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# LATE TESTIMONY

March 20, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALII  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON**

**SCR 52, SD1 (SSCR2511), URGING GROVE FARM COMPANY, INC. TO PLACE  
AN IMMEDIATE STAY OF EVICTION AND ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL  
FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TENANTS OF THE KOLOA PLANTATION  
CAMP REGARDING FUTURE PLANS FOR THE PLANTATION PROPERTY AND  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS.**

Committee on Housing  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
9:00 A.M.

Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Ito, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of SCR 52, SD1 (SSCR2511), Urging Grove Farm Company, Inc. To Place An Immediate Stay Of Eviction And Engage In Meaningful Formal Discussions With The Tenants Of The Kōloa Plantation Camp Regarding Future Plans For The Plantation Property And The Development Of Alternative Solutions. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council.


The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge Grove Farm Company to allow Kōloa Plantation Camp tenants to remain on the camp property past the eviction date and then assign the tenants affordable housing units once the company's proposed development project is complete. Kōloa Camp is comprised of century-old homes used as housing for Kaua'i's first sugar plantation. Kōloa Camp is one of the last remnants depicting the plantation lifestyle and culture on Kaua'i.

On Wednesday, March 14, 2012, the Kaua'i County Council voted in favor of Resolution No. 2012-29, Draft 1 Resolution Calling For A Just And Equitable Solution At Kōloa Camp And Requesting Withdrawal Of Eviction Notices By Grove Farm Company To Allow For Exploring Of Alternatives (see attached).

For the reasons stated above, I am in support of SCR 52, SD1 (SSCR2511) and ask for your favorable support.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

  
KIPUKAI KUALII  
Councilmember

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Attachment

COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY OF KAUAI

# Resolution

No. 2012-29, Draft 1

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION AT KOLOA  
CAMP AND REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF EVICTION NOTICES BY GROVE  
FARM COMPANY TO ALLOW FOR EXPLORING OF ALTERNATIVES**

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WHEREAS, Grove Farm Company ("Grove Farm") has served eviction notices on all tenants at Kōloa Camp ("Camp"), also known as "Japanese Camp "C," in Kōloa, Kauai; and

WHEREAS, these tenants comprise 8 households and 13 families and are all long time members of the Kōloa community. They include a crew member of the Hōkūle'a voyaging crew, several Vietnam veterans, an 82-year old grandmother who has lived in her home for 57 years and who worked for Kōloa Plantation, and Kōloa Early School, a preschool, which could lose its existing playground to Grove Farm's development. All but one of the tenant families have roots in Kōloa Plantation. One family worked for McBryde Plantation; and

WHEREAS, Grove Farm plans to develop the 12-acre site into 50 residential homes, some of which will have an "affordable price" of \$280,000; and

WHEREAS, under the current zoning, Grove Farm's plans do not require a re-zoning, a Class IV zoning permit, an environmental impact statement, or a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be many unresolved issues and uncertainties involved in the development of the Camp site, including but not limited to road access, traffic, flooding, septic systems, and impact on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Grove Farm has a long and admirable legacy of charitable giving and supporting the community; and

WHEREAS, Grove Farm has asserted that it is a "triple bottom line company" that takes into account "people, profits, and the planet" in all its decisions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, that it hereby requests Grove Farm to find a way to include all existing tenants in its plans to develop the Camp such that all tenants will be able to continue living at the Camp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grove Farm is hereby requested to withdraw their eviction notices in good faith to allow for a deliberate and thorough examination of alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., and his Administration provide Grove Farm with the appropriate assistance to explore alternative ways to include all existing tenants in the development plans for the site without compromising ethics, the environment, or health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes and appreciates the large and significant legacy of Grove Farm's contributions to Kaua'i and pledges assistance, within the proper exercise of its powers, in finding a just and equitable "win-win" solution for all stakeholders, including Grove Farm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Grove Farm Company; Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr; Planning Director Michael Dahilig; County Engineer Larry Dill; Housing Director Eugene Jimenez; State Representatives Dee Morikawa, Derek Kawakami, and James Tokioka; State Senator Ronald Kouchi; and tenants of Kōloa Camp.

INTRODUCED BY:

/s/ JOANN YUKIMURA

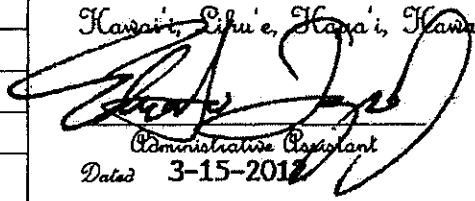
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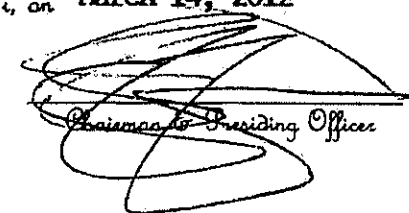
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Kuali'i	X			
Nakamura	X			
Rapozo	X			
Yukimura	X			
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### Certificate Of Adoption

We hereby certify that Resolution No. **2012-29, Draft 1**, was adopted by the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawaii, Eihui'e, Hapa'i, Hanai'i, on **March 14, 2012**

  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Dated 3-15-2012

  
 Chairperson/Presiding Officer

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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

**LATE TESTIMONY**

**Comments:**

Please vote yes to scr52 urging Grove Farm to enter into discussion with the tenants of Koloa Planation Camp. Options are available other than evicting these residents who have lived on the property for decades. Might does not mean right. Grove farm is cruel and unreasonable.

I have been very fortunate to have been raised in the Koloa Camp. I proudly support the efforts made by the residents and the community of Koloa in trying to preserve the History that makes our island what it is. I believe we must honor our past as it defines our future. Change is inevitable but it is important to save the history of our island whenever possible. The Koloa Camp is a very unique place that hold so much history. We should be proud of that history.

Grove Farm's mission statement says that they want to be a responsible steward to its aina, however they refuse to discuss viable options for their demolition of the island's history for their development. There are many issues that surround this development such as displacing life-long tenants, impacting the surrounding homes and land and even access that would take away property from the surrounding homeowners. That is not being a responsible steward to the aina or the community.

In this entire process it has opened my eyes to what Grove Farm stands for. I have been appalled by the unprofessionalism that they have shown during this time. Never have I encountered a company using threatening means to get what they want.

I hope that solution can be discussed by the parties involved as the residents and community is very passionate about preserving these home and the community they call an ohana.

Thank you for your time and I ask for your support. Humbly, Rhiannon Morales

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Aloha Mai to Hawaii state Legislature,

I am writing to you because I live on Kapau Road in Kōloa and I am concerned about the new Grove Farm development project in Kōloa camp for two reasons.

First, I live next to Waikomo Stream which also flows through Kōloa Camp. During last week's heavy thunderstorms, Waikomo Stream overflowed into my yard, destroying my garden and approaching the first step of my house. Kōloa camp area also flooded. However, because Kōloa Camp is an open, undeveloped area in the upper part of Kōloa, it acts as a temporary retaining basin for excess stream overflow. Last week, Kōloa Camp absorbed rain water to prevent catastrophic floods in Kōloa town center and downstream into other residences, including my home. During the January 2012 meeting at the Kōloa Neighborhood Center, Grove Farm said they intend to fill all flood zone areas in Kōloa Camp to provide a flood-free development area. This means that although the new development won't flood, the entire community next to Waikomo Stream below Kōloa Camp will be at risk in the next heavy rains. This diversion of the stream by Grove Farm will devalue property value and increase flood insurance. Alternatively, the current tenants of Kōloa Camp plan to raise their homes to prevent flood damage if Grove Farm accepts their request. Kōloa residents will NOT change the path of Waikomo Stream and will NOT put my home and my property at risk like the Grove Farm development proposal.

Second, my friend, a Kōloa Camp resident, showed me a couple of historical photos inside the buildings in the Kōloa camp. In these pictures you can see the history of the camp in Japanese Kanji characters - how the first Japanese immigrants that came to the Hawaiian Islands to work the plantation lived, and how these Japanese plantation workers built this community and these homes in 1871. These were THEIR homes! The plantation workers that built Kōloa Town created a momentous piece of history that shaped all of Kaua'i. These homes continue to be living history and should not be bulldozed or relocated. These camps should be preserved and used to celebrate the plantation history, a fast disappearing culture in old Kōloa! Tourists do not enjoy Kōloa because it has new tract homes with cemented floodproof walls. It is the quaintness, history, and local culture of small Kōloa Town that makes it not like anywhere else. To me, it is only right that the descendants of the workers that made Kōloa Town

famous be allowed to continue to call Kōloa Camp their home. Most of the current tenants of Kōloa Camp are old timers or long-time residents of this camp with direct ties to the plantation that built this town. These locals have a modest lifestyle and cannot afford the new houses that Grove Farm plans to erect. Grove Farm representatives know this reality, yet continue to use the word “affordable housing” to describe this development. I understand that Grove Farm has to make a buck but “affordable” to who? Although developing for profit, will more expensive housing make Kōloa Town a richer place?

Grove Farm has so much land on Kauaʻi to choose from to develop on. They can make the same profits without disrupting an entire community. Upon closing, I beg you to PLEASE listen to the testimony of the residents that maintain the culture and modest lifestyle that built Kōloa Camp and to consider the community that is at risk downstream from potential development site when making this life-changing decision.

Thank you for your service to the community and for your time today.

Mahalo nui loa

Sincerely yours,

Atsushi Sawada

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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

**Comments:**

Please support Koloa Camp!!! Let's keep going and find a win-win situation for everyone.  
Mahalo, Ken Burch, Anahola



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**LATE TESTIMONY**

Comments:  
Aloha,

I humbly ask for your support in favor of the Koloa Camp Resolution. I truly believe there is an alternative solution to Grove Farm's proposed Waihohonu project other than the destruction of the historic plantation homes of Koloa Camp.

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**LATE TESTIMONY**

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Legislature,

I am a resident of Kauai. I reside in Koloa along with my wife(Dee), and my three kids,(Akime, Hekili,Kalekona). I grew up in Koloa my whole life. It saddens me to see the places I grew around vanish. Now a place I hold dear in my heart is in plans to be destroyed for the sake of a quick profit. I am not agaisnt development,but I am agaisnt destroying part of my towns history.There are other alternaitves. Please vote in favor of the Koloa Camp Resolution.

Mahalo  
Kekoa Dizol

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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

### Comments:

Aloha Representatives, I strongly urge you to support SCR52. I have been a tenant of Grove Farm for the past 24 years, and I recognize the rights of the landowner to do as they see fit with their property, and that includes the right to make mistakes.

But when those mistakes impact others in the community, especially our seniors in their 60's, 70's, and even 80's, and especially in the area of housing, and when they conflict with the rights of others, it is appropriate for our elected officials to ask the landowner to re-examine their course of action.

In the case of Koloa Camp, the landowner, Steve Case's Grove Farm, issued eviction notices to eight residential tenants before it even submitted plans for it's replacement project, Waihohonu, to the county.

Waihohonu has several problems besides the tenant homes. Much of the parcel is subject to frequent flooding as it is bounded on the north by Waihohonu Stream. Vehicular access to Waihohonu is compromised, as the current access to the site is Wailani Rd with a pavement of only 18 ft. In the 4.5 mos since we received our eviction notices, Grove Farm has proposed three different access routes, all with potential pitfalls. Clearly, Grove Farm has been delinquent in its due diligence for Waihohonu. Koloa Camp also has considerable historical significance as Koloa was the site of Hawai'i's first sugar plantation.

Yet the only certain action of Grove Farm is to demand eviction of the tenants. Grove Farm is not a small company. They own 40,000 acres on Kaua'i. But they do not explain why there is no other 12 acre parcel other than Koloa Camp that will suit their needs. It is hard to imagine that a company with that size, and with the creativity and resourcefulness of a Steve Case, can find no other option for it's housing other than to evict the elderly from a compromised parcel, and to destroy a community's history.

I strongly urge you to follow the lead of the Hawaii State Senate and the Kaua'i County Council in requesting Grove Farm to re-examine its plans, and to seek a win-win for Koloa, for Grove Farm, and for Hawai'i. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Comments:  
Mahalo nui loa from Koloa, Kaua`i

# LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha,

I wanted to thank you for introducing resolution SCR52 in support of Koloa camp. We are so grateful for your support.

I am very clear that this matter is viewed as a private issue between tenant and landlord. However, our island community has united to take a stand for their history and their kupuna.

I understand that I have no right to tell a landowner what to do with their property, therefore, the goal of my testimony is simply to inform you that a better solution exists.

In order to create a win-win situation, an alternative has been realized that benefits the environment, the people and the financial investment of the developer.

The parcel of land that Koloa Camp resides on is TMK 2804-01. It is 24.257 acres. In 1990 Ala Kinoiki bypass was designed to cut directly through this parcel creating two separate locations with the SAME TMK number. 11.870 acres on the west is zoned URBAN R-6, this is where Koloa Camp sits. 12.387 acres on the east is zoned AG, a flat unoccupied pasture in a serene area, a far better choice for this proposed development.

By extending the URBAN R-6 zoning to the remainder of TMK 2804-01 we can accomplish three things 1) Provide a better suited location for Grove Farm to develop a 50 unit affordable housing project 2) Prevent the eviction of our camp residents, many of whom are seniors and 3) Allow the preservation of historic Koloa Camp site by selling the camp to long-time tenants with the help of developer Peter Savio.

The AG parcel is a prime location for this housing development because it faces none of the challenges of original plan. It has greater access for vehicular traffic, no historical value, no eviction of residents, no cost to demolish area, no loss of community resources like Koloa early school playground and Koloa canoe club, etc.

By utilizing this extension of urban zoning to TMK 2804-01, there can be a positive solution for all parties involved. Grove Farm would have the opportunity to save money and provide a better value to local families looking to become homeowners. This would allow Grove Farm to build a better project and promote a positive image within the community. Koloa Camp will be saved and tenants potentially offered a chance to purchase their homes at an affordable rate with the help of developer Peter Savio. Plans for this purchase include the historical preservation of this camp, the utilization of energy efficient technologies in the form of solar power and hot water, and the creation of a community orchard.

The real winner is the overall community because this solution provides the most housing opportunities to everyone involved.

I look forward to attending tomorrow to offer testimony on behalf of the camp residents.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via email or my cell  
808-282-3695

Thank you for giving me your time.

Aloha,

Kepa Kruse

Koloa Camp Resident

#### ADDITIONAL RESEARCH FOR REFERENCE-----

### Koloa Camp Family History

Oldest members of the camp.

John Kruse 68

Doreen Jacinto 60

John Patt 66

Catherine Fernandez 82

Joey Pajela 66

MaryAnn Manintin 60's

Eric Medeiros 57

Kenny Burwinkle 72

Additional Research:

Families with historical links to the plantation

KRUSE- John Kruse (68) has lived in the camp 32 years.

My great, great grandfather Wilhelm Theodore Kruse sailed from Brak Und Weser, Germany with his family to bring the first "Steam Plow" to Kauai in 1841. He sailed across the Atlantic and around South America, it took 1 year. He worked for Grove Farm and it took 4 years to pay off the cost of passage for himself and his family. His son (my great grandfather), John August Kruse is who I am named after.

JACINTHO- Louis Jacintho Jr. started working for the Koloa Plantation at age 15. Worked for Grove Farm Co. for 49 years. Moved to the Koloa Camp in 1953, then died in the camp at 88 years old. Daughter Doreen (60) was born and raised in the camp. She has been here off and on for 59 years.

PAJELA- Joey Pajela (66) has been living in the camp for 26 years. Her husband Peter quit school at age 12 to work for the Kekaha Sugar Mill. He continued by working for the plantation in Makaweli for Gay and Robinson from age 24 to 36. They moved to Oahu for 10 years and came back to live in Koloa Camp in 1986. Her Husband and son both worked for Grove Farm for 10-15 years

MEDEIROS- Eric (57) and Leane Medeiros have been a part of this camp for 26 years. In 1982 Eric started working for Grove Farm. They were put into Koloa camp under worker housing in 1986. They raised 2 children here, a son and daughter. Daughter Samantha was born in the camp. Eric ceased working for Grove Farm in 1999.

INOUYE- Ki and Shigoichi Inouye were the oldest original workers in the camp. She came to the camp at the age of 21 and died in the camp at the age of 93. Over the course of 72 years, 3 generations of her family have been (and still are) a part of the camp. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren have become part of my extended family as she was my hanai grandmother. Her house is well over 100 years old. Son Marvin is 68. No one residing there now, but the family still has belongings in the house.

MANINTIN- Maryann Manintin (60's) has been in the camp for 17 years. Her husband worked for Grove Farm for 10 years. They live in a multi-generational home at the top of the Camp road.

FERNANDEZ- Catherine (82) and Cereal Fernandez are original workers of this camp. Catherine is 82 years old and has been in the camp for 57 years. The massive lychee tree which shades her flowers was planted from seed 57 years ago when her first daughter was born IN the camp.

RIVERA- Becky Riveras family worked the sugar plantation through McBryde. Her family was raised in "new mill camp" near Brydeswood. Her Father worked for McBryde for 45 years until he retired as a head supervisor.

Added info:

Hazel bukoski (80's)/James Viado (60's)- Grama Hazel had been using an ag lot to plant flowers for years. She uses the narrow Wailani road to walk to church and the store everyday. Her son James now now looks after the lot.

Solomon/Ruth POTTS- Both in their 60's. They run the Koloa Canoe Club and lease an ag lot for growing vegetables.



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Among these families are the people who make up the many facets of our community. Many of them are senior citizens, Vietnam veterans, some are cultural heroes, etc.

Here are a few more ways this project will affect the community.

The Koloa Canoe Club is another resource of this community that will be lost. The club provides a healthy and positive activity for our youth. This encourages team work and cultural identity of our polynesian roots.

The Koloa Early School will lose its playground. The proposed development by Grove Farm will erect a new modular home directly on TOP of the current playground. According to Koloa Early School director Rona lee Eckberg, the playground will be moved to the front of the school. The density of vehicular traffic of the school and hongwangi creates a dangerous situation for these children. The school also recently purchased new equipment for the playground but is holding off on installation due to potential loss of property and resources.

The proposed 8,000 cubic yards of fill that will be used to elevate the camp above the flood fringe will also displace water into the adjacent side of waihohonu stream. That means that when it floods, the displaced water will flood the Koloa Ball park.

You also have a potential legal action from residents downstream when that newly displaced water floods their property.

The access road to this camp is on Wailani Road. According to county records, this road is 18 feet wide with a 30 foot "Road widening reserve". However, the current measurement of property line to property line is only 24 feet. The necessary improvements to the road to handle the 100+ cars of this new development would require wailani residents to lose part of their property. And even if they simply pave up to the property line, it will displace residents who currently use the road to park their vehicles. Most nights one would find 7-15 cars using wailani road to park.

Many young children use wailani road to play and ride bikes. Many of our seniors use Wailani road to walk to church or the store.

In the event of an emergency evacuation scenario, Wailani road is not a suitable roadway for people and an extra 100+ vehicles to safely exit the area in a timely manner.

All of the vegetation in Koloa Camp will be destroyed to clear land for the proposed development. Multiple 100+ year mango trees, huge lychee trees, papaya, banana, taro,

koa, vi, many home gardens... all will be lost. These trees are all part of a bigger picture. The root systems stabilize the river bank during floods, the fruits and vegetables are a food source of this community and a household garden is a valuable educational resource for the children in this area.

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This proposed development by Grove Farm will impact the community in so many ways. The environmental, social and financial ecosystem of Koloa is a delicate balance of people, culture and resources. This project, although positive in nature, will do more harm than good.

The support for these new affordable homes is limited to the idea of affordability itself, NOT, I repeat NOT the location of these homes. This project would have support regardless of where the location is.

The biggest win win situation possible would be for Grove Farm to use an alternative location to build this affordable housing project and sell the camp the tenants. The sale would give Grove Farm additional capital to pour into their new project. The camp residents would get a chance to purchase the land they and their families have worked and lived on at an affordable rate. This scenario would create the most housing opportunities possible and the community would be the biggest winner of all.

I hope this info can help inform people about why this place is so special. I truly believe that Koloa Camp is part of the "living history of Hawaii".

Aloha,  
Kepa