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For our City Officials to allow the massive Turtle Bay Expansion development to go forward, with no public input based on a twenty-year-old Unilateral Agreement is high-handed. But there is more. As the permitting process continues to move toward completion, the public is denied access to the documents submitted by the developer; the Corporation Counsel has forbidden the North Shore and Koolauloa Neighborhood Boards from expressing any opinion on the proposed development; City Council is refusing to take action on a resolution that would merely require the DPP to bind the developer firmly to the terms of the Agreement. If they were to pass this resolution, Mayor Hannemann were he to reject it, would be required to give reasons, and if anyone has been MIA in this process it is the Mayor.

Elected city officials lack the courage to stand with their constituents, preferring instead to protect big money developers, but to banish our voice from the process is legally and morally indefensible.

Mayor Hannemann, Donovan Dela Cruz, and City Council, the majority of your constituents want a thorough, public review of this outdated, unenforced Agreement which will require the developer to address conditions as they exist on the North Shore today. Lift the gag order, and set a positive precedent of negating this Agreement. Begin now to make the Department of Planning and Permitting do their real job, protecting the public not the developer. It is time for you to get on the right side of the turning tide of public opinion, which for the first time has become negative on tourist development which takes place at the expense of infrastructure and the needs of residents. Don't you need us to vote for you?

The actions of the administration reveal a fear of litigation, which is irrational, especially when weighed against the costs to the government and ultimately to the taxpayers of providing infrastructure and mitigation as a result of rampant tourist development, not to mention the irretrievable loss of the last areas of rural O'ahu. If even a bit of old Hawaii still exists, it is the North Shore/Koolauloa, and we all have an obligation to those who come after us not to sell it out.

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