

From: [Daniel Molina](#)
To: [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HONOKEA WEST - Support
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:10:12 AM

Aloha,

Dear Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Honokea West Project in Kalaeloa, Oahu. This transformative project, spearheaded by Brian Keaulana, promises to be a beacon of cultural preservation, athletic excellence, and community engagement. As a friend and supporter of the project, I urge the HCDA to extend lease negotiations to ensure the realization of this visionary endeavor.

Honokea West represents a unique opportunity to blend Hawaiian culture and Olympic sports, creating a world-class facility that honors the Keaulana family's legacy. The project's focus on ocean safety, youth programming, job creation, and cultural education will undoubtedly benefit the local community and the broader Hawaiian society.

The project's commitment to sustainability and cultural reconnection is particularly commendable. By repurposing former military land into a vibrant community space, Honokea West will not only provide essential athletic resources but also serve as a hub for cultural exchange and preservation.

I believe that Honokea West has the potential to be a model for future development projects in Hawaii, integrating Hawaiian values into every aspect of its operations. I am excited about the prospect of Honokea West becoming a gathering place where families and friends can enjoy sports, cultural activities, and ocean experiences rooted in Native Hawaiian traditions.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the Honokea West Project and urge the HCDA to extend lease negotiations to bring this visionary project to fruition. Thank you for considering my testimony.

An honor to serve,



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Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

I'm in support of this build out because it will give the next generation of Hawaii to compete and practice at the highest level

From: [Oren Schlieman](#)
To: [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Brian Keaulana's Honokea West
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:11:53 AM

I strongly support the project. It's good for our kids, good for our adults and good for Hawai'i.

Aloha,

Oren Schlieman

From: [Ray Aivazian III](#)
To: [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Honokea West
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:14:22 AM

Aloha and good morning,

I would like to see Brian Keaulana's vision for the Honokea West project come to fruition. The Keaulana legacy should be carried on and solidified in a controlled classroom environment where surfers and other watermen and waterwomen can gather to protect and preserve Hawaiian surf culture for the future. As Mr. Keaulana has stated, "Honokea West will integrate Hawaiian values into every aspect of our operations in order to preserve our surfing, lifesaving, and Hawaii's ocean traditions for the future. The project will offer social and cultural programs for schools, teaching Hawaiian surf history and water life safety, key cultural identity markers, as well as numerous activities promoting outdoor physical education, ocean conservation, and sustainability. It will be an asset for future generations to carry on the Hawaiian Lifesaving Legacy. These facilities will also provide water film studios critical for the State's growth in the film industry as we look to diversify from tourism. Honokea West will be a gathering place for the community, where Native Hawaiian culture and values will provide the framework for surfing, sports, and ocean safety experiences that families and friends can enjoy. As the birthplace of surfing and beach Volleyball, Hawai'i must continue to thrive in these areas with first-class training facilities. This facility will be equipped to train the next generation of Olympic athletes in surfing and beach volleyball but also rock climbing, swimming, BMX, skateboarding, triathletes, and kayaking. It provides an inclusive environment for adaptive athletes who can't use natural facilities such as the ocean. I am strongly in support of this project and the opportunities it will create.

Project Benefits:

- Provides essential athletic resources for the community.
- Enhances ocean safety through year-round courses for all ages and skill levels.
- Creates over 200 full-time jobs.
- Offers youth programming opportunities.
- Establishes a controlled surfing environment for adaptive surfers.
- Supports the growth of Hawaii's film industry with water film studio facilities.
- Preserves and promotes Hawaiian ocean culture.
- Equips local surfers to compete globally with access to modern training facilities.
- Serves as an educational resource for ocean education.

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

My name is Jackie Lucas and I support the Honokea West project.

The Honokea West project will bring local jobs, use land that is otherwise seen as desolate and unusable, create a community space that has something for everyone, as well as provide top of the line training facilities that local athletes can access.

Although surfing is part of this project, I believe it is important for the masses to understand that it is not just about surfing, or development. This project is more than that. It is about a community space that restores the land, paying homage to native Hawaiian culture and preservation. It is about providing a space for recreation, development, fun, and accessibility.

Imagine a place where Hawaii could host the olympics; and have a facility that local athletes can train at for beach volleyball, surfing, ocean safety, and more.

I also believe that it is important for people to understand the facts about the project contrary to stipulation and hear say.

The Honokea West project is fixing leaks in an 80-year old water system. By doing this, the system can save as much water as used, so there is no impact to underground water sources and aquifers. The project does not use or connect to Board of Water Supply (BWS) drinking water. The project also has advance water reduction designs including large scale rain catchment and storage, use of low-flow equipment and devices, and restoration of drought resistant native landscaping.

The project is privately funded. It is not being paid for by the state, or tax payers money.

The archeological inventory study performed by the Hawaiian Burial Counsel has concluded it to be a safe area.

The Environmental Assessment, an 1800 page document, has been completed in due diligence for the project and was found to be non-impactful.

The project in partnership with Hui Ku Maoli Ola will restore the area by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native landscape that is appropriate for the area, focusing on drought resistance.

The project will provide more than 200 local jobs to the community.

This project is something to look forward to; a project that highlights Hawaii's culture, values and responsibilities to be good stewards of the land. I therefore support the Honokea West project.

Mahalo,
Jackie

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Project Name

Hi-Rescue

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

I support this project and feel it'll be great for our industry and community. Mahalo

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Project Name

Honokea West: HCDA Kalaeloa Agenda - III.2

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha mai kakou, I support the extension of the exclusive negotiations agreement and right of entry agreement between HCDA and HK Management LLC for additional 3-month period. As a cultural descendant from Kalaeloa and raised in Honouliuli, I have been raised with a deep appreciation and dedication to preserving and perpetuating Native Hawaiian traditions. It is within the cultural perspective that I wholeheartedly support Brian Keaulana's vision for the Honokea West project. The Keaulana legacy is one that must be upheld and perpetuated, and the project offers an ideal platform for this. By establishing a controlled classroom environment, a range of users include world-class to newly emerging watermen/waterwomen, surfers, and other can convene to safeguard and promote the unique aspects of surfing as a traditional Hawaiian practice in a contemporary setting. Honokea West will be a training center that will provide opportunities to improve and enhance lifesaving techniques for ocean safety as well as provide an exemplary opportunity for future generations of surfers from Hawaii to hone their skills to first and foremost establish a sense of strong identity and confidence as well as pride to then share and compete locally and internationally. Honokea will be a hub for social and cultural activities and promote outdoor recreational activities, ocean conservation, and sustainability. It will be an invaluable resource for perpetuating the Hawaiian Lifesaving Legacy and foster a sense of kuleana. Honokea is also an opportunity to generate economic well-being that is intended to be fostered and reinvested back into local economies. In summary, I am unequivocally supportive of the project and the request to extend the agreement so that HCDA as the landowner and the authority can continue to work towards mutual beneficial goals with the Honokea team. Mahalo piha, Kawika

From: [keakacleveland](#)
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Project Name

Honokea

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha, my name is keaka cleveland and I support honokea project due to its impact it will have on our community and the keiki. Mahalo

From: [Chloe Lozano](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] HONOKEA WEST
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Aloha Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Board,

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Kind regards,

Dr. Chloe Panizza Lozano

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I acknowledge that the 'āina on which we gather at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is part of the larger territory recognized by Indigenous Hawaiians as their ancestral grandmother, Papahānaumoku. I further recognize that generations of Indigenous Hawaiians and their knowledge systems shaped Hawai'i in sustainable ways that allow me to enjoy these gifts today. For this I am grateful. I seek to support the varied strategies that the Indigenous peoples of Hawai'i are using to protect their land and their communities, and I commit to dedicating time and resources to working in solidarity.

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Honokea West
Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
I support this project

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Honokea west project
Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
Please support this important project, It will be a great asset for water safety training ,Film production, school activities And so much more. In addition it will provide employment for hundreds of people. A win win for Hawaii !!

From: [BryanSpicer](#)
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Project Name

Honokea West project

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

In strong support of the Honokea West project for this cultural and Olympic training center. This project will help grow and benefit the Hawaiiin community and our future athlete's.

From: [ElisabethWilson](#)
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Project Name

Honokea West project

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Awesome facility for athletes training for Olympics and wonderful opportunity for Hawaii residents to experience and enjoy a world class facility. The facility will attract residents, tourists and athletes from all over the world to train at the facility.

From: [Anna Bruton](#)
To: [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HONOKEA WEST
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:55:17 AM

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,
Anna Bruton

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Project Name

Honokea West Project

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

I am in support of the Honokea West Project. It is of great importance to create and build the future of Watermen and Waterwomen for a multitude of reasons. First is safety. Moving forward, more tourists and visitors of the island will naturally flock to Hawai'i to visit our beautiful and pristine coastal areas. However, many will fail to factor in the hazards and dangers that come with swimming at our beaches. Creating a wide net of skilled watermen could help lower the rates of injuries and fatalities to visitors unfamiliar to certain areas of Hawai'i with even a simple warning and explanation of the beaches. Another reason is jobs. With the difficulty that comes with living in Hawai'i, finding jobs that cater to the cost of living here is continuing to become scarce. With the versatility that the Honokea West Project pursues, you are looking at a multitude of different jobs that will allow local people to continue living within the home we grew up in. Watermen, lifeguards, surfers, swimmers, are just the tip of the iceberg. Extending to the film industry, you have cameramen, actors, producers, directors, and many other film-making occupations that would be in play to create film and television from major networks. Then you would have historians, archaeologists, and anthropologists working to preserve culturally significant areas that would be a part of the property, which in return would be one less controversy that you would have to deal with because Hawaiian people would know that we are taking care of our own. There are way too many upsides to this and failure to support this project will result in failure to capitalize on a mutually beneficial opportunity for everyone. Mahalo nui for your time.

From: [MericiaPalma Elmore](#)
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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

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I am strongly in support of this project and the opportunities it will create.

Mahalo,
Mericia Palma Elmore

From: [Jeffrey James](#)
To: [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)
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Sincerely,

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March 5, 2024

To: The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)

Re: Testimony in Support for the authorization for an Additional Three (3) Mont Period, regarding the Honokea West Project.

Aloha HCDA Board,

Operating Engineers Local 3 supports the authorization for an Additional Three (3) Mont Period, regarding the Honokea West Project.

Honokea West brings world class recreational and sporting facilities to Hawai'i. Located in Kalaeloa, on O'ahu's west shore, Honokea West is a place grounded in Native Hawaiian culture and values, providing a variety of surfing and non-surfing experiences for the whole family.

A new breed of high-performance wave pool facilities are bringing real waves to new places across the globe. Honokea West will be the first of this caliber in Hawai'i - the birthplace of surfing, providing access for Hawai'i's athletes to train and compete at an international level year-round. The facility will be equipped to house future Olympic training in other sports as well, including rock climbing, beach volleyball, skateboarding and more. The facilities will cater not only to elite athletes, but bring wellness, fitness, and lifesaving training to people of all ages, keiki to kupuna.

We humbly asked for your approval.

From: [Arlene Campbell](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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Thank you,

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Do you support or oppose?
Support
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Support this great project 100%

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Project Name

Honokea West Project

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Being a surfer and disabled vet, this would give more options for myself and people like me.

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Project Name

Honokea

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

My name is Daniel and I live in Manoa. I am writing in support of plans for Honokea West in Kalaeloa.

I see Honokea as a rare development in that it provides opportunities for the community while also respecting and promoting culture, and environment.

This project is headed by a team that I trust as stewards of the land that will always prioritize the needs of the community. Their plan clearly shows that they have been mindful of environmental impact and will operate in a sustainable manner.

As a training facility for several olympic sports, the project will allow opportunity and give direction to our children for years to come.

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To: [DBEDT HCDA Contact](#)
Subject: Testimony for Kalaeloa Project
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:05:31 AM
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March 5, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Aloha Board Members,

Subject: Kalaeloa Project

I am writing to you in support of the Extension of the Exclusive Negotiations Agreement. I am concerned HCDA has not finalized the Lease Agreement yet. I am also disappointed that I need to point out the following information:

As part of the Staff Report, Pg. 4 of the Colliers Broker Opinion of Price and Rent Analysis, Market-Sales Comparable Approach is flawed, therefore the premise for decision making and lease negotiations are also flawed. The staff report is comparing apples to oranges.

- The 4 projects used as comparable samples are not within the Kalaeloa district.
- Hoakalei Resort is zoned as a resort use with all pertinent infrastructure of which has the highest land value.
- The 3 Ho'opili projects are zoned mixed use, with a Transit-Oriented-Development overlay of which has the highest land values.

I am disappointed, HCDA does not know the difference. Instead, the projects that should be compared to are like the following projects within the Kalaeloa district:

1. Dan Akaka Veteran's Center
2. Ka'Ulu Project by Gentry
3. DHHL Home Lands Solar
4. Aloha Solar Energy Fund

I am worried HCDA does not know the difference. I suggest the Authority form a permitted interaction group (PIG) to include the Kalaeloa members. The members alone have more experience in project planning for the Kapolei/Kalaeloa district than the HCDA staff. I am confident the PIG will be able to help the staff finalize the lease negotiations.

Sincerely,

Kurt Fevella

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This is a good project for Hawaii and for our families.

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Hawaii Community Development Authority
Kalaelo Board Meeting
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Agenda Item III (2): Honokea West Project
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Aloha HCDA Board Members:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a nonprofit organization that represents the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state with approximately 6,000 members, in addition to more than 250 diverse contractors ranging from mom-and-pop owned businesses to national companies.

Pacific Resource Partnership writes in **strong support** of the Honokea West project being proposed by HK Management, LLC in Kalaelo (Property TMK (1)-9-1-13-68).

The Honokea West project will provide a gathering place for community for outdoor recreation and training for surfing, sports, and ocean safety experiences that families and friends can enjoy. As the birthplace of surfing and beach volleyball, Hawai'i must continue to thrive in these areas with first class training facilities. This facility will be equipped to train not only the next generation of Olympic athletes in surfing and beach volleyball, but also rock climbing, swimming, BMX, skateboarding, triathlete training and kayaking. Also, it will provide an inclusive environment and accessibility for adaptive athletes who are unable to use natural facilities such as the ocean.

Moreover, the Honokea West project will create construction jobs for Hawaii's residents paying them a "living wage" with benefits. These types of jobs provide residents with an opportunity to afford Hawaii's high cost of living, keep residents off welfare and other government assistance programs, stimulate the local economy, and provide economic stability for workers and their families. Other economic benefits of the project include the creation of permanent jobs for the region, rental income for State lands, general excise and income tax revenues and property taxes for the State of Hawai'i and City and County of Honolulu.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests HCDA's favorable decision on this project.



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This is an amazing project. Zero impact on the environment. 200 jobs. Olympic training facility. All wrapped in the education of our beautiful Hawaiian culture.

Sincerely,

Edward Murley



Working together for Kapolei

March 6, 2024

Chason Ishii, Chair
Hawaii Community Development Authority
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RE: Honokea Surf Villages Project

Aloha Chair Ishii and members of the Authority:

My name is Kiran Polk, and I am the Executive Director of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce. The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses in the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses in the Kapolei region including Waipahu, Kapolei, Ewa Beach, **Kalaeloa**, Nanakuli, Waianae and Makaha. The Chamber works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to improve the regional and State economic climate and help Kapolei businesses thrive. We are a member- driven, member-supported organization representing the interests of all types of business: small, medium or large, for profit or non-profit businesses or sole proprietorship.

The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is **in support** of the Honokea West Surf Villages Project being proposed by HK Management, LLC in Kalaeloa. The Honokea West Project will be an economic driver for the Kapolei region, generating over 200 jobs, stimulating growth. As a premier destination for locals and visitors alike, Honokea West will also support local small businesses, aligned with the regenerative tourism model infusing dollars into our west side economy. Also distinctive to the Honokea Project is the promise to provide water film studios critical for the State's growth in the film industry as we look to diversify from tourism. The Honokea West project will also be a first-class training facility and will be equipped to train the next generation of Olympic athletes in surfing and beach volleyball, but also rock climbing, swimming, BMX, skateboarding, triathlete training and kayaking. Last but not least, the Honokea Surf Villages Project will not only be a much-needed economic stimulus for the region, but it also will be a mecca where surfers and other watermen and waterwomen can gather to protect and preserve Hawaiian surf culture for the future, realizing Brian Keaulana's vision right here in Kalaeloa.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to share our support for this project.

Respectfully,

Kiran Polk
Executive Director

March 5, 2024

**Public Testimony Submitted on Behalf of HK Management LLC for the March 6, 2024
Meeting of the Kalaeloa Board**

Hawai'i Community Development Authority ("HCDA")
Kalaeloa Board
547 Queen Street
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Dear Kalaeloa Board,

This public testimony is being submitted on behalf of HK Management LLC ("Honokea") in relation to Agenda Item #2 for the March 6, 2024 Kalaeloa Board Meeting. The HCDA Staff Report requests the Kalaeloa Board (the "Board") determine whether to authorize the extension of the Exclusive Negotiations Agreement ("ENA") and Right of Entry Agreement ("ROE"), each dated March 15, 2021, for an additional three (3) month period in order for HCDA and Honokea to complete negotiations on terms of a Ground Lease between the parties. The ENA and ROE are both in relation to a 19.4 acre parcel owned by HCDA referred to as "Lot 13073-C" located on the Ewa side of Coral Sea Road, mauka of the Kalaeloa Heritage Park, in Kalaeloa, Hawai'i, identified as Tax Map Key (1) 9-1-013:068 (the "Property").

Honokea requests, at a minimum, that the ROE and ENA are extended for the three (3) month period. Honokea would like to speak during the Board Meeting so that it can present its position, and answer any questions the Board may have.

For approximately eight (8) years, Honokea has worked hard to design and plan a development on the Property that would include a world-class surf lagoon, and training facilities for eight different Olympic sports (the "Project"). This enormous effort has involved planning with community stakeholders, G70 and other consultants, the creation of a Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment, and the expenditure of significant resources and funds to date.

The Honokea team envisions a cultural and sport center that will be a major attraction for both residents and visitors. This will be a place where water safety and skills can be taught in a safe environment. It will be a place where adaptive surfers can enjoy and practice surfing in a controlled environment. It will be a place where the film industry can count on ideal conditions for movie production. It will be a place where Hawaiian culture and education can be integrated into numerous land and water activities.

The Kalaeloa Master Plan for the Kalaeloa Community Development District states the "Kalaeloa Vision" includes, "creating social value; providing new economic development and employment opportunities, [and] balancing development..." The Master Plan states it wishes to foster, "social and cultural programs and activities," to "promote awareness that the Kalaeloa community is unique and spiritually engaging through community-oriented educational activities," and that there should be "activities that bring kupuna and keiki together." The Master Plan also states the Kalaeloa

Vision as being a place, “where Hawai‘i’s people gather to share cultural knowledge and develop technical expertise, investing in a bright future, while faithfully protecting the living history of O‘ahu.” It also aims to establish, “a network of open space and recreation facilities...” This Master Plan was adopted nearly 20 years ago. HCDA is the *development* authority responsible for fostering development in accordance with the Master Plan. The Honokea Project from its outset has aimed to provide to HCDA and the community exactly what the Master Plan envisions. This approximately \$150 million project would be a boon to the local economy, and would create jobs and opportunities for residents. In a time of declining visitor arrivals and spending, projects like this are needed to support our community.

Despite negotiating in good faith with HCDA over the essential terms of a ground lease for the Property, Honokea and HCDA have been unable to finalize terms sufficient to move forward with discussion of specific Lease language and provisions. For the reasons outlined below, Honokea hereby requests the Board assign a Permitted Interaction Group or put another mechanism in place so that negotiations can move forward in a productive manner.

Honokea seeks fair Lease terms and is concerned that HCDA has recently put forward unreasonable and unique requirements while refusing to consider Honokea’s position as a developer. Namely, HCDA relies heavily on a Broker Opinion of Value that does not take into consideration any property leases or transactions that have occurred within the Kalaeloa Community District, including completely ignoring leases between HCDA and other developers. Honokea merely wants to obtain fair market rents and lease terms so that it can continue forward towards obtaining a Development Permit for the project.

Honokea was somewhat taken aback and saddened when it reviewed the HCDA Staff Report for the Kalaeloa Board meeting, particularly as to its recommendation that the Board “**NOT**” authorize the extension of the ENA and ROA for a three (3) month period. (bold underline in original). Honokea has worked for years and has expended significant resources to bring this Project closer to fruition. It has attempted to meet HCDA’s demands as to rents for the Property, funding a demolition fund unlike anything required under other State of Hawai‘i leases, and on other significant items. Even when Honokea has made significant concessions, HCDA has recently been unwilling to move on its position without offering explanation.

1. Brief Background of Negotiations

Detailed Lease negotiations between Honokea and HCDA began approximately two (2) years ago in May 2022. During this two year period there have been many meetings between HCDA and the Honokea team. In just the past two months, Honokea has had five (5) meetings with HCDA staff aimed at moving negotiations towards an agreed upon Letter of Intent. The Honokea team has done all it can to conclude negotiations without the need for Board intervention.

At this point, there are two major outstanding issues: (1) the rental amounts and escalations, and (2) HCDA’s unwavering requirement that Honokea fund a demolition/restoration account for the Project early on in the Term of the Lease. Each of these issues is discussed below.

2. Rent Negotiations

The amount of rent that Honokea will pay to HCDA is obviously a significant issue for both parties. In May 2022, HCDA provided Honokea with a copy of its Lease with Aloha Solar Energy Fund II LLC (“Aloha Solar”) and stated Honokea’s lease would be similar.

The Aloha Solar property is 44.280 acres (about 2 times the size of the Property Honokea would like to improve). HCDA negotiated rents of \$120.00 per month per usable acre during Aloha Solar’s construction period, which was approximately \$2,400.00 per month. Following the construction period, the Aloha Solar lease calls for rents of approximately \$250,000.00 per year, with a 10% increase in year 10, then another 10% increase in year 20, with no increases between year 20 and year 40 of the lease. In comparison, Honokea initially proposed paying \$250,000.00 for a Property containing half of the acreage of the Aloha Solar property. Honokea further proposed a 20% increase in year 10 (as opposed to the 10% increase under the Aloha Solar lease), and another 20% increase after year 20 of the lease (again, which was a much larger increase than required for Aloha Solar). HCDA did not accept this offer, and instead stated it would have an appraisal done in order to determine fair market rents for the Property. Despite a request from Honokea, HCDA has not provided any appraisal or other basis used in negotiating the Aloha Solar lease or for other leases it has entered into in Kalaeloa.

In July 2023, HCDA eventually provided a Broker’s Opinion of Value (“BOV”) that it stated, “...will form the basis for our negotiations regarding lease rent.” This BOV is attached to the HCDA Staff Report as Exhibit A. As an initial matter, the BOV prepared by Colliers International, is not an appraisal and was not issued by a licensed appraiser. *Each page* of the BOV makes clear:

THIS IS NOT AN APPRAISAL: This Real Estate Broker’s Opinion of Price is intended for the sole and exclusive use of the Client and *may not be relied upon any person or entity other than the Client* for any purpose whatsoever. This Real Estate Broker’s Opinion of Price represents only the opinion of Colliers International as to the market price of the Subject Property, subject to the assumptions and qualifications set forth herein. *Colliers International is not licensed to perform real property appraisals.* Accordingly, this Real Estate Broker’s Opinion of *Price does not constitute an appraisal of the Subject Property and has not been prepared in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.* The Real Estate Broker’s Opinion of Price set forth herein is specifically qualified by, and based solely upon, the relevant facts, circumstances, and market conditions that exist as of the date of this Real Estate Broker’s Opinion of Price, and we undertake no obligation to update, modify, or supplement this Real Estate Broker’s Opinion of Price to the extent that such facts, circumstances or market conditions subsequently change.

(emphasis added). Despite this disclaimer language on each page of the BOV, HCDA has refused to accept any rent proposals less than what is contained in the BOV, or to consider reasons why the BOV and its analysis is flawed.

The BOV is significantly flawed in numerous respects. First, the comparable properties used by Colliers in the BOV are differently zoned than the subject Property, allow for apartment, medical, and hotel uses, and are not subject to HCDA jurisdiction or its development standards. These

“comparable” properties can be found on page 4 of the BOV and include commercially zoned land purchased by (i) a bridal company, (ii) Queens Medical Center, (iii) an apartment developer, and (iv) a hotel developer. These properties have no similarity to the subject Property, yet were somehow the basis of the BOV concluding the value of the subject property is between \$8.28 million and \$9.15 million, leading to an initial annual lease rent of \$610,180.

Worse, the BOV did not consider the most relevant comparables ... leases entered into between HCDA and other users of HCDA land, including the recent Aloha Solar lease. In arriving at an initial lease rent of \$610,180 per year, the BOV *makes no attempt to explain why the rents being paid by Aloha Solar are nearly 250% lower than what is being asked of Honokea*. Assuming HCDA leased to Aloha Solar at a fair market value, the initial rent of \$249,996 per year would equate to a land value of \$3,571,371 given a 7% factor of land value. Even if only the 20 usable acres are included, this equates to a value of \$178,569 per acre. When that value is applied to the 19.36 acre subject Property, it results annual rents of \$241,996. HCDA has repeatedly refused to inquire with Colliers as to why the BOV does not consider leases entered into with HCDA in its evaluation, and has denied Honokea the opportunity of even discussing the BOV with its author.

HCDA has insisted that it will not agree to anything other than the rent schedule contained on page 6 of the BOV (Attachment A to the Staff Report), which contains initial annual rents of \$610,180, escalating by an average of 2% per year. In addition, despite Aloha Solar being given significantly reduced rent during the Construction Period under its lease (just \$120 per usable acre per month), HCDA refuses to allow any such structure when negotiating with Honokea.

Another flaw in the BOV is that it does not account for the significant and onerous requirement put forward by HCDA that Honokea fund a demolition/restoration fund within the first 10 years of the Lease. Discussed in detail below, the requirement of this fund significantly affects the economics of the development. Each dollar that is paid into a demolition/restoration fund is one less dollar that Honokea (or any other developer) could pay in rent. The BOV does not account for this at all. Further, HCDA has taken the position on numerous occasions that it will only discuss the rent figures and demolition/restoration fund figures separately, failing to recognize that the economics of the deal change when creating such an onerous requirement.

Honokea does not understand why HCDA relies heavily on the BOV and ignores the leases that it has previously negotiated and entered into with other parties.

3. The Demolition/Restoration Fund

Years into the process and long after Honokea submitted (and HCDA accepted) its Feasibility Study in June 2020, HCDA created the requirement of a demolition/restoration fund. This came as a complete surprise to Honokea, particularly as presented by HCDA. In short, HCDA has taken the position that Honokea must fund an account that would be sufficient to demolish all of the new improvements on day 1 of operation. No developer could meet this requirement.

There are a number of reasons that funding the demolition of the Project on day 1 of operations should not be necessary, particularly in the early years of the Term. First, the proposed improvements will cost approximately \$150 million to construct. The funding for the project will be obtained from banks and private lenders. If the project ever became financially stressed, these lenders would ensure

that HCDA would be paid its rent before all else. In addition, these financial institutions require numerous safeguards and reserves already as conditions to entering into the loans. For example, the USDA will require a reserve equal to 36 months of lease rent. Further, Merrill Lynch will also have significant minimum balances and operational reserves in place. Honokea will also have additional revenue bond authority and other possible refinancing options. In short, with the annual rent being approximately 375 times less than the project cost, it is difficult to imagine a scenario in which the site would be abandoned in its early stages.

Further, in any scenario where the project revenues were insufficient, lenders and investors would do everything possible to avoid the waste of a \$150 million investment. There are numerous other operators who could be put in Honokea's place, and there are many alternative uses for the constructed improvements.

The Aloha Solar lease does provide for a reserve account, but it is nothing like what HCDA is steadfastly requiring of Honokea. Aloha Solar is obligated to "establish a reserve account for the benefit of Lessor, and Lessee shall ensure that such reserve account shall remain open and funded through the Term..." It further provides that during the Construction Period, Aloha Solar must contribute \$400 per month, and then \$800 per month thereafter until the balance in the reserve account is equal to \$200,000. If calculated, this fund would reach the \$200,000 threshold in year 20.83 of the Lease. There is nothing stated in the Aloha Solar Lease that accounts for the \$200,000 fund being increased if restoration cost estimates increase, which is another requirement that HCDA is forcing Honokea to accept.

At this point in negotiations, *HCDA is requiring Honokea put \$4,000,000.00 into a fund immediately, with additional \$1.25 million payments each year during 9 of the early years in the Lease.* During discussions, HCDA has flatly refused to recognize that such a requirement inhibits Honokea's ability to pay higher rents. HCDA has also refused to have the BOV acknowledge that it does not take this landlord requirement into consideration.

The requirement that Honokea have funds to destroy a newly constructed project is unreasonable, particularly when it is not simply aimed at restoring the Property at the end of the Lease term. This requirement is unique to Honokea and cannot be found in any other known leases with HCDA or the State of Hawai'i.

4. Community Support

Honokea's Project is an important part of the development of the Kalaeloa Community Development District and will positively impact the State of Hawai'i as a whole, as well as communities surrounding Kalaeloa. Honokea has received overwhelming community support for the Project from community and industry groups, as well as governmental agencies and individuals.

As of the submission of this letter, Honokea has received hundreds of letters in support of the project. These letters were received at a grass roots level from individuals and organizations in sporting and athletics fields, educational groups, medical and health professionals, film industry stakeholders, cultural practitioners, regional developers, union labor leaders, solar industry producers, and others.

More specifically, in the surf and watersports industry alone, Honokea's project is supported by members of the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association, the Big Wave Risk Assessment Group, the Hawaiian Water Patrol, the Hawaii Water Safety Coalition, Nā Kama Kai, Adaptive Surfing Professionals, Governor Green's Sports Task Force, high school surf team coaches and other surfing professionals including, amongst many, Carissa Kainani Moore, five time world surfing champion and Olympic Gold Medal winner. In addition, the Project is supported by individuals within the Naval Special Warfare Command, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Because this Project will provide economic growth and prosperity to the region and its workforce, Honokea has received support from numerous union and industry supporters including the Hawai'i Construction Alliance, which is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. These groups alone include 15,000 working men and women in Hawai'i's construction industry. In addition, regional developers including Hunt Development and James Campbell Company, and the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce are in favor of the Project coming to fruition. Honokea has also collaborated with lead members in the solar industry so that it can be on the cutting edge of power generation and conservation.

Numerous individuals within State agencies including DBEDT, the Department of Education, the Hawai'i State Film Office, and University of Hawaii are in favor. Numerous politicians within the legislature also understand the importance of this Project and have shown great support.

Finally, because the Project is rooted in Hawaiian culture and education and has sought input on historical and cultural issues from the outset, it is supported by members of the Royal Hawaiian Order, the Wai'anae Moku Kupuna Council, and other cultural practitioners in the community.

Honokea's Project has thousands of supporters. Each of these people hopes that HCDA takes the correct approach in fostering the development of a project that will provide enormous benefit to countless sectors of our community.

5. Conclusion

Honokea has been working towards bringing its Project to fruition for over eight (8) years now. The dream of creating a world class outdoor recreational facility in Kalaeloa should be a common goal of both Honokea and HCDA. This project fits exactly with HCDA's Master Plan, and is backed by individuals who are well respected in the local community.

HCDA is charged with making productive use of its lands and in fostering development in Kalaeloa. It is unclear to Honokea why HCDA is imposing increasing requirements as negotiations progress. We ask that the Board review the situation and provide feedback to both the HCDA staff and to Honokea so that essential terms can be reached in lease negotiations.

At a minimum, we implore the Board to grant at least a 3 month extension to the ENA and ROE so that negotiations can continue forward. Failure to grant that extension would result in an enormous waste of time and resources for both Honokea and HCDA.

Thank you for taking the time to review this submission. We look forward to answering any questions the Board may have during the meeting to be held on March 6, 2024.

Sincerely,

/s/ Keno J. Knieriem

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For HK Management LLC

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Aloha,

I write to express my wholehearted support for the Honokea West project, a visionary initiative designed to bring unparalleled opportunities to our community, particularly benefiting our students and the local Kanaka Maoli. As a cultural and Olympic training center, Honokea West stands not just as a sports facility but as a beacon of hope and progress for the West Side families and the entire region.

The project, which has been meticulously planned over the last eight years, is more than a sports complex; it is a groundbreaking endeavor that aims to foster a solid and sustainable scholastic surfing environment for all schools. This environment will not only teach lifesaving techniques and safety strategies but will also ensure our students have access to top-notch sports facilities, thus keeping them engaged and away from the streets.

The significance of Honokea West extends into the realm of cultural preservation and celebration, particularly for the Kanaka Maoli. By creating a space that celebrates and perpetuates Hawaiian ocean values and the surfing legacy, the project ensures that the rich heritage of the local community is honored and passed down to the next generation. This aspect of the project is especially important as it provides a platform for the Kanaka Maoli to connect with their roots and share their culture with others.

Moreover, the inclusion of the first-ever surfing studio is a testament to the project's commitment to economic development and innovation, promising to help our film industry grow. This, coupled with the creation of 200 local jobs, underscores the project's potential to offer significant workforce opportunities for West Side families, thereby contributing to the economic vitality of our community.

In essence, the Honokea West project is a multifaceted initiative that promises to deliver substantial benefits across various domains - from sports and education to culture and the economy. It is a project

that embodies the spirit of community, heritage, and progress, aiming to provide our local athletes and youth with a world-class facility where they can train, learn, and grow.

I strongly urge the decision-makers to recognize the immense value that the Honokea West project brings to our community and to provide their unwavering support. By backing this project, we are not just investing in a facility; we are investing in our youth, our culture, and our future. Let us seize this opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and the local Kanaka Maoli, ensuring a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

Mahalo,
Spencer Turley

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL FROM ERIC B, GUNTHER:

"I am writing in support of Brian Keaulana's vision for the Honokea West project. I and my company *AECOS* Inc. produced the natural resources assessment for the Honokea Surf Village (now Honokea West) project. The project would utilize a parcel of land at the former BPNAS that presently has no natural resources of value, being much overgrown with non-native plants and highly disturbed from past usage by the military. From our assessment report:

The proposed site is presently more or less broadly level ground of the 'Ewa Plain. The terrain is uneven and rocky with limestone rubble and outcrops typical of karst, although much of the site has been disturbed by past development evidenced by roads..., scattered concrete slabs, and other structures dating to the years when this was BPNAS. No openings in the substratum down to groundwater (i.e., potential karst anchialine features) were observed—extensive disturbance of the ground has likely obliterated any such features that may have existed in the distant past.

Looking at satellite images covering the Project vicinity (Google Earth photo dated 6/20/2019) shows the Project site to be substantially more historically disturbed than almost any other nearby properties...

The following describes the results of our survey of the vegetation:

The Project parcel is a forest of *kiawe* and *koa haole* trees with open areas of disturbed ground...

The survey of plants on the Project site yielded 30 species of flowering plants (no ferns or conifers or their allies were found; see Table 1). Of this number, five (17%) are native species and one (3%) is an early Polynesian introduction. The four indigenous species—*koali'ai* (*Ipomoea cairica*), hoary abutilon or *ko'oloa keokeo* (*Abutilon incanum*), 'ilima (*Sida fallax*) and 'uhaloa (*Waltheria indica*)—are common species on O'ahu in dry and mesic environments. With one exception, these species are moderately abundant across the site; 'ilima is especially common. A single plant of *ko'oloa keokeo* was seen along the road across from the Heritage Park. The endemic native is *kūpala* (*Sicyos pachycarpus*), an annual climbing vine that can be very common in the 'Ewa District at certain times of the year. This vine clammers over the vegetation, flowers profusely, and then disappears early in the dry season, resurrecting from seeds the next wet season. All the plants seen were seedlings or newly extending vines, but very common across much of the site. The only early Polynesian introduced plant is *noni* (*Morinda citrifolia*), a small a small tree valued by some for its fruits with purported medicinal properties and common in the wild. The remaining 24 species (80%) recorded in our survey are all non-natives—species introduced to the Islands after 1778 and since naturalized (that is, spreading in the wild).

This description is of a disturbed area dominated by non-natives, with some native plants regarded as typical (and in places common) across the 'Ewa Plain. None of the sensitive (ESA-listed) plant species known from the area are present, a consequence of the considerable disturbance of the site over many decades. Thus, from both a biological and a cultural perspective, the property can be much improved by the proposed Honokea West project.

With respect to the native fauna, we provided the following in our assessment:

Whether any of the three endangered waterbird species present on O'ahu—Hawaiian Coot (*Fulica alai*), the endemic subspecies of the Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*), and Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata sandvicensis*)—would visit the proposed swimming/surfing lagoons is not easily predictable. In our experience, these birds avoid chlorinated water but do spend time around man-made water features (as at wastewater treatment plants), where [if] crowds of people are not present.

Thus, it seems unlikely the proposed water features could become habitat for these protected birds.

As a commercial venture, the Honokea West project would seem to be a positive use of the land, an improvement over the present condition, a valuable asset with respect to water sports education, and a benefit to the state economy in a location well suited to recreational use.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EG Guinther', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Guinther, ecologist

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My name is Wangjun Suh and I support the Honokea West project.

The Honokea West project will bring local jobs, use land that is otherwise seen as desolate and unusable, create a community space that has something for everyone, as well as provide top of the line training facilities that local athletes can access. This will be a place for the development of the youth of Hawaii.

Although surfing is part of this project, I believe it is important for the masses to understand that it is not just about surfing, or development. This project is more than that. It is about a community space that restores the land, paying homage to native Hawaiian culture and preservation. It is about providing a space for recreation, development, fun, and accessibility.

Imagine a place where Hawaii could host the olympics; and have a facility that local athletes can train at for beach volleyball, surfing, ocean safety, and more.

I also believe that it is important for people to understand the facts about the project contrary to stipulation and hear say.

The Honokea West project is fixing leaks in an 80-year old water system. By doing this, the system can save as much water as used, so there is no impact to underground water sources and aquifers. The project does not use or connect to Board of Water Supply (BWS) drinking water. The project also has advance water reduction designs including large scale rain catchment and storage, use of low-flow equipment and devices, and restoration of drought resistant native landscaping.

The project is privately funded. It is not being paid for by the state, or tax payers money.

The archeological inventory study performed by the Hawaiian Burial Counsel has concluded it to be a

safe area.

The Environmental Assessment, an 1800 page document, has been completed in due diligence for the project and was found to be non-impactful.

The project in partnership with Hui Ku Maoli Ola will restore the area by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native landscape that is appropriate for the area, focusing on drought resistance.

The project will provide more than 200 local jobs to the community.

This project is something to look forward to; a project that highlights Hawaii's culture, values and responsibilities to be good stewards of the land. I therefore support the Honokea West project.

Mahalo, Wangjun

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

I'm submitting testimony in support of the Honokea West project. As the Executive Producer of Rescue: HI Surf I have watched this project with both interest and, to be frank, hope. I am a strong supporter for the film and television industry in Hawaii as a source of ongoing, low impact job creation that supports the primary economic driver in Hawaii, our visitor industry.

One of the challenges of shooting in Hawaii is a lack of stage space. One television series can exhaust most of the state's resources, and when there is a need for shooting water work in a controllable location, there are even fewer options. Water work is one of the most in demand types of production work in Hawaii and there is a desperate need for resources that can support it in a controlled environment.

The management team for the Honokea West project has been diligent in consulting with the various stakeholders, including is in the local film and television industry. The project is led by locals and residents, designed by a local architectural firm, and will be an engine of job creation in and of itself, in addition to supporting Hawaii's primary and many of its secondary industries.

I express my strongest possible support for the project, and sincerely hope the Hawaii Community Development Authority will press for its continued success.

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Honokea West project.

I have a unique perspective in that I met both Keno Knieriem and Brian Keaulana from different communities before I knew about this project. In my neighborhood in Kailua I met and came to know Keno for his outspoken work in building a community around young Hawai'ian entrepreneurs. In my profession I met and came to know Brian for his passionate support in Hawai'ian filmmaking. Both men are upstanding leaders in both culture and love for the islands. Their love and respect of the water runs deep.

I am Production Designer in the film industry. I have worked on a wide array of projects from simple commercials for local businesses to large budget blockbuster films in Hawai'i. I can speak from experience that we are at a disadvantage without an aquatic film studio. Producers choose to bring projects here to film do so because of the incredible beauty and natural resources. They hesitate when they see that there isn't an aquatic studio as well to film in.

In filming on the water, you are at the will of the ocean, the weather, and the winds. It is standard practice to combine filming on the ocean with filming in a controlled aquatic stage environment. Without an aquatic studio here, productions that film on the ocean here spend the rest of their budget elsewhere. Other productions choose to move their filming completely to one place that gives them both the ocean and resources. We saw this last year with Jason Mamo'a's project Chief of War which moved almost all of their filming and budget to New Zealand. Millions of dollars were spent overseas to tell the story of Ka'iana. This pained many of my film brothers and sisters who were excited to tell an indigenous story at such a high level.

I trust Brian Keaulana and the other watermen with my life when we work on the water. Not only would Honokea West provide for the film community directly, but it will impact us all indirectly as a facility to teach and train our watermen. It would give our young surfers a controlled environment to practice and train, keeping them competitive with other surfers who have access to athletic facilities that Hawai'i is without.

I trust our leaders in building Honokea West to be both a world class facility but also a responsible one. Please consider my testimony in support of continuing this much needed development. The founders of this project have

built communities that have impacted us positively. I look forward to experience how Honokea West will positively impact us in the future.

Thank you,

Michael Wagle
Production Designer

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Project Name

Honokea

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha, I am writing in support of the Honokea West Project in west Oahu.

A facility like this would be invaluable not only to our island but the future of ocean sports and ocean safety for generations to come.

In Hawai'i we have hundreds of miles of shoreline where thousands of locals and tourists frequent our beaches each year. Our ocean safety lifeguards are risking their lives daily to ensure the safety of all that frequent the ocean. This facility will provide a place to train lifeguards on life saving techniques in a controlled environment. These watermen and women deserve to have a place where they can safely hone their lifesaving skills. I know we all appreciate all they do and the personal risks they take to protect us as we enjoy the ocean. Our life-savers and rescuers deserve this facility.

Mahalo!

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Project Name

Honokea

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha,
I believe Honokea is vital to film and tv for these islands, as well as providing countless jobs. As an actor I believe that teaching lifesaving techniques & safety strategies, creating a solid & sustainable scholastic surfing environment for all schools to com,more sports facilities for our community is so important - the first surfing studio ever that helps our film industry grow, creates 200 local jobs, give our local athletes a place to train and a first class facility, a place to celebrate and perpetuate Hawaiian ocean values and surfing legacy. But really it's about our kids & the next generation. How do we keep them off the streets.
www.honokea.com

This is so important for these islands.

Mahalo, Makana David

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Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

This cultural and olympic training center will teach lifesaving techniques & safety strategies, create a solid & sustainable scholastic surfing environment for all schools and more sports facilities for our community. It will be the first surfing studio ever to help our film industry grow, create 200 local jobs and give our local athletes a place to train. This first class facility, will be a place to celebrate and perpetuate Hawaiian ocean values and surfing legacy. This is all about our kids, the next generation and keeping them off the streets!

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Project Name
Honokea West
Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
As a geologist in the environmental consulting industry here on Oahu, I support the Honokea West project.



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March 6, 2024

Chason Ishii, Chair
Hawaii Community Development Authority
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RE: Honokea Surf Villages Project

Aloha Chair Ishii and members of the Authority:

Hunt Companies is supportive of a surf park in Kalaeloa. This project will generate over 200 local jobs, help diversify the economy and celebrate the sport of surfing. It would offer additional recreational and educational opportunities for the community as well as provide an environment for athletes to train. Educational opportunities could include teaching surfing and water life safety. A surf park will complement Hunt Companies mixed-use master planned community.

As the Honokea Surf Villages project will provide many benefits to the community and promote Hawaii's surf culture, we ask for your favorable consideration of this project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven W. Colón".

Steven W. Colón
President – Hawaii Region
Hunt Development Group, LLC

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

This project will be great for Oahu and Hawaii. Perfectly located. Good jobs for West Oahu. Great site for recreation and training for athletes. I fully support this project.

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Project Name

Honokea

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

“Indigenuity, or Indigenous ingenuity, stems from an ancient idea and practice that Native peoples have engaged in for millennia. It was born of a careful mindfulness and attentiveness to our planet and all of its creatures, and a recognition that human experience is intertwined with all that surrounds us. As a society, we rarely pay attention to our land, air, and water, exacting a high price for all life on this planet. On Indigenuity is a call for us to learn a key lesson: it’s time to apply ancient Indigenous wisdom to solve modern problems.” - Daniel Wildcat

I open with this explanation of indigenuity because it perfectly explains the purpose of Honokea. We are here to perpetuate a culture in these modern times while also taking into consideration ALL things around us. This project is different than those similar because it closer simulates what we have in nature. This means that for the purpose of training, leisure, and film, we won’t have to further abuse the shores of O’ahu, the surrounding reefs, and waters with all things that cause negative impacts our organic. No, it will not completely mitigate the problems but awareness and alleviation will make a positive difference year over year. So please consider my strong support for the Honokea project as a retired combat veteran, Westside resident, ocean adventurer, and father. Mahalo!

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Do you support or oppose?
Support

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Dear HCDA:

I have served in the State Legislature since 2003, first in the House of Representatives, and currently in the Senate. I submit this testimony in support in my personal capacity. A bill I introduced, SB1412 (2021), authorizes private investments of up to \$95m in special purpose revenue bonds for the Honokea Surf Village. The Honokea Surf Village is being co-developed by well-respected and devoted community leader Brian Keaulana. The surfing community has shared Keaulana's hopes and dreams to build a wave park in Hawaii for decades, and celebrated each amazing milestone he has achieved toward this goal. The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project can be found at this link:
<https://files.hawaii.gov/.../The.../2022-09-23-TEN.pdf>

I support this project for several reasons, including my understanding that:

- 1) The Honokea Surf Village will use brackish water for the wave pool, irrigation, etc. Potable water will only be used for consumption, showering, etc., and it will come from a federal well, not BOWS. (Note: The ability to use brackish water was authorized by legislation which passed after the draft EA was published);
- 2) Kamaaina entry fees for the facility are anticipated to be less than the Kapolei Wet 'n Wild Waterpark, and the wave pool will cost roughly \$4 per wave for Kamaaina;
- 3) The proposed project site is zoned for recreation and open space, and is not suitable for residential use due to its proximity to the airport;
- 4) No tax payer dollars will fund this project;
- 5) The facility will offer training for lifeguards, who can then work for the City, etc.;
- 6) The facility will host DOE students, beginners, people with disabilities, etc. who need controlled environments to learn to surf/surf safely;
- 7) The proposed site is approximately 19 acres, which is too small for an automobile racetrack [note: My understanding is that other groups are hoping to build racetracks at different sites].

8) A 9/24/22 Star-Advertiser article was written without consulting Honokea. My understanding is that the project has sufficient investors, but may provide opportunities for anyone from the general public to invest small amounts if they desire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Aloha,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

My name is Karen Mack Hunt and I support the Honokea West project. I am a public school educator, sport enthusiast, grandparent and community member who who strongly advocates for the many facets of Hawaiian cultural education.

The Honokea West project will bring local jobs, use land that is otherwise seen as desolate and unusable, create a community space that has something for everyone, as well as provide top of the line training facilities that local athletes can access.

Although surfing is part of this project, I believe it is important for the masses to understand that it is not just about surfing, or development. This project is more than that. It is about a community space that restores the land, paying homage to native Hawaiian culture and preservation. It is about providing a space for recreation, development, fun, and accessibility.

Imagine a place where Hawaii could host the olympics; and have a facility that local athletes can train at for beach volleyball, surfing, ocean safety, and more.

I also believe that it is important for people to understand the facts about the project contrary to stipulation and hear say.

The Honokea West project is fixing leaks in an 80-year old water system. By doing this, the system can save as much water as used, so there is no impact to underground water sources and aquifers. The project does not use or connect to Board of Water Supply (BWS) drinking water. The project also has advance water reduction designs including large scale rain catchment and storage, use of low-flow equipment and devices, and restoration of drought resistant native landscaping.

The project is privately funded. It is not being paid for by the state, or tax payers money.

The archeological inventory study performed by the Hawaiian Burial Counsel has concluded it to be a safe area.

The Environmental Assessment, an 1800 page document, has been completed in due diligence for the project and was found to be non-impactful.

The project in partnership with Hui Ku Maoli Ola will restore the area by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native landscape that is appropriate for the area, focusing on drought resistance.

The project will provide more than 200 local jobs to the community.

This project is something to look forward to; a project that highlights Hawaii's culture, values and responsibilities to be good stewards of the land. I therefore support the Honokea West project.

Aloha, Mahalo Karen Mack Hunt

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Honokea West Project
Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
I think this project would be great for our community and future of sports development.

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha,

We are sending our support for the Honokea West project. As a community-based non-profit out of Hawaii, we believe that our athletic facilities to support youth development in sports are critical. We feel that in order for our keiki to be able to reach a higher standard and compete across many sports, the Honokea West project will help us achieve those goals. We are in support!

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Lawrence Smalls
President
Advantage Sports Academy

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Honokea West
Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
I am supporting Honokea West. I am supporting kanaka attempting to repurpose a space that has been in disarray for many years, and turn it into something meaningful and productive.

Letter in Support of Honokea West Project

I, Fred Moore hereby submit this letter in support of the Honokea West project being proposed by HK Management LLC in Kalaeloa (Property TMK (1)-9-1-13-68).

I would like to see Brian Keaulana's vision as co-founder come to fruition. The Keaulana legacy should be carried on and solidified in a place where surfers and other watermen and waterwomen can gather to engage in outdoor activities. As Mr. Keaulana has stated, "Honokea West will integrate Hawaiian values into every aspect of our guest experience and will share our surfing traditions and values."

The project will offer programs for social and cultural education, components teaching Hawaiian surf history and water safety, and numerous activities promoting outdoor physical recreation and togetherness. Our community needs these types of facilities.

Honokea West will be a gathering place for the community, where Native Hawaiian culture and values will provide the framework for surfing and non-surfing experiences that families and friends can enjoy. As the birthplace of surfing, Hawai'i must continue to strive. This facility will be equipped to train the next generation of Olympic athletes in surfing, rock climbing, beach volleyball, skateboarding and others.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at: brevetree276@gmail.com, or 808-478-8482.

I am strongly in support of this project.

Sincerely,

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Date: 3/5/24

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Project Name

Hoboken West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

This project will have positive effects across many generations, especially our keiki. The west side of Oahu, indeed, the entire island, lacks the facilities to train and educate athletes, young and old. This land is currently in disuse, and we have an opportunity to make it useful for so many.

When I look at our public parks and recreation facilities, I see a general lack of care and areas that are not safe for children and adults alike. We have an opportunity to build something that our community can be proud of.

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Project Name

Honokea West

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

My name is Brian Lincoln and I support the Honokea West project.

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Imagine a place where Hawaii could host the olympics; and have a facility that local athletes can train at for beach volleyball, surfing, ocean safety, and more.

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Mahalo Brian

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Honokea West
Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
Please reconsider and move the project forward.

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Project Name

Honokea West

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Support

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Do you support or oppose?
Support
Comment
I support the Honokea West project.

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Project Name

Honokea West project

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

My name is Roy Andersch and I support the Honokea West project.

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Mahalo, Roy

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Project Name

HONOKEA WEST

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Aloha, and thank you for this opportunity to share my feelings. I am completely in support of this fantastic project. Honokea West can do so much for so many ESPECIALLY the children of Hawaii who will be able to learn, train, grow and mature under the guidance of those who represent all of the values of Hawaiian culture, values and legacy. It is truly a dream in the making for many years and I hold all of those "dreamers" in very high regard. Please give this project the support, and breath of life that it deserves. With appreciation and aloha, Greg Bonann, Creator/Producer/Director, Baywatch Hawaii.

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Project Name

Honokea

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Honokea is important and significant to our people, our identity (as Hawaiian), and our State. The Project reflects and helps perpetuate our Hawaiian traditions/values and helps us move into modernizing and staying current in our unique Hawaiian water activities. As development has encroached on our precious land resources, it has also limited our unique experiences and relationship with the water that identify with our way of life. Being able to ensure that a small area of 'aina' is preserved is a huge political statement for our people and the rest of the world. It sends a message that we acknowledge our connection to that particular part of our history and culture and are willing to safeguard certain elements of our environment that ensure perpetuation.

Honokea also has a wonderful opportunity to usher in new jobs, as well as help develop an industry longing to make its impact here because its sheer natural beauty and tropical laid back lifestyle - film and media production. Hawaii projects a unique status and way of life that the rest of world endears, and very few places can actually sustain. Film/TV production companies and large corporations are willing to spend 'big money' on movie/media sets, on the Hawaii Experience. A place to train personnel in the film industry would establish an economy in itself outside of tourism. A place to train athletes in multiple water sports would draw top performers who desire to train here in a place where the surfing originated. The Project leadership team comes from deep imbedded Hawaiian values and continues to work toward strengthening our identity, with a lens on bringing the 50th State into the economic as well as cultural stability.

The positives far outweigh the negatives when considering the Honokea Water Project. Please allow this project to come to fruition.

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Project Name

Honokea West Project

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

We, as senior leaders of our respective communities who are of Native Hawaiian ancestry, have an innate responsibility to invest in the future of Hawaii. And our keiki -- the younger generation -- are our future! What better way to fulfill the needs of our up-and-coming future than by supporting the Honokea West Project, a venue which provides the necessary elements that enable our growing keiki an opportunity to better understand our pristine environment (that requires constant stewardship), to learn the important and constructive values that will benefit our society, and develop healthy living habits that will enable our ohana and communities to flourish in an already challenging world.

Brian's vision of providing a world class facility that will teach and inculcate righteous principles and moral values to our youth, while also fostering a new habitat that will enable people of ages to learn the importance of taking care of our bodies through safety and aquatic fitness, is innovative and unique. I commend Brian for leveraging his experience in surfing, water safety, and Hawaiian indigenous knowledge of taking care of our land, our water, and our people to build a positive atmosphere that will firmly enhance the opportunities for our keiki to grow and be the future leaders that we all strive for them to be.

Education, fitness, and ethical standards -- 3 essential virtues necessary for youth to practice and accentuate -- are the results that can be achieved with the Honokea West Project. If we truly care about our future, then we should stand firm with moral courage in endorsing Brian's initiative of taking care of our culture, our people, and our future in his upcoming efforts with Honokea West!

Mahalo nui loa, Brigadier General Lance A. Okamura (US Army)

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Do you support or oppose?

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It is critical for the Honokea West project to move forward and complete. Anyone interested in the water sports that are so important to Hawaii, including surfing, swimming, and kayaking, will benefit from the safety and security a controlled classroom environment offers. Experienced watermen and women will be able to gather and lend their expertise to others who are new to these sports, and would like to try them in a safe and controlled way or to challenge themselves. This generation and the next would benefit from the surfing, lifesaving and ocean traditions so centric to Hawaii and our way of life. This world class project can educate and benefit our local citizens and the citizens of the world to the Hawaiian cultural traditions and values that we are so proud of. The Honokea West project will offer social and cultural programs for schools, teaching Hawaiian surf history and water life safety, key cultural identity markers, as well as numerous activities promoting outdoor physical education, ocean conservation, and sustainability. This project will provide exceptional, first-class training facilities for water sports of surfing, swimming, and kayaking, as well as beach volleyball, rock climbing, BMX, skateboarding, and triathlons. As many of these sports are already included in the Olympic games, Honokea West could become a nexus for training for these world-class Olympic athletes, as well as a gathering place for other athletes, aspiring athletes, and adaptive athletes in a safe, inclusive, controlled environment. It is medically proven that activities such as surfing provide natural, beneficial therapy to individuals with cystic fibrosis, and a controlled setting will allow for more patients to benefit safely from this activity. The Honokea West project will benefit the citizens of Hawaii and the world, and I am strongly in support of this project and the opportunities it will create.

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Project Name

Honokea Surf Park

Do you support or oppose?

Support

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I would like to see Brian Keaulana's vision for the Honokea West project come to fruition. I am a one lunged, one legged competitive surfer representing the state of Hawaii, and these facilities will aid the disabled community by having a safe place to practice and hone their skills. I finally won't need another person with me like when I'm training in the ocean.

The Keaulana legacy should be carried on and solidified in a controlled classroom environment where surfers and other watermen and waterwomen can gather to protect and preserve Hawaiian surf culture for the future. As Mr. Keaulana has stated, "Honokea West will integrate Hawaiian values into every aspect of our operations to preserve our surfing, lifesaving and Hawaii's ocean traditions for the future"

The project will offer social and cultural programs for schools, teaching Hawaiian surf history and water life safety, key cultural identity markers, as well as numerous activities promoting outdoor physical education, ocean conservation, and sustainability. It will be an asset for future generations to carry on the Hawaiian Lifesaving Legacy. These facilities will also provide water film studios critical for the State's growth in the film industry as we look to diversify from tourism.

Honokea West will be a gathering place for the community, where Native Hawaiian culture and values will provide the framework for surfing, sports, and ocean safety experiences that families and friends can enjoy. As the birthplace of surfing and beach Volleyball, Hawai'i must continue to thrive in these areas with first-class training facilities. This facility will be equipped to train the next generation of Olympic athletes in surfing and beach volleyball but also rock climbing, swimming, BMX, skateboarding, triathletes, and kayaking. It provides an inclusive environment for adaptive athletes who can't use natural facilities such as the ocean.

I am strongly in support of this project and the opportunities it will create

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Letter in Support of Honokea West Project

I, Ann Yoshida hereby submit this letter in support of the Honokea West project being proposed by HK Management, LLC in Kalaeloa (Property TMK (1)-9-1-13-68.

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natural facilities such as the ocean.

I am strongly in support of this project and the opportunities it will create.

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Project Name

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Do you support or oppose?

Support

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I support the project it will help bring back cultural values n teaching of culture sports n use cultural Training Methods.it will also allow Athletes to provide there bodies cultural goods