

RES24-071
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 149

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Meeting Date: Apr 3, 2024 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 2

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Jarrett Machado	Email: jarrettmachado@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 2, 2024 @ 07:22 PM
Testimony: I along with the rest of our neighborhood are against development of this property. The cultural significance, as well as financial, and community issues this would cause leave us not in support of this SMA permit submission or approval.		
Name: Phillip Kapu	Email: phillip.kapu@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 2, 2024 @ 09:12 PM
Testimony: Aloha, my name is Phillip Kapu and I am a lineal descendant of Kahaluu. I would like to give written testimony in opposition to this project. The reason being that this spot is a culturally significant and sacred space according to families who have deep connections to Kahaluu and Heeia. It has been built on multiple times for years and while the surrounding houses grow, this lot becomes empty over and over again. This should be a community space and not someones luxury home. The history of cultural sites in Kahaluu is a dismal one, with fishponds being filled in for neighborhoods, heiau being bulldozed and built upon, and loi being neglected for decades. As a hawaiian cultural practitioner who gets to go to other islands and experience ceremony and culture to the fullest extent, I only wish to protect what we have left so that kids can experience these things here at home. Greed will take away this ahupuaa (pig altar) and all the values that come with it. Allowing the permit for this space will be one more step towards gentrification of Kahaluu. Please do not permit people to take away what little we have left to be Hawaiians in Hawaii.		
Name: Jessie Makainai	Email: mrs.makainai@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 3, 2024 @ 08:58 AM
Testimony: Aloha Mai Kakou, As reflected in the July 12, 2023 Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 Meeting available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuWxDVwscrs , many concerns over this SMA Permit have been raised by the surrounding community. Some are cultural, some are environmental, and some are financial. While many of our community members are not well adept to the lengthy processes that these applications undergo, I want it noted, that the overall consensus of the existing community is in opposition to the approval of this particular SMA. I would also be remiss if I did not mention that the State Land Board offered Matthew Tang, a previous Punaluu Shoreline Homeowner, to either pay a 188k fine and continue his fight against coastal erosion, or remove his home completely. The Land Board stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility to due diligence, and as reflected in the previously mentioned Kahaluu Neighborhood Board Meeting, the community did not agree that the homeowner has completed its due diligence in this scenario. We as a State need to have uniformity in order to establish thriving communities. If Matthew Tang's Home was not pono, then how can this SMA be pono? Mahalo.		