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Testimony for JDL 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM SR19

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Submitted by: Kapa Kruse
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Submitted on: 2/28/2012

Comments:
Aloha,

I wanted to thank you for introducing resolutions SR19 and SCR52 in support of Koloa camp. We are so grateful for your support. Upon reading the resolutions, it appeared that there may be a more effective way of providing a positive solution to all parties involved.

I respectfully ask that the resolution be changed to offer a new and innovative solution to this emotional situation.

If the ultimate goal is to provide more housing opportunities for this community, I truly believe this is possible without having to destroy an important part of our history.

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 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 hotwater, 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 sincerely ask that if there were any way to change the resolution to reflect this solution, that it be taken into consideration.

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

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Comments:

This testimony is in opposition of SR 19 & SCR 52.
I am a resident of Koloa Camp and support Kepa Kruse's testimony on behalf of the camp residents.
We want to stop the eviction process and ask for a public hearing for the community.
What does "assign the tenants to designated affordable homes" mean?
We respectfully ask for support for Peter Savio to purchase the property on our behalf.

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Submitted by: John Patt
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Comments:

Aloha Kakou, Thank you for support of the Koloa Camp tenants. Grove Farm has the right to do what it will with its property. But as a senior citizen, and long term member of the Koloa community, I have the right to say it is wrong for the island's largest landowner to foist gratuitous and ill-conceived plans on Koloa especially when those decisions impact the life and livelihood of senior citizens and elders, as well as the taxpayer, and when the landowner has alternative options for development. Grove Farm has issued eviction notices before it has even submitted plans for its Waihohonu project to the County. Waihohonu is the 50 unit modular housing project which Grove Farm plans to build on the site of the demolished Koloa Camp.

Taxpayers have an interest in affordable housing. A lack of affordable housing leads to numerous problems which invariably cost the taxpayer his or her hard earned dollars. The taxpayer therefore has a vested interest when a landlord eliminates affordable housing, and when there are serious reasons to believe that the purported "replacement housing" will never materialize. Such is the case with Koloa Camp.

Vehicular access to Waihohonu would be via Wailani Rd. Wailani Rd is a narrow substandard road with serious line of sign and flooding issues. The pavement, which Kepa Kruse, Becky Rivera, and myself measured at multiple locations is no more than 18 ft wide. The right of way on paper is 30 ft. If the County were to approve Waihohonu, it must bring Wailani Rd to standard which would require a 44 ft right of way, and the taking of 7 ft from each of the approximately 25 homeowners. This will not happen! The second option is for the County to grandfather Wailani, and triple the traffic on an already compromised roadway with attendant disregard for the safety of the residents, their elders and children. This too is not realistic! The only realistic choice is for the County to deny Grove Farm its access via Wailani, which means the project will not be built until the access issue is solved, if ever!

With this very likely scenario, the taxpayers should not have to endure the destruction of essential extant affordable housing at the hands of Grove Farm's abject proposal!

Finally, it is important to point out that Grove Farm's callous and gratuitous eviction of its long term and elderly tenants at Koloa Camp, and its blatant disregard for the well-being of it's Wailani Rd neighbors, flies in the face of the company's Vision Statement which designates the company as "a leader in social entrepreneurship and island-enhancing initiatives." Grove Farm can either be a leader in social entrepreneurship, or it can foist Waihohonu on an unwelcoming community. It can't do both!

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Comments:

They worked very hard, then lost everything. I know how hard that is to go through. This is the right thing to do!

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Comments:
Senators,

I am in support of the testimony provided by Kepa Kruse regarding the Koloa Plantation Camp. Please join in by approving his efforts to bring about a win win result for the land owner, Koloa Plantation Camp Tenants and the Koloa Community.
Thank You for your consideration.

Louis Abrams

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Comments:

I live in the neighborhood across the river from the proposed development. Grove Farm proposes to bring the Camp site to above flood level. Displacing the water will cause my neighborhood to flood. Grove Farm should have a plan in place with the county and be seeking permits before evicting the tenants.

TESTIMONY for S.R. NO. 19 JDL ON February 28, 2012 IN ROOM 016 AT 11:00 A.M.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.R. 19 (2012) RE: URGING GROVE FARM COMPANY TO ALLOW KOLOA PLANTATION CAMP TENANTS TO REMAIN ON THE PROPERTY PAST THE EVICTION DATE AND TO ASSIGN THE TENANTS TO DESIGNATED AFFORDABLE HOMES DEVELOPED AT KOLOA PLANTATION CAMP.

Aloha Chairman Hee and JLD Committee members:

My name is Phyllis Coochie Cayan and I am in support of this resolution for the families at Koloa Japanese Camp-C to not be evicted until there is a permit and a development plan that will also include these families.

This is the last of the plantation camps in Koloa that is intact. The endangered Koloa Duck lives and nests there and is listed on the federal endangered species list. There are burials located in the yards of at least three homes there – and those families have long cared for them. Those burials are over 50 years old and will need to be addressed in the historic preservation laws.

Personally I thought the plan by Peter Savio to purchase the land and allow the tenants to continue residing there to be the best way to save the last plantation camp in Koloa. There's a big sign that says Welcome to Historic Koloa and yet the last plantation camp is being planned for demolition. Grove Farm can still reconsider its decision not to sell to Savio. Savio did a similar purchase for the Pamoho Camp on O'ahu and those families are still intact and able to live in their plantation homes.

There can be a better resolution for the last plantation camp at Koloa – hopefully you all as legislators can effect that solution before the eviction date.

Mahalo for hearing my mana'o.