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Dear Council Members:

I strongly urge you to pass Resolution 06-075, that calls for the Department of Planning and Permits to look into the 20 year old permits that would allow the Oak Tree Investment Group to build 3500 more units at Turtle Bay. The North Shore was a different place 20 years ago. There were no traffic problems, jobs were scarce, and the North Shore was home to a core group of surfers. Very few people wanted to live "way out" on the North Shore.

Times have changed, the North Shore has become a destination for many tourists who, view it as the last bit of country on Oahu. Traffic is a major problem on a daily basis. The housing is being bought up by monied Mainlanders who turn single family homes into multiple vacation rentals. Menial low paying jobs are everywhere if you want to clean up all the illegal vacation rentals or give surf lessons to eager tourists. Jobs in Haleiwa are not being filled because there are not enough people willing to work for low wages.

The plans to develop Turtle Bay would forever alter the North Shore. It would double the population of the Sunset Beach- Kawela Bay area, effectively creating a West Maui cluster in an area where only a 2 lane highway exists. As you know, Kamehameha Highway cannot be widened in many areas. Traffice, sewage problems, and a loss of the last bit of country would be traded for a few menial jobs with a company that has a history of treating their employees unfairly. Furthermore, if the developers plan to build condos and time shares what few jobs that would have benefited the community would disappear. The only beneficiary of this plan would be Oak Tree. The money would not even stay in Hawaii. Is this the kind of legacy we want to leave our children?

To see what is at stake here, I suggest that you start at the south end of the Turtle Bay property and walk north along the beach all the way to the end of the hotel property. It will take you an hour each way. No person raised in Hawaii could walk this stretch without being moved by the beauty. The ocean on the north end remained blue during all the rain because it is still undeveloped there. There was no runoff from grading or sewage spills. It is ironic that some of us want to keep this in its natural state for all to enjoy while others only see an opportunity to make money. I would hope that you all can see that it should not be all about money. We need to preserve this type of area not only for our children, but for our visitor industry, if not we will be just another Miami Beach.

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