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Kauai Planning Commission
4444 Rice Street, Suite 473
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Re: Hanalei-to-Ha'ena Community Association Comments on Draft General Plan

Aloha Planning Commissioners,

On January 31, the Board of Directors of the Hanalei-to-Ha'ena Community Association ("HHCA") submitted its comments regarding the January 2017 Draft of the Kauai General Plan ("Draft"). On March 14, we provided additional testimony that clearly shows that the Draft General Plan greatly understates both the current impacts of tourism and the amount of tourism growth that Kauai faces over the life of the proposed General Plan.

We have already testified that ever-increasing growth in tourism is an existential threat to the character of the Hanalei-Wainiha-Ha'ena area, and to the safety and the quality of life of residents of the area:

- Tourist traffic is overwhelming our roads and bridges, beach and parks, commercial centers and neighborhoods.
- Expanding tourist activities and services are crowding out residents at beaches and parks.
- Rapid evacuation of the tsunami zone is not possible due to the very large and ever-increasing number of tourists and tourist vehicles west of Princeville.

In short: our infrastructure is not capable of handling unlimited tourism growth; the area's rural character and quality of life are compromised by it; and safe evacuation of the tsunami zone is made impossible by it.

We requested that the Draft General Plan be revised to include actions to protect the Hanalei-Wainiha-Ha'ena area, including resident-only parking areas at parks, beaches and neighborhoods impacted by non-resident parking; priority access for residents to campsites at crowded parks; and restricted tourist vehicle access on Kuhio Highway beyond Princeville.

But the Planning Department's Supplements 1 through 4 did nothing at all to address the problem of overwhelming tourism growth.

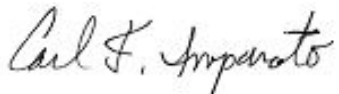
Nor did Supplements 1 through 4 respond to our request that the Draft General Plan be revised to include policies to:

- Protect our critical viewplanes;
- Not encourage additional growth in hazard evacuation areas;
- Encourage the state to institute traffic calming measures in our communities;
- Encourage the state to not expand commercial activities at parks and beaches;
- Encourage the state to enforce existing regulations; and
- Defer to local communities' visions and desires regarding the nature and boundaries of their town centers; "neighborhood center," "neighborhood general," and "neighborhood edge" designations; parking lots; multi-use paths; and other local matters.

As the Planning Department's Supplements 1 through 4 have not responded in any significant way to the concerns that we raised, we therefore request that you, the Planning Commission, take action to ensure that those concerns are addressed, before you contemplate any approval of the Draft General Plan.

We remain genuinely interested in working collaboratively with the Planning Commission to ensure that the final General Plan provides a meaningful set of policies and actions to protect our communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.



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