

KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

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Mr. Charles Djou, Chair, & Members
City Council Zoning Committee
Honolulu Hale
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Subject: Bill 55 (2006) Ko`olaupoko Zone Change (KSBE-Ha`iku)

Dear Chair Djou and Councilmembers:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club supports the rezoning request of Kamehameha Schools (KSBE) for construction of a preschool on its park land in Ha`iku Valley, ahupua`a of He`eia, identified as Ordinance No. 86-123. Our primary concern is that the school sits alongside Ha`iku Road, which was previously the primary access road to enter Ha`iku Valley. A number of years ago, KSBE allowed its tenant, Marshall Ige, to block off Ha`iku Road.

We have been working on a community-wide effort to establish a cultural preserve in Ha`iku Valley, which would require the reopening of Ha`iku Road. We recently met with representatives of Kamehameha Schools regarding this matter, and have been assured that they will work with us to see that the road is reopened. Part of our effort has been to obtain state funding for repair of the road (and upgrade to City standards) should it be condemned by the City in the future and once again restored as primary access for the valley.

We believe the reopening of this road enables Kamehameha Schools to utilize Ha`iku Road for access to its preschool project, which reduces traffic on Kahuhipa Street in Ha`iku Village. The school meets a worthy public purpose, and this rezoning should be granted.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer comment.

Me kealoha pumehana,

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President