC-205 and CC-208).

John R. Monis  
Executive Director  
HOEISF

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Agenda Item BILL 1 (2017)  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha Council Members,

I support this proposal by HRI in concept and hope that their plans will include affordability at price points that are far below what the going rates are in Hawaii at this time.

Written  
Testimony

I do believe that they are seeking to balance the interests of themselves and various community stakeholders. This modest request will show whether HRI will remain committed to their best representations of maintaining environmental and culturally significant resources while also providing much needed housing inventory especially for those who work and desire to live in the community.

Mahalo,  
Feki Pouha

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item KSCP BILL 1 (2017)  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

My name is Dr. Rosalind Ram. and I live in Laie.

I am in the support of the proposed amendments, I am appreciative of the repeated language of "rural residential designation" throughout the document which also keeps to a country character.

I want to crystallize on two points:

Written  
Testimony

1) the amendments speak to the value the council has in helping our employers and rural win communities continue to be sustainable. I am grateful of the thoughts and actions of our city council leaders.  
Mahalo

2) this past semester, I taught a non-traditional student who is a Laie resident. She is a mother of teenagers who desires to be college-educated and be an example to her children. She is a second generation keeper and teacher of her culture. She is one of many that strive to be educated and perpetuate cultural art forms that help sustain many in Laie, Ko'olauloa, and our state.

Mahalo.  
Dr. Rosalind Ram

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Proposed amendment's to the Koolau Loa Sustainable Community Plan, Bill 1 (2017)  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

My name is Eugenia Soliai and I have been a resident of Laie for over 20 years and have family members that have lived in Laie for well over 40 - 50 years. I write/speak in support of the Proped Amendment's to the Koolau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan (KSCP).

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on the above topic. The Hawaiian motto states, "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono," "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness."

Written  
Testimony

The KSCP supports this motto in its ability to perpetuate the land but it's people in providing sustainability to families, small business and the community as a hold. The KSCP provides and preserves a balance in keeping the country country at the same time allowing for growth.

Many family dwellings consist of 2 - 4 households. This is partially due to not only the lack of housing available but also the cost of housing. KSCP will provide affordable housing and decrease the congestion of multiple family generations living within the same.

Aproving KSCP to move forward allows for controlled healthy expansion and a place for our children, our children"s children, etc, to live in Hawaii and perpetuate the life of the Land.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Mahalo

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