

[EXTERNAL] No to item A02-737--University of the nations FEIS

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Aloha commissioners.

I testified at a meeting long ago about the University of the Nation's plan to develop another large parcel of land in Kailua-Kona where I live. I was opposed to the development then and am even more so now. From past experience, it seems that the U of N is primarily a profit-focused entity willing to use our community and resources with little regard for the significant impacts it has on our land, community, and the uniqueness of our island's society. The LUC is one of the main entities charged with protecting the public's natural and cultural resources in the Public's name.

- The U of N's new request completely reverses its promise to include native Hawaiian culture as a strong project focus.
- From a land use perspective, it is untimely, dangerous, and environmentally and culturally insensitive to consider building a massive project in an area already experiencing a severe and even illegal lack of public infrastructure (i.e., sewer, wastewater treatment, and roadways to name a few).

As a past and long-time member of the Kona Community Development Committee Action Committee as well as being an independent land use planning advocate (horse before the cart philosophy) for 4 decades, I'm particularly conscious of the need for every commissioner to be fully aware of the extent of our region's infrastructural deficit. Kona's lack of --and even illegal — public infrastructure will not be up to civilized and legal standards until/if the county and State meet their obligations to provide KCDP-compliant infrastructure. Meanwhile, U of N's slap in the face to the Hawaiian community is breathtaking (despite the oddity of their perspective on how to include or celebrate hawaiian culture).

In closing, the applicant has failed to fulfill promises that got its permitting to this point while concurrent, supportive infrastructure doesn't exist to support the project. I ask commissioners to do their duty and use their integrity to deny acceptance of the FEIS at this time.

Sincerely,

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