

STATE OF HAWAII LAND USE COMMISSION

La'i'Opua Community Center





September 2010









<u>La'i'opua 2020</u>

a 501C-3 non-profit corporation 74-5599 Luhia Street Kailua Kona, 96740

Aloha Kakou,

La'i'Ōpua 2020 was founded by the homesteaders of the Kaniohale Community Association (KCA), a Native Hawaiian homeowners association in the Villages of La'i'Ōpua, to ensure the existence of adequate health care, social service and recreational infrastructure to complement and support the Native Hawaiian homesteaders and surrounding communities residing in the greater Kealakehe community

Designed as a *pu`uhonua* (area of safety and peace), the La`i`opua Community Center in North Kona is distinctive— meeting the vital needs of Kona Coast residents while redefining how they live, work, play and learn. For many of those who reside here, La`i`opua is more than the construction of a new building and center, it's building a quality of life—a new way of life.

La'i'Ōpua Community Center will be on a 26.5-acre parcel immediately south and adjacent to Kealakehe High School, and serve as a primary regional resource for the Hawaiian people living both in the Villages of La'i'Ōpua and throughout North Kona region, offering an array of programs and services to meet most every health, social, educational and recreational needs of our people and surrounding communities.

Serving as a model for emerging communities statewide, La'i'opua 2020 and the surrounding communities will enjoy a pre-school, a community center facility, medical clinic, social service center, inter-generation daycare facility, abuse shelter, community gymnasium, and a aquatic center, and an amphied theater.

La'i'opua 2020 shall "holomua" (move forward), as we are compelled to phase our community development plan and develop phase one to include the pre-school, community center facility and medical clinic. Our current construction start-up for phase one will begin in July 2011. The other social & recreational components shall follow upon availability of funding.

E Komo Mai, Come Nana I Ke Kumu, Look to the Source A me Kulia I Ka Nu'u, Strive for Excellence

Mahalo, Craig "Bo" Kahui Executive Director

Ba'i' Opua Community Center in Context

The La'i'Ōpua Community Center is in the piko of the growing urban community of Kealakehe. Hawai'i.

(A) Kaniohale, Village 3 Completed. This Hawaiian Homes community provides 225 residential units.

(B) West Hawaii Civic Center Under construction. Expect completion Dec. 2010. The \$50 million West Hawai'i Civic Center offers residents a community center, amphitheater, services from 15 County agencies, a Hawai'i County Council Chamber, and Office of the County Clerk. The seven-acre parcel is located at the intersection of Ane Keohokalole and Kealakehe Parkway.

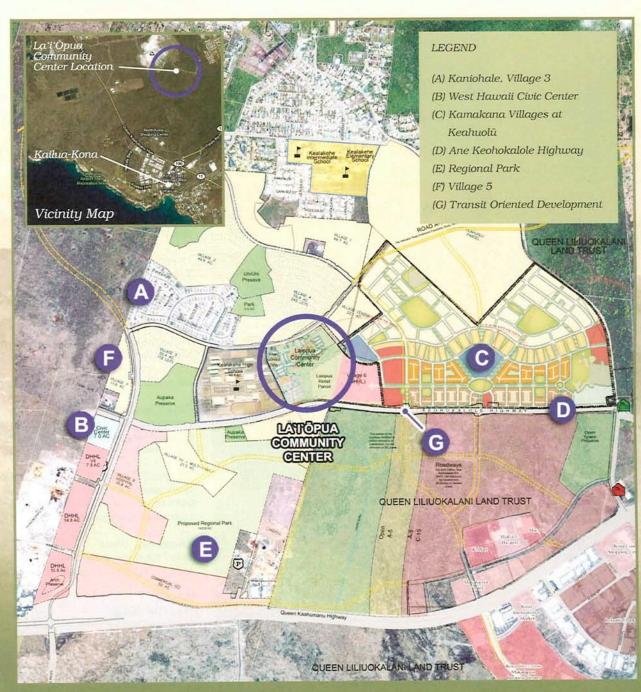
(C) Kamakana Villages at Keahuolū Proposed. Keahuolū is a State affordable housing project. HHFDC granted development rights to Forest City, Inc., whose plans include 2,400 high and low density residential units, an elementary school, commercial and park space.

(D) Ane Keohokalole Highway Under construction. Expected completion Jan. 2012. This 3 mile, \$35 million thoroughfare to Palani Road broke ground in March 2010. Federal stimulus dollars have been appropriated for the construction of this Mid Level Road from Henry and Palani to Kealakehe Parkway.

(E) Regional Park Proposed. Hawaii County Department of Parks and Recreation has requested an amendement of an Executive Order to designate a Regional Park.

(F) Village 5 Under construction. The village consists of 118 residential units.

(G) Transit Oriented Development
Proposed. The county has designated the
Intersection of Ane Keohokalole Highway and
Manawale'a Street as a TOD providing public
and commercial services to this area.



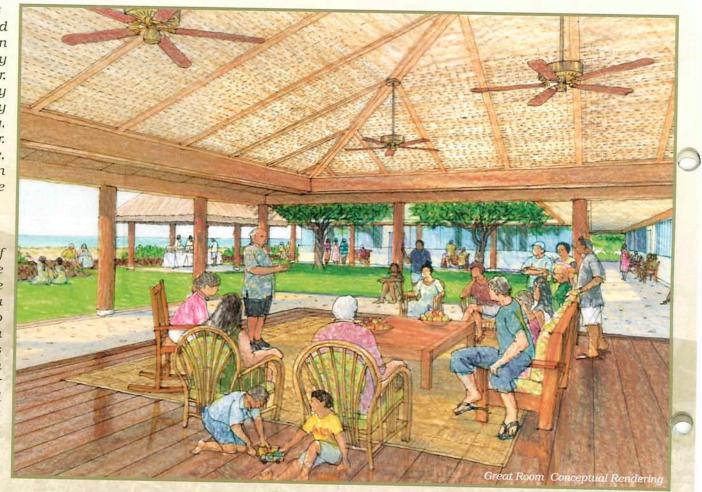
Through charrettes held in November and December of 2007, and August of 2010, the partners have articulated a vision of a community center that is built on the cultural and spiritual values inherent in the land and people of Hawai'i which serves as a pu'uhonua for those in need.

1. Spiritual & Cultural Values

Values of aloha, mālama 'āina, pono, and lōkahi serve as the guiding principles in the vision for the Lati Opua Community Center. Taking care of the land, water, air, and each other in spiritual harmony and creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles, both mentally and physically, are integral for the Community Center. Design integrated with the landscape, offering views of the ocean and connection to the wind and the sun are vital to the complex.

2. Pu'uhonua

Traditionally, a pu'uhonua is a place of cultural agreement, allowing one to make right what was previously in discord. The Community Center is envisioned as a pu'uhonua, where one is safe, welcome to reflect, receive help, and reconnect again with family and community. Programs will offer health and wellness services in western practice and traditional means for transformation. Walking paths integrated with the natural landscape will allows for outdoor connection, reflection, and healing. During natural disasters, the Community Center can serve as a safe place of refuge and shelter.



3. Interconnectedness & Village Setting

Being respectful, interconnected, restored, useful, and caring within the community are core cultural values. Located at the heart of La'i Ōpua, the Community Center is a place for residents to gather, celebrate, and enjoy the company of the community members. Pedestrian connections from the Community Center to the surrounding residential areas and to the Kealakehe High School facilities will broaden existing services to the community. Garden spaces will create scale and promote activities for healthy lifestyles. Multigenerational activities are key and program spaces will allow and



The Conceptual Plan recommends developing a Community Center at La'i'Ōpua on the vacant parcel makai of Keanalehu Drive and adjacent to Kealakehe High School belonging to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to be leased and managed by the La'i'Ōpua 2020 organization. The plan calls for new construction of approximately 80,000 square feet over an area of approximately 16 acres with future expansion potential.

(A) Preschool

The Kamehameha Schools has committed to providing a preschool near the entrance of the Laiopua Community Center.

(B) Community Center Complex

As the primary anchor of the Lati Opua Community Center, the 26,000 square foot community center complex will be the home of the La'i Ōpua 2020 board. This facility will support office spaces, conference rooms, classrooms, a dance and audio visual center, computer lab and library. a teleconference room, a multi-purpose game room, space for afterschool A+ programs and a café.

(C) Neighborhood Place of Kona

The Neighborhood Place of Kona offers their welcoming spirit to La'i Ópua. Known for their ability to create a pu'uhonua, a place of refuge and safety. their facility will support a living room reception, cubicles and enclosed offices, meeting rooms for families and large groups and work rooms at the entrance of the La'i Opua Community Center.

(D) Medical Center

The West Hawai'i Community Health Center (WHCHC) is committed to bringing medical, dental, behavior health, family planning, health education to La'i' Ōpua. As the other anchor, the 25,000 square foot medical center will have the ability to stabilize patients and call ambulatory transportation assistance. WHCHC is committed to developing a health academy in partnership with Kealakehe High School.

(E) Open Hale for Gatherina

Working, eating and playing together at the Open Hale keeps the community interconnected and maintains community health. The open hale, with views of the ocean and the mountain, includes a kitchenette with flexible walls, where the community can openly gather for celebration and sharing.

(F) Gymnasium & Aquatic Center

A new gymnasium and an aquatic center containing a 50-meter pool for competition, aquatic recreation and safety instruction will expand athletic programs opportunities to Kealakehe High School. These facilities will support indoor volleyball, basketball and a family oriented pool.

(G) Recreation Center Complex

La'i'Ōpua 2020 and Kealakehe High School have partnered to turn existing high school playfields into regional recreational resources. New road access to the baseball fields and tennis courts along with lighting and parking are proposed to support the use of these fields by the community.

(H) Amphitheatre

Below the Hale lay an open amphitheatre for hula and other performance

(I) Garden Pathways

A pedestrian pathway of garden plants which promote healthy diets such as herb gardens and plants for hula and flower lei making will weave around to interconnect social service facilities.

(J) Family Day Care Center

The Family Support Services of Hawai'i (FSSH) is committed to provide infant and toddler day care programs and educational support to existing family infant care providers at La'i Ōpua. In a cluster of small cottages. the Kona Adult Day Care will also be providing support for respite and education for families and other caregivers.

(K) Child & Family Services

Child and Family Services are committed to bringing programs for Alternative to Violence, Sex Abuse Treatment and Therapeutic Foster Homes through group counseling, video conferencing, and employee assistance to Laiopua. The facility will be served by a cluster of small cottages.

(L) The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawai'i

The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii partners with the State Judiciary sex assault services program for children and families and are committed to bringing these services to La'i Opua.

Ba'i' Opua Community Center Cost & Phasing

Cost

The total cost of development is estimated in January 2008 dollars. Estimate is based on current cost for construction on the Big Island. Funding for development is expected to be shared with service providers and other partners. Approximately, an additional 15% of construction cost is expected for fees associated with architectural design, civil, surveys, permitting preparations and project management.

Phasing

The Lati Opua Community Center will be developed in three phases. The first phase involves construction of the Preschool, Community Center, Medical Center and associated road and parking areas. The second phase construction includes the Gymnasium, aquatic facilities. Hale, parking and linkages to Kealakehe Highs School athletic fields. The third phase will be the cottages of social service facilities and amphitheater.

La'i'Ōpua Facility Total Cos	
Phase 1 - (2011-2013)	
Kamehameha Schools (KS) Preschool	Donated by KS
Community Center Complex	\$4,824,000
Site Work	\$5,000,000
Sub-Total	\$9,824,000

Phase 2 - (2012-2013)	
Medical Center	\$12,963,000
Sub-Total	\$12,963,000

Phase 3 - (2013-2014)	
Gymnasium & Aquatic Center	\$13,400,028
Lighting, Road Access	\$886,395
Hale	\$640,000
Site Work	\$15,000,000
Sub-Total	\$29,926,423

Phase 4 - (2014-2015)	
Family Day Care Center	\$4,044,000
Child & Family Center	\$2,696,000
The Friends of the Children's Justice Center	\$808,800
Site Work	\$18,000,000
Sub-Total	\$25,548,000

Cost estimates are based on costs for construction on the Island of Hawai'i.*All costs 2008: **± 15% for design related fees; Escalation rate for the next 5 years: 2008-2009 = 8-9%: 2009-2010 = 7-8%; 2010-2012 = 7%; 2011-2012= 6%; 2012-2013 = 5%

Financing

Funding for development of site work, infrastructure, and the La'i' Ōpua Community Center is expected to be shared amongst public and private partnerships. Letters of commitments from public agencies, non-profit organizations, private foundations and companies are attached. Highlights include:

- Kamehameha Schools committed to build and operate a preschool
- West Hawaii Community Health Center committed to seeking public and private funds to develop a medical center
- DHHL land and funding
- OHA funding
- County Parks and Recreation Staff for gym and athletic facilities
- TREE educational programs
- Kona Community Hospital urgent/emergency services facility

La'i'Opua 2020 has raised \$2.5 million through public and private partnerships:

Federal Funds (HUD, NHEA)	\$1,401,190
State Funds (State Grant-IN-Aid, DHHL, and OHA)	\$1,093,241
Private Foundation (Kona Kai Ola Foundation)	\$48,300

Over \$2.5 Million dollars of funding requests are pending.

Status

Below is significant La'i Ōpua 2020 pre-development tasks & benchmarks completed:

- County of Hawaii(COH) re-zoned Village VI to CV7.5
- COH approved sub-division
- Preliminary Engineering Report Completed by RM Towil
- Sewer, water, & electrical entitlements approved
- NEPA Environmental EIS & EA completed
- Archeological Survey completed and approved by SHPD
- Phase one Sewer construction & installation scheduled for October
- Architect contract executed & schematic design underway

La'i'Ōpua 2020 - Schedule of Grants Received	
Federal	THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE
US Department of Education - NHEA	\$926,109.00
US Department of Housing & Urban Development - EDI 2010	\$475,000.00
State	
DHHL - Priority Grant	\$243,716.00
DHHL - 2009-2010 Implementation Grant	\$40,000.00
DHHL - Kulia Ika Nuʻu	\$250,000.00
DHHL - RPP	\$32,000.00
GIA Grant	\$250,000.00
DHHL - Capacity Grant	\$2,525.49
2007 GIA Grant	\$125,000.00
OHA - Grant	\$150,000.00
Private	
Kona Kai Ola Foundation I & II	\$48,300.00
Sub-Total	2,542,650.49

La'i'Ōpua 2020 - Grants Pending & Proposed Applications	
Grants Pending	
Legislature GIA Grant 2010 - Pending Government Release	\$1,526,000
Bank of Hawai'i	\$100,000
Atherton Foundation	\$30,000
OHA - Trustee Initiative	\$300,000
Proposed Applications	
2011 ANA Grant	\$300,000
2011 USDA RCDI	\$300,000
2011 County Hawaii CDBG	\$300,000
Sub-Total	2,856,000

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Private & Public Partnerships

La'i'Ōpua 2020 Executive & Board of Directors	
Craig "Bo" Kahui, Executive Director	Board of Directors, Kaniohale Community Homestead Association
Robert Lindsey, President	Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Jason Ikaika Hauanio, Treasurer	Vice President, Senior Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch
Dora Aio-Leamons, Secretary	President, Kaniohale Community Homestead Association
Harvey Garval, Director	Executive Director, Child and Family Services
Michael Matsukawa, Esq., Director	Board of Directors, West Hawai'i Community Health Center
Byron Kumulani Moku, Director	Vice President, Hokuli'a Cultural Resources Management
Mahealani Pai, Director	Board of Directors, West Hawai'i Community Health Center
Sam Walker, Sr., Director	Engineer/Safety Compliance Officer, EM Rivera & Sons

Letters of Support	
Hawai'i Island Caucus	Senate and House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i
Robert A. Fitzgerald	Director, County of Hawai'i, Department of Parks and Recreation
JoAnn Bishop Freed	Executive Director, Family Support Services of West Hawai'i
Denise Hill	President of the Board of Directors, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawai'i
Ken Ito	House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i
Micah A. Kane	Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission
Harry Kim	Mayor, County of Hawai'i
Wally Lau	Executive Director, Neighborhood Place of Kona; Chairperson, Hui Laulima Council
Donald Lewis	West Hawaii Regional Chief Executive Officer, Kona Community Hospital
Robert Lindsey	Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Dee Jay Mailer	Chief Executive Officer, Kamehameha Schools
Wilfred Murakami	Principal, Kealakehe High School
Robert H. Ozaki	President and Chief Executive Officer, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust
Christopher J. Pating	Vice President, Strategic Planning & Implementation, Kamehameha Schools
Christy Schuman	Executive Director, Tropical Reforestation & Ecosystems Education Center
Maile Shimabukuro	House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i
Arthur Souza	Area Superintendent, West Hawai'i District Complex, State Department of Education
Richard J. Taffe	Executive Director, West Hawai'i Community Health Center, Inc.
Rowena L. Tiqui	Executive Director, Kona Adult Day Center



HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 3, 2010

Governor Linda Lingle State of Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

The Hawaii Island legislative team respectfully requests that you sign the authorization that will release the Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for the planning and design of the La'i'opua Community Center.

As legislators we are constantly being reminded that in today's economy, we must take advantage of public - private partnerships to grow and manage our state. The legislatively authorized funds for the La'i'opua Community Center is one of these partnerships, a small amount of state funds that will be leveraged by a non-profit private sector organization. In addition to creating construction jobs and permanent employment, the La'i'opua Community Center will provide core government service facilities in a key location of the Kailua-Kona

As indicated on the requesting documents submitted to the Budget and Finance Department, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has issued a funds grant to La'i'opua for \$250,000 for sewer infrastructure. This is in addition to providing the long-term low-cost lease. A Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant for \$475,000 has been utilized to complete some of the initial site archaeological and engineering

If you have any questions, concerns and/or need any additional information to make a favorable decision, please contact Representative Denny Coffman as soon as possible at 586-9605. This project is in his district and accordingly he takes responsibility for coordinating any needed follow-up action.

Respectfully,

Hawai'i Island Caucus

Senate and House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i

William P. Kenoi Mayor



Robert A. Fitzgerald Director

Clayton S. Honma Deputy Director

County of Hawai'i

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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July 12, 2010

Mr. Craig "Bo" Kahui Kaniohale Community Association 74-5100 Haleolono Street Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Re: Support in Concept for Planning and Construction of Community Center as part of Development of 16.75 Acre Park Site with Recreational Facilities at the Villages of La'i'opua

Dear Bo:

The Hawai'i County Department of Parks and Recreation is in support of communities and groups planning to build recreational facilities for the use of the public as well as their community members. We look forward to continuing discussions about our ability to supply staff for the gym and athletic facilities which will further recreational facilities for the people of West Hawai'i as well as those in the Villages of La'i'opua. We welcome a partnership between the Hawai'i County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Villages of La'i'opua for the positive development of our Keiki and

Please contact me for further discussions involving your plans for the recreational facilities planned for the Villages of La'io'pua.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Fitzgerald Director

County of Hawai'i is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Robert A. Fitzgerald

Director, County of Hawai'i, Department of Parks and Recreation

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Family Support Services of West Hawaii 75-127 Lunapule Rd., #11 Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 Phone: (808) 326-7778 Fax: (808) 326-4063 Email: kids@fsswh.org

January 2, 2007

Mr. Graig "Bo" Kahui, President KCA/L2020 74-5100 Haleolono Street Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Dear Mr. Kahui,

Thank you for sharing the plans of the Kealakehe/Laiopua Community Center with us and inviting us to participate in this visionary partnership. Family Support Services of West Hawaii gratefully accepts the KCA/Laiopua 2020 Board's invitation to be a potential partner in your proposed community center concept.

Family Support Services of West Hawaii is one of the oldest grass-roots, community-based non-profit organizations in West Hawaii. It was formed by caring members of the communities it serves, employs those who live and work in those communities and is managed by those very same community members as well. Family Support Services of West Hawaii's mission is "to provide support for families and communities in providing love and care for our children." We understand the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and the later challenges it causes including substance abuse, learning disabilities and poverty. Our programs are designed to alleviate those adverse conditions and create support for all members of the family from before birth through adolescence in partnership with the medical, mental health, education and other social service organizations.

The FSSWH Board of Directors is interested in further discussions on relocation and evaluating the feasibility of being a part of the center/kauhale that KCA/L2020 is planning. The Board believes in fostering the spirit of partnership and maximizing the tangible, intellectual, and cultural resources and expertise of the various providers with whom KCA/L2020 is discussing co-location with, all in the name of furthering our respective missions to build healthy families and communities.

We look forward to the prospect of building a collaborative partnership.

JoAnn Bishop Freed Executive Director

Board of Directors





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Executive Director, Family Support Services of West Hawai'i



FRIENDS of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii

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Mr. Craig "Bo" Kahui, President KCA/L2020 74-5100 Halcolono Street Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Dear Mr. Kahui:

The Board of Directors of the FRIENDS of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii (FCJC-WH) is grateful for the opportunity to join with the Kaniohale Community Association/La'i'opua 2020 in developing the vision and plans for a Kaniohale/La'i'opua Community Center.

The FRIENDS of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation established in 1989 to help children who have been traumatized by sexual assault, physical abuse or neglect or who are witnesses to violent crime. The FCJC-WH's goal is "To help a victim become a child again."

The FCJC-WH's mission is:

- to provide assistance to children who have been traumatized by sexual assault, physical abuse or neglect or who are witnesses to violent crime;
- to promote prevention of child abuse;
- · to support the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii.

The FCJC-WH, via our "enhancement and basic needs program", provide assistance for the children from the time the abuse is documented until age 18 (or 21, if they are in post-high school education.). Requests for assistance come from professionals working directly with the children. The requests are targeted to build the child's self-esteem.

The FCJC-WH Board of Directors is interested in further discussions regarding the feasibility of being a part of the center/kauhale that KCA/L2020 is planning and the possibility of relocation there. Our participation is subject to our final approval of the organizational structure. The opportunity to foster cooperation among agencies and to improve public access to services and life-enhancing activities at a community center north of Kailua town is very appealing.

We look forward to further discussions and the opportunity to work together.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Hill

President, Board of Directors FRIENDS of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii

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President of the Board of Directors, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawai'i



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Representative Michael Magaoay 415 South Beretania Street Rm. #432 Honolulu, HI 96813

To the Honorable Representative Magaoay,

I support the construction of the La'i'opua Community Center that will serve Native Hawaiians and the people of the Hawaiian Homes community of Kaniohale.

A community center that promotes education, provides child-care, serves as a safe-haven for youth and elderly alike, is essential to the creation and endurance of a vibrant community. For the 226 homes and 1243 individuals living in the Kaniohale community, these goals are inherent within the construction of the La'i'opua Commuity Center. Furthermore, the benefits the center will have for the children in promoting their education by providing an environment conducive to learning, is a reward that cannot be quantified.

The current center of La'i'opua is in a state of disrepair, small, and inadequate in serving the needs of the people in the community. Our community centers and community facilities are a representation of the state's care and investment in the people they serve. We have a responsibility to the people of Hawaii in ensuring that our communities thrive and the betterment of the Native Hawaiian people remains a point of

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

State Representative 48th District - Kaneohe

Ken Ito

House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i

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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAHAN HOME LANDS

P.O. BOX 1879

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

January 3, 2007

Mr. Craig "Bo" Kahui Kaniohale Community Association 74-5100 Haleopono Street Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Dear Bo:

We are excited about your plans to build a new multi-service community center. This letter is to express our commitment to designate 16.5 acres in Village 6 of the Villages of La'i'opua for a community center complex. This type of multi-service facility is seriously needed in the growing region of North Kona where there are no large public parks and the nearest facility is inadequate to provide the type of enrichment programs and social services that the community desperately needs.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is in the process of completing the conveyance of land title for Village Six from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The development rights have already been conveyed to DHHL by the former Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH).

DHHL has received letters of intent to participate in this important endeavor from Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center and the Kamehameha Schools. It is our intent to enter into license agreements with each participating agency and to work closely with La'i'cpua 2020 on this very important project. We look forward to working with you.

Aloha and mahalo,

Micah A. Kane, Chairman Hawaiian Homes Commission

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March 5, 2007

The Honorable Michael Magaoay State House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813 ·

Dear Representative Magaoay:

Re: Grant-In-Aid Request From La'i'opua 2020

I recently had an opportunity to meet with Bo Kahui, president of the Kaniohale Community Association and La'l'opua 2020. Included in the meeting were representatives of four of the most important non-profit agencies in West Hawaii, the Neighborhood Place of Kona, Family Support Services, Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii, and the West Hawaii Community Health Center.

Bo and his colleagues educated my staff and me as to the vision they have for Kealakehe, the ahupua'a in which La'i'opua is situated. It is a grand vision indeed, and I could not help but be impressed by how hard these people have worked, and how much thought they have put into what it will take to make their neighborhood into a community.

I have urged Bo and his committee to avoid getting too specific at this point. It is my opinion that they need to involve the entire community in deciding what programs are of most importance. Then they will need to design their buildings to fit the programs. I believe that La'i'opua 2020 is in agreement with that concept.

La'i'opua 2020's request for a state Grant-In-Aid in the sum of \$3.2 million would begin the process of hiring a consultant who can work with the community and start the planning. I support the vision, and hope that the State Legislature can help this dream become a reality.

Harry Kim Mayor, County of Hawai'i



Hui Laulima Council

Resolution

WHERE AS, Hui Laulima Council, a consortium of West Hawaii's major health and human service providers, faith-based groups, community associations, business, government and concerned individuals and,

WHERE AS, the Hui Laulima Council was formed in September 1999 to encourage collaboration particularl

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January 3, 2007

Graig "Bo" Kahui, President KCA/L2020 74-5100 Halcolono Street Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Aloha Bo.

Thank you for sharing the vision and plans of the Kealakehe/Laiopua Community Center with us.

This correspondence is to accept KCA/Laiopua 2020 Board invitation for the Neighborhood Place of Kona (NPK) to be a potential partner in your proposed community center

As we discussed, the NPK is a community based non-profit 501(c) 3 organization that focuses on the well-being of children and families and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. NPK is a pu'uhonua (place of safety and peace), where participation is voluntary and services are free, nonjudgmental, and culturally sensitive.

The Board of Directors is interested in further discussions on relocation and evaluating the feasibility of being a part of the center/kauhale that KCA/L2020 is planning. The Board believes in fostering the spirit of laulima and maximizing the tangible, intellectual, and cultural resources and expertise of the various providers with whom KCA/L2020 is discussing co-location with, all in the name of furthering our respective missions to build healthy families and communities

We look forward to the prospect of building a collaborative partnership.

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Wally Lau

Executive Director, Neighborhood Place of Kona; Chairperson, Hui Laulima Council



January 24, 2008

Craig "Bo" Kahui, President 74-5100 Haleolono St. Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Dear Bo:

It was a pleasure attending the La'i'Opua Community Center Development Plan presentation and further discussing with you the medical center aspect of the plan. I am interested in exploring with you, in conjunction with West Hawaii Community Health Center, the creation of an urgent/emergent services facility for the community.

Sincerely,

Donald Lewis

West Hawaii Regional CEO

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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

April 22, 2007

The Honorable Michael Magaoay State House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Magacay:

On Priday morning, April 20th, I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Craig "Bo" Kahui, who presently serves as President of the Kaniohale Community Association and La'i'opua 2050. Bo has a wonderful Vision for the Kealakehe Ahupua'a within which the Villages of La'i'opua are located, a vision which calls for Building a Community, not just a residential community, but a community which has all of the services and requirements for its residents from health care to recreation to early education.

There are several individuals and organizations who are advocating for this effort from Mayor Harry Kim, Mr. Micah Kane at DHHL, Kamehameha Schools and the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, to name a few. I would like to add my support to the planning and design State Grant-In-Aid request of \$3.2 million for the Kaniohale Community Center at La'i'opua. I trust you will look favorably upon the request.

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January 23, 2008

Bo Kahui, President La'I'opua 2020 74-5100 Haleolono Street Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Mr. Kahui.

Over the last several months, we had met on more than one occasion to discuss the proposed multi purpose community center complex for development adjacent and south of Kealakehe High School.

We had the opportunity to review your current vision to provide the broader west Hawaii region direct social, cultural, educational, recreational, medical and denial services and programs.

Specifically, your commitment to offer Kealakehe High school use of you community resources, such as the aquatic center and other components truly reflect the foundation for collaboration between our school and the community. In addition, your commitment to "upgrade" our athletic fields to provide lights and parking would offer access and a greater opportunity both for the school and the community.

We are excited over the prospects of a new beginning merging our school resources with the community resources to better maximize and utilize current and proposed facilities.

Therefore, I'm please to support your initiative for the development of a multi purpose community center and commit to be a full and participating partner in your endeavor.

Principal, Kealakehe High School

QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI TRUST

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August 21, 2006

Mr. Micah Kane Chairman Hawaiian Homes Commission Department of Hawaiian Home Lands P.O Box 1879 Honolulu, HI 96805

Micah, Aloha:

Thank you for sharing your vision for Kealakehe/ Laiopua with us.

This is to express our intent to build a Queen Lili uokalani Children's Center facility in your proposed community center. As discussed, we will need to relocate our Kona unit sometime in the near term depending on the timing of other projects.

Our trustees and Queen Lili'uokalam Children's Center management believe our relocating to your proposed center will enhance our ability to provide services to our beneficiaries. We support your vision to cluster agencies to better serve the needs of the Hawaiian community.

If this is acceptable to you, we would like to huddle to start the process, establish preliminary timetables, etc. as timing is significant for us. LeeAnn Crabbe and Michelle Orian will coordinate/facilitate planning from our end.

Please call me at 203-6150 if you have any questions. Looking forward to working with you.

Aloha,

Robert H. Ozaki President and Chief Executive Officer

Trustees Claire Asam, Ph.D.

Wilfred Murakami Principal, Kealakehe High School

Robert H. Ozaki

President and Chief Executive Officer, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

January 28, 2009

Craig "Bo" Kahui Executive Director La'i 'Opua 2020 74-5100 Haleolono Street Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740

Dear Bo.

Mahalo for your continued support of Kamehameha Schools' efforts to provide and facilitate educational programs for the La'i 'Opua community. We sincerely appreciate your consideration in allowing us to participate with your Board in the planning process to ensure that the needs and interests of the community are well served.

Please accept this letter as our intent to participate in this important endeavor. Based upon final approval by our CEO and Trustees, it is our intent to provide resources to build and support the operation of educational programs in the La'i 'Opua Community Center within the homestead at La'i 'Opua.

Although specific programming and use of the space has not yet been determined, we estimate a need of approximately 1,500 to 2,000 sf, together with shared use of common meeting rooms, restrooms, and parking. We are in receipt of the consultant's design worksheet and will forward appropriate program information as soon as possible.

The specifics of our collaboration will be outlined via a memorandum of agreement (MOA). look forward to beginning our MOA discussions in the near future.

Sincerely

Christopher J. Pating Vice President, Strategic Planning & Implementation

Dee Jay Mailer, CEO of Kamehameha Schools

Dee Jay Mailer, Chief Executive Officer, Kamehameha Schools Christopher J. Pating, Vice President, Strategic Planning & Implementation, Kamehameha Schools



Tropical Reforestation & Ecosystems Education Center Hawai'i

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From the Office of the Executive Director

April 18, 2007

BOARD of DIRECTORS Executive Board

Representative Michael Y. Magaoay State Capitol, Room 432

Rob Pacheco

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

William E. Cowell Vict President

Dear Representative Magaoay,

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TREE Center Howart is a Non-Profit 501(c) (3) This correspondence is in support of Laiopua 2020 Multi Purpose Community Center Development Plan, Grant in Aid in the amount of \$3.2 million dollar. With Kealakehe ahapua'a destined to see a significant growth of family residence, it is imperative that these families have access to recreational, social, health, educational and cultural services with in

their neighborhood. The community center will serve as a hub for families to access these services instead of traveling throughout West Hawaii.

TREE Center Hawai'i has delivered programs in West Hawai'i for over a decade. Our programs are valued and respected in the community by parents, teachers, administrators, counselors. Demand for program based activities that provide young people with healthy; safe, educational and fun ways to spend their out of school time are in demand. TREE Center Hawai'i programs connect young people and adults to the land, to Hawai'i, and to island culture. Our programs present a "pathway" for environmental education, conservation, and leadership, through experiential learning and mentoring programs.

West Hawai'i families and youth deserve and need a "gathering place". Program based organizations like TREE need a "center" that will enable us to expand our connection with youth and families. The community can count on TREE to provide our invaluable programs. Mahalo for helping our West Hawai'i community by providing funding to build and create a safe gathering place. Through my letter I hope you will hear the voice of thousands of youth and you will hear their Mahalo. Your support of this Grant in Aid Request will help to enhance our coordinated services to families.

Your consideration is appreciated, if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss with me you may reach me at 808-333-0330 or by email christy@treehawaii.org.

Mahalo.

Christy A. Schumann Executive Director

TREE Center Hawai'i is dedicated to the promotion of healthy Ecosystems and healthy People. Our mission is to forge connections between people and forests with ongoing restoration and education programs.

Christy Schuman

Executive Director, Tropical Reforestation & Ecosystems **Education Center**



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 16, 2007

Subject: La' l' Opua Community Center Complex

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the proposed La' I' Opua Community Center Complex within the Villages of La' I' Opua, a planned community by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has recognized the need to ensure that planned projects are consistent with their Regional Plans and initiatives.

The proposed La' I' Opua Community Center will provide much needed educational, cultural, recreational, and other health and social service programs and support for people who reside in Kealakehe and other rapidly growing neighboring communities on the Island of Hawaii.

Your consideration and support for this program is appreciated.

State Representative for District 45 Chair, Committee on Human Services & Housing

> Representative Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, District 45 (Wai anae-Makaha-Makua) Chair, Committee on Human Services & Housing Member, Committees on Education, Higher Education, Health & International Affairs Hawaii State Capitol, Room 406, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Phone: (808) 586-8460/Fax: (808) 586-8464/E-mail: repshimabulturo@capitol.hawaii.gov

Maile Shimabukuro

House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i

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STATE OF HAWAII Department of Education Office Of The Complex Area Superintendent West Hawaii Complex Areas 75-140 Hualalai Road Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

December 3, 2007

It is with enthusiastic support that I write to endorse the Kaniohale Community Association Board's proposal for funding.

The Board is hard at work on the La'i'opua 20/20 Plan which is a proposal to create a Community Center Complex in North Kona. The vision of the Complex which would include educational, recreational, cultural and medical facilities is to create a unique opportunity for "Community Wellness". Much of the Kaniohale Community Association's vision is guided by its belief in creating community partnerships to create collaborative planning and implementation.

To this end, the Department of Education, West Hawaii District Office, is pleased to be a full and participating partner in this initiative.

We look forward to continued work with the community association as the process moves forward.

Sincerely,

Complex Area Superintendent

West Hawaii District

Arthur Souza

Area Superintendent, West Hawai'i District Complex, State Department of Education

West Hawaii Community Health Center, Inc.

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January 10, 2007

Mr. Craig "Bo" Kahui, President Kaniohales Community Assocation/Lai'o'pua 2020 74-5100 Haleolono Street Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Aloha Mr. Kahui.

Thank you for sharing the vision and plans of the Kealakehe/Laiopua Community Center with

This correspondence is to accept KCA/Laiopua 2020 Board invitation to the West Hawaii Community Health Center (WHCHC) to be a potential partner in your proposed community

As you may know, WHCHC is a community based non-profit 501(e)3 organization offering health care services to all residents of West Hawaii without regard to income. Our mission, as adopted by the Board of Directors, is: "To make quality, comprehensive, and integrated health services accessible to all who pass through our doors regardless of their ability to pay. These services will be culturally sensitive and will promote community well-being through the practice of "malama pono." To fulfill this mission, WHCHC slides its service fees for those individuals who have no health insurance and we base those fees on income and family size.

The WHCHC Board of Directors is interested in discussing and evaluating further the feasibility of being a part of the center/kauhale that KCA/L2020 is planning. We believe in fostering the spirit of laulima and maximizing our limited resources and expertise in order to achieve the greatest benefit for our community. Your proposed invitation is a major step in that direction and we are excited to be a potential partner in your vision for our community.

We look forward to the prospect of building a collaborative partnership.

Malama Pono.

Executive Director

Board of Directors

Richard J. Taffe

Executive Director. West Hawai'i Community Health Center, Inc.



Bo Kahui Laiopua 2020 74-5599 Luhia Street #E5 Kailua-Kona HI 96740

Dear Bo.

Please accept this letter of support for the Laiopua 2020 Project and also for the capital campaign. This multi-purpose community center complex will include a medical clinic, preschool, inter-generational day care facility, aquatic center & gym, and an abuse treatment center.

The shortage of healthcare providers (medical, dental, behavioral health and family support services is most critical. Physicians are closing their practices at an alarming rate in areas which has limited access, or in some cases, virtually no access to health care. As a rural area and an island, the only way to get services not available locally to the Big Island is to fly to Honolulu. The cost of round trip flights range from \$170.00 to \$250.00. Often medical trips require an overnight stay which is an additional cost of at least \$200.00 for room, meals and transportation.

We are the only Adult Day Care facility in West Hawaii, which is about 25 miles south of Laiopua. Having an Adult Day Center closer to the hub of town will increase the availability of our services to the North Kona community. Our aging community needs this facility and all it offers. The Kona Adult Day Center, Inc. is a community 501 C-3 non-profit organization. This development of social structure will set the course for this growing Kona community over the next decade.

Our community is in dire need of this Laiopua 2020 Project and I totally support it and all that it will bring to us. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (808) 322-7977.

Mahalo nui loa,

Executive Director

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Rowena L. Tiqui

Executive Director, Kona Adult Day Center

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