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Items received by the Planning Department less than 24 hours prior to the March 10, 2026, Planning Commission meeting.

Testimony

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Planning Commission
Lihue Civic Center, Moikeha Building
Meeting Room 2A-2B
4444 Rice Street
Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

Chair Ako, Vice Chair Cox and Members, Planning Commission:

RE: Class IV Zoning Permit (Z-IV-2026-12), Use Permit (U-2026-9) and Special Permit (SP-2026-4)

Aloha! My name is Randall Francisco. I am writing in strong support of this project by Kaawanui Solar LLC. This solar project aligns with Kauai County and the community's long-term vision of achieving fossil-free energy using alternative forms of renewables as part of its portfolio and pathway towards energy self-sufficiency. Of special importance is that this project not only provides for another form of clean energy but, especially, for the westside community where it will be built and established on the private landowner's land -- will serve as a visual reminder of this community's continuing efforts to serve as an example of what present and future generations are now doing in the form of decisions that will enable our communities to remain both sustainable and contribute to an ecosystem that decreases our carbon footprint.

Any and every opportunity to leverage and strengthen our resources and partnerships-stewardships ultimately, benefits everyone, kamaaina and visitor alike.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.



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