

Subject: Opposition to DHHL's Acquisition of The Courtyards at Waipouli

Dear Members of the HHFDC Board,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) plan to acquire The Courtyards at Waipouli. After carefully reviewing the situation, I strongly urge the HHFDC not to support this acquisition for several critical reasons.

First and foremost, recent presentations by DHHL representatives have misleadingly implied that HHFDC funding is not essential to their ability to acquire The Courtyards. This misrepresentation of the funding situation is concerning, as it creates a false narrative that may pressure the Board into supporting a plan that is not financially viable or transparent. It is crucial that any funding decisions made by the HHFDC are based on accurate and truthful information.

Additionally, during DHHL's resident meeting held last night, August 7th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., the issue of relocation for current residents was grossly neglected. There is no comparable housing available on Kaua'i to accommodate these residents if they are displaced by this acquisition. This lack of viable relocation options would create significant hardship for these families, many of whom have deep roots in the community and limited resources to move elsewhere.

Given these factors, it is clear that DHHL's plan does not adequately protect the interests of the current residents of The Courtyards at Waipouli. Supporting this acquisition would not only endorse a plan built on questionable premises but also potentially contribute to the displacement and destabilization of a vulnerable community.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the HHFDC Board not support DHHL's plan to acquire The Courtyards at Waipouli. The decision must prioritize transparency, integrity, and the well-being of Kaua'i's residents.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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