
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING DW AINA LE'A DEVELOPMENT LLC'S CONTINUED BUILDOUT OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE MAUNA LANI RESORT DEVELOPMENT AND WAIKOLOA VILLAGE, AS PERMITTED BY THE STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Land Use Commission Docket No. 87-617 approved,
2 and effective January 1989, reclassified one thousand sixty-two
3 acres centrally located on the Big Island between the Mauna Lani
4 resort development and Waikoloa Village from an agricultural
5 district to an urban district; and
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7 WHEREAS, because the reclassified area receives less than
8 ten inches of rainfall per year, it is not suitable for
9 agricultural development; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Land Use Commission Decision and Order in
12 Docket No. 87-617 also authorized the development of a
13 residential community consisting of one thousand nine hundred
14 twenty-four dwelling units, support facilities, and recreational
15 amenities, including a commercial center, a golf course, a club
16 house, parks and community facilities; and
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18 WHEREAS, additionally, the County of Hawaii's Community
19 Plan designates the one thousand sixty-two acres as Urban
20 Expansion, allowing for medium to high density residential uses,
21 and on December 5, 1996, County of Hawaii Change of Zone
22 Ordinance No. 96-153 permitted one thousand forty-five homes to
23 be built on the one thousand sixty-two acres; and
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25 WHEREAS, on November 25, 2005, the Land Use Commission
26 issued an order that "at least twenty per cent of the project's
27 residential units" shall be offered for sale at prices
28 determined to be affordable by the County of Hawaii Office of
29 Housing and Community Development, provided that in no event
30 shall the gross number of affordable housing units within the
31 one thousand sixty-two acres be less than three hundred eighty-
32 five units; and
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1 WHEREAS, on February 9, 2009, DW Aina Le'a Development,
2 LLC, purchased the one thousand sixty-two acres with all
3 approved entitlements from the prior land owner; and
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5 WHEREAS, on September 24, 2009, the Land Use Commission
6 permitted DW Aina Le'a Development, LLC, to develop the one
7 thousand sixty-two acres, provided that DW Aina Le'a
8 Development, LLC, commence development immediately and complete
9 sixteen affordable units by March 31, 2010; and
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11 WHEREAS, DW Aina Le'a Development, LLC, completed the
12 construction of sixteen affordable units, meeting the County of
13 Hawaii's building inspection standards; however, the community
14 infrastructure facilities were not completed by March 31, 2010;
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17 WHEREAS, DW Aina Le'a Development, LLC, did employ more
18 than three hundred fifty local workers and did invest more than
19 \$25,000,000 with local vendors and contractors during the
20 initial development of the land and construction of the forty
21 affordable units; and
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23 WHEREAS, DW Aina Le'a Development, LLC, has formed
24 marketing and investment partnerships with businesses
25 representing hundreds of individuals in Singapore, Malaysia,
26 Hong Kong, and Japan to participate in the development of The
27 Villages of Aina Le'a by buying tenants in common property
28 interests in the land, thereby holding title and deed as
29 taxpayers, and provided more than \$25,000,000 for the
30 development of the project; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Big Island community desires that the one
33 thousand sixty-two acres be developed as a residential community
34 with at least three hundred eighty-five affordable units to
35 serve the needs of the resort area; and
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37 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, represented by the
38 Legislature, desires that affordable units be built now to
39 provide business for local vendors and to provide employment for
40 local workers; and
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42 WHEREAS, DW Aina Le'a Development, LLC, has committed to
43 continue building three hundred eighty-five affordable units on
44 the one thousand sixty-two acres of residential property



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1 permitted by Land Use Commission Docket No. 87-617 and County of
 2 Hawaii Zoning Ordinance No. 96153, in compliance with the county
 3 of Hawaii Office of Housing and Community Development
 4 regulations; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2011, that the Legislature supports DW Aina Le'a Development
 9 LLC's continued buildout of the permitted development, which
 10 will in turn employ workers, support local businesses and
 11 suppliers, and provide homes for local residents; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Council Chairperson, and
 15 Director of Planning for the County of Hawaii; and the President
 16 of DW Aina Le'a Development, LLC.

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