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Land Use Commission Members
State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Re: Support for Correcting the State Land Use District Boundary Map Error Affecting Nathan Eggen and Adrian Soucek's Residence in Hawi, Hawai'i

Aloha Chair and Members of the Land Use Commission:

We are writing in support of correcting the zoning map error that incorrectly places Nathan Eggen and Adrian Soucek's home and related property area in the Conservation District rather than the Agricultural District in Hawi, Hawai'i. We understand that the matter before you concerns the proper interpretation and correction of a historic State Land Use District boundary, not a request to diminish public access or remove meaningful conservation protections from the shoreline area.

We live nearby at 56-2791 Lahuiki Place, in the Honoipu ahupua'a, mauka of the Honoipu Hideaway property. As nearby neighbors, we have personally benefited from Nathan and Adrian's many maintenance and improvement efforts in the area. They have acted as responsible and generous members of the community, independently investing time, effort, and resources into projects that improve the condition, usefulness, and care of the property and surrounding area.

We also strongly appreciate the public shoreline access associated with the Honoipu Hideaway property. Nathan and Adrian, through their stewardship of Honoipu Hideaway, have maintained access to the shoreline for the benefit of the entire community and have not fenced the community out. In our view, their improvements have supported better access, maintenance, and stewardship rather than harming public use. The correction requested appears to involve land hundreds of feet away from the shoreline, while acres of shoreline area will remain protected and available for public benefit regardless of the Commission's decision on the map correction.

Correcting government records when a historic mapping error is shown is important as a matter of fairness, accuracy, and public integrity. The State's land use maps carry significant consequences for property owners and communities. When the evidence

supports that a boundary was drawn in error, we believe the right course is to correct the record so that the map reflects the proper district boundary.

As ranchers ourselves, we are also concerned about the importance of irrigation, planting, and productive use of land for agricultural purposes. We do not view Nathan and Adrian's property usage as conservation activity that impinges on agricultural use; rather, we see their care for the land as compatible with, and supportive of, the rural agricultural character of this part of North Kohala. Productive agricultural land should be allowed to function as agricultural land, particularly where doing so does not adversely affect the shoreline, public access, or important conservation values. From our perspective as nearby neighbors, the requested correction would align the boundary with the property's appropriate use while preserving the important public and conservation interests that remain makai.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask the Land Use Commission to support correcting the zoning map error and to recognize Nathan Eggen and Adrian Soucek's home and related property area as properly within the Agricultural District. We appreciate the Commission members' time, public service, and careful consideration of this matter.

Mahalo,

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