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STATE OF HAWAII  
LAND USE COMMISSION

TO: State Land Use Commission

Subject: Petition A89-646 Queen Lili'uokalani Trust

Good afternoon. My name is Ken Melrose and I am a resident of Kona. As I understand the petition, the applicant seeks to realign the timing for increments of a previously approved Urban boundary amendment. I ask that you join me in support of the request and give favorable consideration to this petition.

In 2008 the County adopted the Kona Community Development Plan (Kona CDP). This was a community based process that serves as a guide for regional development in the Kona Districts going forward. I served as Chair of the Steering Committee during the creation and adoption process and as the initial Chair of the Action Committee charged with nurturing its early implementation.

The Vision statement of the Kona CDP is:

"A more sustainable Kona characterized by a deep respect for the culture and the environment and residents that responsively and responsibly accommodate change through an active and collaborative community."

In order to achieve this Vision, 8 Guiding Principles became the foundation for the Kona CDP. While I feel all are appropriately addressed in the plans of the Petitioner, two are more important and form the basis for my support:

#5: "Direct future growth patterns toward compact villages, preserving Kona's rural, diverse and historical character."

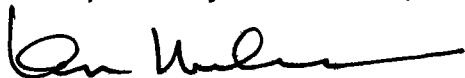
#6: "Provide infrastructure and essential facilities concurrent with growth."

The Transportation and Land Use Overall Strategies in the Kona CDP direct future growth to designated growth opportunity areas, all located within the Urban Area of the County General Plan, where a street network can be connected and infrastructure logically extended. The applicant's lands are located within two of those growth opportunity areas. The subject petition area is located within a targeted growth area, being the Makaeo Village Regional Center TOD which is seamlessly attached to the Kailua Village Core. Their plans propose to widen and extend existing thoroughfares and connect to existing utilities.

To me the petition area is very much the right place for Kona to grow now. The Petitioner appears committed to implementing the new community standards of a multi modal walkable, mixed use, higher density community as a logical expansion of the existing Kailua Village. A strong relationship to the existing Kailua Park proposes to blend the makai edge of the new Makalapua Project District community in a positive way.

With your affirmative vote today, you allow the Applicant to move ahead with a County Project District zoning process wherein the details of the uses and the infrastructure connectivity can be formalized. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I ask you to approve the subject petition.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Melrose', written over a horizontal line.

Ken Melrose