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Diane Zachary	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have had the opportunity of working with community members from Kauai's west side for the past ten years. While the area is rich with aloha and community spirit, there are few economic opportunities and limited recreational venues. The proposed Waimea Sports Complex will offer the best of both worlds - a fabulous venue to offer a range of sporting events in the west side's dry climate and a stimulus for new economic activities to benefit residents. It will provide facilities to improve community health and well-being and serve as an attractor for visitors who participate in sports events at the complex. I urge your support of this resolution - and hope you will become a partner in making it a reality. Diane Zachary Kapaa, Kauai

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Stephanie Iona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a native Hawaiian, mother of two, and a Manager at the only hotel in Waimea for the last 8 years, I am in support of the Waimea sports complex. Many years ago on Oahu the city and county of Honolulu supported the construction of the sports complex on the ewa plains. A vision of providing a gathering place to have baseball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track for our youth, families and military to enjoy became a reality. Today our islands have seen national little league titles achieved. Hawaii must continue to support in our rural areas these type of venues for statewide utilization. We ask the committee to look favorably on this site as a future stimulus for economic growth on Kauai, a driving force for community based events, and more importantly, a key in keeping our youth connected to the right values in life by their participating in healthy activities. Mahalo, Stephanie Iona

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit testimony to SUPPORT the Waimea Sports Complex.

Having a child that participated in sports year round, I have traveled to sports tournaments around Hawaii and the continental US. I have always felt that Waimea would be an ideal spot for a sports complex. With very little rain, lots of unused open land and a community in which almost every resident has a link to someone participating in a sport, not only will you get the support for a facility like this (as proven by the number of people attending the community meeting for the sports complex at the Waimea Theatre), but it would solve the problem of the declining economy on the Westside

With a strong business background, I know that if you plan, manage and market a business correctly, it will succeed. You cannot stop at just building the park. It has to have proper management and marketing. An idea like this has so much potential. We could become the focal point of venues not only statewide but even nation or worldwide. The Waimea High School Softball Team holds a tournament every year that attracts dozens of teams statewide. The UH Softball girls held a clinic at the Waimea Canyon Park last year and the UH Coach stated to me that he would love to do that every year. While sitting on the Board of the Waimea Youth Baseball Association, we hosted several tournaments over a number of years. Parents from the outer islands always expressed their excitement to come to Kauai. They frequently told us that they travel several times a year for sports, and the weather on the west side is perfect for the tournaments. They were never disappointed with the hospitality and venue.

The cost to build the park scares a lot of people. 40 million dollars is a lot of money. But if it's done in phases, made to be self-sustaining with proper planning, management and marketing, the return will eventually be profitable.

Again, I would like to extend my 100% SUPPORT for the Waimea Sports Complex. I am available to answer any further questions you may have.

Thank you.

Guy and Shawn Ishihara
Westside Residents
Ishihara Market, Ltd, Owners