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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Aug 6, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 5

Oppose: 853

I wish to comment: 12

Name:	Email:	Zip:
MARK KALAUGHER	kalaughermark4@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jul 31, 2025 @ 04:03 PM

Testimony:

I oppose any amendments to the current agricultural rules and regulations related to this issue !

Keep the Country Country !

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Georgiana Aiello	shop.eway@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 1, 2025 @ 05:42 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill strongly!

To build on the precious land (that's left) will be intruding on nature once again! Enough is enough. The traffic and lack of parking along with horrendous roads in desperate need of repair will only increase. Stop taking nature away from this beautiful island. It only makes things worse. The land has suffered enough.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
www.Ohanaunityparty.com	Oppose	Aug 1, 2025 @ 01:04 PM

Testimony:

Testimony in Strong Opposition to Bill 37 (2025)

To the Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Aloha kākou, and brace yourselves—this one’s coming in hot! I am Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM, Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, representing the Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands and a pissed-off community that’s had it with your nonsense. Bill 37 (2025), which rezones Hale‘iwa Special District’s sacred agricultural lands to urban, is a straight-up middle finger to our ‘āina, our culture, and our keiki’s future. At the last Council meeting, we brought the thunder—me, Senator Kurt Fevella, North Shore farmers, kumu, and every damn resident from Hale‘iwa to Waialua. We laid out why this bill is a disaster: it kills our food security, trashes our heritage, and turns our rural paradise into a developer’s wet dream. Only Councilmember Matt Weyer had the spine to vote no—big props to him for not selling out. The rest of you? You approved this garbage, ignoring our cries. Smells like a backroom deal cooked up over mai tais at a developer’s penthouse. Why the hell are we testifying if you’ve already cashed the checks? I’m calling you out, especially Councilmember Andria Tupola, who got dunked at Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea but drowned our trust with her vote. This testimony’s my longest, most savage yet—packed with facts, aloha ‘āina, and a few jokes to see if you’re awake. If Tupola responds to my

challenge, we'll know she's reading. If not, you're all busted. Let's protect Haleʻiwa and expose this sham. Oh, and if you're reading this, what's a taro farmer's favorite dance move? The Loʻi Shuffle—bet you didn't laugh!

Our Community's Rebellion

Last meeting, we didn't just show up—we owned that room. Senator Fevella, a West Oʻahu legend, tore into Bill 37, warning it'll screw over families already stretched thin. I brought the heat, calling out your opaque process that left us in the dark. Farmers like Uncle Kimo of Kāne Farms begged you to save their fields. Kumu Lehua shared stories of loʻi kalo tied to our ancestors. Leilani Pua, a Kāneʻohe single mom fighting eviction, pleaded for her keiki's future. The North Shore Community Land Trust dropped a petition with 62 signatures on July 15, 2025, demanding Haleʻiwa stay agricultural. We were loud, united, and crystal clear: no to Bill 37. But you, except Weyer, said, "Screw you." Why? Did you think we wouldn't notice? Or are you too busy picking out wallpaper for the developer's next mansion? Here's a joke to test you: Why did the Council vote for Bill 37? Because they thought "agricultural" was a new cocktail at Waikīkī Beach! Laugh, and I'll know you're reading.

Bill 37's Wrecking Ball

This bill isn't just bad policy—it's a wrecking ball to Haleʻiwa's soul. The Special District is our North Shore's heartbeat, where taro grows, ancestors whisper, and rural life thrives. Rezoning it to urban is like trading a Ferrari for a golf cart—stupid and irreversible. Here's the damage:

1. **Starving Our Future**: Oʻahu's lost over 50% of its farmland since the '70s, per the 2024 Hawaiʻi Department of Agriculture. Haleʻiwa's fields feed us taro, ʻulu, and veggies, cutting our 85% food import dependency. Bill 37 paves the way for condos, not crops, screwing farmers like Uncle Kimo. The 2025 State Food Security Report says we're one supply chain hiccup from empty shelves, like in 2020. You want us eating Spam for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

2. **Erasing Our Culture**: Haleʻiwa's got heiau and loʻi kalo tied to Hāloa, our kalo ancestor. Rezoning risks bulldozing them, like past North Shore projects that trashed sacred sites. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs' 2024 guidelines demand real community input—you gave us zip. Where's the aloha ʻāina? Or is your version just a bumper sticker? Joke alert: Why don't developers consult kumu? They're too busy digging for gold, not history!

3. **Killing Rural Vibes**: The 2023 North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan says keep Haleʻiwa chill, not a Waikīkī clone. Bill 37 invites luxury resorts and strip malls, crushing our small-town soul. You want surf shacks replaced by Starbucks? That's not our North Shore.

4. **Pricing Us Out**: Don't bullshit us about "housing." Urban rezoning means penthouses, not homes for locals. Oʻahu's median home price is $1.2 million, with 60% of us bleeding over 30% of our income on rent, per UH's 2025 data. Leilani Pua's facing eviction because of policies like this. Where's the affordable housing mandate? Or is "affordable" just code for developer profits?

5. **Environmental Suicide**: Urban sprawl means concrete, runoff, and wrecked reefs. The 2025 State Climate Adaptation Plan predicts a 3.2-foot sea-level rise by 2050, flooding Haleʻiwa. You're setting us up for disaster without proper studies. Who's footing the bill when the floods hit? Not the developers, I bet. Here's another joke: What's the Council's favorite game? Flood Roulette—spin the wheel and see who drowns!

We screamed this at the last meeting. Fevella laid out West Oʻahu's infrastructure nightmare. I cited the 2024 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands report on how rezonings screw Native Hawaiians. Leilani begged for her kids. You ignored us. Why? Who's got your ear?

Your Process is a Joke

Let's cut the crap: Bill 37 was a done deal before we opened our mouths. The vote, despite our unified front, reeks of developer cash or lobbyist promises. Prove me wrong—show us your emails and donor lists. The 2024 Honolulu Office of Council Services report calls out your garbage process: short notices, rushed hearings, no real studies. We got no time to dig into Bill 37, no clue who's banking on it. This ain't democracy—it's a rigged casino, and we're not the house. You're burning trust faster than a North Shore wildfire. Maui 2023 showed what happens when leaders ignore us—people lose everything. When we pour our hearts into testimony, and you toss it in the shredder, we're done playing your game. Joke time: Why's the Council like a bad comedian? You keep bombing, but you still expect applause!

Tupola, You're on Blast

Councilmember Andria Tupola, you're in the hot seat. You got dunked at Lā Hoʻihoʻi Ea on July 27, 2025, at Thomas Square, splashing for the cameras and preaching "Ua mau ke ea o ka ʻāina i ka pono"—the land's sovereignty lives in righteousness. You celebrated Hawaiian independence, but your vote for Bill 37 sells out our ʻāina to developers. How do you square that? You're dunking on our culture, our farmers, our future. Leilani Pua, a Kāneʻohe mom fighting eviction, believed your 2024 Koʻolaupoko town hall promises to protect ʻāina and affordability. She's getting crushed, and Bill 37's gonna make it worse. If you're reading this, Tupola, name Leilani, Uncle Kimo's farm, and the North Shore Community Land Trust's 62-signature petition in your next Council speech or newsletter. Prove your Lā Hoʻihoʻi Ea splash wasn't just a stunt to dodge the real fight. Ignore this, and you're admitting you're all talk, no aloha. Oh, and here's a zinger: Why'd Tupola vote for Bill 37? She thought "loʻi kalo" was a new TikTok dance! Laugh, and I know you're reading.

The Stakes Are Everything

Bill 37 isn't just Haleʻiwa's fight—it's Oʻahu's soul on the line. We're battling a housing crisis kicking families off-island, cultural sites getting bulldozed, and ecosystems choking under climate change. The 2024 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands report says rezonings like this hit Native Hawaiians hardest. The 2025 Climate Adaptation Plan warns urban sprawl will drown us in floods and debt. You're paving over our future for a quick buck. Weyer's vote showed what a real leader does—stands with us, not the suits. Tupola, Council, where's your backbone? Here's one more joke: What's the Council's favorite crop? Concrete—grows faster than taro!

Our Demands

Get it together or get out:

1. **Kill Bill 37**: Scrap the rezoning or mandate 70% affordable housing and cultural protections, built with us, not developers.
2. **Real Studies**: Fund independent environmental and cultural impact reports, per OHA's 2024 rules. No more half-assed plans.
3. **Spill the Tea**: Disclose every call, email, or dollar tied to Bill 37. No more secrets.
4. **Fix Your Shit**: Give us 30-day notices, virtual testimony, and explain why you ignore us.
5. **Face Us**: Hold a Haleʻiwa town hall with Uncle Kimo, Leilani, and the North Shore Community Land Trust. Look us in the eye.

To my people: Let's keep the fire burning. Blast Leilani's story on X @OhanaUnityParty, Instagram @OhanaUnityParty, and YouTube @PikachuBillionaire with #ProtectHaleiwa. Push the North Shore petition everywhere. Buy from Uncle Kimo's farm. Support the fight via Venmo @PresidentBillionaire, CashApp $ShelbyBillionaire, or BTC 1sRfKDphW18hojoyTQVy9qQVSUtQgahYwj. Subscribe to @PikachuBillionaire and let's make noise they can't ignore. If they won't listen, we'll vote their asses out.

Final Shot

Bill 37 is a knife in Haleʻiwa's heart and a middle finger to our trust. Tupola, we're waiting—call out Leilani, Uncle Kimo, or the 62-signature petition, or admit you're dodging us. Council, undo this, or we'll haunt you at the polls. To my community: let's fight like hell for our ʻāina. Mahalo if you're reading, but I'm betting you're not. Prove me wrong—or get ready for the Loʻi Shuffle, because we're dancing all over this bullshit.

Sincerely,

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 12:47 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members,

I'm writing to express my firm opposition to Bill 37 and urge you to vote against its passage.

This measure raises serious concerns for our community's future should there be a change to the State Land Use District Boundary from Agriculture to Urban.

I respectfully ask that you consider the voices of concerned residents who believe this bill does not reflect the values or needs of our community.

Please take a stand for thoughtful policymaking and reject Bill 37.

Sincerely,
Cynthia K. Shell

Resident-Haleiwa Hawaii

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Kelly Perry	hunakai5@aol.com	96791

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 01:54 PM

Testimony:

I oppose ammending portions of the State Land Use District Boundary Map Ag District to Urban District for certain lands situated in the Haleiwa Special District. I believe this land should be used to grow food for our community, and have seen it successfully done at a farms all over Halewia.

Mahalo,
Kelly

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Deborah King	dking0923@gmail.com	96817

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 06:31 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

I received an email regarding Bill 37 from the North Shore Chamber of Commerce. I know that there have been several community meetings regarding this topic. I have copied their testimony because I agree with them in this situation:

"Aloha Kākou Chair Kia'āina and members of the Zoning Committee,
The North Shore Chamber of Commerce hereby submits its testimony in
STRONG OPPOSITION to BILL 37 (2025) and requests that the Committee
members oppose the bill for the following reasons:

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce opposes the rezoning of agricultural land in the North Shore area, particularly historically productive land and prime ag land with A & B grade soils, such as the property in question. These lands should be used for agriculture. Development of these lands should be done only where necessary. Not only is this project not necessary, as Haleiwa does not need and the North Shore residents do not want another large commercial shopping center in Haleiwa, the proposed project for which the owner is requesting this reclassification, is likely to have serious negative effects on the community that have not been satisfactorily addressed and mitigated by the developer or the conditions contained in Bill 37.

Most notably, Haleiwa town does not have the infrastructure to support a new large residential development and large commercial shopping center. The small two-lane road through Haleiwa can already barely handle peak hour traffic. We currently have no sidewalks or walkways. There are very limited public parking and restroom facilities. And we have no municipal wastewater treatment facility and the highest density of septic tanks and cesspools on the island. Adding a new, large mixed-use development to Haleiwa town would only exacerbate these problems. The project, as proposed, and the Bill, do not appear to require any off-site improvements to address these impacts.

Past experience demonstrates that, although new developments are causing these impacts and/or exacerbating these pre-existing issues, for their own profit motive, the residents and City are often left to deal with mitigating the negative impacts of developments after-the-fact. In fact, there are two examples related to this developer – Sunset Beach Colony

(Velzeyland) and the Haleiwa Beach House, which failed to provide the required beach access and park dedication rights to the City, and failed to comply with Special Management Area laws and wastewater regulations, respectively. The existing infrastructure inadequacies in the area should be resolved before another burden is heaped onto our already overburdened infrastructure, which was designed and built for the small rural town that Haleiwa was, not the

popular tourist and lifestyle destination that it is now.

Additionally, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce is extremely concerned about the proposed layout and design of the project, which will significantly change the character of the town. Haleiwa is a historic, small town with mixed commercial and residential uses centered around a single main road, with predominantly commercial uses fronting Kamehameha Hwy. as it passes through Haleiwa and residential uses set back and behind those commercial uses. This historical development pattern is a significant part of the character of the town that is recognized and protected by the Haleiwa Special Design District. Despite the absence of sidewalks or walkways through much of Haleiwa, it is a very walkable town and its history, character, and charm are on display for everyone to see as they walk (or drive) through.

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Darrel Whitaker

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Camp Mokulēʻia

However, the location of the proposed development, i.e. adjacent to the Haleiwa bypass road on a long narrow stretch of agricultural land behind the existing commercial and residential areas of Haleiwa town, will pull people off of the main street, away from the historic district and away from the established and longstanding businesses that are an essential part of the fabric of our community, and into a cookie cutter suburban-type development that is more befitting a master planned community like Mililani or Kapolei than a charming historic small beach town, like Haleiwa.

Finally, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce does not believe it is appropriate to amend the state land use district boundaries to convert this prime agricultural land into urban zoned land for the development of the proposed mixed use residential commercial development because there is simply no benefit to the community. The State land use classification system under HRS Chapter 205 is a primary tool used to protect our valuable agricultural land on the North Shore, prevent over-development and agricultural land speculation of these lands, and maintain the affordability of agricultural land for use for active and actual farming operations. The North Shore's character and history, and residents past and present, are deeply connected to and our identities interconnected with the agricultural land and lifestyle that the North Shore has been so well known for many generations. Even today, three decades after the closure of

the Waialua Sugar mill, crop production, ranching, and other bona fide agricultural activity are still an important part of the economy of the North Shore.

These agricultural activities, which are essential to our community, are under constant pressure and existential threats from developers' speculative purchases of agricultural lands with the intention to hold it for future residential and/or commercial development. It is a well-known and well-reported fact that this is a major factor in the unaffordability of agricultural land. Approving the reclassification of this agricultural land, which was bought for the purposes of non-agricultural development and has never been used for agricultural purposes by this owner, would send the wrong signal. It would be an indication to every current and potential developer that our valuable agricultural lands can be purchased and stored at low agricultural tax rates for years or decades while producing nothing in the hopes of future development. These lands must be protected and one of the best ways to do so, is to ensure that agriculturally zoned land is only converted into these more intense residential and commercial uses when it is absolutely necessary. This development is not necessary. It does not benefit the community. It does not mitigate its impacts on areas outside the project or address longstanding issues that will be exacerbated by the intense urban use proposed. It is simply an additional burden on an already burdened system and a community that is already operating at peak tourist capacity. Without clearly defined benefits to the community and a clear demonstration of the necessity of the project, there is no reason to turn this valuable prime agricultural land behind Haleiwa town into a new suburban-type mixed use development.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our position.

With Aloha,
Mike Biechler, Chair
North Shore Chamber of Commerce

I strongly oppose Bill 37 to rezone agricultural land for urban use because the existing infrastructure is unable to support it and no maintenance, repairs or upgrades have been made for new construction.

I strongly support preserving our historical Hale'iwa Town and Bill 37 will harm it.

I am concerned because officials want community input and yet I feel that the input is ignored.

I hope you consider all these valid reasons of why this bill needs to fail.

Mahalo,

Deborah W. King

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Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 08:58 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this bill. Changing the zoning of Agricultural land sets a dangerous precedent.

Our existing infrastructure can not support this development and it will adversely affect the quality of life for the North Shore residents by creating even more traffic.making it practically impossible for us to even get from our homes to our jobs and back..

We need to protect our Agricultural lands for future food production and other valid agricultural uses.

Another shopping center would pull business from the small business owners in Haleiwa which are already struggling due to high costs of lease rent, insurance etc.

Please do not destroy the character of the North Shore even more by allowing this bill to pass.

Respectfully, Joni Shiraishi, Realtor Emeritus, Aloha Island Homes

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Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 09:24 PM

Testimony:

I oppose.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Antonio Fallas	waialuaantonio@gmail.com	96791-8612
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 09:26 PM

Testimony:

This is unacceptable. The infrastructure of Holly Ava, and it’s small town charm that pulls in so many tourists will be ruined by this development. As someone that grew up in this town, my whole life I can’t believe that this would even be considered. There is one access road in and out at a major choke point already.There will be construction later in the year for the new bikepath and then construction for God knows how long for this project. Please consider the long-term residence that makes North Shore the place it is. Aloha

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tracy Walker	tw@hawaii.rr.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 09:32 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose any zoning changes in Haleiwa from agriculture lands to urban.

Thank you,

Tracy Walker

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Michael Sanborn	Msanborn994@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 09:37 PM

Testimony:

Please we don’t need anymore development on the North Shore! We already deal with an overpopulation on the North Shore, everyday we deal with traffic, overcrowding of our beaches, this will just make matters worse! This housing development won’t be housing local people it will push local people out! Giving opportunity for more out of state people to move in! If only our government officials could see what we deal with everyday other than seeing dollar signs. We were literally stuck with nowhere to go during the tsunami warning due to the overpopulation issue, 2 hours to get anywhere within 3 miles! Keep the country country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Charlie Walker	tw@hawaii.rr.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 09:38 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 037(25) and do not want the agricultural district changed to urban district for certain lands situated in the Haleiwa Special District, in Haleiwa, Oahu.

Thank you,

Charlie Walker

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Terry Albores	terryalbores@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 2, 2025 @ 11:01 PM

Testimony:

This bill adversely impacts our community in many ways. We live, work, and raise our families in this beautiful community and are already experiencing shortages of essential resources (healthcare, food, gas, etc...) due to the overpopulation. Please value our community over those who are looking to put more money in their pockets while not even being a resident. If they lived here they might understand how critical these resources are and the negative impact thus will will

have.

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Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 12:53 AM

Testimony:

The recent tsunami thread was an important lesson for our community not only in preparedness and evacuations but also in the capacity of this very small town. There is no way this town can handle an additional 250 living units in the heart of TOWN as it took many of us hours and hours to get to a safe zone in our vehicles. Please vote NO!

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Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 05:01 AM

Testimony:

I oppose.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 06:37 AM

Testimony:

I oppose rezoning this land for commercial development. These lands were ancestrally bountiful farm lands used to feed our people. We do not need more commercial development in our town. We do not need more "affordable" housing that people in our community cannot afford. We do not need more stores or retail space. We need agricultural lands that are used to grow food for our community, lands where our community can connect outside with one another and our culture.

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Donna Au-Love	audonna@hawaii.edu	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 06:41 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill and the proposed development of agricultural lands in Hale'iwa. Developers always promise to bring us new jobs and more affordable housing, and we have seen time and time again that these kinds of development only serve tourists and lead to overcrowding. As it is, our community can barely move through Hale'iwa town during peak tourist seasons because our small roads are filled with cars parked illegally, people looking for parking, and tourists walking in the street. We do not need this development. We do not want these lands to be rezoned. We want food for our

community. We want to be able to walk through our town and enjoy our home.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chris Love	beastwpc@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 06:43 AM

Testimony:

I oppose rezoning agricultural lands in Hale'iwa for commerical development and retail. This development will not benefit our community, it will only add to the overcrowding and continue to push local people out of Hale'iwa.

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Kawika Au	kahakauhi@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 06:44 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this rezoning and this proposed development. Our community does not need more retail space or more housing. We need less tourists and more emphasis on community resources.

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Kolja Rotzoll	kolja@hawaii.edu	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 07:22 AM

Testimony:

I strictly oppose this bill. Haleiwa and the North Shore is overrun by tourists, visitors, and locals. There is simply not enough space to accommodate the masses with the existing infrastructure (single-lane road in each direction). Respect the residents and do not expand urbanization on prime agricultural land with questionable housing developments that will certainly not be affordable & commercial activity that only benefits a few and not the rest of us residents. The developer will make a profit, while we have to put up with the negative consequences. KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!

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Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 08:09 AM

Testimony:

I oppose

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:24 AM

Testimony:

Aloha, I strongly oppose Bill 37. Keep this land ag land. Haleiwa cannot afford more traffic. Protect the land. Keep this precious north shore country.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:32 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this development in Hale'iwa. It will disrupt the character of Hale'iwa, its low density plan, and the heritage of the town.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:41 AM

Testimony:

I am absolutely opposed to the rezoning of any agricultural land in the Haleiwa district for urban and commercial use. The traffic in Haleiwa town is already gridlocked at many times during the day. The access for the proposed project is entirely inadequate. This project is inappropriate and contrary to the North Shore Sustainability Plan. Mr. Anderson's claims to the contrary are false. Signed, James Berlin, Waialua, HI

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:52 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members,

Tsunami Alert gridlock exposes gaps(front page Thursday 7/31 StarAdvertiser

I urge you to VOTE NO to bill 37 as we are faced with a new awareness of urgency and safety for our neighborhood in Haleiwa The proposal for the HALEIWA BACKYARD DEVELOPMENT happens to be "sandwiched" within the inundation zone in the middle of Haleiwa town.

With a small road(EmersonRd.) that is designated as the entrance & exit to the development leading directly into inundation zones.

RETHINK: Tsunami Gridlock Daily Often Norm On North Shore

Daily on Kamehameha Hwy. From Sunset Beach to Haleiwa we may find ourselves caught in bumper to bumper traffic.

But on Tsunami Alert Tuesday, gridlock exposes gaps.
One road, one way Mauka. It took my neighbor from Sunset to Mililani-
3 1/2 hours to drive, leaving shortly after the 1st siren at 3.

The incredible number of people having to leave the shoreline and inundation zones calls for a rethink of any more development plan approvals on the North shore zones until island officials and residents figure the infrastructure out.

This includes the Turtle Bay Arete expansion.

And now proposed" Haleiwa Backyard Development"
(Vote NO-Bill 37- zoning & council hearing on August 6)
Can you imagine adding the occupants of 150+ 2 bedroom units and their cars to the queue?
But wait, first they would have to get out of Haleiwa inundation zones onto Joseph Long Highway.
Let us rethink and reset till we figure a better plan. It is not where but when.

Mahalo,
Mari Hartman

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Kevin White	kainoawhite@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:55 AM

Testimony:
Subject: Opposition to Bill 37 – Preserve Our North Shore, Protect Our Future

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to strongly oppose Bill 37, as it represents yet another push toward unsustainable development on O'ahu—development that our island's infrastructure, communities, and environment simply cannot support.

We are already seeing the devastating impacts of overdevelopment. Traffic on the North Shore is unbearable—on a regular day, it takes 1 to 2 hours to drive just a few miles. Our roads were not designed to support this level of growth. During the recent tsunami warning, the entire North Shore was gridlocked. I couldn't even reach my mother, who uses a

wheelchair and does not drive. Thankfully, my brother-in-law got to her just in time and got them both to safety. But this could have easily gone the other way. If our roadways are this vulnerable during an emergency, how can we justify bringing in more development?

We also cannot ignore the impact on our agricultural lands. Every new project seems to chip away at areas that should be preserved for local farming and food security. Instead of paving over these lands, we should be supporting farmers, creating local jobs, and ensuring that Hawai'i can feed its people. That is how we truly invest in our local community and protect our future—not by catering to short-term profit or visitors who don't live here full-time.

I urge you to think about the people who live here, who raise families here, who take care of kūpuna here. Our community is asking for resilience, sustainability, and common sense—not more hotels, condos, or short-sighted developments.

Please stand with the residents of the North Shore and across O'ahu who are saying enough is enough. Vote NO on Bill 37.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Kevin White

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Becky Benson Jay	bbjsurfs@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:56 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair and Members of the Council,

As a life-long resident of the North Shore, I strongly oppose the proposed "Haleiwa Backyards" development. This project does not reflect the values or needs of our community. It represents yet another attempt by outside interests — people who do not live here, raise families here, or bear the daily impacts of overdevelopment — to profit off our 'āina at the expense of those who do.

Our infrastructure is already strained, our roads are clogged, and our open spaces are shrinking. The last thing we need is another subdivision pushed through by developers who will never have to live with the long-term consequences of their actions. Projects like this chip away at the rural character of Hale'iwa and ignore the wishes of those who call this place home.

I urge you to reject this proposal and stand with the people who live here, who care for this land every day, and who will be here long after the developers have moved on.

If we allow people who don't live here to decide what happens to our land, then we're giving away more than just zoning

— we’re giving away our future. I’ve lived long enough to see how easy it is to lose what makes a place special, and how hard it is to get it back. Hale‘iwa doesn’t need to be reinvented — it needs to be protected.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Becky Benson-Jay

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Haleiwa, HI

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Max Nowicki	bigwaveshrimp1@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Big Wave Shrimp Inc.	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 10:05 AM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill 37 and its rezoning because it would reduce the rural and agricultural character of Haleiwa and the North Shore and is not a development we need. Preserving the way Haleiwa is and has been for future generations and visitors should be our goal, not urbanization.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jean Martinson	Pupukeaj@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 3, 2025 @ 10:27 AM

Testimony:

Please keep this ag land!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Schuyler Lucky Cole	luckycolenet@gmail.com	96722
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 11:18 AM

Testimony:

Aloha council member Weyer and other hard working members of the Honolulu City Council,

I oppose this change to urban land use due to poor policy and lack of supporting public infrastructure. Apt buildings did not belong at Kaiaka Park back when proposed in the 20th century and do not belong now in Haleiwa Town.

Apartment buildings do belong in the primary and second urban center and next to transit hubs not in rural Haleiwa Town with no public sewer system.

Please send the octogenarian developer back to the drawing board to plan something suitable to the 21st century including multi modal transit eg bicycles and e-bikes.

Sincerely Lucky Cole, fellow octogenarian and former:

Realtor Emeritus, IBM team leader, Chair of the North Shore Neighborhood Board, President of the Sunset Beach Community Association , VP of Keep the North Shore Country, VP of Waialua Community Association, parent of 3 Waialua High grads and surfer.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vicki Wells	vw3538@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 11:53 AM

Testimony:

We have more than enough development in traffic do not allow this to pass. It will set a precedent for other land to be bought with other intentions than farming and changing from ag land. Enough already, keep the country country, too much money is coming in already. Protect the aina!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Baley Van Wagoner	baleyvw@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 01:14 PM

Testimony:

No no no. Hard pass. Absolutely not. As a Haleiwa home owner and resident we do not want this!!! None of us want this. This is not in alignment with the values of the north shore. We want to keep the country country. We want to prevent further congestion and traffic. We want to preserve the sacredness of the aina and keep this area as it was intended. Ag land! When is enough enough?! It feels like I have to fill these types of testimonies out constantly as there are always people trying to make money grabs and don’t understand the meaning of pono or how to respect Hawaiian people or Hawaiian land. Take a stand. Strongly oppose this bill. Emphatic NO from me. Please use your power to do the same, NO on 37. OPPOSE! Shoot this down.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Margaret Horton	peggy@horton-studios.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 02:54 PM

Testimony:

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this matter that affects everyone living on the North Shore.

Four years ago I purchased a home on Pupukea Rd., Haleiwa. There are many things to love about this neighborhood, but the one challenge with living here is the traffic situation. There are times when the bumper to bumper traffic is more than an inconvenience, it can become dangerous. A personal example is when my daughter-in-law found herself in labor well before the baby's due date. Because of her particular situation she was advised to go directly to Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women in Honolulu where she could be given specialized treatment. Fortunately, after a very stressful hour and a half

on the road all turned out well, but if the journey had taken place during rush hour or when the surf was good, or at the height of tourist season the baby could have been lost.

To add what could be hundreds of cars to an already clogged road is not responsible. At some point the lack of infrastructure to care for the existing residents has to upstage the desire to develop more of the North Shore. Thank you, Margaret Horton

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andrea Anixt	andreapeatmoss6@gmail.com	96730
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 04:28 PM

Testimony:

The overpriced rents, $2,500 as affordable, really?

the real 30,000 reasons,

(commercial space 30,000sq.ft.and 328 parking spaces for 156 two bedroom rental units),

on 7.9 acres of Agricultural land to be changed to Urban to begin with is why I am against this change!

The J.P. Leong by-pass was to relieve residents of Haleiwa's commercial congestion road originally. This would re-create more commercial traffic congestion! We residents need a break!

It is even more of a safety issue if added to the thousands of extra vehicles that were not moving during the tsunami evacuation just days ago!

Building this and the expansion at Turtle Bay with 6 to 8 million dollar condos, 1000 units of 'married student's' rental housing at BYU, and expansion even at Kualoa Ranch is putting we Hawai'i residents of the Country/rural area by choice BEFORE its being made Urban into a forgotten and under-represented minority!

Then there is Mt. Ka'ala' gondola!

Maybe you forget there are thousands of vacant buildable lots zoned Urban in just Ko'olauloa now already per DPP during the heated hearings over the K. Sustainable Communities Plan was passed.

No development is good over a sole 2 lane road eroding into the ocean, is it?

End this now!

Mahalo if you do

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Margaret Primacio	defendoahucoalition@gmail.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Defend Oahu Coalition	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 06:24 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is congested and can't accommodate more shops and cars. Residents and businesses of this historic town live and work and know the negative impacts already existing. Please consider voting against Bill 37, 2025, CD1 and kokua the area citizens who are working toward solutions to keep Haleiwa historic and livable.

Mahalo nui.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mikaila Ng	ngmikaila@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 08:00 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this change in land zoning because it does not serve the interests of the land or our kamaaina but only serves to fuel the greed and profit of the few (ie. kalepa haole). This change in zoning would place too much strain on the current infrastructure of Haleiwa town while also pushing out more locals and Native Hawaiians from our own home. Do what is pono by listening to the people when we say no to this Bill.

Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sara McGuigan	sara@kokuahawaiifoundation.org	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 08:13 PM

Testimony:

My name is Sara McGuigan, and I serve as a Director at the Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation in Hale‘iwa. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to the proposed Hale‘iwa Backyards development.

As caretakers of a thriving 8-acre educational and production farm just down the road, I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable. That is simply false.

When we took stewardship of our land, it had been neglected and misused as a junkyard. Today, through dedicated restoration and community effort, it has become beautiful, productive ‘āina that includes:

Working lo‘i kalo

A Hawaiian cultural garden

A fruit orchard, lei garden, and

One acre leased to a local farmer growing greens and produce for the community.

The land also benefits from abundant fresh water due to its proximity to the water table, making it especially suitable for diversified agriculture.

But our work extends far beyond growing food.

At Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation, we also operate a community composting program and serve as a hub for education and engagement. We host volunteer workdays, school field trips, youth internships, and run farm-based programs for students and families across O'ahu. This land feeds, educates, and brings people together.

The value of agricultural land cannot be measured only in dollars—it must be understood through its contributions to food security, environmental regeneration, cultural connection, and community resilience.

It is deeply troubling that the same narrative used by the previous landowners of our site—that this land was useless—is now being recycled by the proponents of Hale'iwa Backyards to justify yet another development. That narrative was false then, and it is false now.

Please oppose the Hale'iwa Backyards project. We must protect our remaining agricultural lands and invest in a future rooted in 'āina-based solutions, not more sprawl and speculation.

Mahalo for your time and for listening to the voices of the community.
Sara

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Juliana Asfora	jujucatelsurf@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 08:14 PM

Testimony:
Oppose!! Too much traffic, it took me 45 mins to get out of Hale'iwa last Saturday!! I am a resident!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Angela Huntemer	ahuntemer@aol.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Sierra Club Oahu Group	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:07 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Barbara Kahana	bkahana1@gmail.com	96727
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:20 PM

Testimony:
Stongly oppose.
Stop ignoring voices of the People.
Protect ag land. We need to save ways to grow food. You cannot eat concrete.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Becky Facer	becks1082@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:37 PM

Testimony:

The north shore does not need this

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Marissa Eveland	marissaeveland@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 09:46 PM

Testimony:

Protect our AG land- we do not have the infrastructure to support development of Ag land

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Devon Dailey	hawaiipolo@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 3, 2025 @ 11:37 PM

Testimony:

This proposed subdivision is a disaster on all levels. It destroys yet more agricultural lands on the North Shore. Most importantly this project would make the traffic in Haleiwa so bad that the residence can’t use the town any longer.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alysha Cummings	alyshahiilei@gmail.com	96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:36 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country Country. I’m against the new development in Haleiwa. After the tsunami our roads can’t handle anymore. Safety is the biggest issue. No more!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jana Crawford O’Brien	i8pixistix@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:07 AM

Testimony:

There has been overwhelming community opposition to this bill. We implore you to please listen to the wishes & feelings of the community. We do NOT want this project in our backyard. We do not want the increased traffic or the construction or the infrastructure impact in our community. PLEASE listen to the people who will be directly impacted by this change.

PLEASE choose the people over the profits. The beauty & pristine essence of the North Shore needs to be preserved. There is only so much land & once you open this Pandora's box, you will not be able to close it. Do you want to see Haleiwa look like Waikiki? It's called The Country for a reason & while we support responsible changes, THIS is not one of them. Mahalo for your time.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nainoa Magalei	nsmagalei@gmail.com	96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:11 AM

Testimony:

I oppose the plans to develop Haleiwa. I oppose the corruption in our government. Stop selling us and the land out for personal gain. Pilau fakas.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
SharLyn Foo	bpacker@maui.net	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:21 AM

Testimony:

Aloha , I strongly oppose bill 37. Changing Ag land to urban in our small town is not good idea.

Haleiwa town cannot handle anymore traffic or people. The proposed project will not be affordable for working folks out here. Our retailers are already struggling

So more would only hurt them.

Most of this community overwhelmingly does not want this .

Why would the council approve this ?

Please listen to the community

Mahalo SharLyn Foo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ashley Van Horn	ashley214@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:47 AM

Testimony:

I'm writing again in opposition of this bill. It appears the preference of the local community is overwhelmingly in opposition with maybe only one or two in support each time this comes before the committee. Rather than listing all of the reasons I oppose this again, I want to ask why all of you elected officials are voting in support of this bill when it is clearly against the wishes of the community of people that live in the area, of whom you were elected to represent? Will you be answer to the community complaints about the horrendous Haleiwa traffic and congestion if this project goes through? Will you be held responsible for any injuries or loss of life that may occur during an emergency like we just

experienced with the tsunami threat where people aren't able to safely evacuate because of the overcrowding? The responsibility will be on you, as the elected officials who went against the will and wishes of the North Shore community who are telling you that we do not support this project. Have you noticed how none of the people submitting testimony are "excited" by the possibility of more available housing? Because this project isn't being built to support the community. It's being built to profit off of land that should be used for its original intent, which is agriculture. Thank you for your time.		
Name: Nicolette Mozo	Email: mozo.nikki@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:59 AM
Testimony: I oppose converting agricultural land. Once we start doing that, we will lose diversity in our landscape and what makes the country, country.		
Name: Crystal Thornburg-Homcy	Email: cravegreens@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 08:20 AM
Testimony: Keep the country, country! Keep Agriculture on the North Shore!		
Name: Joan Candelario	Email: candelarioj92@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 08:36 AM
Testimony: The people have spoken, and they've said no. Hale'iwa, the land and the people, would suffer. Keep the North Shore country		
Name: Joe Wilson	Email: qwavesjoe@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 08:44 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose moving forward with reclassification of lands from the state's land use agricultural district to the state land use urban district, any zoning changes, or development project approvals until the updated North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan is approved by the City Council and disseminated and digested by local residents.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Blane Andrade	blane.andrade@yahoo.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 09:15 AM
Testimony: Traffic is already a nightmare through Hale'iwa town and on the bypass road; this will make it worse. More importantly, allowing a developer to change the zoning because they can afford to do so will alter the history of Agricultural lands on the island. This will set precedent and any developer who owns Agricultural land will use this to rezone and build commercially EVERYWHERE!! The council members who support this bill don't even live on the North Shore.		

Name: G garner	Email: gazellegarner@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 09:26 AM
Testimony: Bill 037 doesn't serve the local North Shore community — it's a developer's land grab, driven by profit, not people. The developer has a track record of broken promises, and the Carpenter's Union supports it for financial gain, not community benefit. Approving it will worsen traffic on an already overburdened two-lane highway, forcing residents to alter daily routines just to complete basic errands. This small town can't sustain more congestion. We need to protect this agricultural land for the community's long-term health and food security — not sacrifice it for condos that will surely become vacation rentals. Don't be fooled. This bill is rooted in greed. VOTE NO.		

Name: Gary Gunder	Email: gary@tinroofranch.org	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 10:10 AM
Testimony: Oppose Bill 37.		

Name: Terri-Lee Bixby	Email: tbixby@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 10:37 AM
Testimony: Oppose! Keep the country country!		

Name: Larry McElheny	Email: lkmcelheny@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 10:40 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members

Once again, I am submitting my strong opposition to Bill 37. Denying Bill 37 is critical to keeping this land in agriculture and open space. That is-- Keeping The Country, Country.

If developed as proposed, this would be the most dense and intensively urbanized parcel in all of Haleiwa, totally changing the character of the town.

Please also see all of Professor Denise Antolini's testimonies related to Bill 37--especially the testimony she submitted for the July 28, 2025 Zoning Committee hearing. It's an exceptionally comprehensive yet concise summary of the situation.

Mahalo

Larry Mcelheny

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Callie Stephenson	callies@hawaii.edu	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 10:45 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Zoning and Planning Chair Kia'āina, and Committee Members,

I am writing again in strong opposition to Bill 37 as a North Shore resident. I ask you to please listen to the voices of our community who have been asking for this bill to be prevented. I do not believe the developer has met the requirements for the SLUDBA. I would like to point the attention of this board to the comments made by elected members of the North Shore Neighborhood Board, who understand the complexities of this issue and can speak for our communities wishes.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Callie Stephenson

Hale'iwa Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Margaret Kaui Weiss	kauiw@yahoo.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 10:47 AM

Testimony:

As kanaka maoli I vehemently oppose BILL037(25). I am fourth-generation resident of Punalu'u, O'ahu. My husband and I

are parents
to twins attending Kahuku Intermediate grade 8. I am a member of Punalu'u Community Association, serving as vice-president.
I am a member of Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club. I am a board member of Keep the Country Country. I was recently elected to Ko'olauloa neighborhood board 28, July 2025.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sunshine Eckstrom	silvercanyonequine@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 11:02 AM

Testimony:
It is disturbing to see some council members continuing to vote yes on this bill, changing this land's designation from agricultural to urban, all while speaking out of the other side of their mouths to us about their desire to listen to the community and work with us. It makes one wonder what your values really are. You should be representing the interests of the people who live here on the North Shore and those all across the island who care about Oahu's future. Instead, it seems that the interests of individual developers (and the construction unions they promise work to) come first. It's short term profit for a few at the expense of the many. Please stand up and vote NO on this harmful bill and support our island's land and future.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Linda Tseu	lindactseu@gmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 11:05 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Council members,
My Ohana and I have resided on the North Shore for over 50 years. We strongly oppose Bill 37!

We used to travel to Haleiwa town daily, formerly a 15 minute trip, for banking, shopping and to go to medical appointments and restaurants. That’s now incredibly difficult. In the last couple of years the travel time has doubled and sometimes tripled because of the tremendous increase in traffic on the 2-lane ByPass and 2-lane Kamehameha Highway in the town.
Should the Council approve this developer’s plans to build rental apartments and commercial spaces, our green space will turn into a 3-story eyesore because the property is directly adjacent to the ByPass.
Not only that, the addition of so many tenants to Haleiwa town will greatly increase the traffic congestion.
A better use of this property would be a City Community Garden, or a park or to keep it in its current Ag designation.
I realize this is the 1st step for the developer to achieve his goal but I join with the over 1000 members of the North shore community in urging you to vote NO on Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

chip hartman	seachip@yahoo.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 11:55 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members,

As a resident of the North Shore and Haleiwa, I am writing to ask you to reconsider your “YES” and 'With Reservations' vote for Bill 37 and vote “NO” at the next meeting. The development being planned with the land use change IS NOT appropriate for Haleiwa and the majority of people to be negatively impacted by it have spoken out in opposition. Please listen to those people and not unions and developers.

Mahalo, Chip Hartman

59-208 B Kamehameha Hwy

Haleiwa

Name: Jennifer Hernando	Email: jennifer.hernando@gmail.com	Zip: 96712-1485
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 12:02 PM

Testimony:

As a consulting hydrogeolgoist who lives and works in the Haleiwa community, I strongly oppose this project due to its potential impact on our infrastructure. This parcel of land is zoned agricultural and should stay in agricultural usage because our community does not have the infrastructure to support urban usage. There is no municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) available for this parcel, so the developer will have to build a private WWTP. Disposal of treated wastewater is a concern because this parcel of land is located in the Board of Water Supply No Pass Zone and above the Underground Injection Control line, which limits disposal options. The parcel is too small to develop housing and commercial operations and adequately dispose of treated wastewater. Where will the wastewater from 150 housing units and 30,000 square feet of commercial space be disposed of? Many of the existing commercial and residential developments in the Haleiwa area currently have issues with wastewater disposal, including those with newer WWTPs. Increasing development on this small parcel will exacerbate the current problem. This project will also add to the already excessive traffic in Haleiwa. In addition, allowing a change in zoning from agriculture to urban sets a precedent that it is acceptable for speculators to purchase AG land with the intent of eventually developing it. The land was zoned AG to protect agricultural resources and prevent urban development.

Name: Lauren Scott	Email: laurennscott2020@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 12:36 PM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emily Luke	emilyluke2013@gmail.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 01:13 PM

Testimony:

I do not support Bill 037.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Christian Tixier	cmtixier@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 01:36 PM

Testimony:

Written Testimony Opposing Bill 37

To: Matt Weyer

From: Christian Tixier

Date: 8/4/2025

I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to Bill 37, which poses a direct threat to the rural, historic, ecological, and agricultural integrity of Hale‘iwa, a community whose identity is deeply rooted in stewardship, culture, and sustainability.

This bill would:

Overwhelm existing infrastructure: Hale‘iwa’s roads, restrooms, and wastewater systems are already under significant strain. Further development without infrastructure investment will only increase traffic congestion and place additional pressure on public services that are ill-equipped to absorb such growth.

Undermine local businesses: The historic charm and vitality of Hale‘iwa’s main street are supported by locally owned, small businesses. Shifting commercial activity away from this area will erode their customer base, threatening livelihoods and the cultural fabric that sets Hale‘iwa apart.

Endanger agricultural heritage: For generations, Hale‘iwa has been a place of working farms and food production. Bill 37 opens the door to speculative land use and commercialization that risks displacing farming communities and paving over irreplaceable agricultural lands.

Threaten environmental and ecological health: Hale‘iwa is home to sensitive ecosystems, including native species, wetlands, and coastal habitats. Increased development could lead to runoff, erosion, and pollution that degrade water

quality, threaten marine life, and undermine ongoing conservation efforts.

Offer no meaningful community benefit: This bill burdens Hale‘iwa’s residents while offering little in return—no new infrastructure solutions, no guarantees of affordability, and no assurance that community values will be upheld.

We ask that you:
Reject Bill 37 and instead pursue thoughtful, community-led planning that prioritizes:
- Infrastructure investments that match existing and future needs;
- Economic policies that support and protect small, local businesses;
- Strong protections for agricultural land and the region’s farming legacy;
- Environmental safeguards that preserve Hale‘iwa’s unique ecosystems;
- Transparent, inclusive decision-making that centers community voices—not outside interests.

Hale‘iwa is not just a destination—it’s a home. It deserves to be protected with the same care and intention that its people have shown for generations.

Please preserve what makes Hale‘iwa unique. Vote NO on Bill 37.

Respectfully,
Christian Tixier
Waialua, HI Resident
cmtixier@gmail.com

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Racquel Achiu	rhachiu@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 01:50 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Council Chair Waters and Council Members. I am writing in OPPOSITION of Bill 37.
An amendment tot he State Land Use District Boundary from Agriculture to Urban is a matter that,, in all probability, take our community to a breaking point. Changing the Hale`iwa Backyards property from Agriculture to Urban will leave this area at risk for unfavorable development by any developer.
This is not about a developer or what the project proposes (yet. Even though the project has been used in this process and shows exactly why this Bill should not pass)
This is about ensuring that the future of our community is protected from frivolous development and land use. This is about being mindful of how our spaces and resources support our community and way of life, now and in the future.
A SLUDBA from Agriculture to Urban opens a door for the potential of unreasonable stewardship & impacts to an already strained and overwhelmed community. The North Shore community is no longer living, we are surviving. There is one

ambulance & 3-4 Police officers at any given time from Ka'ena to Kahuku, there are no Hospitals. We are told consistently to conserve water & energy, yet here we are considering ways to entertain more strains to these limited resources. We have one 2-Lane road with two highways that lead out of the north shore both located at the west end of Hale`iwa.
Last Tuesday's Tsunami threat revealed an EXTREMELY HARSH REALITY of how disabled we are, ESPECIALLY in an emergency evacuation situation. We are so incredibly LUCKY that there was lead time ahead of the threat. Had there not been time, such as a tsunami threat generated from a Big Island earthquake, we would not be here today to talk about it. Our ROAD was gridlock. I wasn't able to get to my mom to help get her evacuated. If this were truly the event that it seemed it could have been, I would have never spoken to her again. An incredibly stressful and scary situation that lingers in our minds.
Adding the potential for increased population, traffic and further strained resources to this area without having a comprehensive plan to address these issues as well as emergency options and carrying capacity is just unfair and irresponsible. Amendments like this create too much opportunity for future opportunities and impacts of major development that we just cant carry.

PLEASE PLEASE CONSIDER HOW THESE TYPES OF AMENDMENTS ...AND PROJECTS WILL IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITIES & PEOPLE. We've spoken very loud and very clear, please don't disregard

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jessica dos Santos	jdossantos@myhta.org	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 02:44 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair and Members of the City Council,

My name is Jessica dos Santos, a lifelong Kahuku resident with ʻohana in Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku. I drive through Haleʻiwa regularly for work and strongly oppose the proposed State Land Use Boundary Amendment to rezone agricultural land for the "Backyards" development. This project threatens the rural and agricultural character of our North Shore. Our infrastructure is already overstretched — traffic is constant, wastewater systems are overburdened, and public services are limited. Adding over 150 housing units and 30,000 square feet of commercial space in Haleʻiwa is simply unsustainable.

Rezoning agricultural land to urban uses sets a dangerous precedent. We risk losing lands meant to grow food and support our communities, not serve luxury development and speculation. There is no firm commitment to affordable housing here — only vague promises that benefit investors, not local families. This project does not reflect the values or needs of the North Shore. Please vote NO on this zoning change. Protect our rural lifestyle, our agricultural lands, and the integrity of our ʻāina and wai. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

With deep aloha, Jessica dos Santos Lifelong Kahuku Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leslie Lam	lesliedmarshel@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 03:35 PM

Testimony:

This is not affordable Housing ... I have lived in Hawaii over 50 yrs .. I've been a Flight Attendant 45 yrs and I couldn't afford this as a single and self Supporting woman .

Turning Agriculture land into 30 Thousand feet of retail space , really ?!?! Haleiwa doesn't need more retail . A better Emergency system for evacuating. And roads . That would be something to support .

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andrea Woods	andreaswimsunset@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 04:27 PM

Testimony:

Please vote NO on Bill 37. Once this land is classified Urban, we have lost it to Ag forever. The opposition to this bill is notable in that it is overwhelming. Even business leaders in Haleiwa are against the project, as is the Chamber of Commerce. The supporters are all people who would profit economically, but in the case of the construction industry, once the project is built the benefit to them is no longer there. Should the boundary change occur, if it's the promise of affordable housing that is causing you to consider supporting the change, please consider the following:

- For employees in Haleiwa's service industry, the minimum salary needed to afford the "affordable" housing is double of what they actually make.
- The promises the developer makes regarding affordable units must be locked into the DBA as a condition. This developer has left a trail of violations in our community and shouldn't be given the opportunity to continue this exploitation of the North Shore area.

People who live here truly want to "Keep the Country Country", and the thought of this boundary change, which would lead to this big development is truly heart breaking.

The city currently has $70 million in Clean Water Natural Lands funds that could potentially be used to purchase and protect this land if there's a willing buyer and seller, so a NO vote now would give us time to pursue this option.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andrea Woods	sbca1959@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Sunset Beach Community Association	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 04:30 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leroy Pao	paohana808@hawaii.rr.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 04:31 PM

Testimony:

My name is Leroy Pao, and I have been a lifelong resident of Sunset Beach. I am 73 years old and remain active in my later years.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill #37 and any further development in Hale'iwa town at this time.

As a retiree, I spend my weekdays in Hale'iwa paddling canoe, foiling, visiting the Waialua Library, and running errands. These activities keep me fit and connected to my community. However, the growing congestion has made the drive to town increasingly frustrating—often taking three times longer than it once did.

Adding a commercial and residential area on the agricultural parcel will only bring more cars, more people, and more strain on our already overburdened infrastructure. Hale'iwa does not need more shops catering to tourism—we already have plenty of commercial establishments, along with surf schools, turtle-watching operations, and other attractions that draw large crowds.

The traffic situation in Hale'iwa is already a major challenge. The area is clogged by more than 20 food trucks, the steady influx of tourists, surf contests and turtle-watching hotspots. With only one road in and one road out, our transportation system is extremely vulnerable. This was clearly demonstrated on July 29, 2025, when a tsunami warning created gridlock that took hours for residents and tourists alike to reach higher ground.

In addition, more farm parcels are being developed along Kamehameha Highway and Kaukonahua Road, adding to the problem. Instead of adding more development, we should focus on completing current infrastructure projects, such as the long-overdue road paving. We also need to explore alternate routes to and from the North Shore to ensure timely evacuation and travel.

For these reasons, I am firmly against Bill #37 at this time.

Sincerely,

Leroy Pao

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hans Good	hansgood13@gmail.com	96791

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 04:42 PM

Testimony:

This development will not solve the housing crisis on Oahu but it will exacerbate the problems already facing north shore residents. We do not have the infrastructure to support more housing. Our streets are packed, power outages all of the time, unable to quickly evacuate in an emergency. How is this development going to help any of that?

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kyle Pao	Kylepao82@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 05:16 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 37.

I have lived on the North Shore my entire life. I currently reside in Sunset Beach and commute to work in Honolulu. My greatest concern with a project of this scale is what it will take to build it—and more importantly, what it will ultimately bring to our small, rural town of Hale'iwa.

The construction alone will disrupt traffic, damage infrastructure, and burden the community for years. And once it's built, the permanent impact—more traffic, more commercial development, more pressure on limited resources—will forever change the character of Hale'iwa. This town is special because of its slow pace, its natural beauty, and its close-knit community. Bill 37 threatens all of that.

Please reconsider this bill. Our town deserves to be preserved, not transformed.

Sincerely,

Kyle Pao

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brooke Erickson	brookemerickson08@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 05:31 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill, it will dramatically affect the community. People love north shore because it's the country side. Rezoning will change the culture. Adding this development will also add more congestion to the already busy roadways. Keep the country, country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ruth Holmberg	holmbergr002@hawaii.rr.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 05:31 PM

Testimony:

This property should remain as an agricultural parcel. It is not too small to be a productive farm. There are small farms in the area that are successfully producing. More food is far better than more businesses and the laughable affordable housing that is being proposed. The housing will not be affordable for "local workers" and will just add more density of

people and cars.

Residents in the area don't trust Mr. Anderson to do what he says he will do. He has a history of not following through on promises and disregarding rules and regulations to his own end and benefit. His handling of The Beach House restaurant is an example. Many citations were issued for building issues and signage violations. I doubt that he has acknowledged or paid any of these.

Traffic in Haleiwa is already a major problem. Those of us who live out here go in early or late to do any business. The middle of the day is a traffic jam. This conversion would be a mistake and make Haleiwa even more inaccessible for residents.

The recent tsunami evacuation is a reminder of how difficult it is to move both residents and tourists out of the area in an emergency.

Please stop this now. It is a mistake to amend this parcel to urban and does not support the needs of the people in our area.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Pedro Quintino	pedromq88@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 05:48 PM

Testimony:

Please listen to the community and stop... it is too far already, you are meant to represent and defend us, but what has been happening is just business, interests and money. Please change your ways

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tamra Hayden	tjeanhay@gmail.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 05:52 PM

Testimony:

I completely changing any AG land. In a shipping emergency or any other event we will not be able to feed ourselves. The more AG land we absorb the failure to our people increases. We are going against everything Hawaiian culture teaches us about taking care of each other. I depend on local farmers every week at farmers markets.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
ELLEN BALSLEY	EBALSLEY@AOL.COM	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:04 PM

Testimony:

I am strongly opposed to any rezoning or change to the land use boundary map from agricultural district to urban district in the already congested Haleiwa Special District. Changing the land use boundary will also potentially increase the cost to the city and community if an effort is made to purchase this parcel from the developer in order to preserve it. Please vote

NO on Bill 37 and protect the interests of the residents and existing business owners of the North Shore. Thank you, Ellen A. Balsley, Waialua HI 96791

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Patricia Blair	patriciablair@msn.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:24 PM

Testimony:

Keep it country, agriculture.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mary Chun	duhchun@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:33 PM

Testimony:

I have lived in "downtown" Haleiwa for almost 50 years.To enter from my street on to Kam Hwy it often takes 10 minutes or more The traffic is huge every day from 10 or 11 to 5 pm and later. Trying to get from Weeds Circle to my house, about a mile away, can take 20 minutes or more at times. Two bedroom apartments are not for families. That is not big enough for a family. The sewage plant could at times make a terrible smell or even flood. It is in a tsunami zone. Andy Anderson has a bad reputation. He at one time authorized a bulldozer to crash thru Kilioe Pl cul de sac to create a road on to his then property without authorization, breakings curbs and sidwalks. He built the Beach House without proper authorization to have a 2nd floor many years ago, right next to a sacred fishpond. (very uncaring). It is not suppose to be 2 stories. But no one seems to want to enforce the Law. He is not in line at all with the residence of Haleiwa. We have thousands of tourist a day, but no one seems to care how much our lifestyle is damaged and changed by too much traffic and tourism. Many older people just give up. Developers and government will not be satisfied until Haleiwa is ugly and destroyed by too many people trying to make money and the government helping them with disregard to the residents needs and desires.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alicia Hill	thehillshouse4@icloud.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:38 PM

Testimony:

I absolutely oppose, no way can we handle traffic, infrastructure, unaffordable.... It’s AG land! Pls pls don’t destroy Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Robyn Price	dr.robynprice@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:45 PM

Testimony:

Subject: Opposition to Bill 037(25)– Rezoning of Agricultural Land on the North Shore

Aloha Councilmembers,

My name is Robyn Price, and I am a resident of the North Shore of O‘ahu. I’m writing in strong opposition to the proposed bill that would rezone agricultural land in our area for urban development.

This land is a precious resource that should be preserved for local agriculture. It has the potential to empower residents to grow their own food, support small-scale farming, and build a more self-sufficient, sustainable community. Allowing urban development on this land sacrifices these long-term benefits for short-term gains — gains that often do not serve the people who actually live here.

In addition, the North Shore is already burdened by severe traffic congestion, made worse by the constant influx of tourists. On many days, it already takes over an hour to drive just two or three miles. Further development would only worsen this gridlock, impacting our quality of life, emergency response times, and access to basic services.

Once agricultural land is rezoned and built upon, it is lost forever. I urge you to think not just about today, but about the future of O‘ahu — our food security, our rural heritage, and the well-being of the people who call this place home.
Additionally, please consider the following consequences if this bill is passed:

Environmental Impacts:

1. Stormwater runoff & coastal pollution:
Paving over open land leads to increased runoff, which can carry oil, debris, and pollutants into streams and out to sea, damaging nearshore reefs, limu beds, and marine life.

2. Loss of biodiversity & native habitat:
Urban development often clears open spaces that serve as homes for native birds, insects, and plant species — some of which are endangered and already under pressure from invasive species.

3. Water table and agricultural viability:
Concrete development can interfere with natural water percolation and threaten the availability of groundwater used for farming and drinking. Keeping land open and green helps recharge the aquifer.

4. Climate vulnerability:

With climate change accelerating, preserving green spaces strengthens the island’s resilience. Urban sprawl increases carbon emissions and puts more people at risk from sea-level rise and storms.

Please vote no on this bill and stand with the residents of the North Shore who want to preserve our land, our lifestyle, and our future.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robyn Price

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Amanda Rohrbauck	james.cromwell@yahoo.com	99016
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 06:47 PM

Testimony:

I oppose!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Richard Furst	rfurst808@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:09 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this dangerous precedent-setting bill that threatens the future of Haleʻiwa’s ag lands and community character. As a former resident of Waialua, I truly value the area's rural character. This bill will lead to development that does not suit the rural character of the North Shore. I urge the Council to reject this bill and help "Keep the Country Country!"

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leif Andersen	leif.andersen66@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 07:10 PM

Testimony:

This project is not designed for the community it is only to make money of of the community

The Paople that work in the shops in town wont be able to afford it. it will tern into a motel

we need to preserve our ag land grow fruits and veggies in the back of the shops that are serving the food to sustain the community

keep ag land for FOOD

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Michael Kirk-Kuwaye	mikekkfolk@gmail.com	96730
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 08:19 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair and Members,

I am in opposition to Bill 37. O'ahu is fast losing its agricultural land due to urban development in a time when we need food sustainability. Our vulnerability as an island state was made clear in light of last week's tsunami warning.

In addition, the infrastructure is not there to support the increase in people and traffic.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Name: Katie Metzger	Email: Katie@hanaihives.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Hānai Hives	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 08:42 PM

Name: MICHAEL TAKAHASHI	Email: mikesurfsunset@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 09:25 PM

Testimony:

Andy Anderson has a history of disregard for the community and not following up on his promises. His restaurant in Haleiwa was far bigger than announced and had to be shut down until he complied with the DPP. He has never built the promised park at his Velzyland project and I don't believe he intends to make "affordable" rentals at his proposed project. There is no EIS because traffic congestion and waste water would be a huge issue. Ag land should not be rezoned without approval from the community and there are very few who support this project. Please vote no, it is wrong to support developers who buy ag land with the intention of profiting from re-zoning.

Name: Yvonns Alexander	Email: yalexander@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 4, 2025 @ 09:35 PM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council Members,

I appose Bill 37 for the reasons below and many more.

As I have stated in previous testimonies on Bill 37, I am 83 years old and I have lived on the North Shore for over 55 years. I have seen many changes and have lived through 2 hurricanes, high surf damage and many tsunami warnings.

The tsunami warning on July 29, 2025 was a real wake up call. When the first sirens sounded the road was already crowded with tourists headed back to Waikiki. It was a regular day on the North Shore, traffic from 3pm until 5-6pm, stop and go. There were no accidents or medical emergencies that day/evening. That was a miracle. Many did not reach home until the warnings were over, as late as 10pm.

Haleiwa is clogged daily by tourist who visit the North Shore, over 11,000 tourists in Haleiwa via Kamehameha Hwy and 11,000 more using the by pass road. Residents no longer can use the beaches and some are already contaminated from over use and lack of rest rooms, Our 1 way in and out has impacted our daily lives. Visits to doctors, dentists, pharmacy, hardware store and grocery stores have made daily chores an all day event. Parking when reaching our destination in Haleiwa on some days is impossible. We on the North Shore no longer can visit friends and family in town on the weekends. We are prisoners of our homes.

True story: Sunday, July 27, 2025, my daughter and I made plans to meet my son and his family, who lives in Honolulu, in Mililani, for dinner as it is midway for us. Knowing the traffic would be bad we left at 5:15 for a 6:30 reservation. We arrived in Mililani at 6:45pm, an hour and a half later. I live by the Sunset Beach skate park, it took 1/2 hour to get to St. Peter and St. Paul church. This is a normal Sunday. Haleiwa to Mililani is 21 miles and normally takes around 40 minutes.

Haleiwa does not need apartments for workers who can not afford them. Haleiwa does not need 30,000 square feet of retail to accommodate more tourists. Changing the zoning only opens the door for more unneeded development.

Please look at what happened on July 29, 2025 as a warning for locals and tourists alike and DO NOT PASS Bill 37. In changing the zoning you will be making an already dangerous situation worse. Shame on the DPP for agreeing to this. They have records showing that the person wanting these changes has a history of not acting in good faith. What he has suggested could be even worse in realty.

Thanks you for listening to my voice and that of other residents.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Monique Mironesco	mironesco@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 09:57 PM

Testimony:

Dear Council Members,

It appears that the only member of this body who is actually listening to his constituents and the community as a whole is

Councilmember Weyer. The overwhelming majority of the testimony provided both in person and written had been AGAINST this proposed rezoning, yet councilmembers keep voting in the affirmative. The reasons the community is against the rezoning (lack of infrastructure, overcrowding of a small community, a developer with a horrible track record of lying to both the community and to various officials in the service of short term greed and profits) remain the same, as they have for every previous meeting. Yet, the majority of the council keeps voting yes. In a time when our democracy is faltering, please do the right thing and LISTEN to the people. We need an example of politics that works for the people, not for short term monetary gain. This land should remain in agricultural zoning to feed community, not to increase profits for one man.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Catherine Lau	jeremylau@aol.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 10:44 PM

Testimony:

Stop passage of Bill 37 because Hawaii needs its Ag Land to try to be more self sufficient. More urban sprawl and overdevelopment is not necessary especially on our prime Ag land. Haleiwa is a historic gem of our lifestyle in Hawaii.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Denice Kuehu	dkuehu@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 4, 2025 @ 11:50 PM

Testimony:

I oppose due to the fact that this must be prevented. It will also prevent future purchase to preserve the area. Haleiwa has been exploited far too long. Zoning changes in Haleiwa and all surrounding areas must be matriculated carefully. When is enough, enough? These changes can be our destructive. Not enough natural resources to support it. Or is that the goal? Exploit these areas from the mountains down to the NorthShore will lead to our inability to survive. Look at your children and consider this. Starve them tomorrow to make money today. Not everything deserves consideration! Not every proposal needs to be approved because they dotted all the “I’s” We are over crowded! No one is stopping it. You already know this. Stop. While we still have the chance. Example: All of Waimea to Kahuku was poorly planned and developed. They built, and built, and built, with full disregard for safety during an accident, high surf, major threat, or natural disaster! That is a huge mistake they made long ago for a few million dollars. Did it anyway because they could. Now what? We keep going? No! Learn from it. Stop allowing re-zoning and commercial builds! When the panel goes against the community’s majority? Time to get those in seat OUT!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sharryl Matsumoto	sharryl54@comcast.net	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:03 AM

Testimony:

I would like to share with you 2 reasons why I am strongly opposed to Bill 37.

1. SAFETY of residents.

- Not only did last week's tsunami evacuation cause traffic grid lock all over the island, it proved that it will be IMPOSSIBLE to quickly evacuate from Haleiwa town. IMPOSSIBLE!
- It took an employee from Kokua Farms, which is just makai of Haleiwa Backyards, 1.5 hours to travel 0.8 miles to Weed Circle.
- It took my sister almost an hour to get to Weed Circle from the intersection of Paalaa Road and Kamehameha Hwy – a distance of only 0.3 miles
- Imagine if the situation required residents to quickly flee Haleiwa town. It was proven last week that that would be impossible.
- So why amend the State Land Use Boundary for Haleiwa Backyards property to Urban when this would give any developer the opportunity to build housing and bring NEW residents into an area that would be impossible to quickly evacuate if an emergency were to occur?
- Don't we have a moral obligation to our community to be more responsible – to try to provide safe living environments? We need to plan smarter and avoid putting future residents in an unsafe environment that we know, from past history, that the next evacuation will make it not only difficult to get out of the area, but IMPOSSIBLE to do it quickly.

2. Act 175, Hawaii Farm to School

- This Act was passed in 2021 and requires the DOE schools to purchase 30% of their food products for school meals from local farms by 2030. 30% by 2030. This metric increases to 50% by 2050.
- The State's focus is on supporting local farms which will boost the local economy.
- By having more food on the islands, instead of depending on having most foods brought in, we won't have to worry that much when a shipping strike occurs.
- The DOE plans to have 7 regional kitchens throughout the State. 2 will be on Oahu. The first regional kitchen will be in Whitmore, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2027. That regional kitchen will provide lunches to the schools in Leilehua, Mililani, and WAIALUA complexes. This regional kitchen will play a huge role in sourcing their food from local farmers.
- Act 175 will depend on our local farmers and we will need more local farmers to support this Act.
- Therefore it is imperative to retain the Haleiwa Triangle as an agricultural parcel. The developer bought it as an agricultural parcel and he needs to follow footsteps of other local farms, like Kokua Hawaii Foundation, and learn to farm it.
- Changing the State Land Use Boundary Amendment to urban sets precedence and opens the doors to other developers to buy up valuable agricultural land, reducing our much-needed farmland needed to support our economy and things like our Farm to School program.

Please vote NO on Bill 37. Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Gabriel Gross	gabdgross@gmail.com	96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:57 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill as it aims to bring in different zoning in an area that can't handle the density of housing that the project proposes, the amount of car traffic in the residential as well as the commercial property proposed. The small town of Haleiwa doesn't have the traffic or sewer infrastructure to handle a project of this proportion which would disrupt the lives of the current residents bringing more traffic and stress and significantly lowering the quality of life of the current residents of Haleiwa town and adjacent neighborhoods who transit through Haleiwa daily!

Name: Nicole Correa	Email: ncorrea@hawaii.edu	Zip: 29006
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:44 AM

Testimony:

The ridiculous amount of development needs to STOP. As a native Hawaiian who had to move from home because I could not afford to farm/ranch without several jobs at a time, I am done and sick of seeing farm land switched over. Make farm land profitable. Hawai'i is one of the only places in the world where you can successfully farm year round. If these developers think they're so bright, have them figure out how to make farm land profitable instead of taking the easy way out which is to develop for home sales. They are not business minded individuals with great ideas. They are rich, entitled brats doing the only thing they know how-poach good agricultural land for their own pockets. This does not "benefit the economy of Hawai'i either." It is a third world country over there right now because of all of this "economic growth" with its local and native Hawaiian populations lining the streets in tents. Absolutely horrific. In 2016 when I completed my masters, Hawai'i was already 85-90% reliant on imports and there were several farming sectors that only operated in the red, meaning that farmers are working full time jobs just to put money towards their farming operations which are costing them thousands. Until you can figure out how to feed the people, you need to stop encouraging more people to come in and certainly not people who have no ties to the 'aina. Do the right thing for once. Mahalo.

Name: ALAN LENNARD	Email: alan.lennard.808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:57 AM

Name: Brooke Roy	Email: brookeroy10@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:26 AM

Testimony:

Tourists come and go but our community has to live here every day! We don’t want or need more development and tourism in Hale’iwa. Please listen to our community and keep this land for agriculture.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
John & Rita Shockley	shockleyjr@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Free Access Coalition	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:47 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members!

The Free Access Coalition strongly OPPOSES Bill37 that would rezone Haleiwa's rural designation to urban. Although Andy Anderson is a wealthy and influential developer, this idea of essentially turning Haleiwa rural areas to urban is bad for the land and people of Haleiwa and Hawaii. This zone change will just make Mr. Anderson more wealthy at the expense of the people. Please don't let this happen!

We cannot just turn our precious countryside into urban expansion as this Bill will do. This kind of zoning change is a gateway for other rural areas to open up for urbanization...not a precedent we want to set.

Mahalo for your time and your kokua on this important issue.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dawn Bruns	dawngreenlee@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:13 AM

Testimony:

Please vote no to this zoning change.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Janet Brinkman	hualalaij@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:04 AM

Testimony:

Adding anymore structures to the heart of Hale’iwa town will only cluster the infrastructure more. The tsunami the other day really put into perspective how the influx of tourism on coastal regions really hindered residents from getting to higher ground in a timely manner and gathering their last minute belongings, animals and family members. It’s irresponsible planning and permitting to approve this land conversion and project when Hale’iwa was Gridlock, especially being a coastal region in a town with one road in one road out when a natural disaster strikes is concerning. You should be more worried about the liability this project will bring in the future to residents. Build housing up mauka in an area that’s already zoned for it!!! Too much congestion in Hale’iwa, keep it country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Catherine Lau	jeremylau@aol.com	96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:05 AM

Testimony:

Stop passage of Bill 37 because Hawaii needs its Ag Land to try to be more self sufficient. More urban sprawl and overdevelopment is not necessary especially on our prime Ag land. Haleiwa is a historic gem of our lifestyle in Hawaii.

Name: Yula Levin	Email: yulial@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:19 AM

Testimony:

I feel this is a very bad idea as we are already overpopulated on the North Shore.

Traffic is tremendous, tsunami evacuation was demonstrated to be practically impossible due to traffic.

I feel like rezoning would add to traffic by encouraging more development.

It it will affect community negatively by increasing the population and driving the prices up, as a lot of of those units will probably be used for rentals.

This will also continue to further erode the “country” feel of the North Shore

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Name: Jenny Yagodich	Email: kaipuna@aol.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:22 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members, I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to Bill 37, which seeks to rezone 7.3 acres of prime agricultural land in Hale‘iwa from Agricultural to Urban to accommodate a large-scale development known as “Backyards.” This bill threatens the very heart of Hale‘iwa and everything that makes our North Shore community unique. It proposes a drastic change in land use—transforming agricultural land, intended to support local food sustainability and open space, into high-density urban development. If passed, this bill will pave the way for a project that is deeply out of scale with Hale‘iwa’s rural character and long-standing cultural values. Key Reasons for Opposition: 1. Irreversible Impact on Hale‘iwa’s Rural Identity: This project would fundamentally alter Hale‘iwa’s landscape with 3-story apartment buildings, over 150 housing units, 30,000 square feet of commercial retail space, and over 500 parking stalls. A development of this density belongs in urban core areas—not in a town that prides itself on being a gateway to the countryside. 2. Inadequate and Outdated Traffic Analysis: The traffic study for this proposal is more than 10 years old and does not reflect current

conditions, including the dramatic increase in tourism and vehicle congestion on the North Shore. Shockingly, the City Council is considering giving the developer a pass on updating this study until after zoning—a backward and risky approach. Our infrastructure is already overburdened and cannot absorb the added strain. 3. Cultural and Community Disruption: Access to the proposed site is via ʻOpaeʻula Lane—a narrow, 20-foot-wide road nestled between the sacred 200-year-old Liliʻuokalani Church and Cemetery and a long-established local business. This raises deep cultural, safety, and community impact concerns. The increase in traffic and construction could irrevocably harm these historic and essential community institutions. 4. Lack of Meaningful Community Engagement: Residents from Haleʻiwa and across Oʻahu have overwhelmingly opposed this project. The widespread concern about the loss of cultural heritage, rural lifestyle, and environmental degradation cannot be ignored. Decision-makers must respect the community's voice and vision for sustainable growth—not fast-track development that serves outside interests. Conclusion: The "Backyards" development is not aligned with the General Plan, the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, or the wishes of Haleʻiwa's residents. Rezoning this land sets a dangerous precedent for future urban creep into rural and agricultural areas across Oʻahu. I urge you to stand with the people of Haleʻiwa and beyond , and vote NO on Bill 37. Preserve the rural character, protect cultural heritage, and prioritize pono planning for future generations. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jessica Fremming	jessicafremming@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:35 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill to change agricultural land to urban land because it will add more traffic to an already overly congested area.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gwendolyn Herskowitz	eusgfo@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:48 AM

Testimony:
Haleʻiwa is facing significant challenges due to increased traffic, inadequate infrastructure to handle exploding tourism, and local residents. The streets are unsafe for walking with inadequate side walks and safe crossing areas. The crosswalk markings gave been obscured and are not maintained or repainted. Cars are parked along the road obscuring line of sight for safe driving and walking. The sidewalks and side of the road do not allow for wheelchair access, I am unable to take my husband safely to go grocery shopping or to the drug store. It takes an extra hour or more in the hot sun to make an urgent errand to the drug store due to the traffic and these issues. With health conditions , this is just not possible. These are just a few of the existing infrastructure issues in Haleiwa, please oppose this change that does not address how to solve these and the new issues that will be created. The ten year old traffic study is no longer representative of day to day in Haleiwa. We need more affordable food options and agriculture in Haleiwa, not more retail and traffic.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Tramontano Frank M Tramontano	oboytram@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:57 AM

Testimony:

Country is country - rural... do u understand!!! It's not urban or suburban!!!!

Its is viable agricultural land for green houses and vertical farming, if which compliments this farming community.

Stop the over development of the inefficiency of infrastructure, pollution and the many conflicting results problems created by tourists!! Enough is enough

City administration..., please listen to your constituents!!

Represent us and not the $$$$!

Name: Denise Antolini	Email: antolinid@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: 'A'ole Backyards Coalition	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:13 AM

Name: John Thielst	Email: thielst@coffman.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:15 AM

Testimony:

Aloha

There is a real fear that the Haleiwa and North Shore community feels about this project and the developer that is pushing it. For many reasons:

- Bill 37 is too vague and is not specific to "reflects the values, scale, and character of the North Shore. And if conditions or limits need to be placed"
- It's not following the process, and exposing the community and environment to unrealistic risks
- The developer has proven repeatedly multiple times that they do not value the community concerns and are happy to play the back-room games to get unrealistic projects past, just to put money in the bank.
- Adding 156 units to an already limited and already taxed infrastructure is not smart.
- The 156 units on a conservative estimate adds 250 – 400 additional people to the area, 156 to 300 additional vehicles to the local roads and traffic, additional trash, etc.
- But to me what's the most distributing is with 156 units depending on design you are looking at 156 to 300 additional bathrooms with toilet and showers adding 1000 of gallons of wastewater to the ground water systems, aquifers and this does not include the 156 washing machines wastewater.
- Then there is the additional strain on the HECO power grid in the area that is already taxed to the max.
- Additional retail? A lot of the businesses in Haleiwa already struggle now and do not need even more competition.

Haleiwa is a rural place not a small city. At some point enough is enough.

Let’s not try and make Haleiwa into something it’s not. Once ag land is made commercial it’s forever lost and can never go back to what it was.

Let’s not do this to our future generations please, they will thank and remember us for protecting and not sacrificing something so special. I know that’s one thing I want to be remembered for and I hope you also do to.

Thank you, Best Regards
John Thielst
39 year North Shore Haleiwa resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
John Salanoa	keoni.salanoa@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:26 AM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose this rezoning and building of an apartment or any thing else Andy Anderson is involved with. He has a very well documented history of breaking rules and doing what ever it is he wants to do. Andy Anderson is not a steward of Hawaii, he is a destroyer of Hawaii.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Phil Mislinski	phil@pmimage.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:33 AM

Testimony:
Please reject the conversion of this agriculturally zoned land to urban zoning in Haleiwa. The town does not have the waste treatment and road infrastructure to support the presented, extremely nebulous development plan. Allowing this type of development in Haleiwa will destroy the town character and create a traffic nightmare.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Matt Tomkins	matt_tomkins@yahoo.com	96722
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:36 AM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose this change in land-use. Traffic in this area is already terrible, and development of this skinny piece of land will only increase those problems.

Additionally, the developer of this project has a history of breaking the rules and cannot be trusted to follow the rules, even if they are changed.
Please listen to the opposition from the community! It undermines the role of the community in these decisions when there is consistent and overwhelming opposition, yet the council members continue to approve these changes!
Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sara Phelan	seagroveyoga@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:36 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Council,

I am writing in regards to land use on the North Shore of O'ahu and Haleiwa, and I am opposing the request for AG land conversion. I have several concerns, but I will only mention a few here.

First- This is a small community with one road in and one road out, and as we recently saw last week with the Psunami Warning, we do not have the infrastructure for more development. What occurred last week with traffic was unsafe and unregulated.

Second- Converting AG land that is meant to provide food should be preserved, and not exploited to unethical developers who do not care about the land or natural food supply. In particular- Andy Anderson has already proved himself to not abide by rules or regulation, and appears to have no regard for the delicate and intricate fish ponds that abut his current business. Please inquire about his sewage waste and the fish ponds, which eventually feed into the ocean. I am also curious about his current building plans and why he exceeded the approved square footage.

Please consider keeping the North Shore country, country and spare the natural resources from further development. Perhaps there are buildings elsewhere that can be repurposed ethically and with thoughtful integrity.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
David Homcy	fatales.spray-0k@icloud.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:54 AM

Testimony:
I oppose the proposed development and zone changing in Hale’iwa. Keep the north shore country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bethany Murray	bethkoshinsky@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:01 AM

Testimony:

As a mom of two young kids, I believe we need to take care of our aina and make the island more self sustainable. Evacuating last week was a reminder of the fragility of our island. My husband spent hours trying to leave Laie to make it back sitting in traffic along Kamehameha Highway. Our island cannot support more traffic. Our land needs more local produce to feed our community in the event we cannot get shipments and bike trails to reduce congestion. While the developer said the rent was meant for locals who live up here, the prices are already exceeding the salaries of many of the local workers. In addition, renting does not help an individual in the long run. The only ones profiting are the developers. I strongly oppose further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Anne Zellinger	azmole@yahoo.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:04 AM

Testimony:

Mahalo for your service to the community.

Last week we got a taste of what traffic congestion can be in the event of an emergency. Luckily with the hours of notice people were able to get to safety in time.

A fire emergency demands a more rapid response. I hope the council members will listen to this community on the North Shore, that community gardens are the better, safer use of this land to meet state, as well as community needs.

Anne

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Susan Cortes	jblattau@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:09 AM

Testimony:

Please please please defeat bill 37. To reclassify this agricultural land to urban is wrong: wrong place, wrong time. Haleiwa is a rural, historic district. By changing the potential use of this precious land, a huge amount of money would land in the developers pocket, even if nothing was built, and the community would not benefit in the end. I respectfully ask you to turn down this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Donna Wong\	htf3000@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hawaii's Thousand Friends	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:16 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
John Murray	jpm357@georgetown.edu	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:21 AM

Testimony:

As a provider in the community I strongly oppose. We don't have the resources to support additional housing. The land should be used for sustainability. The proposed rent for this project does not help the individuals but helps the corporations trying to line their pockets. I hope you are not accepting money from these entities for your own personal gain at the expense of the community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Todd Sells	tdsells@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:33 AM

Testimony:

Please do not approve the amendment to change zoning from Ag to Urban in Haleiwa. Those of us who live in this district do NOT want more Urban area. If anything, we want FEWER. This will only benefit a few developers and contractors and will burden everyone else. Please vote NO!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Frances Lichowski	fl@hawaii.edu	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:38 AM

Testimony:

I am a concerned resident of the North Shore, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed housing or commercial development that seeks to expand urbanization in the Haleiwa area. Haleiwa and the North Shore are already facing serious overcrowding issues. Our infrastructure is strained to the limit—with only a single-lane road in and out, traffic is frequently at a standstill. Adding more housing and commercial spaces will only exacerbate existing problems like traffic congestion, lack of parking, insufficient park space, and environmental degradation. Rather than introducing questionable developments that do not benefit local residents, we need to focus on sustainable solutions for our current issues: - More public parking behind existing commercial areas to allow "walk to the shops and restaurants"; also parking to especially focus on "leave your car in Haleiwa e.g. create a shuttle to the beaches service for visitors; create event space for e.g. hula , bands, markets, Christmas parade; etc. - Better playgrounds, skate park, areas for children to safely ride bicycles - A designated dog park - Better park and recreational space for local families - Traffic and infrastructure improvements The proposed development does not serve the interests of the people who live here. It will only intensify the pressure from the already overwhelming numbers of tourists, visitors, and daily commuters. We, the residents, are the ones who must live with the consequences of these decisions. I urge you to respect our community's character and our needs. Preserve what little rural charm we have left. Do not turn the North Shore into another overdeveloped tourist zone. KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Lindsay Mochkatel	cultivate.thought@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:58 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

I am writing (again) in strong opposition to Bill 37, amending the state boundary line from Ag to Urban.

The evolution of the councilmembers/zoning committee's position on Bill 37 is misleading.They seem to have slightly adjusted their stance, now not in support of this specific project/development, but still a “yes” to the amendment. Section 23-1.6 regarding SLUDBA is clear, requiring a boundary amendment be driven by community need, and without clear justification for the petition the request is not valid.

Though the vote on Bill 37 is strictly to amend the boundary line, the justification of the amendment must be rooted in community need (23-1.6). If the Zoning Committee does not support this specific project, or urban development, then what is the driving force behind Bill 37? Clearly articulating and understanding the purpose of Bill 37 is a stipulation of the boundary amendment. The Bill's intent cannot not be arbitrarily adjusted by the Zoning Committee to meet the developer's agenda. Furthermore, why would councilmembers make verbal adjustments to the intent of the Bill? It is misleading. The Bill itself has not changed. The public outcry is clear- NO to Bill 37.

In the most recent Zoning Committee meeting, Councilmembers clarified that their "yes" vote was not necessarily to development-or this specific project, but to open the land to the community for future use as they see fit. However, that is not the reality of Bill 37, nor is what is dictated by the state in the process for petition. The request for the amendment to the boundary is rooted in community need, solution to a problem, and ultimately contributing to the welfare of the PEOPLE.

The community opposition to the project has been overwhelming, and it seems that the Zoning Committee ever so slightly adjusted their support to the SLUDBA to appear as though they are hearing and supporting the community. However, in reality their "yes" vote is simply opening the door to any future urban project development (including the one proposed) and potentially devastating and lasting consequences. Zoning Committee chair, Kia'Aina, quietly removed all conditions previously recommended by DPP for the SLUDBA claiming they would be addressed later in the process. But, who ensures that? Where are the protections and guarantees to the community that this exact project, being proposed by the OWNER of the land, won't proceed as they have told us they intend to?

Based on the petition of over 1,000+ signatures state-wide and the continuous (though exhausting) opposition to Bill 37, it is without dispute that the community does NOT want this boundary amendment for a variety of very real concerns (need for ag land, fragile infrastructure, traffic, rural community, etc).

So, if the community is opposed to the SLUDBA and the Zoning Committee claims that they don't support the specific project proposed by the OWNER, what is the driving purpose for the petition to amend the boundary line? If the intent cannot be defined, then there is no clear grounds for a "yes" vote to Bill 37 (section 23-1.6).

The slight pivot away from this "specific project", from certain councilmembers and Zoning Committee is an effort to appease the community outcry, yet nothing in Bill 37 has changed. There are zero protections or guarantees moving forward that would ensure the community's concerns are addressed.

I respectfully ask that all councilmembers take the time to understand the potential consequences of a "yes" vote on Bill 37 and the requirements of the petition. DPP administration clarified that these petitions are uncommon, the last request by BYU in 2018 driven by the need for campus housing on land owned by BYU and justified by a specific housing project as the solution.

I ask that you please stand with the community and vote NO. Protect the land and people from greed and close the door to the potentially devastating consequences of fallacious development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lauren Ballesteros-Watanabe	esta.asi24@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:12 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

I strongly oppose Bill 37. Reclassifying prime agricultural land in Hale‘iwa to urban use opens the door to irreversible overdevelopment and threatens the cultural, environmental, and food security across our island. This project benefits a private developer at the expense of the impacted community's values, long-term sustainability, and the unique rural character of the North Shore. I urge you to stand with the many residents calling for a NO vote on Bill 37 — we must protect this land for future generations, not pave over it for profit.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Lauren Ballesteros-Watanabe

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Paula Cole	paulacoleacupuncture@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:15 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the Backyards project and the changing of the state land use designation from agricultural to urban. Removing this designation sets a dangerous precedent that is against our island's goal of food security and maintaining our north shore's rural character.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Peter Cole	petershepardcole@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:20 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore agricultural land is essential for the sustainable future of our island. Allowing greedy developers, such as Andy Anderson, to keep cutting away chunks of this precious resource is setting a precedent that will be detrimental to the health, survival and quality of life of future generations. The transition from big sugar agriculture to smaller local farms is leading to more and more local produce in grocery stores. More and more sugar plantation land is being converted into small organic farms, leading to healthier options and better prices for the local community in our grocery stores. Fallow land will eventually shift into productive farms giving jobs to the community and healthier options for our people. If we continue to let certain greedy opportunists corrupt our quality of life for their personal gain, the North Shore will lose its beauty, charm and the financial benefit of tourism will be effected in a negative way.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Richard Lantz	ricklantz12@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:40 AM

Testimony:

I am a Haleiwa resident and homeowner and I oppose Bill 37. Our small community does not need more development. We are already overcrowded and infrastructure is inadequate to handle the constant influx of visitors, let alone our residents. Please keep this parcel AG. Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michelle Archuleta	seashellsmichelle@yahoo.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:54 AM

Testimony:

There are currently three major development projects threatening the North Shore: the large-scale gondola project on Mount Kahala, Turtle Bay's expansion of luxury homes for the ultra-wealthy, and now this proposed rezoning. Each of these developments erodes the rural, cultural, and environmental integrity of our home. Our community is being pushed to the brink, while our voices are continually dismissed in favor of outside interests and profit-driven agendas.

Let’s be honest: Andy Anderson bought this land knowing full well it was zoned for agriculture, with no real intention to use it as it was intended. From the start, the goal has been to force a rezoning for commercial gain—profiting off the back of the local community. How is that acceptable? How do you support and justify these actions? This is not pono.
Why are locals expected to follow one set of rules, while wealthy developers with money and political connections get special treatment? Why are residents limited in what they can build on ag-zoned land—while developers are allowed to rezone entire areas for profit under the false guise of “community benefit”?

Let’s be clear: You are jeopardizing the safety and well-being of an entire community.
Our infrastructure is already overwhelmed. With only one road in and out, any new development will worsen traffic, limit emergency response times, and push our limited resources past the breaking point. We are at—and beyond—our capacity.
And yet, the traffic study being used to justify this amendment is over 10 years old. How is that even legal? That outdated report does not reflect the daily gridlock we experience—or the danger it presents. During the most recent tsunami evacuation, people were stuck along the coastline in traffic for over three hours trying to get to higher ground. How can this not be a blatant warning of the risks posed by overdevelopment?

The truth is, if all City Council members actually lived on the North Shore, this proposal wouldn't even be on the table. You would understand how traffic impacts us daily—how we are forced to plan our grocery runs, work schedules, and family time around the flood of tourist traffic.

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Local families understand the value of living in integrity with the land—growing their own food, building self-sufficiency, and reconnecting with ‘āina-based practices. Many are stepping up as first-generation farmers, taking bold risks to create a more sustainable future for themselves and the next generation.
If families believe in this path and are willing to commit to it, why aren’t we supporting them? Why aren’t we expanding access to agricultural land or providing opportunities for families to build a simple home on the land they are actively stewarding?
And if this is truly about providing affordable housing for local families, then why are we taking away the agricultural land that locals want and replacing it with condos that they can’t afford?

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vanessa Vizcarra	vizcarra.v@gmail.com	96791

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:55 AM

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kanoa Dahlin	kanoad@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

Testimony:
States population recommendation for North Shore is 1.7 percent. we're currently at 2 percent. Not including tourist and winter surfers influx. Let the July 29 tsunami be a testimony on the failed infrastructure that currently exists on the North Shore and should be considered a hazard and safety issue. The planned use of 2011 EIS is invalid and needs to be updated. Especially post covid. We have record amounts of visitors.There is no such thing as a slow season on the North Shore. The very little farm and ag land left in the country side should be restored and preserved to promote food security for our future. We live on an island with limited resources. It's time to be proactive and protect our water and soil from further destruction. Let's give our keiki a chance to be self sustainable within our islands for generations to come. Please oppose bill 37. Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Henry Curtis	henry.lifeoftheland@gmail.com	96837
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Life of the Land	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:12 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Councilmembers

The proposal to push unwanted dense development using outdated reviews should not be permitted.

Haleiwa is a special place.

Please hold this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Susie Walter	susanmwalter@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:23 AM

Testimony:

I am a Hale'iwa resident and I oppose this change. While we need more affordable housing on the North Shore, the proposed development, which relies on this change of land use, does not include enough affordable housing to justify the land use. There are too many market rate apartments and too much retail in the developer's plan for it to claim the primary reason for the development is to provide affordable housing in Hale'iwa.

Thank you.

Susie Walter

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chai Blair-Stahn	chai.blairstahn@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:42 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 37. Ag land should not be changed and re-zoned as urban. Our island has limited space and we need to think long-term about food sovereignty. This re-zoning sets a terrible precedent for continued overdevelopment of O'ahu. Please DO NOT support or approve this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karen Stangel	sup.karen808@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:14 PM

Testimony:

I am against Bill 37. I'm a longtime homeowner for over 40 years and live across the street from the proposed site. It would change the rural character of Haleiwa drastically! It would burden the NS with more traffic, waste and congestion to name a few of the many negative results. Please listen to the community that LIVES here! Make our voice count by heeding our concerns and say NO to this Bill! Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shelbie Rosa	rosashelbie@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:20 PM

Testimony:

Aloha ,

My name is Shelbie Rosa . Born and raised in Haleiwa , Hawaii. My family has been living on the North Shore for generations . As a kanaka and resident of the North Shore I strongly oppose ANY KIND of commercial development or new builds on the north shore . The congestion of the daily traffic alone from daily commutes and tourist is ridiculous.

Beside that fact many of the homes along the north shore is occupied and bought out from haoles (foreigners) not from

here . Kanaka can’t even afford these homes in the place we grew up in.

We are very fortunate to still have many lush untouched AG land & ranches that are family owned . I would hate to see another development go up. If you want to build , take a vote with the actually people of the community on what we should build to give back to the people of Hawaii!!!

Leave Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands .

Mahalo,

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kristine Brown	kbrown@rtsconsulting.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:29 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa cannot handle the additional traffic this will produce not to mention ruining our beautiful mount kaala

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brian Tudor	batsurfboards@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:37 PM

Testimony:

however, Eva is maxed out as far as infrastructure capabilities. There are no safe emergency routes and/or infrastructure able to support with the potential of this bill has in store in the future.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kerri Orazi	kerri.orazi@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:37 PM

Testimony:

The rationale behind this development makes no sense. Quelling traffic caused by working people in Haleiwa who live in Sunset etc is NOT the real reason for this, no matter what Andy has to say.

1. how many people who work in Haleiwa live in Sunset or Wailua are actually causing these jams ?

2- What person listed above can pay $2500 a month in rent? Living wages anyone?

3- the “affordable” units - 18 total.

The published/reported quantity of “affordable” units decreases with every news release. Half, to a third to 18?

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alanna McBain	alannasm@hawaii.edu	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:39 PM

Testimony:

This land can and should be used for agriculture. @kokualearningfarm serves as an example of what can be achieved when we value our agriculture and food production and help farmers achieve results. On an island where we face a serious food scarcity problem; converting our last remaining farmland to development is NOT the sustainable solution we need or deserve.

2. Allowing Ag land to be rezoned to Urban sets a dangerous precedent that would allow other deep pocketed developers to buy up Ag land for rezoning.

This act diminishes farmland and urbanizes historic

Hale'iwa town into an unrecognizable city.

3. The developer claims a portion of the housing will be

"affordable" however there are NO guarantees this will happen. The state will not hold him accountable to his promise. With no one to enforce "affordable housing", Andy Anderson can increase rents and prices to his liking.

4. Traffic. The recent tsunami warning demonstrated the traffic and congestion problem we face. From Haleiwa town to Dole- traffic was stopped for 3 hours. If a serious crisis ever came- we are underprepared. Adding more people, locals and tourists, will only exacerbate an already serious issue.

5. lack of infrastructure. Haleiwa town already lacks safe sidewalks. Our one-street town is already overpacked with tourists making it impossible for locals to go about their daily needs. The town does not have the infrastructure to support an influx of more people.

6. Keep the country, country! The north shore community is unlike any other on this island. We stand in unison to KEEP IT COUNTRY. COMMUNITY over

DEVELOPER PROFIT!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sharon Claproth	sharon.claproth@me.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:39 PM

Testimony:

Please keep and maintain Haleiwa for the beautiful country town it is.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kanoelani Ackerly	kanoe.ackerly@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:41 PM

Testimony:

Changing it will lead to more foreign investors developing in the already dense area. There is enough traffic down that side.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mary Romero	marym.romero90@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:43 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Danielle Youngstrom	danielleyoungstrom@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:44 PM

Testimony:

I am saying no to changing the rural character of Haleiwa to more shops, homes, traffic, waste, and congestion.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
David Shilobod	dasst73@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:47 PM

Testimony:

Council members,

Dear Councilmember [Name],

I am writing in unequivocal opposition to Bill 37, which would reclassify 7.52 acres of agricultural land in Hale‘iwa to urban zoning to enable the so-called “Haleiwa Backyards” development.

This project is fundamentally incompatible with the rural character, infrastructure capacity, and values of the North Shore community. It is a Trojan horse: marketed as an affordable housing solution, but structured primarily for private gain under the guise of public benefit.

Not Affordable by Any Honest Measure

The developer claims this project will provide housing for lifeguards and local workers. That is categorically false:

- Only 10% of units (16 total) are required to meet the city’s bare-minimum affordable housing threshold — and even those would rent at $2,800/month, far out of reach for the average local worker.
- An additional 20% (31 units) would rent for $3,800/month.
- The remaining 70% (109 units) will be rented at full market value, targeting transplants or high-income earners — not local residents.
- No portion of this affordability promise is codified in Bill 37 — meaning it can change at any time.

The developer's own architect told the community in February 2024 that they are not building affordable housing. And yet, this "need" is being used to justify a permanent land use change that would dramatically increase the land's resale value.

* Wrong Location, Wrong Project

The proposal includes:
- 160 rental units across three stories
- A 30,000-square-foot commercial retail center
- 536 parking stalls, some underground

This is not contextual development — this is urban sprawl in the middle of a rural, historic town.

Adding this density to Hale'iwa will:
- Strain already overburdened traffic corridors, including the bypass and Kamehameha Highway
- Overload infrastructure for transportation , water, and emergency services
- Erode the cultural and historical identity of Hale'iwa, which has long served as a touchstone of North Shore's plantation and surf heritage

Meanwhile, retail vacancies already exist up and down Kamehameha Highway — notably the former Volcom location. We do not need speculative new retail — we need support for existing local businesses.

It's telling that the developer expects this project to draw residents from Waialua and Sunset — exactly the kind of displacement we're trying to avoid. That's not affordable housing for the neighborhood — that's luxury encroachment by another name.

*A More Viable Path: Mill Camp in Waialua

We are not opposed to housing — we are opposed to bad projects cloaked in false promises.

The proposed 350-unit Mill Camp development in Waialua is:
On already-developed former plantation land
- Historically home to over 300 plantation worker families
- More aligned with existing infrastructure and traffic capacity
- A better candidate for actual workforce, senior, and legacy family housing

This is where efforts should be focused — not on disrupting the core of Hale'iwa with a commercial mega-project.

*Follow the Money

Let’s not ignore the financial incentive here:

- The land was purchased in 2014 for $1.9 million, well after the bypass was built
- In 2016, it was reassessed for just $856,200 under “vacant agriculture”
- The developer has paid under $7,300/year in property taxes ever since
- A reclassification to urban would dramatically increase the parcel’s resale value — a windfall for the developer, not a win for the public

Bill 37 serves private real estate interests, not the people of the North Shore.

In summary, this project is ill-conceived, out of place, and driven by profit, not need. I urge you to vote NO on Bill 37 and protect what remains of the North Shore’s rural identity, livability, and history.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Katie Breen	breenk@gmail.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:49 PM

Testimony:

Ag land needs to stay Ag land! We need more - not less. The dynamo showed that there is WAY too many folks in the area, cars in the road for the infrastructure as is. Folks were stuck for hrs on the road on Tsunami Tuesday. Now we want to STUFF commercial space and 3 stories of homes into this small 7acres? The area needs more local farm land/produce. We stand with our community, Myself along w my 3members of my family STRONGLY oppose this bill. He bought this Ag land and has done nothing with it bc he knew he wanted/could possibly rezone it. This is EXACTLY the problem taking potential farm land out of the hands of folks who will truly use it. Send these kind of folks a clear message. AG LAND IS AG LAND FOREVER!! Show that it’s completely dead land - no greens for foraging ruminants, no good soil for growing. Otherwise AG!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sonora Lazar	sonora.lazar@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:51 PM

Testimony:

I am born and raised in Haleiwa. There is no view I love more than looking up at the hills of Haleiwa while surfing in the winter. I fear all the time that these beautiful hills in the lush winter glory will eventually be littered with more homes for people that Haleiwa cannot handle. just last week evacuation times through haleiwa were 2+ hours to drive less than a mile. Enough already.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Jalee Palompo	jaleepalompo@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:52 PM

Testimony:

I am opposed to this bill. This will forever change the landscape and character of Haleiwa. The North Shore community is a rare and beautiful part of Hawaii. Adding more housing would not only make it look like any other city, it would make traffic even worse and more dangerous than ever.

Name: Wendy Barnfield	Email: wendy@ragingisle.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:52 PM

Testimony:

Dear Council persons.

Please vote no to Bill 037 (25). The infrastructure is not in place to support this change in zoning. Our highways currently are in such ill state of repair and the timing of when the state choose to start repaving has caused such grid lock . This is a tangible reason not to move forward with this Bill. As a business owner, business has been down since January 2025. You can ask any business owner in Haleiwa . Bringing in more retail or commercial space will not draw more tourism. It won't enlarge the pie. It will only shrink the piece of the pie that each of the existing businesses are trying to earn.

Our Mayor and Governor have taken a position against tourism . They do not want more tourists to come. So why are you thinking of expanding touristy options? Lastly the apartments that are spoken of in this Bill won't help the housing crisis because you know and I know that the price per apartment will be so expensive that only the rich will be able to own. Our schools , public parks , health , caring for our Kapuna and roads all need to be a priority not some shopping Center and Apartments. We don't need expansion, we need what exists to be maintained, repaired and improved upon. Please do not pass this Bill 037(25). This will not benefit the community it will only line the pockets of the property owner.

Sincerely,

Wendy Barnfield

Name: Venessa Sumpter	Email: venessajoy@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:54 PM

Testimony:

I am against Bill 37. My parents have been longtime homeowners for over 40 years and live across the street from the proposed site. We drive and hangout at their house weekly. This bill would change the rural character of Haleiwa drastically! It would burden the NS with more traffic, waste and congestion to name a few of the many negative results. Please listen to the community that LIVES here! Make our voice count by heeding our concerns and say NO to this Bill!

Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Zack Murphy	zmurphh@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:54 PM

Testimony:

We need improved infrastructure and double land highways through doles agg road (kamehemeha hyw) we need better infrastructure at our crosswalks. we need a straight road from Haleiwa to the freeway bypassing the military and dole and wahiawa in total we don't need more homes and houses till this problem of travel commuters time is reduced.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ashley Pieklo	ashleymalia@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:55 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the amendment of the land boundaries from agricultural to urban. Out small town cannot handle any further development or increase in population.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shannelle Brown	cocoshannelle@hotmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:55 PM

Testimony:

No to changing the rural character of historic Hale'iwa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Haley Bateman	hihaleybateman@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:55 PM

Testimony:

Keep the land sacred. We've done enough harm

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Caitie Hodel	kikihodel@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 01:58 PM

Testimony:

I oppose designated ag land being converted into crowded residential & commercial units. We do not have to incite more people coming into an already jam packed, traffic riddled little town, that doesn't have the infrastructure to accommodate

for this many people coming & going.

In a place where rent is already too high for local businesses to succeed, I do believe this housing & retail rent will be even higher. Which leads to the spaces being sold off to foreign investors and bigger companies, therefor not beneficial to the local economy or state of Hawai'i. While it fills developers & offshore companies pockets, we will be the ones facing the repercussions of this decision.

Ag land is precious and forever sought after to be used and abused, and development is irreversible. I hope we can all reflect about what we love about this charming place and do everything we can to keep it this way. Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michael Stangel	mike2toyo@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:05 PM

Testimony:

Aloha!

I stand OPPOSED to the Bill 37.

In 1981, My wife & I bought our home – and have lived in it ever since – just a stone's throw away from the proposed site. We live on Kilioe Place, directly across Kamehameha Highway from Kono's, Coffee Gallery, and the Market Place. In the last 44 years, we've experienced the growth of this country town we love. But we groan whenever we try to make a left-hand turn from our street onto Kamehameha Highway, which is basically 'Mission Impossible'. Too many cars!

Last week we had a Tsunami scare. With everyone trying to leave the North Shore at once, as we were inching our way towards Wahiawa, all I could think about was, "What if this was a fire like Lahaina had, and what if Haleiwa had ANOTHER 560 cars trying to leave at the same time?"

We'd all be toast!

Please vote against Bill 37.

Thank-you. Sincerely, Michael Stangel

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kale B	kaleysierrabuscher@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:05 PM

Testimony:

Traffic is already a nightmare. Please figure out legit solutions before adding to the issue. Our 1 lane roads cannot accommodate more people. For the safety and wellbeing of our community I oppose this project.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Robert Graham	RBGHAWAII@AOL.COM	96731
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:06 PM

Testimony:

I oppose the change in classification of the land in Haleiwa from ag to urban. I have lived on the North Shore of O'ahu for nearly 40 years and taught at Sunset Beach El School for 32 years. Although the people proposing this change have talked about low cost housing there is nothing in this change of classification that would guarantee that. The preservation of our rural areas is a fundamental concern; traffic on the North Shore and through Haleiwa is horrible and grinds to a halt from mid-morning until late afternoon. Let's proudly act to preserve this unique historic community of Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lori Watts	wattsfam808@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:06 PM

Testimony:

I oppose bill 37(25).

Changing the agriculture rural character of Haleiwa to accommodate more shops, homes, and traffic for Haleiwa and its residents. It is a contradiction of why most of us live here and goes against Haleiwa’s historical Agricultural way of life. Changing these lands to an Urban district is would not be fair to the people who worked so hard to live here.

Sincerely

Lori Watts

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Marcel Ojeda	ojedamarcel808@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:16 PM

Testimony:

We as a community can’t stress this enough, if you build upon this AG land it will not stop there. It only opens the flood gates to new development everywhere on North Shore. The community is doing everything they can to keep this beautiful place country, to keep the heart and essence of our home. Traffic is another issue, not enough resources, not enough infrastructure to compliment more tourism and more people. It is simply not ethical, to build on AG land. It can be used in a better way a way that can compliment the people and most importantly the culture! Please please KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cory-Lee Ramos	ramoscorylee@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:17 PM

Testimony:

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the average income of a server in Hawai'i comes to around $21.45/hr ($44620 annually). Working 40 hours a week would mean an average gross income of $3432. Taking out around 20% for taxes, this leaves the server with $2745.60 a month... that doesn't even cover the rent for the "affordable" housing proposed for this development. The average annual income of a chef in Hawai'i (according to the BLS) is $60990 annually, translating to $5082.50 monthly in gross, and around $4066 after taxes... this would be just enough to cover the $3800 of rent of the normal apartment units with $266 to spare for food, gas, utilities, etc. $3800 a month, which mind you would account for approximately 95% of this project (only 5% of the units would be marketed as "affordable"). Now the math for those that are not in the service industry and making minimum wage is even more dismal.

My question to you is, how do you not see this for what it is? A cash grab. Poison that is wrapped with a nice pretty bow of promises and "well-intention" is still poison. If the developers and the carpenters union that are in support of this project really wanted to help solve the housing crises currently plaguing our islands, they would offer these apartments for sale at affordable rates, or at the very least rent the apartments at rates that were actually considered affordable in order to give the people they are "trying to help" a way to live and save money to potentially buy a permanent residence for themselves in the future. How dare the developer line his pockets under the guise of helping people. You want to help? Support the farmers, support local residents, don't take ag land meant for growing food to support to community in order to build more housing. Families are already being forced out due to the gentrification of Haleiwa, this only exacerbates the issue.

The infrastructure of the north shore IS NOT set up for 150 more houses. During the tsunami evacuation, I had to turn my car around with my six month old baby and thankfully was able to make it to Pūpūkea where I was able to shelter with the aid of family friends. It took the car behind me close to 4 hours to get out of Haleiwa. All the roads were gridlocked with traffic. And by that time, the tsunami was expected. I left about an hour after the warning was issued to ensure that my child had everything they needed in the event we wouldn't have a home to come back to. Why add more volume to the chaos.

What Haleiwa needs is sustainable food sources, CLEAN WATER (referencing the 500 year old loko ea that had sewage in it thanks to the developer on this project), infrastructure to support the boom in population you are suggesting. Once you can proactively solve problems before they arise and have enough intelligence to anticipate these issues, I will not support any more development projects in an already over-crowded, overly strained community of Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Eliza Johnson	elizapearl@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:20 PM

Testimony:

Our community cannot tolerate more housing, more cars, more traffic, bigger crowds, lower quality of life. The infrastructure and amenities in Haleiwa are absolutely maxed out and anybody who drives up here knows it. Please don't divert precious ag land to housing nobody wants and that will further deplete our, already thread-bare, resources.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rudy Acosta	rireacosta@hotmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:21 PM

Testimony:

It has become easier to drive to Wahiawa to shop than Haleiwa due to daily traffic.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kaimana Plemer	ksplemer@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:27 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Kaimana Plemer, lifelong North Shore resident, and I respectfully submit my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of agricultural land to urban zoning in the heart of Hale'iwa.

This land represents more than just open space—it is a vital part of our rural identity, our food security, and our cultural heritage. Hale'iwa has long been valued for its small-town charm, agricultural roots, and deep connection to place. Allowing large-scale development here risks forever changing the fabric of our community.

Many of us are concerned about the lasting impacts—on traffic, infrastructure, affordability, and the character of the town itself. While we understand the need for housing and economic opportunity, this proposal feels out of step with the needs and values of the people who actually live here.

Please consider the long-term implications of this decision and choose to protect the unique spirit of Hale'iwa. I urge you to reject the rezoning request.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Aloha nui,

Kaimana Plemer

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jeff Flores	jeffflores58@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:32 PM

Testimony:

We don’t need more homes for what! Keep the country, country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Diane Woodring	woodringdc@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:34 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 037 because it threatens the rural charm and unique character of Haleiwa. Our town is not designed to handle large-scale development, and adding more housing will only bring more traffic, more accidents, and more problems. The peaceful, country lifestyle that residents and visitors cherish will be lost to overdevelopment. Infrastructure in Haleiwa is already strained, and increasing population density will worsen congestion and endanger pedestrians and cyclists. We must protect our small-town way of life and preserve Haleiwa’s natural beauty, not sacrifice it for unchecked growth. Keep Haleiwa country—say no to Bill 037.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Matthew Mako	matthewmako84@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:36 PM

Testimony:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO BILL 37

Submitted by: Matthew Mako

Resident of Pupukea

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Matthew Mako, and I live in Pupukea. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself and the Mako ‘Ohana.

We are strongly opposed to Bill 37.

We do not support changing the Haleiwa Backyard Program to allow more businesses. The North Shore is a special place, and we want it to stay that way. We don’t need more development.

Keep the country country.

Please vote NO on Bill 37.

Mahalo,

Matthew Mako		
Name: Noel Shaw	Email: noelkshaw@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:37 PM
Testimony: I oppose this change. We need agriculture lands. We need to farm and restore regenerative land stewardship practices that feed.		
Name: Amelia Dudley	Email: a.j.dudley3100@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:38 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose BILL037		
Name: Noelle Ball	Email: dolphiball@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:44 PM
Testimony: Keep farmlands as farm!! Hawaii Northshore does not need to be expanded into urban or tourist shopping centers. Nobody wants this.		
Name: Rishik Pillai	Email: rishik.pillai@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:45 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair and Councilmembers, I strongly oppose BILL037(25), which seeks to reclassify portions of the State Land Use District Boundary Map in the Hale‘iwa quadrangle from Agricultural to Urban District. Agricultural lands on O‘ahu—particularly in Hale‘iwa—are a critical and irreplaceable resource. Converting them to urban zoning accelerates the loss of our local food security, disrupts the rural character of the North Shore, and increases pressure on already strained infrastructure. Once farmland is lost, it is gone forever, and future generations will pay the		

price.

This bill would also worsen traffic congestion along Kamehameha Highway, impact water resources, and threaten sensitive ecosystems. The North Shore is already experiencing development pressures that conflict with the community's desire to preserve open space and protect the rural lifestyle that makes this area unique.

We should be prioritizing policies that strengthen our agricultural economy, promote sustainable land use, and protect open green spaces—not rezoning for more urban development.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote NO on BILL037(25).

Mahalo for considering my testimony,
Rishik Pillai
Oahu Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenna Smithe	Jennasmithe56@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:47 PM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose Bill 37. I want to be absolutely clear: I do not support a 150-home development on this site. That level of development is out of place with Hale'iwa's rural character. It would overwhelm our already congested roads and would not serve the local families who are struggling to stay in our community.

Traffic is already a daily challenge for residents. Any project that adds to these issues—without offering real solutions—should not move forward.
I recently quit my job commuting from Pupukea to Sand Island. The stress of island-wide traffic, especially on the North Shore, has only gotten worse. These days you never know how long it'll take just to get to town.
I choose to live out here because I love the country. It's where I grew up. But more and more, I avoid Hale'iwa town—I don't go there to shop, go to the bank, or even get a haircut. It's become dangerous with people crossing the street without looking, and parking is nearly impossible to find.
This proposed development is simply too much for our small town, which is already overstretched.
Please, I urge the board: do not pass Bill 37.
Sincerely,
Jenna Smithe

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brenton Awa	senawa@capitol.hawaii.gov	96813

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:52 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Danielle Porter	daniellem.porter@yahoo.com	96786

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:54 PM

Testimony:

I absolutely oppose changing Haleiwa into more commercial and residential space! Nobody wants a Waikiki up north.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jamie Morro	mechanchick1@yahoo.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:57 PM

Testimony:

Keep the North Shore as is, we already do not have enough parking for people that live here to go run errands on their days off. Every parking lot smells like sewage because the infrastructure cannot handle the amount of people already coming through Haleiwa. Keeping the vibe as the North Shore was meant to be is more important than money. Andy Anderson has enough money already. He does not care about the people. All he cares about is padding his pockets.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Patrick Kelly	strat9283@gmail.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 02:57 PM

Testimony:

I've lived and worked in the North Shore for over 50 years...I appreciate the simplicity of country living... I've seen too many local families getting priced out of Hawaii...If you let these developers have their way it will only get worse...The soul of the North Shore is rapidly disappearing...Please don't assist in destroying our natural habitat... There's already plenty developing going on in Kapolei... We don't need it here

Mahalo, Pat Kelly

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Fred Dishman	farmerfred808@gmail.com	96786

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:02 PM

Testimony:

City Council Members

I have lived and worked on the North Shore for over 30 years. It is my opinion that rezoning the proposed area from

agricultural to urban would be a critical error and would not be in the best interest of the community. About 10 years ago my family and I moved to Wahiawa so my significant other could be closer to her work and the the real estate values on the North Shore are so overinflated we bought a house up in Wahiawa Heights. I commute almost daily as I operate a small farm in Pupukea. A commute that should take less than one half hour is sometimes double, triple or more time consuming because there is one way in and out of the North Shore for me. Andy Andersons proposed development would overload an already congested area. You say that the amending would open up future possibilities for the community that overwhelmingly opposes. If done, the the next step would be to send the proposed development to the zoning commission, which consists of political appointees that will not have the community's best interests in mind. It will open up the possibility of amending more agricultural lands to convert to urban and the ensuing developments would overburden an area that is already at capacity in so much as resources. By now you should be aware that the recent tsunami incident created a traffic gridlock from Kahuku to Wahiawa. Had there been a significant tsunami countless lives would have been lost. Anderson recently stated that the proposed development would not create more congestion as it is intended for people in Waialua and Sunset Beach areas so they can be closer to work in Haleiwa. If you decide to go against the wishes of the residents in the area and allow this injustice to proceed then at least stipulate that if said proposal goes forward then no persons other than current residents and existing Haleiwa businesses are allowed to reside and set up shop in the new development. Anderson says he is doing this for the community so let him put his money where his mouth is.

Respectfully, Fred Dishman

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joseph Vitek	joevitek1@hotmail.com	97691
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:18 PM

Testimony:

As someone who lives in Waialua and works in Haleiwa I oppose this bill. Due to increased traffic and wasting geographical useful agricultural land. Thank you

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nicole Garcia	Hinicolegarcia@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:19 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

I’m writing to express my extreme opposition to Bill 37 and the proposed 156-unit development in Haleiwa.

I understand the urgency around our island’s housing crisis, but this project doesn’t feel like the right solution, especially not in a place as ecologically and culturally significant as Haleiwa. The land proposed for development may not currently

be farmed, but that doesn't mean it's without value. Open space plays a crucial role in supporting healthy ecosystems, it absorbs rainwater, prevents runoff, provides habitat for native species, and helps keep the land cooler and more resilient to climate change.

Once land is developed, we lose these benefits. And we rarely get them back.

Preserving open land, especially on the North Shore, means preserving biodiversity, protecting groundwater, and maintaining the balance between people and nature that makes this part of the island so special. There are fewer and fewer places like Haleiwa left, and each development chips away at the character and ecology of this community.

I'm also concerned about the impacts to traffic and emergency access. With Kamehameha Highway as the only road in and out, adding hundreds of new cars and residents poses serious risks, especially during floods or natural disasters.

I fully support efforts to provide truly affordable housing for local people, but I believe we need to look at smarter, more sustainable locations, where infrastructure can handle growth without sacrificing the environment or community safety.

Please consider the long-term impacts of this decision, and vote NO on Bill 37. Let's protect what we still have while working toward housing solutions that align with environmental responsibility and community values.

Mahalo for your time,
Nicole Garcia
Waialua Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rachael Butenko	rachael.butenko@gmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:20 PM

Testimony:
Haleiwa does not need a developer coming in and putting up an apartment complex. The price point of the two bedrooms wouldn't even be affordable for the families who need housing. And definitely doesn't need to take away from the agricultural land. Respect the aina and keep the country, country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jasmine Chagnon	jasmine.lombardi@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:22 PM

Testimony:
Please consider the residents who already live in the area, or wish to live in the area they grew up in, but can't because

they've been pushed out. Keep the country country. Show aloha. The overdevelopment of these islands is mindblowing. Please stop ruining this land for pure profit.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kehau Plemer	kehaumahealani@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:22 PM

Testimony:

Aloha council members,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed Bill 37. If passed, our historic Hale'iwa town would be changed forever. Not only does the potential passing of this bill set a dangerous precedent for ALL lands in Hawaii bound by the State Land Use Boundary, but most importantly, our community has been consistently showing up to share our STRONG and OVERWHELMING opposition to this Bill 37. Your duty as our elected officials, is to listen to your constituents and ensure that operations are in line with the needs and desires of the community...so I urge you to listen to our community!

Passing Bill 37 will NOT benefit the public. The proposed future development of this land (that depends on bill 37 passing) will add even more traffic, congestion, and added waste that Hale'iwa cannot handle. Additionally, there are many concerns with how truly "affordable" the proposed housing will be, when 70% of the units would be at "market value", coupled with the fact that developer's numbers have changed, and could continue to change after bill 37 is passed. If Bill 37 is passed, it is very likely that the resale value of the land will skyrocket, making it nearly impossible for the City to purchase the land in the future. Ultimately, the most indisputable fact of the proposed development (the development that depends HEAVILY on the passing of this bill) is that the it will FOREVER change the rural character of the North Shore. Please, listen to our community and vote NO on bill 37. Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jeremiah Dewey	deweyland@me.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:30 PM

Testimony:

Once again I would like to provide testimony in opposition to this proposed change for all the reasons that others have better summarized. Haleiwa cannot take the congestion or traffic and lacks the infrastructure to support this change.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michelle Weber	mweberrn@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:32 PM

Testimony:

I vote no on backyards development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kai Hall	kaithall@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:32 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nanette Dorr	alapiodorr@aol.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:34 PM

Testimony:

It is a sad day when the concerns, frustrations and disappointments of the residents of a community are completely disregarded in favor of a developer who clearly has one goal in mind. Although it may be true that some affordable housing could be in order it is the lack of transparency of the proposed "plan" that is the most disturbing, nee disconcerting of all. It would seem that our quaint little town of Haleiwa is not immune to the likes of big business and those who stand to reap the benefits. Please join our community in opposition to this proposed zoning change.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jay Consolloy	jconiv@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:34 PM

Testimony:

I oppose the rezoning in Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brandon Eveland	brandonvland@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:34 PM

Testimony:

We don’t need this!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nia M	nm3913@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:35 PM

Testimony:

Re-zoning and building new structures will not solve the housing crisis. As a renter how many times have I seen land owners discriminate against families. Thinking a small family needs a large two bedroom or even three bedroom. How many land owners ask for military people as tenants. Building more will only plug a hole in a damn and not address why the damn is cracking in the first place. The issue lies in mismanagement of existing land/land owners. For example why are people taking the chance to operate illegal vacation rentals over legal long term rentals. Why is the asking price for average rent so high that your average working class family cannot afford it? Building more and rezoning is a lazy man's way to try and address the problem and it will only result in an even greater issue in the future.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Arleen velasco	velascoarleen@yahoo.com	96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:39 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lucy Anna Jenkins	jenkinsohana@hawaii.rr.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:40 PM

Testimony:

Aloha: there is too much traffic already in Hale'iwa and not enough infrastructure to support this build. Please reconsider building more in our small Hale'iwa town.

God first, mahalo

L Jenkins

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chris Hagan	chrishaganj@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:44 PM

Testimony:

I STRONGLY oppose the "Backyards" development, it is poorly placed, ill thought out and extremely detrimental to life in Haleiwa, greatly increasing traffic and congestion I an already congested environment. Also the infrastructure of Haleiwa cannot sustain this project and no one wants a sewage waste facility behind town. This is not going to be affordable housing, anymore then the giant subdivision going in at Ka Uka by Costco is, and using that as a Trojan horse to come into our community is shameful. There are better locations to build, Mill Camp For example will provide twice the number of houses this project will in an area that has space and room, unlike Haleiwa town. I urge you to listen to the people, to our voices and our testimony. The only people who support this are the carpenter's, who to make a quick buck are willing to ruin a hold community with their greed, they should be embarrassed. I pray you help keep Haleiwa small, was never meant to be big, nor can it handle much more growth, let's not waste it on something everyone agrees is not needed or

wanted in our community. Once it goes up, it will never go away so please do not make this choice lightly, the future of my town depends on it, Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenelle OSullivan	osullivanjenelle@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:45 PM

Testimony:

Please do not allow the Ag land in Haleiwa to be rezoned as rural. We barely have the infrastructure to support our community and adding more residents will exacerbate the issue. Andy Anderson says the housing will be for people who live here but it is not going to be affordable for those he says it will target. This will not benefit the community at all, please oppose!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Diane Anderson	sundancerealty@hawaii.rr.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:50 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members.

Please vote NO to Bill 37.

If you vote Yes, you are ignoring the majority of residents that oppose this Bill.

If you vote Yes, you are ignoring our North Shore elected councilmember who is voting NO.

If you vote Yes, do not kid yourself. You are still OPENING the door to the next step. Our community does not want a next step.

Our North Shore community wants you to vote NO. Please listen to us.

Sure, you can easily say you do not want this particular proposed development. You can say you want to give the community more "options" .

However a YES vote from you ignores the majority of voices of our community and our elected council member who have said loud and clear, we do not want more OPTIONS. We want to stop this process right here, right now.

PLEASE VOTE NO.

Thank you.

Aloha, Diane Anderson

Sundance Realty

Haleiwa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Danny Angel	danny@nscf.church	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 03:54 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Danny Angel, and I serve as a pastor and community leader at a local church in Haleʻiwa. Our congregation is made up of families, kūpuna, youth, educators, farmers, small business owners, and long-time residents who call the North Shore home—not just a destination.

I'm writing to respectfully oppose Bill 37.

As someone deeply rooted in this community, I see firsthand how precious and unique the character of Haleʻiwa is. This isn't just about preserving a "small-town vibe"—it's about protecting the cultural, agricultural, and relational fabric that has defined this place for generations. The proposed urban expansion threatens to shift the identity of Haleʻiwa from a rural community into something unrecognizable.

With urban development comes increased traffic, strain on infrastructure, housing unaffordability, and environmental impact—challenges our area is already navigating. More importantly, it accelerates a kind of displacement that isn't always seen on paper: the slow erosion of a way of life, of neighborliness, of values grounded in mālama ʻāina and community over commercialism.

We understand the need for growth and thoughtful development, but this bill does not reflect the needs or voices of those who live, work, and raise families here. It risks privileging outside interests over the people who steward this land every day.

As a faith leader, I'm committed to both the spiritual and social well-being of this region. I ask that you listen to the people of Haleʻiwa—those who live in its rhythms and carry its legacy—and say no to Bill 37. Let's honor what makes this place sacred by preserving its rural designation and resisting overdevelopment.

Mahalo for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Danny Angel

North Shore Christian Fellowship – Haleʻiwa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aukai Ferguson	aukai5@yahoo.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:00 PM

Testimony:

I am opposed to rezoning because the infrastructure cannot support the current number of community members and tourists. As far as I am aware, there is no data that has determined the maximum capacity for the North Shore based on basic measurements of quality of life, social and environmental sustainability? Until we have sufficient information, it is unwise to continue haphazard development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Erin Standage	Estandage@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:02 PM

Testimony:

Please do not do this, we as a small community do not want it

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sarah Pfeiffer	spfeiff1@my.hpu.edu	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:03 PM

Testimony:

I APPOSE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP (HALE‘IWA QUADRANGLE) FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED IN THE HALE‘IWA SPECIAL DISTRICT, HALE‘IWA, OAHU, HAWAI‘I.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Pete Johnson	peteyjohnson007@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:04 PM

Testimony:

Oppose BILL037(25)

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kaitlyn Barrett	kaitreams@gmail.com	78676
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:09 PM

Testimony:

This is wrong, you know it is wrong, and you know it isn’t for the betterment of the community

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andrew Pereira	apereira@prp-hawaii.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP)	Support	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:11 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Olli Fix	olifx55@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:13 PM

Testimony:

We do not want this as someone that has lived his whole life growing up on the north shore. We don't need this development or any more of its kind.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tyler Unger	svehrs3379@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:18 PM

Testimony:

Please do not allow this bill to pass. It will destroy the north shore. It will destroy what we all love most about the country. We don't want this monstrosity to be a stain on our beautiful aina. Think about how much more traffic you will bring by allowing this bill to come to fruition. It already took most of us 2-3 hours to evacuate to higher ground during the tsunami warning. This plan is not what the locals want and it is not any way to respect and conserve and preserve our land. Please do not allow more of this island to become commercialized and destroyed. Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sarah Unger	svehrs3379@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:18 PM

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Stanley K May	stanleym@hawaii.edu	22841
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:19 PM

Testimony:

Please Vote No on Bill 37 to change the zoning for Haleiwa Backyards from Agricultural to Urban.

Bill 37 is strongly opposed by the community. The North Shore Neighborhood Board, the Sunset Beach Community

Association, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, countless other community groups, polls, letters, and testimonies at council meetings have all been strongly against this project. Residents of Oahu not on the North Shore, living in your district, highly value Haleiwa as an escape from urban Honolulu. Why do you vote in favor of a project that is so clearly opposed by your constituents?

Bill 37 will not provide affordable housing. We desperately need affordable housing on the North Shore but the Haleiwa Backyards project does not offer affordable housing. Affordable housing needs to be permanently deed-restricted like so many affordable housing projects on the Mainland, otherwise, the developer will change it to luxury housing at the first opportunity. If Andy Anderson refuses to make all the projected housing permanently deed-restricted, you know he is being dishonest about the promise of affordable housing.

Bill 37 will destroy Haleiwa's role as the economic engine of the North Shore. The money from the many visitors to the North Shore is harvested by Haleiwa. The density, inappropriate scale and height of the proposed buildings will increase traffic, worsen parking problems, and destroy the charm that attracts visitors.

Bill 37 is a bid by a landowner, Andy Anderson, to make a fortune converting agricultural land to urban. Despite all the negatives, this project continues to move forward. This project stinks to high heaven. This is all about money in politics and corruption. Do not ruin your reputation by supporting such a bill.

Please Vote No on Bill 37 to change the zoning for Haleiwa Backyards from Agricultural to Urban!

Sincerely,

Stanley May

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dayna Hamamura Ha'o	daynahamamura717@gmail.com	98514
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:19 PM

Testimony:

Aloha. I'm one of the many native Hawaiians who were priced out of Hawai'i. I'm opposing this bill because even though my physical address is no longer in the islands, my home and spirit will always be. Not only is this wrong to build in an already highly populated area with few roads to get in and out (causing unimaginable traffic and delays) , but this is just start of what's already been happening, forcing more natives out and stripping our lands of our people. People come to Hawai'i not only for our beautiful scenery, but also our culture. There is no Hawai'i without Hawaiians, and if this bill gets passed, just like the other new "developments", it's going to push our already struggling kanaka out to make room for foreigners to come and take MORE land than they already did.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

wakako suto	wakakosuto@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:20 PM
Testimony: No development I love Hale'iwa		

Name: Michelle Madden	Email: michellemadden2012@yahoo.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:20 PM
Testimony: Not Pono! Big safety concerns for the country side! The traffic is horrendous already. Accidents everywhere not enough hpd and EMS to even serve our own local residents in our zip code! Now we want to add more gentrification and tourism! Shame! Money isn't everything !!!!! Keep the country, COUNTRY! Please! Thank you! Have a great day!		

Name: Linda Molina	Email: lindamolina99@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:22 PM
Testimony: Hello, I strongly oppose to Bill 37. We sure protect all agricultural land because it is our source of food and independence. The developers can choose to build more homes in non agricultural land. This bill has caused a lot of stress on the residents on an already collapsed town. The traffic it is ferocious, and at the last stunami evacuacion we were afraid for our lives with the traffic being so slow... Cannot even imagine with 600 more cars!!! We only have a small grocery store. Please do not let this proposal damage our Historic town. Also all this septic tanks polluting our previous aquifer. I firmly ask you to change your decision and respect our petition to not let this zoning change destroy our homes.		

Name: MARGARET SAGAYSAY	Email: MARGARET_SAGAYSAY@YAHOO.COM	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:25 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair and Council members,		

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony and I also share the feelings of those silent majority who STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill 37. My name is Margaret Sagaysay and I am a long-time resident of the North Shore, namely, Waialua.
I am testifying against Bill 37 because it goes against the values and needs of our community. Agriculture lands are a vital resource for feeding our community for many generations to come. Our forefathers have galvanized the thought of preserving agriculture lands and especially in a community of the North Shore where the agriculture community runs deep.
Chair and members of this Council just remember that once this precious piece of property is given up for development, it is safe to say that we will never get it back and it will be just another erosion and dilution of our agricultural industry.
We also must look at the aftermath of this development such as Public Health Implications such as contaminating water sources, storm water runoff, ocean pollution thereby impacting fishing, ocean recreation and overall impacting our eco system and most importantly human health.
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gil Riviere	info@keepthenorthshorecountry.org	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Keep the North Shore Country	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:25 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Stefanie Doctor	stefanie.doctor@gmail.com	80305
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:28 PM

Testimony:
Ag land was established as Ag land for a reason. Changing it to allow already wealthy people to benefit financially while ignoring the needs of the people of the town is a disgrace. No Aloha in this proposal! This will ruin the character of the town and will only increase the already existing housing and traffic crisis. Do not let the greed of a few forever ruin the town. We are a former North Shore family who now come back as visitors. Please don't ruin this special town!! KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
MAYA WOOD	bilbobaggin15@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:30 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Maya Wood], and I am a resident of [your neighborhood or area, e.g., Haleiwa, North Shore, etc.]. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill 37 (2025), which I believe poses serious risks to the well-being of our community, environment, and infrastructure in Haleiwa.

Our infrastructure is not ready.
The current roads, water systems, and sanitation facilities are already struggling to meet the needs of residents and existing visitors. Adding more development or high-impact activities under this bill will only increase traffic congestion, overwhelm public services, and contribute to water shortages and wastewater issues. Haleiwa's rural charm and limited infrastructure cannot support further strain.

Traffic and safety concerns are growing.
Haleiwa already experiences severe traffic bottlenecks, especially during weekends and holidays. Increased density or activity from Bill 37 will endanger pedestrian safety, especially for keiki and kūpuna, and further reduce the quality of life for residents who rely on these roads daily.

Environmental and cultural sensitivity is essential.
Haleiwa is not just a tourist spot—it's a community deeply connected to the land and ocean. Any policy or development must prioritize environmental sustainability and respect for cultural and historical sites. Bill 37 does not adequately address these concerns.

I urge the Council to listen to the voices of the local community and vote NO on Bill 37 (2025). We must protect Haleiwa for future generations, not pave the way for short-term gain at the expense of long-term sustainability.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Maya Wood

Name:	Email:	Zip:
CURTIS WOOD	awmaya15@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:32 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Curtis Wood, and I am a resident of [your neighborhood or area, e.g., Haleiwa, North Shore, etc.]. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill 37 (2025), which I believe poses serious risks to the well-being of our community, environment, and infrastructure in Haleiwa.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Curtis Wood

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lanikila Wood	awmaya15@tunanota.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:34 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Lanikila Wood, and I am a resident of [your neighborhood or area, e.g., Haleiwa, North Shore, etc.]. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill 37 (2025), which I believe poses serious risks to the well-being of our community, environment, and infrastructure in Haleiwa.

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Respectfully,

Lanikila Wood

Name:	Email:	Zip:
KIRON JABOUR	kiron_jabour@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:34 PM

Testimony:
I oppose the amendment to this land and the rezoning of it from agriculture to urban use. This development is in direct opposition with what our community needs. Please, I ask you to not allow this bill to pass. We do not want to set the precedent for future developers that they can purchase Ag land - switch the zoning to urban - and develop or sell for a greater price.
Bill 37 is morally flawed.
I hope you to consider our community and our people's needs over the greedy desires of a developer.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
liana munden	mundenliana@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:36 PM

Testimony:
I oppose the passing of this bill due to the increased traffic we already are experiencing. I think Haleiwa should be left in the rural zoning.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lawrence Meacham	meacham.hawaii@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:37 PM

Testimony:
Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

There are many problems with this project.
The 'affordable' housing is actually too expensive for most people.
The size and density of the project will urbanize Haleiwa and make traffic congestion worse.
The environmental review and traffic analysis are out of date.
The developer has a history of problem projects, as a recent letter to the editor detailed.

That letter reminded me of another project by this developer in Nuuanu. There were potential flooding problems there, so he promised verbally to mitigate them in his construction. However, he never gave this assurance in writing and didn't do anything to prevent flooding. When the next big rains came, the project made the flooding worse, and several other properties were damaged.

Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michael Jutt	mikejutt12@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:39 PM

Testimony:
Just look at Andy Anderson’s track record. He is a greedy liar that does NOT CARE at all about the community that he is actively trying to destroy. He’s a liar and will say anything to get what he wants- with not a care at all for the community he hopes to profit off of. Buying Ag land for cheap to lobby to have it “re-zoned” for “affordable housing” for the community. It’s a joke- and anyone who can’t see right through him is either blind, stupid, or on the take.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Breanna Tidball	azrarose@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:39 PM
Testimony: No more development to our community /our island our home!		

Name: Krystal-Anne Brown	Email: k.kea.krystal@gmail.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:42 PM
Testimony: We cannot afford to give more agricultural land to urban when Oahu cannot sustain the food the island needs should we be cut off from the Continent. I rather see a community greenhouse and farm where people can have plots to grow and harvest. An example would be like Kaahumanu Farms and Hoa o Makaha. For the past few summers, they help supply the Kaukau for Keiki that provide free boxes full of a variety farmed food. So if the land is agricultural then why isn't there talk to do exactly that! So I oppose this bill and would like to see an agricultural alternative for the land. Mahalo		

Name: Kristen Brown	Email: brown.kristen808@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:46 PM
Testimony: Haleiwa simply cannot withstand any more development period.		

Name: Belita Ames	Email: belitaames@icloud.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 04:49 PM
Testimony: I STRONGLY disagree with this proposal for “Backyards” in Haleiwa town. It is poorly conceived and will add to congestion in Haleiwa. It is NOT wanted or needed by the residents. Thank You for listening.		

Name: Penelope King	Email: penk@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:03 PM
Testimony: The last thing Haleiwa needs is more development. Obviously this is proposed by a townie, who won’t be affected by the increase in traffic to our already overburdened roads. Please do not allow this ridiculous project to go through! Keep The Country country!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chelsie Harmon	chelsie2211@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:04 PM

Testimony:

I am opposed to the rezoning of the AG land. Haleiwa is already a very congested area. The traffic is insane, we don't have the resources to sustain a development of that size. This will continue to price us all out and bring in more Airbnbs. NO TO THIS PROPOSAL! Keep the country, country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emma Erickson	emmamcc14@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:11 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the proposed amendment to rezone agricultural land on the North Shore from Agricultural to Urban District. This change threatens the rural character, natural beauty, and food security of our community. The North Shore's ag lands are not only vital for local farming and sustainability—they are part of our cultural heritage and way of life.

Urban development in this area would increase traffic, strain limited infrastructure, and jeopardize ecosystems that residents and visitors cherish. Once agricultural land is lost to urbanization, it is nearly impossible to recover. I urge decision-makers to prioritize long-term community resilience, local food production, and the preservation of open space over short-term development interests.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sunny Erickson	erickson.mskr@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:16 PM

Testimony:

I vehemently oppose further development of designated agricultural land into an abomination of condos and rentals that will only further bastardize our beautiful home. Enough is enough, we have to keep what land is left sacred, no more development! We are barely surviving as working class in the first place, please stop this. Protect families, the community, farmers and working class.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cody Fisichelli	cjfisichelli@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:22 PM

Testimony:

O’ahu does not have space to build more commercial buildings , especially expensive unaffordable apartments for locals thus leading to more people, more congestion, and will have a negative effect on island and the enviornment. Ag land should stay ag land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Francesca Battaglioli	francescabdesigns@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:23 PM

Testimony:

Hello my name is Francesca Battaglioli and I’ve been fortunate enough to call the north shore my home for over 20 years now. I also have worked in our beloved historical Haleiwa marketplace for just as long. I’ve witnessed much change and increased traffic issues with the passing years. It is apparent that our roads are already overwhelmed with the community members and visitors. I truly can not imagine even one possible way that our community would benefit if this amendment were to pass. I can however think of many ways it would cause much harm. Let’s begin with the absolute madness on the roads just one week ago as our community attempted to seek safety on higher grounds during the tsunami warning. It was a wake up call and had the situation been worse many would have been stuck in their vehicles in traffic. The thought of attempting such an evacuation with hundreds more individuals/cars on the road in our small town is tragic. It would lead to trajedy. This town is not built to withstand more homes. Last week was just one example but we who live in and love this small town know it will suffer if large construction and corporate take overs come into play. That land is AG land and we need all the farming we can get. We are a small island that is dependent on food flow in. We should focus on keeping and growing all the AG land possible. Please help to keep our community country. Please do not allow such an atrocity to happen in our backyard. Aloha.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kamaile Aluli	kamailealuli7@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:36 PM

Testimony:

Re-zoning agricultural land for urban development will have significantly negative affects to the hale‘iwa town, o‘ahu and the whole island chain. Agricultural land is for the purpose of sustaining hawai‘i and this bill goes directly against the reason agricultural zoned land was created. It was created to preserve land and avoid this very development we are faced with.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alexis Moreno	oneromsixela@gmail.com	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:40 PM

Testimony:

I oppose!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lisa Lessing	lisalessing@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:42 PM

Testimony:

Please do not add unwanted, traffic and congestion, especially since our infrastructure cannot hold anymore. We are already at capacity or past capacity. I respectfully ask you to oppose this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ella Siroskey	ellarn@hawaii.rr.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:53 PM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kalea Schmaldienst	kalealeia@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:57 PM

Testimony:

Aloha. Please keep the country country. Haleiwa does not need any more new developments. Traffic is bad enough and jobs are already scarce. I hope you consider my testimony. Mahalo for your time.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Stevon Artis	stevonkaylamusic@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 05:58 PM

Testimony:

Dear friends, and loving Ohana,

Please please please hear my plea,

The world is a vast and beautiful place from Paris to Sydney, from New York to Dubai, and Tokyo to Singapore.

What makes these places unique and worth visiting?

it’s people, it’s Culture, it’s Identity.

There are oh so many places to build Grand buildings, Malls and resorts,

and being a professional touring Musician I love to visit these places and Astonishing venues to perform,

but it just wouldn't be the same if all of these places were the same and had lost their identity....

and so it is my plea that we are all able to see The beauty that is Hawaii that all to often as a kid I used to hear my parents and other elders Uncles and Aunties talk and cry about all the change and what was being lost. Never thought there would be a day when I'd grow up to feel just the same seeing all my childhood buried, covered over with Asphalt, erroded, chopped and cut down, and the people..... sadly out priced and displaced.

so dear leaders, friends, loved ones and Ohana please hear my please.

Let not our home lose her Identity.

People come from all over to Experience (H A W A I I)
let's keep Hawaii Hawaii for our Kiki and future generations to experience as well.

With Love & Aloha
God Bless you
-Stevon Heavenly Artis

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Christina Countryman	christinacountryman@hotmail.com	96812
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:02 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill because there is not enough infrastructure to support this kind of project! As a resident of Hale'iwa for over 35 years the amount of people on the road is just crazy.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sarina Erstad	sarinaerstad@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:04 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,
Haleiwa and the North Shore can not handle more people - we need to keep ag land for producing food on island and not converting zoning to allow for building condos for more residents. This will result in more pressure on an already exhausted and faulting infrastructure. We absolutely cannot handle more traffic. We need more food to be produced on island.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Patrick Lealaimatafao	patrickltagaloa@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:07 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ava Countryman	avacountryman33@outlook.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:08 PM

Testimony:

There is to much traffic on the north shore! I oppose this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rayne Gourley	raynegourley@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:10 PM

Testimony:

Currently, day to day tasks as a north shore resident are nearly impossible due to traffic and tourism. Until the roads and over all infrastructure is significantly changed, this bill will wreak havoc on our community. Please consider local people and residents' best interest in this matter.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Melissa Meek	happymesa@live.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:10 PM

Testimony:

City Council Members I have lived and worked on the North Shore for over 40 years. It is my opinion that rezoning the proposed area from agricultural to urban would be a critical error and would not be in the best interest of the community. Andy Andersons proposed development would overload an already congested area. You say that the amending would open up future possibilities for the community that overwhelmingly opposes. If done, the the next step would be to send the proposed development to the zoning commission, which consists of political appointees that will not have the community's best interests in mind. It will open up the possibility of amending more agricultural lands to convert to urban and the ensuing developments would overburden an area that is already at capacity in so much as resources. By now you should be aware that the recent tsunami incident created a traffic gridlock from Kahuku to Wahiawa. Had there been a significant tsunami countless lives would have been lost. Anderson recently stated that the proposed development would not create more congestion as it is intended for people in Waialua and Sunset Beach areas so they can be closer to work in

Haleiwa. If you decide to go against the wishes of the residents in the area and allow this injustice to proceed then at least stipulate that if said proposal goes forward then no persons other than current residents and existing Haleiwa businesses are allowed to reside and set up shop in the new development. Anderson says he is doing this for the community so let him put his money where his mouth is.

We are still waiting for the park Andy Anderson promised us At Velzyland, when they rezoned a water table, tore down low income homes to build oceanfront mansions for rich people.

Melissa Meek

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ella Countryman	ellacountryman445@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:14 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill because there is not enough infrastructure to support the traffic we have now!!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Laurianne Manera	littleelorii@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:20 PM

Testimony:

I oppose!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jayme Barton	jaymebee@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:22 PM

Testimony:

As many in our community have stated- we can not handle any additional development through Haleiwa town. Traffic is terrible and had we had less notice to evacuate when the last tsunami scare happened there is no way many folks would have been able to get to higher ground in time. The traffic is terrible all of the time, adding any additional development up here will be very bad for our community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nainoa LEONG	nainoa.leong57@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:34 PM

Testimony:

I opposed this bill due to too.uch agricultural land being developed into residential land just so someone especially someone who isn't hawaiian and born and raised in the community can make money off of it. Which will also cause more traffic and more unneeded people in our community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Deborah Malauulu	malauuludeborah@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:34 PM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sea Eun Kim	seaeun@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:39 PM

Testimony:

Re-zoning ag land for something other than agriculture simply because it is not being used as such is short sighted. We should instead invest in attracting and supporting farmers and ranchers to use this land, rather than continue to add to the strain on already strained communities.

We should be investing into our communities, while prioritizing the existing residents and our quality of life here. Between necessary but disruptive roadworks, tour companies and visitor traffic, it regularly takes at least 30 min to an hour to travel 7 miles from Sunset to Haleiwa and vice versa at all hours of the day. Condos will make that far worse. Invest in cracking down on short term rentals. Invest in regulating tour bus traffic on behalf of residents and the environment. Invest in emergency services. There’s much needed that go entirely ignored while bills like this are readily considered.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brian Cork	dudebase877@yahoo.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:46 PM

Testimony:

I oppose the change of zoning of this ag land to urban. I already submitted detailed testimony before when this came up, as did many people in our community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carter Clary	cclary2010@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:47 PM

Testimony: Please no more development in Haleiwa! SAVE AG LAND! DONT PAVE IT!!!		
Name: sasha hoopai	Email: skkhoopai@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:56 PM
Testimony: I completely- entirely oppose this bill! Our sweet country town Haleiwa does not have the resources or infrastructure to support more residents. Please listen to the community- the people of North Shore. There is enough housing on the N.S which includes numerous AirBnb short-term rentals. We should be focusing on changing those laws before resorting to more buildings!		
Name: Kaila Mcinerney	Email: kkmcinerney@hotmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:58 PM
Testimony: I oppose this development. I live near the area and do not agree with what the developers are trying to do! Don't let this happen to our land, please!		
Name: Robin Leachman	Email: Ehuhawaii808@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 06:58 PM
Testimony: I am whole heartedly opposed to this development. I have lived here for 50 years. There is way too much traffic already on just a normal day! We do not need more stores let alone a 30,000 commercial retail center, 160 rental units (three stories high) and 536 parking spaces— some will be underground? That in a flood zone?????????????? It only gets worst with the recent Tsunami Warning. That proves how dangerous the traffic was!!! Do not approve this to go forward~!!! Cordially, Robin Leachman		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Casey Macula	caseymacula@yahoo.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:05 PM
Testimony: I wish to OPPOSE BILL 037(25)		
Name: Myrtie Imamori	Email: sashaimamori@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:12 PM
Testimony: We need to keep Haleiwa and north shore a special place and native Hawaiians and people that have lived here do not need to be pushed out. We need more trees and farms not buildings. Keep it agriculture.		
Name: Elizabeth Serrao	Email: epserrao@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:14 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose changing the zoning of this land for the sake of more developments, this is agg land keep it this way. Stop selling out to white developers.		
Name: Rebecca Scanlan	Email: rscanlan@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:14 PM
Testimony: Thank you for your fair consideration and community feedback on this bill. Like the vast majority of my fellow Haleiwa neighbors, I vehemently oppose amending this land from ag to urban to pave the way for future development (especially since Andy Anderson has proven time and time again that he's not a good steward of this community). However, it's much more than Andy pulling a bait-and-switch and seeking your support for it under the guise that it will bring more affordable housing to the area. This is about the current state and future of Haleiwa, a small country town with horrendous traffic and a disintegrating infrastructure. Our quality of life already suffers and this will ensure it will only be compounded in the long term. If you listen to the community, we're speaking loudly and clearly that we do not want nor handle what Andy has planned for this land in the long term. Even if Andy isn't able to push his project through, this bill would set the stage for		

development at some future time.

What's more, it sets a very scary precedent for others who buy ag land surreptitiously with the end-goal of having it rezoned and then developing it for their profit. I kindly ask you to listen to the residents who will be affected, consider the aina that will suffer and vote no on this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gil Riviere	gil@gilriviere.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Keep the North Shore Country	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:20 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brianna Acosta Badel	bdnacosta@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:26 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council,

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my opposition testimony to Bill037(25).

First and foremost, I have to express how disheartening it is to be submitting testimony once more in order to fight for the integrity and preservation of my hometown.

The over-development of ahupuaʻa Waialua, specifically Haleʻiwa Town, completely disregards its rich sustainable history, its people, and the ʻāina itself.

Though it has never been ideal, we have learned to preserve the "country" way of life despite the impacts of tourism which include increased traffic and strained resources. This re-zoning and subsequent development would not only take away from that way of life but it would also invite more foreign settling/investment and drive away local families, despite the empty promises of this developer. In reviewing the proposed project slides, only 10% (16 units!) would be deemed "affordable housing" at $2,500 for a 2 bedroom, 20% (31 units) at $3,800 for a 2 bedroom, and the remaining 70% (109) at "market." Let's be clear - with such a small portion dedicated to "affordable housing", who is this development really looking to attract? It surely isn't North Shore locals.

I would also like to remind the Council that this project was originally proposed in February of 2015 and the North Shore Neighborhood Board voted 13-0 to oppose any zoning changes not keeping with Haleiwa town's country character. Ten years later and their position remains the same - unanimous opposition.

Please also be reminded that they heard a presentation on October 22,2024, but stated that basic questions concerning affordability, management of rentals, business types, parking, and access were not answered. A project 10 years in the making and no clear answers to community concerns? AUWE!

Allowing this project may seem like a small re-zone now but history has shown that it will only open the floodgates for further development. It seems the only ones in support of this bill are those that stand to earn a profit rather than those who were born and raised in this community and wish to provide that same upbringing for our keiki.

I would like to personally call upon the Council members; I know many of you either have a connection to the North Shore or were brought up in similar small town living. I humbly ask that all you truly reflect on what a special and historic place Hale'iwa is and do what is right. For you this may be just another vote, but your vote has the power to change our community forever.

PLEASE OPPOSE!

Mahalo Nui

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kahtleen Pahinui	pahinuik001@hawaii.rr.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:27 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brianna Navarro	brianna.navarro98@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:30 PM

Testimony:

I am opposing this bill because it goes against the history of Haleiwa town

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Regina Acosta	Islandkeiki3@hotmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:30 PM

Testimony:

After 5+ rounds of testimony, PLEASE listen to the community!

Approving this bill will negatively affect Hale'iwa's rural nature and cultural identity, threaten agricultural lands, and set a precedent for further development in an area already dealing with increased traffic, infrastructure strain, and loss of open

space. Plain and simple - this development is for profit and favors short-term commercial interests over the community's long-term well-being and environmental responsibility.		
Name: Darren Burke	Email: darrenburke808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:31 PM
Testimony: We do not want rezoning. Keep the land agricultural land.		
Name: Ilima Armstrong	Email: ilima.armstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:31 PM
Testimony: I’m opposing this bill because gentrification is taking over Hawaii to the point that Hawaiians can’t afford it here. What do you think is going to happen when things get “modernized”? Prices go up. Removing those who have gone country. Auwe.		
Name: Nicolas Badel	Email: Nbadel12@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:32 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill in support of the North Shore community and the best interests of its residents. Keep the country country and keep Haleiwa historic.		
Name: louie steppe	Email: lousteppe@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:32 PM
Testimony: I oppose this measure for several reasons. To what end are we allowing land to be bought, developed, repurposed under the guise of doing right by the community. It doesn’t happen especially with Mr Anderson.		
Name: Jamie Sabatini	Email: sabatinij001@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:37 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 37 to change zoning in Haleiwa, which would allow more development. Haleiwa and the North Shore already cannot handle the amount of traffic and people that come through this area. To add more homes, shopping & parking spaces encourages more growth than the area will be able to accommodate.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Daleth Pyzel	dalipyzel@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:43 PM

Testimony:

With the recent tsunami advisory and warning, the North Shore experienced severe gridlock with traffic taking an hour to get from Rocky Point to Pupukea, only a one mile distance. If that tsunami was generated closer to the NS, thousands of people would have died sitting in their cars trying to get out. If that happens in the future, I will hold each elected official who votes for more development without solving the traffic problem responsible.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Amber Dean	amberrosedean@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:43 PM

Testimony:

Aloha and good evening. I am a resident of Haleiwa and I also work in Haleiwa Town. There are many examples I can give to oppose this development but I will only give my observation over the past week of Haleiwa Town. This past week our evacuation system failed our town and visiting folks, on a Tuesday it took our kupuna who live in Waialua 45 minutes to pick up their perscription from the only drug store on the north shore due to traffic and being unable to find parking due to the many tour buses that over crowd the parking lot daily and lastly we do not have enough emergency vehicles or first responders to cater to our own let alone the people who visit Hawaii.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tyneski Quintel	tyneski@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:48 PM

Testimony:

Please do not allow haleiwa to have a change of their development zoning. This is not provide affordable housing to anyone who can afford it in Hawaii. This is incorrect with the tiny space we have in the town with loads of traffic. This would cause it is an emergency that a big fire and one little road in or out could cause deaths of hundreds. We just went through a tsunami and we saw how scary it was with the traffic. We already have an overpopulation issue and adding all of these homes and all of these businesses would make it so much worse. Please keep haleiwa by the way, it is cute, quaint, historical, and beautiful. We need to keep our town the way it is and not developed like Honolulu. Please hear us out.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nico Carlson	nickjcarlson11@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:50 PM

Testimony:

I think it’s bad. this is ruining everything for us.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bridgett Kirby	bridge.kirby@aol.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:52 PM

Testimony:

Opposed to additional development in and over developed part of our islands.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jon Pyzel	jon@pyzelsurfboards.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 07:56 PM

Testimony:

As a 33 year resident of the North Shore I am well aware of the changes that have come with over crowding and traffic and this project being approved will only add to that congestion and have a negative impact on current residents quality of life. We are already beyond the capacity of our little towns infrastructure. Additional, I believe that changing Ag land to residential here sets a dangerous precedent for the rest of the island. And… the topper was the recent tsunami warning, during which the North Shore experienced severe gridlock with traffic taking an hour to get from Rocky Point to Pupukea, only a one mile distance. If that tsunami was generated closer to the NS, and had been significant, thousands of people would have died sitting in their cars trying to get out. If that happens in the future, I will hold each elected official who votes for more development without solving the traffic problem responsible.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ashley Arango	ashleyarango17@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:00 PM

Testimony:

I oppose of any developmental work on the north shore of Hawai’i.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joanne Pettigrew	Laniakea1@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:17 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill037(25).

I do not want a zoning change from agriculture to urban in Haleiwa.

We are already overwhelmed with the immense increase in traffic in our community and I see no benefit

In amending the present zoning.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mike Biechler	mike@northshorelawhawaii.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:17 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lanson Kawaiaea	lansonkawaiaea@gmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:20 PM

Testimony:

No development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Marvin Bertin	marvin.bertin@gmail.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:22 PM

Testimony:

I'm writing to oppose vote on Bill 37.

This development doesn't serve that purpose - it's not affordable, and it doesn't prioritize kamaʻāina. What it does is put more pressure on a town that's already stretched to its limit.

Anyone who lives on the North Shore knows how difficult it's become just to get through Haleʻiwa. The "turtle traffic" is real - the congestion makes it harder every day for locals to get to work, pick up their kids, or just live their lives. This project will only exacerbate the problem, adding more cars, more stress, and an even greater burden on the infrastructure that can't keep up.

Beyond traffic, this bill threatens agricultural land that feeds our communities and connects us to our history. Once this land is rezoned and paved over, it will be lost forever. The impact doesn't stop with people; it affects ecosystems, native species, and the soul of the town that makes Haleʻiwa and the North Shore so special.

It's our shared responsibility to practice aloha ʻāina - to care for the land, and approving this bill would go against that kuleana. It prioritizes short-term development over long-term well-being for the land and the people who live here.

Please stand with the North Shore and vote no on Bill 37. Let's build the future with care, not at the expense of the people,

animals, and' āina that make this place our home.

Mahalo for your time and for listening,

Sincerely,

Marvin Bertin

96731

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Raynae Fonoimoana	khcc532@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:24 PM

Testimony:

We oppose changes from Agricultural to Urban District lands.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karen Gallagher	karengallagher222@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:32 PM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council Members,

I beg of you to please do all you can to prevent this inappropriate development to materialize. Other people have shared with you their mana'o regarding the many reasons why it should not be approved, and I would just like to give a testimony from my heart... Back in the mid-eighties, I believe it was, a developer came one early Saturday morning with a wrecking ball and illegally destroyed the Historic Hale'iwa Theater building in order to make way for a McDonalds. That act set in motion the beginning of the end of our town being only quaint mom-and-pop shops. This Backyards project would be just as antithetical to the character of our town; it would truly destroy what is left of the qualities that make Haleiwa a desirable destination for tourists and that make it feel like home for us residents.

You have the power to prevent this injustice to our community to continue.

Please vote no;

Sincerely and with Aloha,

Karen Gallagher

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kiki Sainz	kikisainz@gmail.com	85298
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:34 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill. It is in direct opposition of the communities wishes and needs, and will affect more than will benefit.

Keep the Country Country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nicole Luther	nicoleluther3@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:34 PM

Testimony:

Voting yes serves no purpose other than paving the way for the future approval of this housing that the COMMUNITY strongly opposes. The community sees thru attempts to make it seem otherwise. Please vote NO.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tyler Manuel	tcm214@ymail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:37 PM

Testimony:

This can not happen. The infrastructure is already overwhelmed and the residents of our small town are suffering on a daily basis.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nash WITTEN	nash_witten@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:45 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Honolulu City Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong opposition to Bill 37, CD1, which would result in the rezoning of agricultural land to urban land in the historic town of Hale'iwa, where I was born, raised, and currently provide primary care to the community as a Family Physician. If you have been to Hale'iwa town on a weekday during business hours, which is where the clinic I work at is located, you will see firsthand that the ancient two-lane road through Hale'iwa town is already incapable of meeting the vehicular and pedestrian needs of the area: there are no real sidewalks through the town for pedestrians, there are no barriers between vehicles and pedestrians on what pseudo-sidewalk exists, and there is already an insuffient number of parking stalls for locals or tourists throughout the town.

The idea of adding an "urban" housing development to our historic town, which already lacks the city's goal infrastructure as detailed in the "O'ahu Vision Zero Action Plan," is illogical, at best. In addition, it is well known that our non-Honolulu communities are "commuter areas," due to the lack of jobs in our rural communities that pay a sufficient wage to live in Hawai'i, which has resulted in our terrible traffic situation on the H1/H2 freeway. Although this urban development is proposed to create "needed low- to moderate-income housing" for the area, it has already been demonstrated in other communities (e.g., Kapolei and Ewa Beach) that without jobs to support these new residents, the residents will end up commuting - worsening traffic on the already lacking infracturcture from Hale 'iwa to Wahiawa, let alone Honolulu. I also

invite you all to sit in the "new" traffic that occurs every afternoon between Hale'iwa and Wahiawa due to the inadequate infrastructure through central O'ahu for the tourists and locals trying to get back to Honolulu. Unless we fix the infrastructure through Hale'iwa town, up to Wahiawa, and through Central O'ahu, the creation of any urban zoning north of the end of the H2 freeway is a disservice to all of the residents of the North Shore and those who visit the area. Due to the above, I strongly urge you to oppose Bill 37, CD1.

Mahalo for your service,

Nash Witten, MD

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gabriel Chun	gkchunhi@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:48 PM

Testimony:

I oppose.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leila Jabour	leiladthomas@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:51 PM

Testimony:

Dear Council,

I urge you to please consider voting NO on bill 37.

This bill is clearly not intended to and will not benefit the local community in any way.

How can this bill be passed when it damages the character and nature of our community, when locals are overwhelmingly opposed and when it sets a very dangerous longterm precedent for the rest of our agricultural community?

When can we count on our council members and elected officials to act in favor of us, the people, over the developers personal gain?

It has been with grave sadness our community has watched the votes come in favor of bill 37 over the past few months. It is with a deep disappointment to see our community outcry against this development, and yet council members vote in favor of amending the land use to urban.

Our community is clear. We do not want this land, or any of our little remaining agricultural land, to be rezoned or amended to Urban/Business.

Our community is clear. We do want to address our island's food scarcity crisis. We do want to support local farmers get

back on agricultural land and actually realize a profitable business. We do want to preserve our agriculture land for agriculture.

Council members, we are a farming community. I am in my thirties and know countless friends from generational families and transient families who want to farm but the cost of Ag land has become unobtainable. The cost of Ag land goes up when we see misuse of Ag land - such as this development.
I urge you to please, listen to our people, vote in favor of our community and OPPOSE BILL 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cy Yamanoha	bluskycy@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:52 PM

Testimony:
Mahalo for allowing testimony before the next round of voting by the City Council. As a life long resident of Waialua, the north shore is home to me. The ag zoning designation should remain and farmers and community gardeners should be given a chance to put this parcel to use for agricultural purposes. If the land is reclassified, it will only be more difficult to make that a reality. When Andy Anderson purchased the land, he knew it was an agricultural zoned parcel. Obviously he does not want to use it for that purpose, he can sell this agricultural zoned parcel to those who will use the ag land for the intended purpose .
Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mariel Dominique	marielmdq@hotmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 08:55 PM

Testimony:
I lived on the North Shore for over 15 years and I wouldn't choose anywhere else. My kids are born and raised here and we chose this community because of its charm and features of slower easy going living. Progress can't be stopped and we have already felt the impact of other projects in this area, so we need to keep in mind that the capacity and infrastructure of Haleiwa has a limit. Residents can no longer run errands, enjoy a short drive to close by beaches or God forbid, drive to safety in a decent amount of time if there's a natural disaster, the constant traffic congestion makes us have to schedule our day carefully. This project will be specially taxing on our everyday lives. It will also keep adding more urban features to the already changed historic landscape. I believe we could benefit more from agriculture zoning than residential zoning. Please consider this, we would love to preserve our town the way it is. Sincerely, Mariel

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ruthie Leigh	rleigh808@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:03 PM

Testimony:

I STRONGLY oppose the “Backyards” development, it is poorly placed, ill thought out and extremely detrimental to life in Haleiwa, greatly increasing traffic and congestion In an already congested environment. Also the infrastructure of Haleiwa cannot sustain this project and no one wants a sewage waste facility behind town. How is the developer going to ensure that new residents in these new condos are already residents of the north shore? How will they protect the infrastructure of a fragile town struggling to support what is already being overdeveloped with no parking, no roads, no basic amenities to support the thousands of new people (tourists and residents) that arrive every year?

In short, Andy Anderson does not care. Over the years, it has been evident that this developer will not stop until they have squeezed every last dollar out of the North Shore, despite the shifting of the culture and the altering of the countryside forever. Please do not allow the north shore to be changed in this way, as it will be irreversible. Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ricki Newton	oceanspiritmassage77@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:05 PM

Testimony:

I absolutely do not agree with building a major development in Haleiwa.

The traffic will become so much worse and we all know these houses will not be affordable for local people.

Keep the Country Country!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Theresa Yamanoha	ty2read@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:06 PM

Testimony:

I strong oppose Bill 37.

There is no reason to reclassify this land in Haleiwa from agriculture to urban.

Agricultural zoned land needs to be protected. Once the zoning is changed, the value of the land will increase, making it very unlikely that it will ever be used for growing crops.

Why would the city council do such a thing?

Housing should be built on land zoned for that purpose and precious agricultural land preserved for agricultural use.

Please vote NO on Bill 37

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Elizabeth Rago	elizabethjrago@gmail.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:08 PM

Testimony:

My name is Elizabeth Rago and I am a resident of Kahuku. I'm writing to oppose this bill and ask the council to please vote against this bill.

Traffic, infrastructure, dangerous precedent, and how we value land use are all reasons I oppose bill 037. Just because a developer does not see value in ag land does not mean the community needs to comprise traffic safety, infrastructure, and how we value land and its use. Please do not convert any portion of this precious land.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth J. Rago

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Natalie McKinney	natalie@kokuahawaiifoundation.org	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:11 PM

Testimony:

My name is Natalie Mihana McKinney and I serve as the Chief Operating Officer at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am also a lifelong resident of Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District.

In 2019 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation purchased 7 acres of fallow and neglected ag land in the heart of Hale'iwa, less than a quarter mile from the proposed parcel currently looking for a zone change. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable. Since 2020 over 7,124 volunteers have spent 16,857 volunteer hours clearing, restoring, weeding and planting and since 2023 over 40,000 pounds of produce has been harvested from the Kōkua Learning Farm. Over 2,200 students have come on field trips to the Kōkua Learning Farm, including every grade level from Hale'iwa Elementary for the past two years. Over 80 high school youth have participated in 10 semester-long cohorts of the Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program.

This land feeds, educates, and brings people together. The value of agricultural land cannot be measured only in dollars—it must be understood through its contributions to food security, environmental regeneration, cultural connection, and community resilience. It is deeply troubling that the same narrative used by the previous landowners of our site—that this land was useless—is now being recycled by the proponents of Hale'iwa Backyards to justify yet another development. That narrative was false then, and it is false now. Please VOTE NO on Bill 37!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Racyne Young	racyne@gmail.com	96815
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:15 PM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill 37 for several reasons: 1. I feel it's not safe to develop the land with all the chemicals previously used. The soil could be compromised and you would be putting lives in danger. Not to mention more infrastructure means more pollution, which will also contribute to greater health issues. 2. I like that Haleiwa is under developed. It has that quaint, traditional feel that you can't get anywhere else on the island. Many people rely on these lands to provide for and sustain their families. You can't just take that away from them. 3. Everyone knows that we need more housing-affordable housing, and ths is not going to be it. Look at all the new developments that have "affordable" housing and it's like 30 units in a 150 unit building that isn't really "affordable." It's such a scam and this will just be more of that.

This rezoning is a Trojan horse disguised as progress—a threat wrapped in profit motives that disregard the deep roots of our way
of life. We must reject it today so that future generations can still farm where their ancestors did, breathe clean air among the mountains we hold dear, and enjoy Hawaii's natural beauty without encroaching subdivisions.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Trisha Leineke	tleineke@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:15 PM

Testimony:

This bill is terrible. Please consider how it will negatively impact our local community, the land and the town.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Indie Pyzel	indiepyzel@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:25 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is India Pyzel. I have submitted testimony on this bill a few times, all emotional, about where our little town is headed, a fear of the future. I have already talked about being a lifelong community member, a local business owner and how this reasoning would negatively affect not only me, but the countless of others who cross the north shore daily for work. I have written about how rezoning this land for a man who has done nothing but disrespect haleiwa and our loko ea seems down right wrong. I have even touched on being a new mother and wanting to preserve the place I love the most for my daughter to hopefully have the love and appreciation for it too.

And while all of those things still ring true and are incredibly important to me and my own selfish interests, the additional testimony I have today is bigger than me.

This past month we have been under tsunami advisory and tsunami watch . When the tsunami warning happened it took

residents and tourist alike HOURS to evacuate. From my home in Paumalū to Pupukea alone was over an hour.

It took my friends and family in waialua almost an hour to get to haleiwa before making their way out of the tsunami zone towards Wahiawa. Had the time to evacuate not been so long there would have been hundreds of people dying on Kamehameha Hwy trying to get to safety.

All emotions aside, Haleiwa is unable to function safely in the event of a natural disaster. It is maxed out without adding 300 more residential units. The rezoning of this land isn't as small as a community who doesn't want it (which truthfully I feel should be enough for elected officials to respect), any loss in times of emergency will have a direct line to this development and your choices as elected officials.

Please consider all of the testimonies you read today to keep the country country and keep our residents safe.

Mahalo,
India Pyzel

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joy Silver	joyofpilates@mac.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:28 PM

Testimony:
I STRONGLY oppose the "Backyards" development, it is poorly placed, ill thought out and extremely detrimental to our rural community. The infrastructure of Haleiwa cannot sustain this project and no one wants a sewage waste facility behind town. This is not going to be affordable housing. Affordable housing is only "thrown" in, as we have seen with so many other projects to get what the developers wants, but never materializes. There are better locations to build, Mill Camp, for example would provide twice the number of houses this project would in an area that has the space, unlike Haleiwa town. I urge you to listen to the people, to our voices and our testimony. The only people who support this are those that will benefit from a quick buck. It is not in the best interest of the community or the land. Please do not take this decision lightly, the future of my town depends on it and our community. The land owner knowingly bought this land as agricultural land, which is why it was purchased at an inexpensive price. If the land use is changed to urban, they could turn around and sell the land and make a lot of money, then where will the community be? Once this happens it cannot be undone. Mahalo for thinking this decision through and how it will impact our already congested town.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brandon Alfonso Yamamoto	brandoyama@gmail.com	90802
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:28 PM

Testimony:

I oppose the urbanization of Haleiwa and wish to keep it as is.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kyle Maiava	kylemaiava83@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:29 PM

Testimony:

I oppose keep the country country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Makenna Beck	makennabeck808@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:31 PM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Luna Courtois	lunalei123@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:35 PM

Testimony:

I do not support this! Our north shore community doesn't need any further development! It's already been taking 1.5-2 hours to drive from sunset beach to Haleiwa, imagine that state of living when you have to work in Haleiwa every day? NO MORE!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jennifer Cook	alohanursejenn@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:37 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill and ask that the city and county consider expanding access to roads, health clinics and the ability for current residents to safely evacuate our homes and have access to emergency services before building hundred of living units and parking to bring more people in.

I have owned my home here in Waialua 7.5 years and commute as a healthcare provider (Civilian) to Tripler and Schofield. When the bridge was closed between Waialua and Haliewa for over a year it created great challenges getting to the grocery store, and even healthcare clinics if the one way out of town was blocked . It was a safety concern for hurricaine and tsunami season as well.

Before building and bringing people in the roads , evacuation access and access to water and food as well as shelter needs to be addressed first.

Respectfully
Jennifer Cook DNP CNM FNP
Waialua Homeowner

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kim Johnson	kim@kokuahawaiifoundation.org	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:41 PM

Testimony:
My name is Kim Johnson and my husband, Jack Johnson, and I founded Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation which is based in our hometown of Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Monyca Eleogram	monycaeleogram@gmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:42 PM

Testimony:

We need to ensure that we can provide food for our people from our own agricultural lands. We don't need more jet lag food, we need fresh food from our aina. Please protect our islands agricultural zoning.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sarah Rackleff	sarahrackleff065@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:44 PM

Testimony:

Please vote no!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Monet Pule	monet.napua@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:46 PM

Testimony:

My name is Monet Pule and I serve as the Outreach Director at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Wanda Kamauoha	808wanda@gmail.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:47 PM

Testimony:

We DO NOT need any such thing on Oahu, especially out in the country and more so on Mt Kaala. Its very sacred to us. People do not need to be on or up there, period! Our tiny surrounding communities are very crowded already. Our highway traffic is the

worst. Not only with cars, but with tourists walking everywhere making it hard to just drive through Haleiwa Town. And we definitely dont want to widen our roads to accommodate tourism. This our island, and we should be priority over those that do not live here. Stop bringing more people in. We need to limit our visitors. And stop saying you will be "creating more jobs", or "building affordable housing" because that's BS and we don't believe that anymore and you all know it. Its just words used by investors to get their feet in the door and monies into greedy hands. We DO NOT need it. Start limiting visitors per day and stop allowing more people to move here. They should be allowed to only visit and

leave and never come back to live. We want our lives back. We want our island back. We want to be able to keep our Aloha Spirit. Right now, it's dying and will get worst if we keep pleasing investors. When we had our airport shut down during covid,

it was the best thing that could ever happen for Hawaii, especially for those who has lived here their entire life. We got our roads, our beaches, our stores, everything to ourselves. It was the sweetest thing!!!

STOP PLEASING INVESTORS, GREEDY HANDS, and TOURIST! WE GAVE THEM MORE THAN ENOUGH!!! STOP NOW!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Elle Marlowe	elliemarlowe1@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:48 PM

Testimony:

Ag lands stay ag lands!! Will be detrimental to the future of Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aaron Gold	gold777@mail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:50 PM

Testimony:

Aloha

My name is Aaron Gold, I am writing on behalf of myself and 6 family members. We are long time residents (25 plus years) of the Haleiwa/Waialua area. It is our strong feeling that changing the zoning in regards to bill 37 to allow for urban scale apartments buildings in the center of haleiwa town would be detrimental to the already overburdened and insufficient infrastructure of the town and roadways.

We are greatly opposed to this zoning change and ask that you would please vote "No" and help to preserve our rapidly deteriorating country style community from those who wish to exploit it for their own financial gain.

Mahalo for your consideration

The Gold Ohana

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Indianna Damm	dammindianna@gmail.com	96722
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:51 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa town is already crazy and busy, the north shore is country not city. I live in Haleiwa and work at sharks cove it takes me a hour to get there and at night 7 minutes to get home. It takes me 15 minutes to get to malama wich should only be a 4 minute drive. I oppose to building anything more in Haleiwa unless it can help our community,and our aina. nothing for tourists.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mi Soon Gen	christinegennaro13@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:52 PM

Testimony:

As a local resident of Waialua and born and raised out here this is a Terrible idea. Have you driven through Haleiwa recently during summer or winter months? It’s a nightmare from end-to-end every single day of the week. And that’s from locals and tourists. Now you want to add additional housing within Haleiwa town and backup traffic to outside the town?? Haleiwa is becoming Waikiki, every move the state makes only worsens the traffic more and more.

OPPOSE. OPPOSE. OPPOSE.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ben Wilkinson	Wilkinsoncustomfx@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:52 PM

Testimony:

Strongly oppose.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Claudia Mena Rieke	cmenarieke@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:53 PM

Testimony:

My name is Claudia Mena Rieke and I serve as a Sales Associate at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Serena Barrera	serena11rae@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:54 PM

Testimony:
Keep the country, country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sophia Wilson	sophhwilson1999@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:54 PM

Testimony:
We chose to stop development in our small community to preserve its unique character and natural beauty. Let's keep it that way!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cody Robinson	cod.robinson@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:55 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country, country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jaden Pang	jadenpang88@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kokua Hawaii Foundation	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:55 PM

Testimony:

My name is Jaden Pang and I serve as the assistant manager at the Aina Farmstand at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Corinne Gold	corinnegold@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:56 PM

Testimony:

Aloha my name is Corinne Gold,

As a born and raised longtime resident of the north shore I am writing in opposition of the proposed bill to change ag land to urban use.

Our community understands that Change is inevitable, however, this change is not one that will benefit our community in

the long run.

Please listen to those who live in and care about our community and vote in opposite of this bill.

Mahalo nui

Corinne Gold

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carol Feinga	feingac@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:58 PM

Testimony:

My name is Carol Feinga and I serve as member of the Board of Directors at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tahnei Roy	tahneiroy@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 09:59 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Tahnei Roy and I am writing in strong opposition to Bill 37. My family has owned and operated a small business in Hale'iwa called The Growing Keiki for almost 40 years, and we have deep roots in this community. I urge you not to approve this measure that would rezone over 7 acres of designated agricultural land for urban development.

This land is classified as agriculture for a reason. Once it is paved over, it's gone forever. As a local business owner, I understand the need for economic development, but it should not come at the cost of our food security, cultural integrity, or the rural character that makes Hale'iwa so unique.

Turning ag land into commercial and residential space sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the long-term sustainability of our island. With climate change and increasing global instability, we should be protecting every remaining acre of farmland—not converting it into concrete for short-term profit.

The identity of Hale'iwa is rooted in its open space, its farms, its small-town feel - not big developments. Please do not approve Bill 37. Our community deserves a future that values the land, not just what can be built on it.

Mahalo for your time and for considering the voices of local residents who deeply care about the future of our home.

Sincerely,
Roy Family

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Namika Courtois	chibi.namika@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:01 PM

Testimony:
I oppose BILL037 as someone who has grown up in Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jennifer Homcy	jennhomcy@gmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:02 PM

Testimony:
As we experienced last week this small rural town of Haleiwa has already exceeded its carrying capacity. Adding more domestic units and commercial
Space will endanger the community. The
Developer purchased ag land with intent to alter it for his own gain. Now he's making it the community's problem. I challenge you to find members of the north shore community - who actually live and work here- that support this

excessive and irresponsible development plan. The arguments in favor of this plan are disingenuous and show actual Doran and a complete lack of understanding and respect for the community and its safety.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kainalu Kolivas	kainalukolivas@gmail.com	96916
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:05 PM

Testimony:

There is enough traffic on the north shore already, this is just going to congest it more. So much of the island has been commercialized, this agricultural and non-developed land has so much beauty and we should keep it the way it is. Keep the country country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Taylor Cunningham	taylorkc898@aol.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:09 PM

Testimony:

Part of haleiwa's draw for tourists and charm to locals is the fact that it is less developed than other parts of the island. Please keep the country country and oppose this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ellie Shormann	naialani316@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:10 PM

Testimony:

The entire north shore community is firmly against this further development!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Heather Heen	haleiwahills@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:14 PM

Testimony:

Strongly oppose. Ag lands are for agricultural use only.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kona Gutierrez	gutierrezkona@gmail.com	96754
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:15 PM

Testimony:

We are firmly against any more development in Hale'iwa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mia Lafont	mia.lafont@aol.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:16 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is a beautiful place made up of hardworking locals. We don't want to see the ones that live here struggle even more in their daily lives due to increased traffic & the inconveniences this bill poses.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Haley Custin	haleymiyoko.hawaii@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:17 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the use of Ag land for urban development in Hale'iwa town. Our small community does not have the infrastructure or resources to support this.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bella Stethem	bsstethem@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:17 PM

Testimony:

North shore has remained a place that holds the land and the ocean above all else. In a world that has been commercialized in all aspects, this place has remained a safe haven for humanity to connect with nature and live in harmony. This land provides nourishment to keep our community healthy. There is no need for infrastructure but more farmers. There should be a bill passed that to visit or live in hawaii you must participate is a nonprofit organization that benefits the land and therefore the community. Malama aina. We are meant to protect the land. If we care for the land it will provide for us in abundance.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mitchell Estores	mitchell.estores@student.chaminade.edu	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:17 PM

Testimony:

The north shore community as a whole is in strong opposition of this rezoning. I was born and raised in Waialua and still reside there with my family. There has not been a single member of this community that I have spoken to that has

vocalized any form of support for this bill. I work in Haleiwa with friends and family. No one in our extended circles have expressed any sort of support for the bill. I have only witnessed very, very strong opposition; both in person and on digital platforms. I do not usually submit testimony for these kinds of things, but this one hits too close to home to stay silent. Please listen to our people, and do not let this ag land become urbanized.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hailey Baker	haileymbaker4@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:18 PM

Testimony:

Most of the north shores appeal is being country. There are other parts of the island that provide the urban development some people want. Haleiwa does not need any more development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Evan Tyson	islandlifehawaii@outlook.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:18 PM

Testimony:

It’s really sad. We have enough development. It should not even be a debate. Listen to the community. Keep the country country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vanesa Guzman	ogvanesa808@gmail.com	96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:20 PM

Testimony:

The community is against any further development!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Avianna Salvio	Aviannasalvio@gmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:20 PM

Testimony:

Everyone I know strongly opposes this bill and the further development of our little town that is already overrun and we can barely move as it is. Keep the country country!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kuualoha Lloyd	kuualohalloyd@yahoo.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:21 PM

Testimony:
Haleiwa is already a booming tourist attraction which has created traffic, pushed locals out and environmental problems. Adding more to Haleiwa isn't something I support. I live in town and since the town beaches are already flooded with tourists, my family and I look to the north and west sides of the island. However end up choosing the west side 9/10 times because the traffic on the north shore is a little bit worse despite nothing being horrendous.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Angela Wood	angelamwood96@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:21 PM

Testimony:
Please do not develop anymore on this precious land. The North Shore is special because it is raw, untouched, and natural - it has character and history. Money and development will corrupt this and ruin what makes this part of the island so unique. Once you develop you can't go back to how it used to be, this will scar the North Shore forever. Please conserve it how it is and develop elsewhere, there is plenty of malls in town, leave nature alone.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Olivia Knox	oliviajoyknox@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:22 PM

Testimony:
There is already more business in Haleiwa than the roads can take. Please help protect this small town and peaceful area from becoming a little Waikiki. The traffic is already making it hard for locals to go about daily tasks as well as to evacuate for emergencies. There are plenty of businesses in Haleiwa to support the local economy, no need to make more business space.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Serenity Rivera	serenityriveraa05@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:22 PM

Testimony:
Everyone in North is opposing, this is wrong. Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brett Bohrman	brettwasheree@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:22 PM

Testimony:

Listen to the people that live here. The community does not want this, plain and simple.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kaya Chang	kayakc808@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:22 PM

Testimony:

North shore o'ahu community against this! Keep our sacred land beautiful as we have enough buildings and malls.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Pumehana Rochlen	pumehanarochlen@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:22 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

Many in the North shore community and I oppose this bill. We value preservation over development. Please listen to our voices and reject this bill.

Mahalo for your time.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carson Hancock	carson.han99@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:23 PM

Testimony:

As a 25 year old born and raised in Haleiwa town I feel so strongly to oppose this. Seeing the benefits that this build would be I still feel it is unnecessary. My main argument would be towards the traffic impact. The everyday traffic from Waimea to Laniakea is horrible and I have had to change my life drastically for tourist benefit. Even with out the current road work and the eventual completion of the by pass at laniakea the traffic will still be bad. The traffic is out of hand due to the stopping and parking of tourists and normal day beach use of locals. To add more available housing with bring more people to be using these roads frequently and making life harder for locals. Please allow life on our north shore to continue in its current pace of life.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mayumi Ishikawa	meishika@usc.edu	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:24 PM

Testimony: As a resident born and raised in Hawaii I strongly oppose the development of the historic town of Haleiwa.		
Name: Hana Okada	Email: 87cokada@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:25 PM
Testimony: Keep haleiwa a historic town		
Name: Erin Enriques	Email: thisiserinann@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:25 PM
Testimony: Rather than focusing on urban development supported by investors on the continent, we should shift our priorities to our communities are already in Haleiwa. Ex: Support our rural schools in North Shore by ensuring our keiki can attend school safely, create more community gardens to support food sustainability, more initiatives to support local growers in North Shore, address heavy traffic issues by increasing access to public transportation in Haleiwa Haleiwa doesn't need another shopping district for tourists to treat the town as a playground. It needs to supports its constituents already living there.		
Name: Alycee Griffith	Email: aleegriffith1862@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:25 PM
Testimony: The community strongly agrees to oppose this bill. No need more traffic!!		
Name: Raquel Quinones	Email: taumtaum.raquel@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:27 PM
Testimony: North Shore has always been known for its country vibes and little resources (like big stores). So to put a shopping mall		

out there wouldn't match at all. The north shore is already very busy and crowded as is, we don't need more reasons for tourists to be going out north. KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Juliana Vazquez	julivazq123@gmail.com	96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:28 PM
Testimony: I do not support further development in north shore. Keep the country country.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Camden Hernandez	camden.org@gmail.com	96765
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:28 PM
Testimony: The north shore community does not need any more development as they already have a bunch of traffic and tourist		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andrea Ventim	andrea@andreaventim.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:29 PM
Testimony: More important than anything, this is not what the community wants. The change in zoning will impact our daily commute, our housing prices and we cannot add to what is currently a mess before securing the safety of the individuals who already live and work here. This is rushed and unnecessary, please do not support this change in zoning. We want it to remain as is.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kaheakamanaookaleookalani Holt	kaheakamanao@gmail.com	96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:29 PM
Testimony: The community is opposed to any further development		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aina Chiba	aina.chiba808@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:29 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Anna Kalabukhova	kalabukhovaa@yahoo.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:29 PM

Testimony:

Please do not develop the north shore any further. We already do not have the proper infrastructure or roads up there to support the current community and the influx of people with more development would truly be catastrophic. The north shore community along with many of us from other areas of O'ahu such as myself for whom Hale'iwa is very special strongly oppose development plans.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lucia Mejia	evbsbehbr@gmail.com	96761
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:30 PM

Testimony:

I am a Maui resident, but oahu will always feel like a second home to me. Hale’iwa is such a beautiful town as is the entire north shore of Oahu. It is so important that we keep these places local, we keep it small, and we don’t continue to commercialize on tourism in small communities. I have watched my town of Lahaina become one of the most popular tourist destinations and it truly hurts that the people can no longer survive without tourism, this cannot happen to Hale’iwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Myron Wada	reefrxmedical@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Reefrx Bodywork	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:30 PM

Testimony:

Hello my name is Myron I own reefrx bodywork located in Hale’iwa town. The Hale’iwa backyards development should not be allowed in our community. The north shore is an UNPROTECTED wildlife sanctuary. Us, the residents of this place are the protectors. Many plots of land that are zoned agricultural need to be left alone with only the intention of farming and restoration as the island of oahu is already a fragile place with development around every turn. We the protectors of the north shore land demand that this proposed development area stay agricultural zoned for the sake of our island, and preserving our green spaces.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Camille Bonk	k_camee@yahoo.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:30 PM
Testimony: The north shore community is firmly against this further development.		
Name: Londom Isbell	Email: londonisbell@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:30 PM
Testimony: This bill does not support locals who have to deal with the traffic on a day to day basis rather it supports tourism which is a growing issue. Rather than addressing this issue this bill will worsen it.		
Name: Destiney Arce	Email: destineyarce08@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:30 PM
Testimony: We already sit in so much traffic headed to haleiwa and in haleiwa & this would just make it worse		
Name: Chelsea Buder	Email: chelseabuder@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:30 PM
Testimony: The north shore community is strongly against this further development!		
Name: Taj Bonk	Email: tajkoolau@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:31 PM
Testimony: I oppose this movement		
Name: audrey blizzard	Email: audreyb2932@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:31 PM
Testimony:		

this has none of the locals in mind against all wants of the people and will be horrible for our community. stop trying to profit off of us as a community!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenna Perreira	jpsteezyy@gmail.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:32 PM

Testimony:

The northshore community is heavily opposed to a new shopping center. The north shore is country side. We don’t need another shopping mall there. Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Piper Linke	piperlinke@icloud.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:33 PM

Testimony:

The North Shore community is firmly against further development in Haleiwa town. Community members face extensive consequences from the abundance of tourism seen in our small town; that is not built or capable of sustaining.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
alexia barrera	alexiab1128@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:33 PM

Testimony:

not needed already is too crowded and traffic is insane to get even 5 miles apart

Name:	Email:	Zip:
nara Butakke	stubbornmanchild@gmail.com	96749
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:34 PM

Testimony:

Shi bad why you gotta ruin otha peoples lives for some fuckin money shi no good i hope you fakas get jumped by one mahu

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gabriella Delgado	gabbyrox739@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:34 PM

Testimony: stop building stores for tourists that the north shore cannot handle.... Literally there isn't enough space for locals to live or drive... focus your energy on the community not the tourists.		
Name: Akesa Okimoto	Email: akesa123.okimoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:34 PM
Testimony: Keep the country, country. we don't need anymore traffic or development in the north shore area.		
Name: Isabella Flores	Email: isabellacdflores@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:34 PM
Testimony: The north side community firmly do not agree		
Name: Ellie Cory	Email: elliecory13@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:35 PM
Testimony: The land in question should remain agricultural land as it benefits Hawai'i.		
Name: Noe Velasco	Email: noelaniv4@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:35 PM
Testimony: The north shore community is firmly against further development. We do not need another retail shopping center on island, especially in a town that has horrendous traffic daily.		
Name: Oppoke Laraz	Email: lisa.jeriold@yahoo.com	Zip: 96780
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:36 PM
Testimony:		

Why do you feel the need to ruin people's way of life? Sick and tired of everyone trying to take advantage of a community already. Go back to where you came from and leave us and our community alone.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Li Kia	liakiaa1076@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:36 PM

Testimony:
The North Shore is one of the special places in Hawai'i that hasn't been at constant development. If we fill Hawai'i with buildings and shopping centers, where's Hawai'i? Where is the natural land & beautiful place that people come to see, and even locals ENJOY? Do people come to Hawai'i for shopping centers? No. People come here to see the beautiful Islands which we are turning into corporate wasteland. There are hundreds of shopping centers all throughout the islands. Let people ENJOY the parts of Hawai'i that are still Hawai'i, and not fill it with ongoing buildings that have things that end up in wastelands. Haleiwa is apart of Hawai'i that is special, and if You pass this bill, You will kill another special place in Hawai'i. If you let the people of Haleiwa decide , almost every single one will tell you no. Keep the country, country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kulia Andrus	kandrus2006@icloud.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:36 PM

Testimony:
Keep the country, country. We have no need for more development. We already get choke traffic, there is absolutely no need for more.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Abby Aplaca	abbyaplaca17@gmail.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:37 PM

Testimony:
I oppose any further development of the historic Haleiwa town and surrounding agricultural zones. This place is near and dear to my heart as my family, including my late father, is from Haleiwa. It is already difficult to navigate the crowds in Haleiwa and further development would make that much harder. Not only will further development limit local resident access but it will further taint and erase the history of the town.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rayden Wilson	rayden46@icloud.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:37 PM

Testimony:

I strongly disagree with the development of Haleiwa town. As this would have a large impact on not only the environment but our livelihoods, as we've grown up around these pieces of land. I believe this land could be used for better and future opportunities. Now is not the time to develop when there are more dire issues such as abundance of homelessness.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rebeca Brandon	ru713ega@gmail.com	96732
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:37 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country COUNTRY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joanna Cataldo	joannaccataldo@gmail.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:38 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill as I do not think this use of land would be beneficial to the community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Pikake Mahoney	kakemahoney2006@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:39 PM

Testimony:

Hale'iwa is a hometown to MANY. Traffic is already bad on weekends for locals with so many tourists visiting the town. There is truly NO need for another shopping center.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Xitong J	xiotongjao@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:39 PM

Testimony:

If we vote for you to listen to us, hear us, and help us, and you don't, what's your real job?

Keep the country country. No development in Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jaemon Foti	jaemonfoti@gmail.com	96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:40 PM

Testimony:

North shore community is completely against this.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
kline victor	klinev0109@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:40 PM

Testimony:

Our community does not want this development!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Stacie Ito	hokulani63@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:40 PM

Testimony:

Please — keep the country, country.

I have spent much of my life around Haleʻiwa. I've watched it change — not slowly, but rapidly — and I can tell you, very few of those changes have benefitted the people of this land. What was once a quiet, thriving local community has been overtaken by tourism and development. It has become a destination, not a home.

Rezoning this land from agricultural to urban would not only alter the landscape — it would damage the spirit of this place. The ʻāina is not just soil; it is history, it is identity, it is legacy. Haleʻiwa is more than a postcard — it is a living connection to our kūpuna, our aliʻi, and to the generations still to come.

Not far from the very land proposed for rezoning stood Queen Liliʻuokalani's summer home. That alone should give us pause. To pave over these lands, to allow further commercialization, is to erase yet another piece of Hawaiʻi's living heritage.

We have seen this story before. We know what happens when land is rezoned — prices go up, locals get pushed out, and what remains is a shell of a community designed for visitors, not for those who call this place home.

I am pleading with you: do not let another piece of historic Hawaiʻi be sacrificed for short-term economic gain. Protect what little is left of our rural communities. Preserve Haleʻiwa for the people of Hawaiʻi — not for more development, not for another tourist attraction, but for our keiki, for our culture, and for our future.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Stacie Ito

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bryce Sprecher	bryce@summainternational.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:40 PM

Testimony:

I am strongly opposed to this bill

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jovanna Goebert	jovanna.goebert@yahoo.com	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:41 PM

Testimony:

Absolutely no more North Shore development!! Keep the country, country! Traffic is already too bad as it is, we do not need another shopping center!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kylee C	kyleecchan@gmail.com	86826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:43 PM

Testimony:

do NOT go through because it destroys the ʻāina.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leilah Reese Deuz	leilahreesepdeuz@gmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:45 PM

Testimony:

North shore community is country and does not support any further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Asiya Sharipova	asiya@onmp.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:45 PM

Testimony:

Please do not do this to our community. It will significantly effect ppls daily commute and well being!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Samantha Maldonado	samoceansufer@gmail.com	96753
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:47 PM

Testimony:

the north shore community is firmly against this further development!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
John Thompson	Johnn71Tho@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:47 PM

Testimony:

Dear decision makers of this bill,

Please oppose this bill in favor of the people of Haleiwa. I encourage you to take one moment and reflect on this quote as deeply as you can understand it - "Only when the last tree has been cut down, the last fish been caught, and the last stream poisoned, will we realize we cannot eat money."

John

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emily Choy	emilymchoy@gmail.com	96701
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:47 PM

Testimony:

This is irreversible damage, no more development on north shore.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Saige Weaver	coconutsaige@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:47 PM

Testimony:

The north shore community is firmly against this plan. This is detrimental to not only the land but the people as well.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Amelia Sparks	amelia.r.sparks@gmail.com	96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:47 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country, country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nai'a Nahina	naianahina@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:48 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is Nai'a Nahina I am a native Hawaiian born and raised here on O'ahu and I grew up on the beautiful beaches in the North Shore. I learned to swim at sunset beach, surf at Chuns, I started shelling when i was 6 at Ali'is. Although I was not privileged to live up North, I lived in mililani and would spend almost every weekend sunrise to sunset on the beach. I am now 19 years old and have watched in real time to drastic change that has gone on in the past decade. The overtourism that used to mainly be concentrated in places like Waikiki and Kailua have now moved more and more every year deeper into the North Shore. Enough is enough. The beaches that used to be a place for local people to enjoy without worrying about parking and traffic have now become overrun with malihini, disrupted and disrespected by tourism. The north shore needs restrictions or at least one more road/lane built because the traffic has also become increasingly worse. What we definitely do NOT need is a mall that is likely to become yet ANOTHER tourist hot spot; more than it ever will serve local people and the NS community. For once in the history of Hawai'i I would hope to see that the lawmakers that this community voted into office can pick their people and this 'āina over profit & greed. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Debbie Labajo	sloppywaffles23@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:49 PM

Testimony:

KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tess Barend	tessmbarend@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:49 PM

Testimony:

Please do not do this. Leave the land as is.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Katie Watanabe	watakatie808@gmail.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:49 PM

Testimony:

My name is Katie and I serve as a program coordinator at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

In 2019 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation purchased 7 acres of fallow and neglected ag land in the heart of Hale'iwa, less than a quarter mile from the proposed parcel currently looking for a zone change. When we took stewardship of our land, it had been neglected and misused as a junkyard. Today, through dedicated restoration and community efforts, it has become the Kōkua Learning Farm, a beautiful, productive 'āina that includes lo'i kalo, a Hawaiian cultural garden, a fruit orchard, lei garden, and production fields growing fresh produce for our community.

Since 2020 over 7,124 volunteers have spent 16,857 volunteer hours clearing, restoring, weeding and planting and since 2023 over 40,000 pounds of produce has been harvested. Over 2,200 students have come on field trips, including every grade level from Hale'iwa Elementary for the past two years, and over 80 high school youth have participated in 10 semester-long cohorts of the Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program.

This land feeds, educates, and brings people together. The value of agricultural land cannot be measured only in dollars—its contributions to food security, environmental regeneration, cultural connection, and community resilience must be measured too. Please VOTE NO on Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bridget Root	rootbridget@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:50 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill

Name:	Email:	Zip:
David Johnson	davidisaacjohnson@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:51 PM

Testimony:

I respectfully submit my strong opposition to Bill 037 (2025), which proposes the reclassification of approximately 7.3 acres in Hale'iwa from the State Land Use Agricultural District to the Urban District. While I recognize the need for affordable housing across the island, this bill undermines long-term community resilience and responsible land stewardship.

As a professional in the electric utility and infrastructure sector, I can attest to the very real limitations of our current systems—particularly in North Shore communities. The proposed urban development would add pressure to already strained resources, including electric capacity, wastewater systems, and roadway infrastructure. These concerns are not hypothetical; they are grounded in operational reality. Projects of this nature, if approved without adequate infrastructure planning, risk destabilizing essential services for existing residents.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Iris Cook	irismooncook@gmail.com	96746
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:51 PM

Testimony:

I believe this with deeply hurt the community

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dafnny Corty	dafnny_g_@hotmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:52 PM

Testimony:

As a resident of the North Shore, I strongly oppose the proposed amendment to change land use designation from Agricultural to Urban in the Hale'iwa Special District.Turning agricultural lands into urban development threatens not only our environment, but also our community values and way of life.We don't need more unnecessary development. What we need is to protect the land, the ocean, and the lifestyle that makes this place so special.Please keep the North Shore country. Once we lose it, we can't get it back.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jordyne Wright	jordynekwright@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:52 PM

Testimony:

Growing up on this side has nothing been amazing but lately the traffic has been getting absolutely out of hand. I remember having to take the bus to work at sharks cove and just from Haleiwa Starbucks I would be 2 hours late. I'd have to start getting ready 2 hours earlier than needed just to get to work on time. Mind you my shifts would start at 8. I used to work at the Sharks Cove Food Trucks. As much as we love people from all over coming to see the beauty this island has to offer but it has been getting out of hand and I can't imagine how much worse it'll be if you decide to add more tourism and "shopping". It is getting absolutely ridiculous to go a small distance of 8 miles in 1-2 hours. Not even exaggerating either.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sophie Bender	sophiebender04@gmail.com	96825

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:53 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country country! We do not need more tourists or more development in Hawai'i. The infrastructure of the North Shore cannot withstand this type of development or increased visitor traffic. Already so many sacred lands have been desecrated, there is no need to continue this harm to Hawai'i and it's people.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sara Izzi	saraizzi@me.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:53 PM

Testimony:

I wish to oppose this bill to protect the land from urban use and development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Grace Archibald	grar5671@colorado.edu	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:54 PM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Keanna Ragasa	keannaragasa@gmail.com	96766
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:54 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country, COUNTRY! I oppose to the development of the new shopping center.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
anela t	okylie93@gmail.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:54 PM

Testimony:

i strongly oppose of this, please leave the north shore and hawaii alone. we don't need anymore development PLEASE

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Earl Dahlin	earl.g.dahlin@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:54 PM
Name: Hope Blake	Email: hopeblake62@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:55 PM
Testimony: The development is strongly opposed by the community		
Name: Olivia Souza	Email: lilaksouza12@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:56 PM
Testimony: The Haleiwa community highly opposes this. We are a small community in the country and would not benefit from this establishment.		
Name: Maluhia Maa	Email: maluhia.maa@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:57 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this. The last thing O'ahu needs is more development. When is enough enough		
Name: erisa pagador	Email: kkamailee06@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:57 PM
Testimony: Keep the country, Country.		
Name: Sofia Smith	Email: sofiaas@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:58 PM
Testimony: Keep the country country! No more shopping centers in hale'iwa		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Ryder Snow	maluhia.maa@yahoo.com	96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:58 PM
Testimony: No more development on O'ahu. Protect the North shore.		
Name: Jessalyn Miyamoto	Email: jessalyn.miyamoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:59 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose the conversion of agricultural land in Hale'iwa to urban development. Hale'iwa is special because it is one of the last true country sides on our already overdeveloped island. Turning farmland into urban area threatens the rural character of the North Shore communities, and once development starts it cannot be undone. Keep the country, country!		
Name: Sofia Smith	Email: sofiaas@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 10:59 PM
Testimony: Keep the country country!		
Name: Natalie Hamilton	Email: nataliehamilton93@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:00 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair and Councilmembers, I strongly oppose BILL037(25), which seeks to amend the State Land Use District Boundary Map to reclassify agricultural land in the Hale'iwa Special District to urban use. Hale'iwa holds a unique rural and cultural character that must be preserved. Reclassifying agricultural lands to urban zoning not only threatens the area's agricultural viability and food security but also accelerates urban sprawl, strains local infrastructure, and undermines long-standing community values. This proposal directly contradicts our broader commitments to sustainable development and environmental protection.		

Once this land is urbanized, it cannot be restored. The cumulative impacts—on traffic, water resources, and cultural sites—are long-term and irreversible.

Please uphold the integrity of our land use policies and protect the rural identity of Hale'iwa by voting no on BILL037(25).

Mahalo for your consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sienna Araki	siennaarakii@gmail.com	96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:01 PM

Testimony:

I just don't think we should allow new development on the North Shore. That area is one of the last places on the island that still feels untouched and natural. If we keep building on it, we're going to ruin what makes it special—its beauty, its environment, and the local lifestyle. More development means more traffic, more pollution, and less space for locals and wildlife. Once we overbuild, we can't undo it.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Paige Wernli	pwernli118@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:01 PM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Asya B	hearthottopic@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:01 PM

Testimony:

As an individual lucky to be born and raised on this island into adulthood, I vote to preserve North Shore and its historical integrity. The world has been developing quickly over the past two decades, and Hawai'i has had it changes as well. However, I will always vote to protect the history of the islands over creating more. This comes from understanding Native Hawaiian values, and seeing so many Kanaka being displaced. If more developments are built it provides not only competition for local longstanding businesses, but will ultimately cater to visitors with money to spend. Hawai'i can be self sufficient again, and we won't be any closer by choosing to develop more than preserving what is already here.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Connie Warren	conlou808@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:01 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Council,

I am writing to strongly oppose BILL037(25), which would reclassify agricultural lands in the Hale'iwa Special District from Agricultural to Urban.

The agricultural lands in question are not just empty space, they are a vital part of our island's environmental health, cultural heritage, and food security. Rezoning them to Urban would:

1. Erode Agricultural Capacity

Converting farmland into urban development permanently reduces our ability to grow food locally. In a time when Hawai'i imports over 85% of its food, protecting existing agricultural lands is critical for food security and resilience.

2. Impact the Rural Character of Hale'iwa

Hale'iwa's charm, economy, and community identity are deeply tied to its rural landscape. Urban expansion in this area will change the character of our town, increase traffic congestion, and strain existing infrastructure.

3. Threaten Environmental & Cultural Resources

Development often brings runoff, habitat loss, and other environmental impacts that can harm our streams, reefs, and native species. The Hale'iwa Special District was created to preserve both the natural and cultural resources of the area, and this rezoning directly undermines that intent.

I urge the Council to reject BILL037(25) and instead prioritize land use policies that preserve agricultural lands, support sustainable farming, and maintain the rural, cultural, and environmental integrity of Hale'iwa for future generations.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Liana Bisch	liana.bisch@yahoo.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:02 PM

Testimony:

"NO" to changing the rural character of Haleiwa to more shops, homes, traffic, waste, and congestion...

Keep the country, COUNTRY! We don't need more homes and traffic here. It's just too much already! Don't sell out our 'Aina for profits and investors! Think about the Hawaiians - STOLEN LANDS!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Selene M	selene.n.matutino@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:03 PM

Testimony: keep country country		
Name: Brooke Berry	Email: mascararun@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:04 PM

Testimony:

I'm writing, again, for the fourth or fifth time to oppose the rezoning of ag land in Hale'iwa town. We humbly ask, as a community, that there would be fair representation of our concerns. Our neighborhood board has spoken out extensively in opposition to this project. So many have expressed concerns about traffic, lack of infrastructure, and changing the atmosphere of this historic rural town, yet state officials don't hear our plea.

Take the recent tsunami warning for example. Gridlock traffic around the entire island. A complete lack of planning as it pertains to the safety of our state's residents, yet more and more development is being proposed in this community in particular. It is irresponsible and downright terrifying for the residents of this community.

This will not be affordable for North Shore residents. Local businesses are already priced out of retail spaces in this town. Let's call it what it is. We need sustainability, not another project that puts profit over people.

Keep the country country!

Name: JadeLee Uganiza	Email: jadelee.trinity@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:04 PM

Testimony:

Hale'iwa, a place that is special to many. Many people grew up in that area, surfing and being at the beach their whole lives. It's their home, but if we continue to overdevelop everywhere Hawai'i will no longer be home for us.

Name: Lacy Perkins	Email: lacyperks@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:05 PM

Testimony:

I am writing this testimony as part of the north shore community this development is going to ruin our community as a whole and disrupt more traffic than normal as well as our land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

ashlee backoff	ashlee.is.vibin@gmail.com	92807
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:06 PM

Testimony:

the people on north shore who live there strongly oppose this bill.

Name: Heather Rochlen	Email: heatherrochlen@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:06 PM

Testimony:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am writing today in strong opposition to Bill 037, which proposes further development in the historic town of Hale'iwa on O'ahu's North Shore.

The North Shore community has made it clear, time and time again, that we do not support this type of development. It is inconsistent with the character, culture, and values of our community. Hale'iwa is not just a town — it is a living part of Hawai'i's history, a place that has long held cultural, spiritual, and familial significance for many local families and Native Hawaiian communities.

For decades now, Hale'iwa has faced mounting pressure from overdevelopment. What was once a quiet, rural town rooted in plantation history, fishing traditions, and a slower way of life, has been slowly transformed. Overwhelmed by tourism, traffic, and commercial interests that do not serve the needs of residents, but rather cater to visitors and outside investors.

To proceed with additional development now, when community voices are asking for preservation, not expansion, would be deeply disrespectful — not only to the cultural significance of Hale'iwa, but to the people who call this place home.

This bill represents not progress, but a step further away from the kind of future the North Shore envisions for itself — one rooted in balance, stewardship, and respect for 'āina and culture. The community's stance is clear: we oppose this bill.

We ask you to listen to the voices of the people who live here, raise families here, and who are trying to protect what little remains of Hale'iwa's unique identity.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on Bill 037 and to stand with the North Shore community in defending the integrity of our home.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: Darcie Burke	Email: red.raider.for.life.dburke@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:07 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this development as it will affect my day to day responsibilities. I have lived on the North Shore my entire life. The traffic is horrendous and only getting worse. This affects my responsibilities (ie.- appointments). Adding more

development will only add to The problematic traffic.

PLEASE keep the North Shore residents' statement in the front of your mind when making your decision.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Adriana Primiano	driprimiano@hmail.com	96711
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:08 PM

Testimony:

The North Community is firmly against this further development in the area of Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shayla Kawasaki	kawasakishayla@gmail.com	96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:09 PM

Testimony:

The community does not want and would not appreciate any knew developments of this sort. Keep country lands country, less modernism.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
gena b	genabalboa@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:11 PM

Testimony:

I don't think it's a good idea to build new homes in hale'iwa. I love the old hale'iwa. town the way it is and i believe we should keep it that way. it just brings so much history seeing it the way that it is now and i feel like once we give that up it'll never be the same again.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kevin Devine	kevdev314@gmail.com	96713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:11 PM

Testimony:

The community as well as myself strongly oppose this new development for many agricultural and economic reasons. If this land is swallowed up where will it end. We need to keep the country country No more development in Haleiwa!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kyra Potter	kyraopotter11@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:11 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa and the north shore is our country. Our land as native Hawaiians. The entire town now attracts a significant number of tourists that, while yes bring up the economy, cause an enormous amount of traffic everyday that makes it hard for people to live and go to work or go about their lives there. People can barely get from Haleiwa to Sunset beach on a weekend without being in traffic for an hour sometimes. And adding a whole new infrastructural area would make this already significant problem so much worse. These lands are of the most beautiful on our island. It should be cherished, not destroyed to make room for more resort activities. This is our home, why is it we destroy it for the sake of those on vacation? So, I implore you, please protect our land our home and our Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bella Kester	bellakesterr@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:12 PM

Testimony:

This bill is, at the least, completely unethical. It takes OVER AN HOUR to drive from Sunset to Hale'iwa already with the traffic at Laniakea. To even speak this idea out loud is spitting in the face of thousands of local residents in the area. This is insulting to not only the people that currently live in the area, but also to all native Hawaiians that are trying to adjust to this lifestyle of always seeing OUR OWN GOVERNMENT put tourists before locals for monetary gain. This is disgusting and truly, inhumane.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chiyena Carnate	chiyenacarnate@gmail.com	96701
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:12 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is a town that holds many memories and value to the people of Hawai'i. Some things are better left untouched and Haleiwa is one of them. Haleiwa is not another Waikiki for more tourist to crowd the roads, take up parking spaces, litter the streets and disrespect our land. Haleiwa sure enough doesn't need more people who are not local to open their overpriced shops and create their unsupportive businesses. Haleiwa is a town for people to enjoy not destroy.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Porsche Decosta	porsche.kd@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:13 PM

Testimony:

N/a

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joshua Canosa	canosacuts@gmail.com	96701

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:13 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the conversion of agricultural land in Hale'iwa to urban development. I support the North Shore communities in preserving the countryside.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ariel Sanders	arielsanders76@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:14 PM

Testimony:

Please no more development in Haleiwa!!!! It's such a special town, already almost completely over run by tourists as it is. The people living there are telling you to PLEASE stop development, please think about what serves the locals that live there rather than tourists who come and visit.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jack Johnson	808stoked1@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:16 PM

Testimony:

My name is Jack Johnson. My wife Kim Johnson, and I founded Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation, which is based in our home town of Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

In 2019 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation purchased 7 acres of fallow and neglected ag land in the heart of Hale'iwa, less than a quarter mile from the proposed parcel currently looking for a zone change. When we took stewardship of our land, it had been neglected and misused as a junkyard. Today, through dedicated restoration and community efforts, it has become the Kōkua Learning Farm, a beautiful, productive 'āina that includes lo'i kalo, a Hawaiian cultural garden, a fruit orchard, lei garden, and production fields growing fresh produce for our community.

Since 2020 over 7,124 volunteers have spent 16,857 volunteer hours clearing, restoring, weeding and planting, and since 2023 over 40,000 pounds of produce has been harvested. Over 2,200 students have come on field trips, including every grade level from Hale'iwa Elementary for the past two years, and over 80 high school youth have participated in 10 semester-long cohorts of the Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program.

This land feeds, educates, and brings people together. The value of agricultural land cannot be measured only in dollars—its contributions to food security, environmental regeneration, cultural connection, and community resilience must be measured too. Please VOTE NO on Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
jenna t	jennackt.25@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:16 PM

Testimony:

As someone who was raised in Waialua, this situation is incredibly heartbreaking for me. I am a Waialua alumnus, and my parents are as well. Five generations of my family have lived in our home in Waialua. It's truly disheartening to see this area being used solely for tourist profit. This approach is not only cruel to the residents but also detrimental to the environment. While tourism is important for Hawaii's economy, it shouldn't come at the expense of locals who are struggling every day. Tourists should not automatically receive the best experiences while those who live here are left to suffer.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kyiah Mason	kyiahmabr@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:17 PM

Testimony:

Keep the Country Country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Megan Salgado	Mmegan1021@aol.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:17 PM

Testimony:

No more development in Haleiwa. The traffic is already ridiculous and it's getting very dangerous with all the people. No sidewalks in Haleiwa and only one road. There have been major accident and even death. NO MORE DEVELOPMENT!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Delaney Starr	dstarr@hawaii.edu	98019
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:20 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa should not be gentrified.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Ravyn Pactol	ravynkpactol@gmail.com	96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:21 PM

Testimony:

I believe that approving this bill could cause serious backage for the residents of waialua and haleiwa. It's bad enough with the attractions that we have now, if we continue with this development, waialua and haleiwa will be completely cluttered and utterly impossible to get through. It's extremely inconsiderate to even continue to believe that this development would be able to help the community without the opinions of the local residents. We have to think about the students, the working class, the locals who have grown here their entire lives just to have their home disrupted by developers who only want to make money on our land. waialua and haleiwa are one of the last towns on the island where we can truly say is country. why not move this development to absolutely anywhere else on the island. waialua and haleiwa are already overwhelmed as it is. I'm sure these developers do not have to go sit through this bumper to bumper traffic everyday and witness the environmental impacts of these exponential numbers passing though everyday. keep the country, country.

Name: chloe uyeda	Email: chloeuyeda4@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:21 PM

Testimony:

The North Shore community is against this further development.

Name: Brandon Vaovasa	Email: vaovasabrandon@gmail.com	Zip: 98374
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:24 PM

Testimony:

As someone who's lived on the North Shore and knows how the community wants to protect their land, I'm in complete opposition of this.

Name: Sahara Coleman-Mattes	Email: Dawn4light@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:24 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is the heart of the North Shote of Oahu. Its historical beauty and layout has been loved so hard. When i leave Town, where I grew up, I think most fondly of going through haleiwa to see and eat some of my favorite things. Keep Country Country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brooke Balady	brookerose04@gmail.com	19365
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:24 PM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill037(25).

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenna Moran	jhmoran24@gmail.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:26 PM

Testimony:

I often go to Haleiwa to visit and hang out with friends, and its already crowded and the traffic is crazy especially when there's construction since the roads are already bad too. Adding another center or development would just make it worse when money could be going to real problems like fixing the roads and power lines. Things that the community actually needs.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Daylee Nakatani	dayleemahie@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:27 PM

Testimony:

Let Hale'iwa stay country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hana Burkart	hana.misaki.burkart@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:30 PM

Testimony:

The north shore community strongly opposes this.

KEEP THE COUNTRY, COUNTRY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jacey Reyes	jaceyr2025@gmail.com	96787
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:31 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is too crowded already brah. no need shopping mall

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Genevieve Iida	genevieveiida08@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:32 PM

Testimony:

Please do not build another shopping center in Haleiwa because we need to keep the country country. Haleiwa town is a historical place in Hawai'i and building another newer shopping district would take away part of the history. Locals and even tourist spend time in traffic already and by building another shopping area, this would create more traffic and unfair to locals who have to wait in traffic just to get home after a long day at work.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Francesca Lozano	frankeaau06@gmail.com	96745
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:34 PM

Testimony:

Stop further development in north shore. Hawaii island stands with the community and we strongly urge you to vote against this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shiu Mei Bassette	meimeimommi@gmail.cm	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:37 PM

Testimony:

The further development of high rises in Haliewa will cause further difficulties for current tesudents of this area. There is not enough water nor landfills for trash. To develop without infrastructure would be a plight upon the communities & natural recources that already exist & are being ysed. OPPOSE BILL 037(25) as the people actually wants. Financial gains for developers shouldnot outweigh the opinions, desires & rights of those persons already residing in Haliewa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sydney Peterson	sydcpt@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:38 PM

Testimony:

The north shore has been industrialized enough. This is heart breaking to our island and the deepest values that lie within it. Agriculture land is not meant to be developed. Keep the country country please!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Braydan Burkhardt	Braydanb@icloud.com	96785

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:39 PM

Testimony:

Traffic is insane already no more attractions.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bennett Lueg	bdlueg@hawaii.edu	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:39 PM

Testimony:

Use the land for sustainable agriculture and education instead of for more tourists who will end up destroying this place and nobody will want to visit anymore. Hawaii is being pushed to a point where without tourists it is crippled. Invest in its people and treat Hawaii like a home not a hotel.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gabrielle Pascual	gabpas97@gmail.com	96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:40 PM

Testimony:

Keep the country country. No more development on ag lands.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lily Attaway	lattaway01@gmail.com	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:40 PM

Testimony:

I don’t think it is right to have this happening. North shore already has immense traffic going in and out. This would only increase it by a lot. It is better to preserve thag is already there than to build.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nicole Dabalos	nicoledabalos@gmail.com	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:41 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa community/ local oahu community is heavily opposed to additional development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Audrey Whitney	audreywilsoncamille@gmail.com	96707

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:41 PM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill 037 (25).

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ashley Alualu	ashley.alualu@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:43 PM

Testimony:

KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kani Keawe	kanik.r@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:47 PM

Testimony:

I have been going out to my grandparents house EVERY weekend in Haleiwa, and it’s sickening to hear about this. It’s not right for so many reasons that don’t even need to be said, and I truly hope that this organization has a heart to not go through with this destruction. This would be so heartbreaking to every around the island that may not even live in Haleiwa but have family or visit every so often. You guys are taking property that you shouldn’t have access to. This is plain out wrong and I hope you change your mind about this project.

- kani

Name:	Email:	Zip:
evelyn le	leevelyn7204@gmail.com	92683
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:48 PM

Testimony:

The people are against urban development in the countryside.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lina Rickert	linarickert2514@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:48 PM

Testimony:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express strong and unwavering opposition to any further development on the North Shore. The North Shore community is firmly against proposals that threaten to disrupt the natural landscape, displace local residents, and undermine the cultural and environmental integrity of this special place.

Our community has spoken time and again: we value preservation over profit. Overdevelopment directly threatens the rural character that makes the North Shore unique. It increases traffic congestion, strains local infrastructure, and places unsustainable pressure on fragile ecosystems, including coastal and marine habitats already vulnerable to climate change.

Furthermore, many long-time residents are being pushed out due to rising costs and gentrification caused by unchecked development. Our ʻāina is not a commodity. It is home — to people, to native species, and to generations of culture and history.

We urge decision-makers to listen to the voice of the community. We ask that you protect what remains of our North Shore, not just for us, but for future generations.

Sincerely,
Lina Rickert

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Layne Gailitis	laynegailitis@yahoo.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:49 PM

Testimony:
NO. This town will NEVER be the same. Keep the country country!! For the generations to come

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ari A	bugzyblue22@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:52 PM

Testimony:
WE DO NOT WANT A SHOPPING MALL IN HALEIWA. GET PLENTY TRAFFIC ALREADY.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jesse Robinson	shmessyrob@yahoo.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:52 PM

Testimony:

Oppose this bill for many reasons. Agricultural land needs to say agricultural, haleiwa is already overcrowded and is not support our amount to tourism already.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
M Dyer	mollydyer05@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:52 PM

Testimony:

So many places on the islands have become exploited to appeal to tourist/the tourism industry when in reality if we focused on sustaining ourselves and investing our time and energy into the resources we have, we wouldn't be as dependent on tourism as we currently are. We need to stop,

take a step back, and see what is in front of us. Before we ruin all that is left.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kayli Torres	kayliskytorres2024@gmail.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:53 PM

Testimony:

North Shore community is FIRMLY against this further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nicole Mills	nico.mills808@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:53 PM

Testimony:

Haleiwa's agricultural lands are a vital part of the islands island's identity. Rezoning these lands for commercial or residential development would set a dangerous precedent that prioritises short-term profits over the long-term health of the land, water, and local communities.

Furthermore, rezoning would increase traffic congestion, straining limited infrastructure.

Local residents have voiced opposition to similar developments in the past. The people of Haleiwa have repeatedly made it clear: we value open space, agriculture, and the rural character of our town. Listen to the community, not developers prioritising profit over people.

I respectfully urge you to reject this rezoning proposal and preserve Haleiwa's agricultural lands for future generations.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Marina Reas	marinalr@hawaii.edu	96789

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 5, 2025 @ 11:58 PM

Testimony:

Keep Country Country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sophia Manalo	sophiaisabelala@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:05 AM

Testimony:

We don’t need any more development on the North Shore. Keep the country, country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kylee Oneal	kyleeoneal06@gmail.com	96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:10 AM

Testimony:

The reason north shore is so special, beautiful and unique is because of the smaller number of developments compared to town. Increasing buildings and businesses will only add to the cost of living and the overcrowding all over oahu.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brittany Haines	brittanyhaines19@aol.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:11 AM

Testimony:

I oppose.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cailee Sarsona	sarsonacailee@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:17 AM

Testimony:

As a resident who values the rural character, cultural heritage, and natural resources of Hale‘iwa, I am deeply concerned about the long-term consequences of urbanizing this land. Reclassifying agricultural land for urban development undermines our food security, threatens local ecosystems, and accelerates the displacement of long-time residents.

This area is not just a plot of land — it is a vital part of our island’s agricultural history and an anchor for our community’s identity. Urban expansion in Hale‘iwa would bring increased traffic, environmental degradation, and irreversible change to

a district that is supposed to be protected under the Hale‘iwa Special District guidelines.

I urge you to uphold the integrity of our agricultural lands and to protect Hale‘iwa from unsustainable urban sprawl. Please deny this amendment and preserve the future of our North Shore community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jennifer Turner	jenannturner@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:19 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Commission,

As a long-time resident of the North Shore, I strongly oppose the proposed "Haleiwa Backyards" development. This project does not reflect the values or needs of our community. It represents yet another attempt by outside interests — people who do not live here, raise families here, or bear the daily impacts of overdevelopment — to profit off our ‘āina at the expense of those who do.

Our infrastructure is already strained, our roads are clogged, and our open spaces are shrinking. The last thing we need is another subdivision pushed through by developers who will never have to live with the long-term consequences of their actions. Projects like this chip away at the rural character of Hale‘iwa and ignore the wishes of those who call this place home.

I urge you to reject this proposal and stand with the people who live here, who care for this land every day, and who will be here long after the developers have moved on.

If we allow people who don’t live here to decide what happens to our land, then we’re giving away more than just zoning — we’re giving away our future. I’ve lived long enough to see how easy it is to lose what makes a place special, and how hard it is to get it back. Hale‘iwa doesn’t need to be reinvented — it needs to be protected.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Turner

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lori Mallini	lori.mallini@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:21 AM

Testimony:

Please do not build any other shopping centers in Haleiwa. First off, as a retail store owner, these businesses are barely making it. There's no need for MORE spaces. Second we literally sit in traffic for at least 45 minutes (on a good day) to get from Haleiwa to Waimea or reverse. It's CRAZY to think about building more structures to attract more tourists. You are supposed to be protecting QUALITY OF LIFE for residents. This project will in no way better our quality of life on north shore.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lana Skinner	lanaskinner01@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:24 AM

Testimony:
We don't need any more traffic on north shore

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ally Evans	allyaevans@icloud.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:29 AM

Testimony:
There is no room for more shopping in Haleiwa. The traffic for an 8 mile town is insane !

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Samantha Plunkett	samplunk00@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:32 AM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 37. Rezoning AG land in Haleiwa for development threatens the communities food security, rural character, and environment. The North Shore is already overburdened—this land should be protected, not paved over. This is not where our funds should be going.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mira Selling	sellingmira@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:33 AM

Testimony:
I think it would destroy north shore and not benefit the culture.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alessandra Diric	alessandramarielvdiric@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:35 AM
Testimony: The North Shore community are strongly against this development. The traffic to Hale'iwa is already an hour. Does not benefit anyone.		
Name: Emily Hubbard	Email: emilylynnhubbard@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:36 AM
Testimony: Please keep country country!! Haleiwa is such a special place and for the locals that live there they should not have to endure so much traffic for an unnecessary urban planning project! Allow the land and people to thrive and flourish!!!!!		
Name: Aliyah Richert	Email: aliyah.richert@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:43 AM
Testimony: The community of the north shore cannot sustain further development and strongly oppose the installation of a shopping center. This only hurts locals and takes away from their normal every day life. These islands are not meant to become a tourist playground.		
Name: Alby Mamaat	Email: albyreese@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:48 AM
Testimony: The north shore community and island of Oahu is against further development. The north shore is where people come to escape the city and be able to enjoy nature.		
Name: Nakita Chun	Email: nakitachun@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:49 AM
Testimony: I oppose bill 37!		
Name: Wyatt Lutz	Email: wlutzjob@gmail.com	Zip: 96747

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:52 AM

Testimony:

Greed

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Malia Galindo	malia.lani.galindo@gmail.com	98122
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 12:54 AM

Testimony:

The old town of Haleiwa is enriched in history and natural beauty with friends, neighbors, and locals who have been there for centuries. A town which stretches over 8 miles yet takes over an hour in traffic. And no, building more lanes off Kamehameha HW is not the solution. The correct solution would to let the land be as it is. Hold its value, its history, its meaning to the locals of Haleiwa, the locals of Hawai'i, and those of Hawaiian decent. No more new buildings and no more gentrification! Hawaiians deserve to have this land

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sariyah Milosky	s.milosky@aol.com	95712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:01 AM

Testimony:

As a north shore community member, I strongly oppose this bill. Growing up in Hawaii and watching more development form and traffic increase, this development is not necessary or beneficial to the local people. The north shore country is what makes north shore so special and beautiful, adding more and new development will not only take away its beauty but will cause local people more traffic and more problems.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Liv Koyanagi	livkoyanagi13@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:01 AM

Testimony:

This development is not motivated by the intention to make life better for locals. Developing this area will only add to a number of issues that locals are struggling with today such as heavy traffic going in and out of Haleiwa, overcrowded beaches, and foot traffic that blocks main roads. Haleiwa is also a historical town that deserves to be preserved and protected, not sold as another tourist destination. There is enough tourist activity in Haleiwa as is. This is not what locals want for their beloved community.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chavella Espinosa	cmespinosaramos@gmail.com	96731

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:08 AM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carina Roettger	carinaroettger@gmail.com	00603
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:08 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is firmly against this development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Penn Anderson	penn.c.anderson@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:14 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill with my whole heart

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kumu Blomfield	k10kelogq@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:15 AM

Testimony:

I oppose! This is a terrible idea for the country. We need more sustainable farming for our people to sustain ourselves.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Abigail Sutter	annie.sutter2@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:16 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill whole heartedly. All it will do is worsen traffic and sell out the north shore even more than it already is.

Anyone who lives here opposes this.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mark Anthony Clemente	mclemente@hrcc-hawaii.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters	Support	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:17 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Simone Osborn	simoneosborn9@gmail.com	33544
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:23 AM
Testimony:		
Developing the country is wrong! Traffic is already nuts down north shore		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jayda Hatcher	jaydahatcher@gmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:25 AM
Testimony:		
Do not change the city. Haleiwa town is Oahu history, we must preserve it.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
hana haitsuka	hanako.haitsuka@gmail.com	96743
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:26 AM
Testimony:		
please protect Haleiwa!!!!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dorothea Loughery	dorothea.j.loughery@gmail.com	96749
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:31 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose this bill completely. Hale'iwa already within itself isn't a huge big community and despite the size of Hale'iwa, transportation between Hale'iwa and other nearby areas is limited and traffic is insane. I heard there'll be a development of a mall within this bill is passed and it's completely absurd! Why change Hale'iwa? Why this urban development? Protect the 'aina and listen to the community in Hale'iwa. & Looking at how O'ahu is, there probably won't be anymore left 'aina for develop with these urban structures anyways with how much things are going on. (Not that we really need any of all this anyways) Thanks for hearing my written testimony out!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Trevor Nagamine	tnagamine.nb25@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:31 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Lucita Harbowy	lucitaharbowy@aol.com	96731
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:40 AM
Testimony: The North Shore strongly oppose any more development.		
Name: Elise Taormina	Email: elisethais23@gmail.com	Zip: 92627
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:43 AM
Testimony: The north shore community and everyone else who loves and supports them is strongly against this. We need to keep the town historic and do not want more development.		
Name: Taylor Weyker	Email: landgra6@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 01:49 AM
Testimony: Especially after the chaos of the tsunami evacuation, this would hurt the current community.		
Name: Tylar Lairsey	Email: tylairsey@gmail.com	Zip: 85737
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:04 AM
Testimony: Hale'iwa has been home to generations of Native Hawaiians and locals of Hawai'i. The state of Hawai'i suffers from overcrowding due to tourism and mainland buyers. I believe that untouched land is sacred and should be preserved. We can't keep destroying all that's left until we have nothing. Keep Hawaiian land in Hawaiian hands!		
Name: Robin Groth	Email: xrobingroth@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:05 AM
Testimony: HAWAI`I BELONGS TO KANAKA		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Chloe Trover	chloetrover@gmail.com	34747
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:09 AM
Testimony: This shouldn’t be happening!!!		

Name: Robin Groth	Email: robing2004@icloud.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:15 AM
Testimony: Hawai`i residents STRONGLY OPPOSE further development on the north shore of O`ahu. We have all worked so hard over the course of our entire lives to keep our homes from becoming a tourist destination, but this new development will create even more situations that cause locals to not feel comfortable in their own neighborhoods. Most of north shore is a single or double lanes and residents have a hard enough time getting to and from their homes due to the sheet volume of tourists making their way to the beaches every day. More tourist destinations in our home towns are not benefiting anybody except for the corporations that own them.		

Name: Naia Driscoll	Email: naia04papaya@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:21 AM
Testimony: The north shore if firmly against more development		

Name: Ginger Lunt	Email: gingerl808@hotmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:21 AM
Testimony: I oppose this due to the conversion of ag land for development and the impact it will have on traffic and historic Haleiwa town.		

Name: Dani Hodosh	Email: daniellehodosh@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:23 AM
Testimony:		

Aloha,

Growing up in Waialua was the best experience I've been presented with. A lot has changed since then and so has the whole vibe and meaning of the North Shore. Stop attracting more tourists and opening new places but focus on what you have already done and help the community instead of hurt it. Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Robyn Price	dr.robynprice@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:27 AM

Testimony:

Opposition to Bill 37—Rezoning 7.292 Acres in Hale'iwa from Agricultural to Urban

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Councilmembers,

My name is Robyn Price, and I submit this testimony in strong opposition to Bill 37 (2025), which seeks to reclassify 7.292 acres of agricultural zoning in Hale'iwa (Tax Map Key 6-2-005:002) to the Urban District, paving the way for roughly 150 apartment units and 30,000 sq ft of retail space .

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1. Loss of Agricultural Land & Food Security

Hawaii imports over 85–90% of its food, costing billions annually. Converting this land to urban development erodes the possibility of local food production and sustainability .

This parcel sits within fertile ag land that could support local farming — converting it undermines statewide goals related to food resilience .

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2. Traffic Overload & Overburdened Infrastructure

Hale'iwa and surrounding roads already experience chronic gridlock—what should take 20 minutes can take an hour or more daily. This development adds several hundred more vehicles into a failing traffic system .

Essential infrastructure—wastewater systems, roads, emergency routes—are already stretched thin and cannot support new density on this small parcel .

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3. Threat to Cultural Identity & Community Character

Hale‘iwa is defined by its rural, “country” heritage—a town rooted in plantation-era history and Native Hawaiian values where ‘āina, aloha, and identity are inseparable .

Over 300 testimonies already submitted reflect a strong community consensus: “Keep country, country,” and rejection of development that undermines Hale‘iwa’s small-town spirit .

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4. Environmental & Drainage Concerns

Urbanizing this parcel adds impervious surfaces, jeopardizing stormwater infiltration and worsening flooding threats to nearby streams and coastal ecosystems.

The site sits above sensitive groundwater zones, and there's no municipal wastewater system available—requiring privately-built injection systems that may harm aquifers and public health .

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5. Short-Term Solutions Don’t Justify Long-Term Harm

Although Bill 37’s proponents argue it supports low- to moderate-income housing (with about 10% designated for 80% AMI via $2,500/month 2-bedrooms), residents question whether locals—lifeguards, small-business workers—could actually afford these units .

Even supporters acknowledge this vote is only for zoning. The project still requires future permitting and scrutiny—but

rezoning now commits irreversible land use decisions without adequate safeguards .

Conclusion & Call to Action

Honolulu already has development projects pushing infrastructure and heritage to the brink—investments like Turtle Bay luxury condos and Kaukonahua agritourism prove this trend .

We must ask ourselves: What is more important? Protecting agricultural land, preserving Hale'iwa's identity, honoring Hawaiian stewardship values—or allowing short-term development gain on irreplaceable land?

I urge you to vote NO on Bill 37, honor the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, and defend the meaningful voices of residents who demand preservation over profit.

Mahalo nui loa for your service and aloha 'āina.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Dr. Robyn Price
North Shore Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Desiree Fiorentino	desireefiorentino1@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:30 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this. The area is already impossible for residents and tourists to move around freely without traffic jams. This is going to have irreversible damage for generations to come.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Veronica Leicht	veronicamleicht@icloud.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:33 AM

Testimony:
This letter is to say NO to Bil 37! The main reason the North Shore is considered the country side of Oahu is because it still is a small town that has survived the ambition of many developers who tried to build big developments, but the

community has fought to preserve the North Shore natural beauty so far. The so called “eco” development at Police beach is one exemple! What would it be now?! Thanks to the community it still is preserved where the beauty of its fauna, flora, and clean air still exists!! Do we need to transform Haleiwa into a little Waikiki? No! We need to preserve nature, pure air, natural beauty! We’ve heard before that this development won’t be destroying the nature, or tranquility that the community love to live and pass to generations to present and future. The North Shore never needed to grow the the concrete square footage, but it needs care, protection, preservation! Please don’t commit the error of so many other beautiful places that has being destroyed its beauty, peace, and life style to sell its soul to ambitious developers! Please save our beautiful country side of Oahu!! But also the remaining beautiful sides of this so loved island! Aloha & Mahalo!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mark Anthony Clemente	mclemente@hrcc-hawaii.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters	Support	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:34 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lani Alo	lanilovestoaurf@gmail.com	96746
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:38 AM
Testimony:		
There is no need for further development in an area		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Claire Tracy	clairetracy7@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:41 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose bill BILL037(25) - the land needs to stay agricultural. No more new developments need to be built in Haleiwa town. It will increase traffic, ruin the charm of historic Haleiwa town as well as the north shore.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kiley Lingenfelter	kileykingenfelter1@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:43 AM
Testimony:		
SAVE HALEIWA!!! Once this land is developed we can never go back to what it was. Please protect the land.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cody Perkins	cperkins3652@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:43 AM
Testimony: This land needs to remain ag land. If this land develops it won't be the last. KEEP THE COUNTY COUNTRY		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brooke Bennett	brookie3b@gmail.com	55126
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:43 AM
Testimony: Strongly oppose this decision!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenna Neher	Jennahneher@gmail.com	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:48 AM
Testimony: Nuff development		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Paulette Li	popoli808@gmail.com	96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:52 AM
Testimony: This bill should be abolished to new development of an establishment. The North Shore doesn't need it especially since us locals have to drive through such huge mounts of traffic with just one road lanes. Imagine the amount of time not only locals have to travel through but also the tourists that are coming to enjoy the island. It's not a win win. Corporations are trying to capitalize on the people but at what cost??? How does this help the people??? How does this development help the land, the aina??		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jazzel Villanueva	jazzelzhaleiv@gmail.com	96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 02:55 AM
Testimony: The Haleiwa Community is strongly against this bill and should not me passed!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Amy F	mauserton@yahoo.com	92107

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:04 AM

Testimony:

Leave country alone. You will lose your positions when you pass things to destroy small local communities. And one shopping mall can do just that. Stop taking money from developers and just do the right thing

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sam Sparke	saritchie@nine.com.au	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:06 AM

Testimony:

Hale'iwa is an historic town with a strong local base. Redevelopment will absolutely gut the cultural significance of the area, which is something I strongly object to. Please reconsider the devastating impact of this potentially happening

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Summer Hill	summerhill413@icloud.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:16 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community will struggle even more if this land is developed. The land will become even sicker than it is and not be able to provide for anyone. If you want to keep Hawaii Hawaii, Please honor the people who live here and this beautiful land. Keep the country country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sophia Cotter	sophiarcotter@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:29 AM

Testimony:

North shore is firmly against more development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kya Gahiji	kyaloveg@ickoud.com	53083
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:34 AM

Testimony:

North shore is the most beautiful place on earth. The locals, nature, and everything about it is perfect and needs to be protected. No more building here. It would be a huge mistake to do so. Keep the country country!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Anna Boone	annaboone1117@gmail.com	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:37 AM
Testimony: Do not build!		

Name: Ashley Fastle	Email: fastleashley@gmail.com	Zip: 96753
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:38 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is Ashley Fastle, and I am writing to strongly oppose further land development in Hawaii.

Hawaii is not just a beautiful place or a real estate opportunity. It is sacred ground with deep cultural, ecological, and historical meaning. Every piece of land holds ancestral stories, native species found nowhere else, and ecosystems that have existed for centuries. When we build on this land, we erase both history and future.

Development does not just take land. It pushes people out. The more we build, the more we drive up prices and make it harder for local families and native Hawaiians to stay in their own home. What remains is a version of Hawaii that serves visitors and outside investors, not the community that has always been here.

We are in a climate emergency. More construction means more runoff, damage to coral reefs, and disruption of natural water systems. It increases the risk of drought, flooding, and wildfire. Hawaii is a fragile island chain. We cannot treat it like there is endless space or endless resources.

The land is speaking, and the people who belong to it have been speaking for generations. The answer is not more development. The answer is care, restoration, and respect. Affordable housing should be created within areas that are already developed, not by paving over farmland or natural space.

Please choose preservation over profit. Listen to the land. Listen to the people.

Mahalo for your time and for hearing this truth.

Name: Ashley Flournoy	Email: ashleyflournoy123@gmail.com	Zip: 92131
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:40 AM

Testimony:

I do not support any further development in this area.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Camille Lee	camilleestelle4@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:41 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose BILL037(25), which seeks to reclassify portions of land in the Hale‘iwa Special District from Agricultural to Urban.

Our community has made it clear: we do not want or support this bill. Hale‘iwa’s rural character, cultural identity, and agricultural heritage are what make it unique and worth protecting. Reclassifying this land threatens that identity and opens the door to development that does not align with the values or vision of our residents.

This bill disregards the importance of preserving open space, food security, and the environment. It prioritizes urban expansion over sustainable, community-driven planning. Our voices matter — and our message is simple: protect agricultural land and keep Hale‘iwa rural.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Noa Haine	noahaine11@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:41 AM

Testimony:

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hannah Patrick	hpatrick11@gmail.com	96826

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:42 AM

Testimony:

The community does not want this!!!! Please do not pass.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Crystal Valtierra	crystalvaltierra8929@gmail.com	95407
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:47 AM

Testimony:

I oppose any urban district being developed IN THE HALE'IWA SPECIAL DISTRICT, HALE'IWA, OAHU, HAWAI'I.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Maria Gersonde	lynngersonde@gmail.com	96761
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:47 AM

Testimony:

We used to live on the.North Shore of Oahu. Haleiwa is such a charming small town however the traffic is crazy and at many times a stand still. Please do not allow it to get worse. Please do not turn it into Honolulu. Our children and grandchildren need these smaller, less congested towns. Please do the RIGHT thing. Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alyssa Rodriguez	alyssar1205@gmail.com	93117
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:48 AM

Testimony:

There is absolutely no need for another shopping center when Oahu already has multiple in the Waikiki area. Keep the North Shore as it is in its natural beauty. Please listen to the people. Keep the land as is!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sara Stowe	gracebfaith@gmail.com	32930
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:52 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore community is firmly against this further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Yanieka Walker	ylwalker@icloud.com	96740

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:54 AM

Testimony:

Keep Hawaiian land how it should be, with its people. Don’t let your greed to expand and make more money cloud your vision to the fact that Hawaiians and locals NO NEED YOUR HELP.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shelby Carpenter	shelby.a.carpenter@gmail.com	96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:57 AM

Testimony:

There is already an insane amount of car and foot traffic in Haleiwa and through North Shore on a single road.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenah Yamamoto	7822g1@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 03:57 AM

Testimony:

Aloha mai,

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE the urbanization of the agricultural land in Haleiwa. I am born and raised in this small quaint town and we are already overrun by tourists that make our day to day life difficult.

It is important to kamaaina and the future of our keiki to keep our agricultural lands as is, and to stop the overdevelopment of our town.

We are a community of farmers and hard workers and the absolute very last thing we want to see or need is more urbanization of our precious spaces.

This is not pono. We will always stand for PEOPLE over PROFITS.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gracey Mizwa	graceymiz@icloud.com	34112
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:01 AM

Testimony:

The north shore people do not want any more urbanization

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cheyenne Bajo	ualanib@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:03 AM

Testimony:

Growing up in the north shore has been one of the greatest gifts in my life. For the pure aloha and serenity that Haleiwa holds for all kanaka maoli. Haleiwa should remain just that- a serene place with loads of peace. The thoughts of development hurts my heart as someone who loves my home. I never thought to go to Haleiwa for shopping- no one does. Let town be that place. Let town remain the hustle and bustle of the island. Let our land rest. For myself and my future children. Let my kids be the ones to also know the peace and love of Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chelsea Sario	sariochelsea@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:03 AM

Testimony:

Hale’iwa has developments already and there should not be any need to build more developments near the land. The North Shore community strongly opposes this plan and the land should be kept as is.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Phoebe Steiger	phoebe.steiger@icloud.com	08540
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:03 AM

Testimony:

We do not want to turn into an urban district, this is the country. We don’t support urbanization, or sitting in hours of traffic in somewhere that’s supposed to be country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Yaya Villafuerte	mahalbjj@gmail.com	85233
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:05 AM

Testimony:

I along with so many others oppose the development in Haleiwa. The development of shopping centers or hotels will only FURTHER negatively impact all North shore residents and land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
kylie gierczak	kbzak1103@icloud.com	92120
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:06 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore does not want anymore development, as there is already enough as it is.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Paige M	paigemgn523@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:07 AM

Testimony:

I OPPOSE to any further development on the North Shore

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jae Park	parkjaeeun85@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:08 AM

Testimony:

Leave Haleiwa the way it is!!! Haleiwa is one of the few mostly preserved towns on Oahu!!!! Just because there's land to build a shopping center DOES NOT mean you can come and build whatever you guys like. So many locals and Kanakas have homes that have been passed down from generation to generation and the town is their home! You can't just come and destroy people's memories and profit off of a shopping center catered to tourists coming to the island. Sometimes authenticity is what speaks to the people not shopping centers everywhere.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alize Wright	alliewright1313@gmail.com	95062
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:10 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this development, there's not capacity for something like this on the north shore. Please consider the people who actually live there rather than money. Something like this would be irreversible and incredibly irresponsible given how inundated the community already is with traffic.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Quinn Williams	quinntwilliams@gmail.com	28403
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:16 AM

Testimony:

There is no room and no need for development. People are already struggling to drive from point a to point b, and the land does not deserve to struggle more under the pressure of development no one needs or asked for.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Taylor Raco	taaylortaco@gmail.com	96766
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:18 AM
Testimony: the community does not want this shopping center nor need it!! traffic is already horrible don't make it worse!		

Name: Kamakana Pankiwska	Email: kpankiwska@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:19 AM
Testimony: Keep the country country		

Name: Chandler Bass	Email: chanbass0027@gmail.com	Zip: 97224
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:21 AM
Testimony: There are more than enough shopping malls, stores and buildings spread throughout Oahu. As someone who was raised on Oahu, i strongly oppose this proposal to build in Haleiwa. Please keep the north shore natural and beautiful the way it is. That side of the island brings in so much tourism as is and for good reason. This small island can't handle more traffic. I'm someone who no longer lives on Oahu because locals are finding it more and more difficult to afford the cost of living on our home island. Growing up and to this day, the north shore is my favorite place to be while I'm home. It's different from the rest of the island. If tourists want to visit for the luxury shopping experiences in Waikiki and Ala Moana, let them, but for those wanting to relax and enjoy the north shore....also let them.		

Name: Josie Cannon	Email: cannonj6@udayton.edu	Zip: 11563
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:23 AM
Testimony: Protect the land. Keep the shopping and the tourists in Waikiki.		

Name: kiyomi tsue	Email: kiyomicocomilk@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:24 AM
Testimony: I don't support the new housing project in Hale'iwa because it doesn't fit with what our town is about. Hale'iwa is a special place with a small-town feel, rich history, and strong ties to local and Hawaiian culture. Building big developments here		

risks changing all of that. I'm also worried about the impact on traffic, the environment, and how it might drive up prices, making it harder for local families to stay. We already have limited infrastructure, and adding more housing like this could make things worse. If we're going to build, it should be in a way that truly helps the community for example affordable housing for local people. Not something that just benefits outside developers.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Danielle Wilson	dkeenan40@yahoo.com	96818
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:25 AM

Testimony:

Keep country; country. There is no need to develop the north shore. The charm of the old town is the draw of visitors and the locals do not want it.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
McKenna Ware	mmw3327@gmail.com	36608
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:25 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore community and myself are FIRMLY against this further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Liz Sklaver	lozsklaver@mac.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:27 AM

Testimony:

I oppose the re zoning of land in Haleiwa. Haleiwa does not need more shopping, can not safely handle more traffic and congestion.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
T Dam	carbonauts@gmail.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:28 AM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tori Ware	tori.j.ware@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:28 AM

Testimony: Oppose this nonsense. Keep the country country. No more development on North Shore		
Name: Elise Scheuermann	Email: ewscheuermann@gmail.com	Zip: 95060
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:30 AM
Testimony: Please listen to the people that live here and have lived here for many years, they do not want more development. Keep the country, country.		
Name: Ku'ulei Neher	Email: okuulei@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:33 AM
Testimony: I oppose development in Haleiwa.		
Name: Sarah Chung	Email: chunghsarah@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:34 AM
Testimony: Further development in Haleiwa would disrupt locals' live and culture.		
Name: Emma Beavers	Email: emmakbeavers22@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:35 AM
Testimony: Keep the country, country. Hawaii is developed enough as it is, and creating more space for tourists while pushing out locals SHOULD be against what the city council stands for. Keep kama'aina interests in mind before you make decisions.		
Name: Gabriella May	Email: gabriellamay18@gmail.com	Zip: 60654
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:36 AM
Testimony:		

The community of north shore opposes this change to avoid destruction of vital land and environments for the local wildlife. Additionally it should be used to enjoy nature and the wonders the island brings for its inhabitants

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carmen Meyer	carmeldays@gmail.com	41018
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:42 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is vehemently against further development and any lawmaker, developer, or person of influence who disregards the publics cry for help directly ignores and disregards the lawful and power of the people and of democracy.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Caydence Copeland	caydencecopeland@gmail.com	96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:42 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

I am writing to strongly oppose Bill 37, which proposes the rezoning of over 7 acres of agricultural land in Haleiwa for commercial and residential development.

This land, located between the bypass road and Haleiwa Marketplace, is not just open space — it is a vital part of Haleiwa's rural character, environmental health, and cultural heritage. Rezoning this parcel for urban use threatens to erode what makes Haleiwa unique and livable.

My reasons for opposing the bill are as follows:

Preservation of Agricultural Land: AG land must remain protected. Once it's lost to development, it's gone forever. We cannot afford to sacrifice farmland for more commercial use when local food security and sustainability are already at risk.
Increased Traffic and Infrastructure Strain: This development would bring more cars, more congestion, and greater pressure on already limited infrastructure in the North Shore. The bypass road was meant to ease congestion — not attract new development that reverses that goal.
Environmental and Cultural Impact: This area includes sensitive ecosystems and lies near culturally significant sites. Development could lead to runoff into nearby waters, threatening marine life and impacting traditional gathering and fishing practices.
Community Opposition: The people of Haleiwa and the broader North Shore community have repeatedly voiced their desire to preserve the rural nature of the area. This proposal directly contradicts that vision.

I urge you to listen to the community and reject Bill 37. Let’s keep Haleiwa a place where open space, agriculture, and community values are protected for future generations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kobie Pasoquen-Rabago	klprabago@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:43 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore and neighboring communities strongly oppose future development in Haleiwa. Tourism and capitalism are negatively affecting local families in surrounding areas.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kayla Stronko	just_dottie_xoxo@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:49 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore community is firmly against any further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kayla Lee	kaylaelliott528@gmail.com	33457
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:49 AM

Testimony:

The community of Hale’iwa is filmy AGAINST this.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
veronica berkholtz	veronica.berkholtz@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:50 AM

Testimony:

everything that this shopping center represents and brings in, is the exact opposite of the north shore community n culture. time from our families is already taken from sitting in hours of traffic, every week

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jordan Thorpe	jordanthorpe843@gmail.com	29468
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:52 AM

Testimony: KEEP THE COUNTRY, COUNTRY… there is enough development as it is with traffic issues. These are people's homelands for generations. We don't want or need more development on north shore.		
Name: Marley Kaufman	Email: marleyk4@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:54 AM
Testimony: KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!		
Name: Kenzie Logan	Email: logankenzie41@gmail.com	Zip: 92336
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:55 AM
Testimony: Listen to the local people		
Name: Judy Cole	Email: lagunahouse@me.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:56 AM
Testimony: Keep the country country. Stop all this development. Not nuff infrastructure, roads, etc.		
Name: Sophie Stark	Email: sophstark24@icloud.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:56 AM
Testimony: Haleiwa is deserved to stay country. We do not need to add any developments to the area. There is already enough traffic, we won't be able to contain it. It will be a mess. Please listen to the citizens that have to live through it. Listen to them express how none of them want this.		
Name: Makenzie Crawford	Email: makstarr14@gmail.com	Zip: 97448
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:58 AM

Testimony:

This is a bad idea for the community and history of this land. We already have one concrete jungle we don’t need another on the island.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sam Hofley	shofley@icloud.com	75022
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:58 AM

Testimony:

Hawaiian land is being destroyed by developments like this. The land belongs to the native people and must be protected.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tai Gibson	taigibson2@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 04:59 AM

Testimony:

I oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nia Kamai	niakamai@hawaii.edu	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:01 AM

Testimony:

Approving Bill 037 (2025) would be a disservice to the people who call Hale‘iwa home, many of whom have ancestral ties to this land. It would also disrespect the intent of previous generations who fought hard to protect the North Shore from becoming just another overdeveloped tourist hub.

I urge the Council to vote no on this bill and instead support legislation that centers Native Hawaiian voices, honors environmental limits, and upholds the community’s right to self-determination and cultural preservation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rohitasha Pahalad	pahalad14@gmail.com	98684
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:04 AM

Testimony:

No to commercial development on Hale'iwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kylee Maxwell	kyleemaxwell@live.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:05 AM

Testimony:

I firmly oppose the building on this land. This will hurt the community and is not wanted or needed.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nicolai Olson	knownicolai@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:05 AM

Testimony:

This is turning into another Waikiki the north shore is a country town keep the country country this is going to ruin Haleiwa and cause traffic chaos it’s bad enough as it is taking almost an hr to go from Haleiwa to Waimea it use to be a easy 5 min drive

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Song fee ChoA	songfeechoa@gmail.com	96818
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:07 AM

Testimony:

I oppose, it will cause too much traffic and keep the country area more country and less developed with tourism.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nick Jones	jonesnick204@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:08 AM

Testimony:

Oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
rylee murphy	ryleemmurphy@outlook.com	27016
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:10 AM

Testimony:

Do not develop the land!

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Mya Serpinas	mserpinas@gmail.com	96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:14 AM
Testimony: The north shore community is firmly against this development !		

Name: Jamee Middagh	Email: jameemiddagh@gmail.com	Zip: 96750
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:14 AM
Testimony: The north shore community opposes this bill		

Name: Amanda M Daley	Email: amdaley93@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:15 AM
Testimony: NS community is against any major development. Keep the country, country!		

Name: Stella East	Email: stellaeast70@gmail.com	Zip: 80123
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:15 AM
Testimony: This community does not need more tourist activity! The traffic is already horrible and it takes away from the local community and land!		

Name: Sophia Cretu	Email: sophiacretu2003@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:16 AM
Testimony: Keep the country country. So much has already been taken from native Hawaiians. They strongly oppose more development on the north side. Please hear them. We love going to the north shore because it feels like true Hawaii. More development would take away from that. I know many native Hawaiians that live in that area and they already have to deal with the traffic of coming to town. The traffic that comes from building a new development and people going to the development thereafter will cause more traffic. Please consider the native Hawaiians. Thank you.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emily Fox	emfox7@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:16 AM

Testimony:

I opposed this amendment because there is already too much traffic on the north shore. I work in Paumalu and my son's babysitter is in Waialua, affordable childcare is hard enough to find and I needed to be able to pick him up after work at a reasonable hour. Sometimes it takes me way too long to get to him. Everyday life is affected by the traffic and a new shopping center would affect my everyday life negatively , as well as many others.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hali'a Tom-Jardine	haliatj4@gmail.com	96644
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:16 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country, country.

We don't need more development on the North Shore — we already have enough of that in other parts of O'ahu. If you want to go shopping, go to Ala Moana. Leave the country how it is — for the land, the people, and the future.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kassidy Esche	kassidyesche@gmail.com	92653
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:17 AM

Testimony:

Born and raised in Hawai'i, especially in Haleiwa, we must preserve the historical town that I and so many other family members can call home. Haleiwa is a town where we all come together to enjoy the beautiful untouched view and beauty. Haleiwa is a town that needs to stay untouched , a place where Hawaiians and locals can look around and be home. Nobody wants to see big buildings in the background of every photo, it's not pretty nor beautiful. I want to come back to Haleiwa and remember where I came from, where my ancestors have grown, lived, and raised a big family. Please don't build these buildings and ruin a piece of history that ALOT of family members and others call home.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cara Gutierrez	carashguti@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:18 AM

Testimony:

Please do not build or develop on agricultural land in Haleiwa. We need to grow our own food and be self sustaining. It's moments like this where the power is in your hands to choose earth over money and corruption. Stop developing.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hali'a Tom-Jardine	haliatj4@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:18 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country, country.

We don't need more development on the North Shore — we already have enough of that in other parts of O'ahu. If you want to go shopping, go to Ala Moana. Leave the country how it is — for the land, the people, and the future.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Liv Hume	oliviahume@ucsb.edu	93101
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:20 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is firmly against this development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aubrey Blickman	aubreyblickman@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:22 AM

Testimony:

My dad and my aunties and uncles showed me the beauty of the community and ohana on Oahu. One of the most important things they ever taught was me was the aloha for the land. By continuing to develop the north shore you are directly disrespecting the spirit of the land and taking away from what makes this part of the island so special. future generations and long time residents do not need another shopping mall to create more traffic and tourist stops, they need to be able to connect with outdoor spaces and step away from the culture of consumerism that has plagued people. I strongly urge you to deny this project not only for the betterment of the existing community but to show that people do not have to sell out long cherished communities.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hannah Facer	hannahfsophia@icloud.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:27 AM

Testimony:

Further development in the north shore would detrimentally impact locals and even just transportation around the island for everyone. Oppose!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Mimi Briscoe-Baker	Mimiibb06@gmail.com	96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:27 AM

Testimony:

I do not support this idea, Haleiwa is a great town for us locals and we locals are already being pushed out due to high cost living we don't need more things adding onto this land for more attraction. Keep Haleiwa as is

Name: Anna Briggs	Email: anna.e.briggs@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:32 AM

Testimony:

NO MORE BUILD on north shore we do not need it please leave the aina alone

Name: Gabrielle Abenes-Visconti	Email: abenesgab@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:33 AM

Testimony:

King Kamehameha III once proclaimed, "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ʻĀina i ka Pono" over the islands known as Hawai'i. Slightly over a century later, the United States adopted this phrase as the official state motto of the newly formed State of Hawai'i.

In light of this, it is only righteous and just for the land to remain designated as agricultural land. Amending this land for used as tourism is not righteous and would ultimately deplete the life of the land— an action completely contrary to the motto of the State of Hawai'i.

If this land were to be reclassified from agricultural to urban, it would not only be a crime against the people of Hawai'i, but a crime against the United States of America.

Mahalo nui loa,

Gabrielle Abenes-Visconti

Name: María Guzman	Email: gabrielaguz99@outlook.es	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:34 AM

Testimony:

The Haleiwa community opposed to

This protect! No more building !! This is a country area!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ann Tobin	amtobin1021@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:34 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose this bill because the north shore community does not wish to see further development in their neighborhood.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kyoko Akimoto	kcakimoto@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:35 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kiana Laird	kianashops4@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:37 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose this development		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carlen Koons	carlencrockett@yahoo.com	96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:37 AM
Testimony:		
The north shore community is strongly opposed to having more development in Haleiwa. The traffic would be horrible and it would change the vibe.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kylie Sens	KylieSens@icloud.com	96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:39 AM
Testimony:		
There is not enough infrastructure for the North shore to be able to handle another influx of traffic. It already takes hours some days to leave the north shore which makes the lives of residents very difficult for getting to work and school.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Amanda M	agmarsh052315@gmail.com	92672
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:41 AM
Testimony: Every other day, someone is trying to build on the little bit of land this island has left.. Every single week I see there's another post about somebody trying to build a shopping center or a new road... At the end of the day there won't be any beauty or nature left and I know you guys don't care about that but you guys care about money... Who's gonna want to see Hawaii if it turns into the new New York? At the end of the day, you guys aren't just ruining this island for the people, the animals, and the nature that it holds but you're also going to ruin it for yourselves.		
Name: sydney scarrow	Email: sydneycscarr@gmail.com	Zip: 96733
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:42 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this. Hawaii does not need more development on our sacred lands.		
Name: Gracie Turnbull	Email: gracieturnbull04@gmail.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:42 AM
Testimony: The north shore community is firmly against this further development!		
Name: Sammie Demmon	Email: sammiebeasb7@gmail.com	Zip: 93101
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:44 AM
Testimony: DO NOT DO THIS. WE DO NOT NEED MORE DEVELOPMENTS ESPECIALLY ON BEAUTIFUL LAND SUCH AS HAWAIIAN COUNTRYSIDE. Why would anyone think that's a good idea. It would mess up the ecosystem, increase traffic, and change everything for the people that live there and call it home. Wouldn't you rather look at nature than a new development?		
Name: Chelsea Byland	Email: chelsea.byland@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:46 AM
Testimony:		

Strongly oppose this development. Leave country country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chelsea Byland	chelsea.byland@gmail.com	96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:48 AM

Testimony:

Why don’t you focus on the traffic that north shore already has before building even more!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Te’a Bielmann	teabielmann@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:48 AM

Testimony:

The north shore does not need this.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Malia Palea	kainalu55@aol.com	96727
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:50 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country COUNTRY. Just because there’s land available, doesn’t mean it needs to be built on!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Allison Mccaul	allison.mccaul@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:51 AM

Testimony:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any further infrastructure and commercial development on agricultural land in Haleiwa, on the North Shore of O‘ahu. Our community has long stood by the principle of Keep the Country Country, and continuing to pave over farmland and green space is a direct violation of that value.

First, traffic congestion on the North Shore is already overwhelming, especially along Kamehameha Highway and in and out of Haleiwa town. Increased development will only worsen this issue, making it harder for residents to commute, emergency services to respond, and for the community to function day to day. Our roads are not built to support large-scale commercial growth, and adding to this strain is irresponsible and unsafe.

Second, these developments do not serve local people. Many of the commercial projects being proposed or built have rent

and operating costs so high that local businesses cannot afford to stay. These developments do not create sustainable jobs for kamaʻāina — they bring in outside companies and outside workers, often displacing the very communities they claim to benefit.

Finally, using agricultural land for commercial purposes is short-sighted. This land should be preserved for farming and future food security. Hawaiʻi already imports over 85% of its food — we cannot afford to lose any more farmland to concrete and asphalt.

Our community wants to see smart, sustainable development that uplifts local residents, supports our economy, and protects the ʻāina. What we don't need are more shopping centers, chain stores, or luxury housing developments that change the character of Haleiwa and make it harder for locals to live here.

Please honor the voice of the North Shore community and protect what little agricultural land and country lifestyle we have left. Keep the Country Country is not just a slogan — it's a call to action.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.
Allison mccaul

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Saylor Dahl	saylordahl@yahoo.com	91740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:51 AM

Testimony:
To work on such a big development whilst already having issues with the lack of suitable transportation from point a to point b is already a conflict in itself for the local residents. An hour to travel less than 8 miles is outrageous. The land should be left alone as is. Listen to the people.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sarah Fairbrother	safairbro@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:51 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Heimano BUISSON	heimanobuissonpro@gmail.com	98713
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:52 AM

Testimony:

We want the north shore to stay COUNTRY

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Greer Price	greerprice@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:52 AM

Testimony:

Aloha!

Oahu should period end of story not be changing agricultural lands to urban. What the state should be doing is taxing large private companies who are holding ag lands and not farming them or force them to sell if they aren't being farmed. Haleiwa already has a very beautiful thriving commercial area. Expansion of this will hurt existing local business and forever alter the charm and character of this place. Also, the state infrastructure needed to make this feasible because we all already know how bad the traffic is in Haleiwa doesn't serve the community itself. We should be looking for agricultural enhancements projects that are recreational and park like but also grow food. NOT more urban developments unless it is real affordable housing for locals to permanently own NOT rent from some already rich man.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kurtis Jackson	kurtiscjackson@gmail.com	80487
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:53 AM

Testimony:

I oppose bill 37. Please, do not strip the AG land that hosts the wildlife, birds, ecosystem and charm of the town in or around Haleiwa. There is no need for more parking lots or development of any kind in Haleiwa. I vote to keep the remaining historical significance of Haleiwa by opposing this bill.

Best regards,

-Kurtis Jackson

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Matt Bass	mattcbass@icloud.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:54 AM

Testimony:

As someone who's lived in Hale'iwa for many years, I'm writing with a heavy heart. I've read through the proposed zoning changes, and I'm honestly alarmed by what I see. Our neighborhood is special, not just because of the scenery, but because of the people, the sense of community, and the slower pace of life that makes the North Shore feel like home.

These changes threaten that.

What worries me most is the traffic. Our roads are already packed, and it's not uncommon to sit in gridlock trying to get from Weed Circle to Mālama Market. That kind of congestion doesn't just cause frustration, it puts our kids and kūpuna at risk every day. More development means more cars, and our infrastructure just isn't built for it. We don't even have proper sidewalks in many areas for people to walk safely. Keiki are walking on the shoulder just feet from speeding traffic. That's not a small-town future, that's a disaster waiting to happen.

And while affordable housing is something we all agree is needed, I haven't seen anything in this proposal that truly guarantees these units will go to local families. Without strong protections, we risk seeing these homes bought up by investors instead of the people who actually live and work here.

Our ag lands are irreplaceable. Once they're paved over, that's it, gone for good. We're not just talking about losing farms, we're talking about losing food security for the next generation. Changing land use designations like this is permanent. We won't get that soil back.

What's most frustrating is that time after time, public testimony has overwhelmingly opposed this project , yet it keeps moving forward anyway. This has gone through multiple Council meetings, and each time, the voices of concerned community members have far outnumbered those in support. Still, it continues to be approved, not opposed. It feels like our voices are being ignored, and the will of the people is being pushed aside.

What concerns me even more is the track record of the developer behind this project. This is the same individual who built the Beach House restaurant in Hale'iwa, a business that was shut down by the Department of Health after it was found to be improperly disposing of bathroom sewage. That's not just an oversight, that's a serious breach of community and environmental trust. If we couldn't rely on responsible practices with a restaurant, how can we be expected to trust this developer with something as permanent and impactful as a zoning change and condo development?

I'm asking the Council to reject this proposal. Let the people who live here help shape the future of this place, not developers with questionable track records. Please protect what makes the country, country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Amaya Hammer	amayahammer@yahoo.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:54 AM

Testimony:

Keep the community country. Traffic is bad enough as is

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Harley Hinrichsen	hhinrichsen.27@gmail.com	92040

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:56 AM

Testimony:

There is no need for more buildings out in the country. Let them live in peace and quiet without busy buildings.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Iona Kallika	ionakallika@gmail.com	07928
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:56 AM

Testimony:

Please protect the locals

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vanessa Figueroa	figueroavanessaols@gmail.com	92113
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:56 AM

Testimony:

Hawai'i has already undergone too many changes having its natural beautiful landscape and history be bought and used for profit rather than truly respecting the land and its people. Moving forward with this project will very likely result in extreme agricultural loss, an issue Hawai'i has dealt with for years. Keep Hawai'i as it is.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kylie Squier	squierkylie@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:56 AM

Testimony:

There is no need to destroy 7+ acres of agriculture that Hawai'i needs. If we keep destroying Hawai'i land, there will be nothing left. I oppose.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Grace Rittenhouse	grace.e.rittenhouse@icloud.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 05:56 AM

Testimony:

Oppose heavily

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sophia Chankhamany	sophiachankhamany@gmail.com	96817

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:02 AM

Testimony:

We don’t need this. Keep Haleiwa country and listen to the people.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chayse Hew-Len	chaysehewlen@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:05 AM

Testimony:

There is no space or infastructure for development. Gridlock traffic creates issues and doesn’t allow movement in the case of emergencies

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leah Mcnorton	mcnleah@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:05 AM

Testimony:

Aloha, I am writing in strong opposition to the proposal to build another shopping center on the North Shore.

The North Shore is one of the last places on O‘ahu that still holds onto its rural charm, natural beauty, and cultural roots. Adding another commercial shopping center threatens to permanently change the character of this community. It invites more traffic to an already congested two-lane highway, increases pressure on local infrastructure, and disrupts the delicate balance between development and conservation.

This area doesn’t need another shopping center — it needs protection. Tourists come here for the beaches, the waves, and the slower pace of life, not for strip malls. And for residents, this type of development doesn’t reflect our values of mālama ‘āina and community over commercial profit.

Please help us preserve the North Shore for future generations by denying this proposal.

Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Natasha Demers	natashadmrs@gmail.com	96737
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hale’iwa	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:06 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is firmly against further development. Traffic is bad enough.		
Name: Sophia Day	Email: sophianoeauday@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:08 AM
Testimony: Traffic is going to be horrible		
Name: Aly R	Email: alyrot5959@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:09 AM
Testimony: Although a formal development plan wouldn't be considered until mid 2026, the conceptual 2025 rent for 16 units (2-bedroom) at $2,500 is NOT affordable, and the Affordable Housing Rule's rent will only continue to go up as years past by. The 31 units at $3,800 and 109 units at market price are not affordable either. We will most likely have people from the mainland moving into those homes, instead of locals who need affordable housing. If the rezoning bill does pass, we need to think of locals first before developing. Also, traffic will get worse in that area. It's a one lane per way road.		
Name: Branden Taylor	Email: bht918@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:10 AM
Testimony: I oppose bill 37! Changing this ag land to apartments will affect everyone on the north shore. Our roads and current infrastructure can’t handle any more people.		
Name: Alanna Ackerman	Email: alanna.m.ackerman@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:10 AM
Testimony: Further development in Haleiwa would be heavily detrimental to the community and state as a whole. Haleiwa’s charm and draw is as a small, quaint country town. Development would result in losing what is so unique about this town.		
Name: Natalia Emmanuel	Email: natalia.emmanuel@yahoo.com	Zip: 92116
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:11 AM
Testimony: The north shore community and I are firmly opposed against this additional development.		
Name: Isabela Duenas	Email: isabela.duenas@imua.ksbe.edu	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:13 AM
Testimony: The bill in question if passed will lead to the gentrification of North Shore. Lettings there be opportunity's for this haole company's to build more stores and big structures will ruin this historical land. I remember when i was younger going to north shore and playing at waimea bay, going to matsumotos shave ice. So please let North shore and haleiwa stay local.		
Name: Marley Moran	Email: moranmarley06@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:13 AM
Testimony: The culture and environment make Hawai'i special. If we allow too much development on the land to occur, we lose the history and stories of that place in exchange for shopping malls and the latest trending products.		
Name: Grace Mulligan	Email: gmulligan1@gmail.com	Zip: 46032
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:13 AM
Testimony: I oppose		
Name: Zoey Littell	Email: zoeysbeach@yahoo.com	Zip: 92083
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:15 AM
Testimony: Historic Haleiwa is where my mother was born and she is named after the bridge, to see it change that would be a shame. Once you change it you can never go back. Everything else is developed why not leave it.		
Name: Sara Isbell	Email: saramisbell@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:15 AM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is crowded enough. We don’t need more development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Pomai Hoapili	pomaihoapili@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:15 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the changing of zoning from agricultural to commercial because of the damage developing this land will cause for future generations. If you support this bill you support destruction of country, Hawaii and all the things that make Haleiwa special and sacred. If nothing in Hawaii is sacred and special to you go ahead and pass this bill. But your grandchildren will learn of this lack of understanding overpowered by greed and money. Hawaii needs to stay country not over developed Waikīkī vibes.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Megan Godinez	gmegan09@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:15 AM

Testimony:

The people trying to build this project stated that the housing is for the community is to help re-locate locals so that they could stay as members of the community. Why would we want to re-locate from our homes into the middle of Hale’iwa?! Also, all this does is open the door to allow for foreigners to buy up the units and then try and rent it to locals, that still doesn’t help our community. Having the tsunami warning last week was the perfect example as to why there shouldn’t be anymore developments. The traffic was grid locked on every single road to get out of the north shore. And I mean every single road. So please really think about how this impacts our community and lives.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kalani Nozaki	kalans707@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:17 AM

Testimony:

We have enough development on the north shore. Enough is enough. The roads and built for for another infrastructure at Haleiwa. How much more traffic do you guys want to create? ENOUGH!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kyla Rose	kylarose2427@yahoo.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:18 AM

Testimony:

I oppose the proposed/planned development of a shopping center in Hale'iwa. There is no need to further develop land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Skylar Kennedy	skysurf11@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:19 AM

Testimony:

Our north shore community greatly opposes this development. Stop being money hungry and for once think about the land and the community that lives on it.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gina Larson	ginalei123@yahoo.com	96761
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:19 AM

Testimony:

no more development on north shore

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Maya Uchimura	mayauchim@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:20 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community (as well as those who aren't but love the historic town of Haleiwa) are strongly against this matter. Keep the country country. Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Riley Liu	rileytastic@gmail.com	92122
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:22 AM

Testimony:

No more development!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Marissa Crane	cranem4@hawaii.edu	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:23 AM
Testimony: I oppose the development of the agricultural land in the Hale'iwa quadrangle.		
Name: Justine Winkle	Email: justinewinkle@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:23 AM
Testimony: Allowing this would severely and negatively impact Haleiwa. Everyone who actually lives in Haleiwa, myself included, and deals with the already poor infrastructure for tourism and traffic is 100% opposed to this. Don't let someone with deep pockets, who doesn't even live in the area nor subjected to the consequences, affect our communities lives and desires. Haleiwa is historic because of its small country aesthetics and should be preserved. Building these condos would destroy that. The government should be for the people and the people say a'ole, no, to this bill.		
Name: Paige Jordan	Email: paigejordan123@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:24 AM
Testimony: I oppose Bill 37		
Name: Danica Yatko	Email: danica.yatko@gmail.com	Zip: 07458
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:24 AM
Testimony: I've lived in Haleiwa for 2 years and have visited many many times throughout the years and the reason I choose to come to Oahu and specifically the North Shore is because of the nature and relaxing feel of the town. Adding more urban developments takes that away. The north shore has its urban developments already that give it enough "commercially" stores and buildings. Adding this would really steer me away from the authentic feel of the north shore and quiet escape.		
Name: Raeven O'Neil	Email: raeven654@yahoo.com	Zip: 34684
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:26 AM
Testimony: Keep Hawaii natural.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Martha Grace Derr	marggrace04@gmail.com	96749
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:28 AM

Testimony:

For to long, developers have been buying up land for their financial gain. People need to understand that money is NOT the deeming characteristic of quality of life in Hawai'i. Quality of life is being able to get to and from your home in a reasonable amount of time to be able to live your life. This project will cause more traffic in the Hale'iwa area when locals already struggle with the lengthy traffic.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Keala Kahanamoku	kealamerm4@gmail.com	90272
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:28 AM

Testimony:

This shall not happen, the town already experiences an influx of traffic and tourists.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kazuki Nozaki	kazooks77@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:30 AM

Testimony:

Please do not go thru with this stupid project!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jack Van Horn	jvanhorn10@comcast.net	96749
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:30 AM

Testimony:

If you want shopping, go to ala moana. There is no need for another shoppjng center on an ISLAND. Development already ruined Waikiki

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rayna White	raynamarie@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:32 AM

Testimony:

Keep Haleiwa the way it is

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Grant Westbrook	grant_westbrook@rocketmail.com	96749
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:33 AM

Testimony:

Hale'iwa doesnt need a shopping center. There are plenty of other shopping centers on the island. It doesnt make sense, people already come to the north shore for whats there, and its still respectful towards the people who live in the area.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ava Cassel	ava.cassel123@gmail.com	93117
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:34 AM

Testimony:

North shore is a small community that does not need more shopping malls!!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hoarai Pou	hoarai.pou@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:

Protect Haleiwa! I'm a Waialua grad

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ani Izuta	anizuta@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:

I oppose!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aiko Seffinger	kanga134@aol.com	96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:

Keep country areas dedicated to the land and local people, not commercialization.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aston Carbonel	surfwrecks@hotmail.com	96817

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:

Aloha mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this proposal. My ohana is the Kalili awai poepoes who have lived in haleiwa as stewards with multiple lca's and have been blessed by ke akua through many generations. I oppose this proposal to change agricultural use to urban use. Keep Haleiwa country more urban development isn't needed on this already crowded and over populated island. Do not take away ag zones lands which are already depleted enough. I believe passing this bill will put further strain on natural resources available and the current infrastructure of Haleiwa. Overall Haleiwa should be preserved as a plantation farming community so future generation can continue to experience the tranquility that Haleiwa offers. Mahalo, ke akua pu.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ayanna Medina	ayanna.medina@icloud.com	80012
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:36 AM

Testimony:

This is historical land. What exactly is the motive for this? Why is this necessary? Why do we continue have to fight? Colonization at its finest, are you guys doing this for visitors or permanent residents? either way it's a no go

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bianca Noelle Bantolo	biancanoelleee@gmail.com	92336
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:36 AM

Testimony:

I disagree with this new development as it is hurting the land of the native Hawaiians.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Taliah Ludwig	ttaalliiaahh@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:37 AM

Testimony:

The people that live in this community are very against this. This will make locals lives harder than it already is, we can never get anywhere that is 5-10 minutes away within hours because of the amount of traffic that tourist cause in the town every day, it's very ridiculous. The bypass was made to help the traffic so people could go around instead of getting caught in the traffic in Haleiwa town and even then there is still traffic. There is enough tourist here, we don't need more, this would cause way too much more attraction for tourist and double the traffic even more and make everyone's lives harder. This is not needed there is enough tourism down here, make this somewhere else that isn't overloaded by tourist.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Sydney Bekemeier	bekemeiersydney0@gmail.com	96731
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:38 AM
Testimony: I oppose bill 037 (25)		

Name: Lee Tsutsumi	Email: leetaeko17@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:38 AM
Testimony: I am opposed to the development of this area in Haleiwa.		

Name: Tiffany Graumann	Email: tiffymg@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:39 AM
Testimony: NS Oahu doesn’t need more traffic and the natural land needs to stay as so for the future of our aina & po’e!		

Name: Allyson Yuasa	Email: allyyuasa@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:42 AM
Testimony: I support the North Shore Community in their opposition of future development. I believe district boundary should remain Agricultural.		

Name: Lauren O’Neill	Email: laurenroneill2@gmail.com	Zip: 92672
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:43 AM
Testimony: The north shore is special the way it is. The community does not want greedy organizations to ruin the place they call home.		

Name: Charlize Harris	Email: charleya.harris@gmail.com	Zip: 96734

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:43 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore of Hawaii is community. The last thing that anybody wants Is Haleiwa becoming the new Waikiki. It is already over populated enough and locals are being pushed out by people who do not understand the culture and have not worked to uphold our values as a community. Building this shopping center would not only mean going against the people of this island but furthering the problem of colonization that many people/organizations are fighting against. KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Payton Lee	pgl48001@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:44 AM

Testimony:

I firmly support the North Shore Community in their opposition of future development. I believe that the district boundary should remain Agricultural.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bay Hamby	hambybay@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:47 AM

Testimony:

There shouldn’t be more development happening up north.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Azia Bjur	azia.b@icloud.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:49 AM

Testimony:

I am born and raised here on the North Shore of O’ahu. Everyday my family friends and I have to deal with the rise in traffic and development of our humble old town. I want my children to grow up in the same environment I did and sadly that has already changed drastically. We do not need another attraction here on the North Shore. I heavily oppose BILL037(25). Mahalo Nui for your time.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Zoe Campora	z.campora@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:50 AM

Testimony:

The community of the North Shore and beyond strongly oppose this development!! No more building!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Deanna DeGuzman	deanna.a.l.deguzman@gmail.com	95336
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:50 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is firmly against this further development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Quinn Snowdon	quinn.snowdon@icloud.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:50 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore is a special place not just for locals, but for anyone who truly respects Hawai‘i. It doesn’t need more shops for tourists to stop at. It needs protection.

Traffic from tourism is already out of control. Locals can’t even get through their own town. Adding more commercial development will make things worse not better.

Worst of all, this kind of development is ruining the history and identity of Hale‘iwa. Every new building chips away at the culture, community, and landscape that make this place one of a kind.

Hale‘iwa is not Waikīkī. STOP TRYING TO TURN IT INTO SOMETHING IT IS NOT.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
kennedy javier	02.kennedyjavier@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:51 AM

Testimony:

I am writing to strongly oppose the development of the proposed shopping center in Hale‘iwa.

Hale‘iwa is more than just a destination—it’s a historic, cultural, and environmental treasure on the North Shore of O‘ahu. This small town has always been defined by its slow pace, unique local businesses, and deep-rooted connection to Hawaiian values, land stewardship, and community.

Building a shopping center here threatens to permanently change the character of Hale‘iwa. This development would

bring increased traffic congestion, environmental strain, and commercialization that does not reflect the needs or desires of the local community. The infrastructure in Haleʻiwa is not designed to support large-scale commercial development, and this project risks overwhelming the town's limited resources.

Additionally, the proposed development does not align with the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, which emphasizes the importance of preserving rural character, protecting open spaces, and supporting small, locally owned businesses—not bringing in mainland-style developments that cater more to visitors than residents.

We need to be prioritizing sustainability, local culture, and environmental protection, not paving over more land for commercial gain. Let's invest in existing businesses, improve traffic solutions, and keep Haleʻiwa a place where community and culture come first.

Please listen to the voices of the people who live, work, and care deeply about Haleʻiwa. I respectfully urge you to reject the proposal for this shopping center.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Phoebe Gunn	gunnphoebe@gmail.com	93405
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:52 AM

Testimony:
The north shore community is firmly against this development, it is their home.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Casey Park	cpark98@gmail.com	96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:53 AM

Testimony:
Haleiwa residents have said time and time again that they oppose further rezoning for development in their community. Traffic in and out of the area is already a great barrier to life there, and further development with both take away from the area's culture and make life harder for residents. Please oppose Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shayla Wingate	shaylaw01@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:56 AM

Testimony:
The north shore community is unanimously opposed to the development in sharks cove. We need to keep the country country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ian Thomas	ianmichaelthomas04@gmail.com	93013
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:57 AM

Testimony:

When the entirety of a town is telling its government that they do not want this development on their local land, you'd think the government would listen to the people that elected them. It's saddening that this is even in consideration. Haleiwa does not and will never need this sort of "development". If the people say no, then you should listen.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emma Storkson	ea.stork02@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 06:59 AM

Testimony:

Don't do it. Keep the aina the aina.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Khloe Prentice	prenticekhloe@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:00 AM

Testimony:

There's already a lot of traffic and we don't need more modern development on Hawaiian land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Katrena Castorina	kitty.preston23@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:01 AM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is prided and thrives on its small business and community. Adding more development takes away from those small businesses and makes the country more city like. The country needs to stay country. The community is firmly against this and so am I.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ryan Berger	rberger@hpa.edu	96743
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:01 AM

Testimony:

No! I oppose!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Katie Joca	ktjoca@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:03 AM

Testimony:

Let’s stop the build and protect the quiet of the north shore. The infrastructure cannot handle more traffic, more people etc...

Stop building and preserve and protect.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Pamela Scott	nospam808@gmail.com	96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:04 AM

Testimony:

I am a registered voter in the Pearl City district and I am deeply opposed to changing any agricultural land to urban. Currently the traffic going into Haleiwa town and elsewhere on the North Shore is unbearable. Putting more residential homes in an already congested area would not be a good decision. These changes benefit developers and real estate investors more than local residents. Please stop making these changes thinking that you are helping with the housing problem in Hawaii. Local people can't afford anything that may be built in this area. Any new housing in Haleiwa will likely be purchased as a second (temporary) home, by military personnel, by new transplants, or real estate investors who will charge top rents and likely will be used as illegal vacation rentals.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kirbi Phillipd	kirbi.phillips@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:05 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the idea of more development on the north shore. The land was sanctioned as agricultural for a reason. Developing this land and making it urbanized would be completely disrespectful to the land as well as the community and to the elders and ancestors who have cared for the land for so long. The only reason anyone would want to urbanize the land is money which is highly disrespectful. The land which we are so grateful for has already given us so much everyday. Treating her with respect and honoring her legacy is the very least we can do in return. There should be no question of what to do with this land as it was already sanctioned for agriculture. Any further development would be immoral, disrespectful, and disgraceful. When we leave this earth, what will our legacy be? It needs to be leaving the earth better than how we found it because it is the correct and moral thing to do. Thank you for your time. Please do the right thing and do not allow anymore development on the north shore of Oahu. Keep the country the country and preserve this beautiful land that has already had so much taken away. The ancestors are watching, this is our time to do the right thing

and honor them and set future generations up for success

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Clemente Balboa	Balboa.cj@gmail.com	96717
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:05 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Clemente Balboa, and I am a resident of Hauula Community, submitting this testimony in strong opposition to BILL037(25), which proposes to amend portions of the State Land Use District Boundary Map for the Hale'iwa Quadrangle from Agricultural to Urban designation.

This bill poses serious long-term consequences for the North Shore's rural identity, agricultural viability, and environmental integrity. I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal for the following reasons:

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1. Irreversible Loss of Agricultural Land

The lands in question lie within the Hale'iwa Special District, long valued for its cultural and agricultural significance. Reclassifying these parcels from Agricultural to Urban threatens to permanently remove farmland that could otherwise support local food production and contribute to Hawai'i's food security and sustainability goals.

Hawai'i currently imports over 85% of its food. Preserving prime agricultural land—especially in fertile areas like Hale'iwa—should be a priority, not paving over it for urban development.

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2. Erosion of Hale'iwa's Rural Character

Hale'iwa is one of the last remaining coastal towns on O'ahu that has retained its historic rural charm, which residents and visitors alike deeply value. Urbanizing this area is in direct conflict with the Hale'iwa Special District Guidelines, which were designed to preserve its unique sense of place.

Approval of this bill would set a dangerous precedent, opening the floodgates for further development and accelerated gentrification in an already fragile community. The ripple effects of urbanization would include increased traffic, infrastructure strain, and displacement of long-time local families.

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3. Environmental and Climate Concerns

The area being considered for reclassification may include lands prone to flooding, sea level rise, and other climate-related risks. Urbanizing such areas increases the likelihood of environmental degradation, impacts on native species and habitats, and overburdened stormwater systems.

Climate resilience demands smarter planning—not urban sprawl in vulnerable zones. Preservation and regeneration, not development, should guide our land-use policy in the age of climate change.

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4. Lack of Transparent Community Engagement

Many North Shore residents, Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners, and local farmers were not adequately informed or included in the discussions leading up to this bill. True public process means engaging communities early, often, and meaningfully—not pushing through zoning changes without community consent.

The people who live in Hale‘iwa and care for its land and waters should have a primary voice in determining its future.

In closing, I strongly urge this body to protect the long-term interests of Hale‘iwa’s community, environment, and agricultural legacy by voting NO on BILL037(25). Once land is urbanized, it is rarely—if ever—restored. Let us not trade short-term gains for long-term losses.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Clemente Balboa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jennifer Guinotte	jennifer_craw7@hotmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:06 AM

Testimony:
No more development is needed, the north shore is already overcrowded. The recent Tsunami warning is a perfect example of the overcrowding and how unsafe the evacuation process was. We don’t need to add to this with more

development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Piper Lobrillo	Piperlobrillo@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:06 AM

Testimony:

I am born and raised on the north shore of Oahu. Doing absolutely anything that involves leaving the house has become such a daily hassle. Between the constant road work and thousands of tourist a day, driving just 4 miles can take an hour. The best feature of Haleiwa is it's small town feel. I have spoken to so many people from the mainland that don't like Oahu because it is already "too developed", "too touristy", and "too crowded". Why would we want to make some of our last rural areas just another waikīkī.

Please consider the lives and voices of the community that actually lives here. Stop putting tourists before locals.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shae Golan	shaegolan@gmail.com	96753
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:07 AM

Testimony:

Haleiwa doesn't need more stores or town. People like it the way it is. Don't let money corrupt a beautiful town. Keep Haleiwa county and let people breathe on their land. The people of Hawaii and Haleiwa are against this development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Skylar Lutz	skysky23@yahoo.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:08 AM

Testimony:

Aloha.

I have worked in Haleiwa town for almost 8 years. Please, do not keep developing it. We already have historic and or abandoned buildings. We already have spaces not filled. Utilize the existing structures. There is no need to change agriculture land to commercial land. USE IT FOR AGRICULTURE. What it's always been there to be utilized for, AGRICULTURE. The aina can't take much more. I am aware, that the state is aware; not one person who actually lives on Oahu full time, wants any additional development in Haleiwa. The fact we have to even testify to this, that's it's even a question, is an absolute shame. Shame on all those working toward more greedy developers.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leilani Novak	leilani.feleciano72@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:09 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chairperson and Members of the Commission,

My name is Leilani Novak, and I am a resident of Waialua on the North Shore. I am submitting testimony **in strong opposition** to the proposed development project in Haleʻiwa.

This project represents a direct threat to the rural, cultural, and environmental integrity of our North Shore community. Haleʻiwa is not just a scenic surf town—it is a place with deep-rooted Hawaiian history, community values centered around stewardship, and a fragile ecosystem already under pressure from overdevelopment, tourism, and climate change.

1. Irreversible Impact on Rural Character

This development would introduce high-density housing into an area long preserved as rural. Once these lands are urbanized, we cannot return them to agricultural or open space. The project opens the door to further urban sprawl, setting a dangerous precedent for future rezoning along the North Shore.

2. Strain on Infrastructure

Our roads are already congested, especially during peak surf season and weekends. The current infrastructure cannot support the additional traffic and strain this development would cause. There is limited access in and out of the area, and any emergency—like a tsunami, fire, or hurricane—would become even more dangerous with increased population density.

3. Environmental Concerns

This area is ecologically sensitive. Development will increase runoff, threaten water quality in streams and nearshore areas, and impact native species and the surrounding area. The long-term environmental cost far outweighs any short-term economic gains. The area is just not suited nor prepared for this level of development.

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While this claims this project offers “affordable” housing, many local families will still be priced out. The proposed homes are not affordable by local or Hawaiian standards, and instead cater to off-island buyers and investors. We need deeply affordable housing for kamaʻāina, not “affordable” developments that displace us.

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This project directly contradicts the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, which was created with community input

to guide responsible development in a way that honors our values. The plan emphasizes maintaining the rural lifestyle and protecting agricultural lands. Rezoning this land for urban use violates both the spirit and letter of that plan.

Please listen to the voices of the hundreds of North Shore residents who have spoken out against this project. This development is not in the public interest. It is not sustainable. And it is not pono.

I urge you to deny the request for rezoning and reject this development proposal.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Leilani Novak
North Shore Community Member

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Briana G	bribrigee11@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:09 AM

Testimony:
I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed building project in Haleʻiwa. This type of development does not belong in our community.

Haleʻiwa is a special place, known for its history, culture, and natural beauty. Adding more construction will only bring more traffic, hurt local families, and change the character of our home. We do not need more development — we need to protect what's already here.

Please listen to the people who live here. We want to keep the country country. That means putting community and land first, not outside investors or overdevelopment.

I ask you to reject this project and stand with the people of Haleʻiwa.

Mahalo for your time and for doing what's right.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hokulani Topping	hokulanitopping@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:09 AM

Testimony:
Please stop this, please care

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Giorgia Muelhausen	jenny_muel@icloud.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:10 AM

Testimony:

We do not want or need another shopping center.

Name: Flynn Novak	Email: flynnnovak@yahoo.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:11 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chairperson and Members of the Commission,

My name is Flynn Novak, and I am a born and raised resident of Waialua on the North Shore. I am submitting testimony **in strong opposition** to the proposed development project in Haleʻiwa.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Flynn Novak
North Shore Community Member

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Elle Hall	ellecarliehall@yahoo.com	84004
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:14 AM

Testimony:
I’ve lived on Oahu for a few years and this would affect the community so much in a negative way! Please do not do this

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lela Gi	lelagi1212@gmail.com	96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:14 AM

Testimony:
Leave the land free

Name:	Email:	Zip:
leila mendonca	leilaamendd@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:19 AM
Testimony: I oppose this would be horrible for the community and the land		
Name: Alana Barrera	Email: alanabarrera@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:20 AM
Testimony: Bill 37 diverts critical attention from our overstretched infrastructure here in Haleiwa. With insufficient ambulances, police, and fire services, our community already struggles beyond capacity. Not to mention our perpetual traffic. Instead of expansion, we must prioritize strengthening existing systems to ensure safety and sustainability for the residents.		
Name: Madison Sargent	Email: madiisargent@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:21 AM
Testimony: I am opposing Bill 037 because our town is too small. It is already over crowded with lots of traffic and we dont need another shopping center to make it worse. This is our home we want to keep it small and country just how it is. Thats what makes the North Shore special. If people want to shop they can go into town where it has everything you need.		
Name: Laura Lassacher	Email: lamalamoli@gmx.at	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:21 AM
Testimony: The north shore community is against this further development, Haleiwa should stay as it is! We oppose backyard Haleiwa!!		
Name: Jon Mejia	Email: jonsmejia69@gmail.com	Zip: 92805
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:22 AM
Testimony: The local community is strongly against these changes.		
Name: Kaiya Oliva	Email: carol@carololiva.com	Zip: 96791

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:22 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country, country no one over here wants one, for more land to be bought out and two, an unnecessary new shopping mall. That's not north shore. People come over here to see country and the beauty of nature. if they want to shop or see buildings and stores they can go town

Name:	Email:	Zip:
CHRISTOPHER MOODY	surfjville@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:22 AM

Testimony:

I wish to oppose this bill and keep the land mentioned above in the agricultural district.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bridgette McCaul	bmccaul50@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:23 AM

Testimony:

We need infrastructure , sidewalks, better parking , public restrooms, the traffic is so bad now . We don't need more people in our little town.

We can't handle what we have and you want to add more ! Locals can't get into town on weekends now this will only add more congestion.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
sarah kimura	sarahkimuraa@gmail.com	96701
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:23 AM

Testimony:

this development is strongly opposed by the north shore community

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nancy Lam	kepunaaloha@mac.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:24 AM

Testimony:

Bill 37 ignores our dire reality—traffic is already unbearable, crippling daily life. Our roads can't support modern needs, let alone the added strain of more housing. We lack ambulances, police, fire services, and the current infrastructure is

stretched beyond safe limits. We need to shift our focus to supporting the current infrastructure and making sustainable decisions for the future.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
bridgette mccorkle	bridgettemcc3@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:24 AM
Testimony: i oppose this!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
micah vankalsbeek	micah.vankalsbeek@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:24 AM
Testimony: Please keep Haleiwa with farm land.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chloe Schmall	csolivebusiness@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:25 AM
Testimony: The community Haleiwa DOES NOT want any further development in our areas. We DO NOT want our agricultural districts to change to urban districts. As a resident of Wahiawa who frequently visits Haleiwa, I am strongly opposed to this bill!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Aura Rexach	aurarexachramos@gmail.com	64108
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:27 AM
Testimony: The north shore is home to diverse ecosystems that will be disturbed with the development of the land. And don’t even get me started on the traffic that already exists—imagine if it gets more developed the residents of the area will suffer the consequences daily. Please be considerate of the people and animals who live there.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Summer Ford	summermysticford@icloud.com	96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:27 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country

, country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Keiu Moody	keiu@kokuahawaiifoundation.org	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kokua Hawaii Foundation	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:28 AM

Testimony:

My name is Keiu Moody and I serve as the Office Coordinator at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

In 2019 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation purchased 7 acres of fallow and neglected ag land in the heart of Hale'iwa, less than a quarter mile from the proposed parcel currently looking for a zone change. When we took stewardship of our land, it had been neglected and misused as a junkyard. Today, through dedicated restoration and community efforts, it has become the Kōkua Learning Farm, a beautiful, productive 'āina that includes lo'i kalo, a Hawaiian cultural garden, a fruit orchard, lei garden, and production fields growing fresh produce for our community.

Since 2020 over 7,124 volunteers have spent 16,857 volunteer hours clearing, restoring, weeding and planting and since 2023 over 40,000 pounds of produce has been harvested. Over 2,200 students have come on field trips, including every grade level from Hale'iwa Elementary for the past two years, and over 80 high school youth have participated in 10 semester-long cohorts of the Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lucy Ludovico	lnoelleludovico@gmail.com	96730
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:28 AM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is already a “tourist” town. But it’s still apart of our country side. We want to keep the natural beauty of our land intact, and also not add more traffic than there already is. Anything to do with developing shouldn’t be allowed.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Selena-rita Tollefsen	selenaritanikitatollefsen@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:28 AM

Testimony:

On behalf of the Northside community we DO NOT WANT ANY MORE DEVELOPMENT IN HALEIWA,WE ARE COUNTRY AND

WE PLAN TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.		
Name: Ethan Rich	Email: etr.rich@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:29 AM
Testimony: The traffic on the North Shore makes it to where we can hardly get through Waimea into Haleiwa. I speak for a lot of my neighbors and friends when I say that the land should all stay zoned as it is. We don't need anything new built in Haleiwa! Thank you.		
Name: Cira Balistreri	Email: cirabalistreri@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:30 AM
Testimony: North shore community is firmly against this development.		
Name: Ella Moore	Email: ella5kmoore@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:30 AM
Testimony: The north shore need NO more development.		
Name: Mallory Kubas	Email: kubas.mallory@gmail.com	Zip: 95766
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:31 AM
Testimony: I oppose this money grab.		
Name: William Barrera	Email: willbarr808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:32 AM
Testimony: Traffic on the North Shore is already unbearable—crippling daily life and emergency response. If Bill 37 passes, its		

supporters should be required to live here for two months and experience it firsthand. Have they ensured this won't just become another VRBO or Airbnb hotspot, worsening our strained community even further? Not to mention the lack of current infrastructure. What about waste water? Look at how much of a cluster the last tsunami evacuation was, and you are proposing adding more people to this already over capacity little town? And then there's a complete lack of emergency personnel for the current population.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jaia Acidera	jaiaacidera@icloud.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:33 AM

Testimony:
The land in the Hale'iwa quadrangle does not need to be amended. More land doesn't need to be taken away from locals and Hawai'i residents. There is land that is designated for agriculture and there is land that is designated for those who reside here. It is not right to take more of the small amount of land that is used for housing, and using it for alternative purposes.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karissa Harriman	karissaharriman25@gmail.com	96708
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:34 AM

Testimony:
North shore doesn't need anymore tourists than it's already getting. There's plenty of shopping to do already in the city. There's no need to plague the other areas of the island with tourism. keep the land to the locals.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Maddie Hayes	maddie.hayes95@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:34 AM

Testimony:
This will disrupt the community and create even more traffic. I work on the north shore and seeing how bad the traffic has gotten is really difficult for us locals. We do not want another shopping center. The infrastructure cannot handle it. Protect the locals and keep the north shore as it is

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenna Settell	jenna.settell22@yahoo.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:34 AM

Testimony:

The community in Haleiwa/ north shore dose not want or need anymore buildings in our small town, there's a narrow road for entry to the area and it will cause significant traffic through Haleiwa town

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Noelani Wright	wrightnoelanij@gmail.com	96778
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:36 AM

Testimony:

The community of Haleiwa does not need this is order to function moving forward the community does not want this.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emma Tillman	emmatillman1@gmail.com	95060
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:37 AM

Testimony:

The people of Haleiwa strongly disagree with the development of this land and should be heard as the natives to this land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Riley Bond	rileybond11@aol.com	96761
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:37 AM

Testimony:

My name is Riley Bond and I'm submitting strong opposition to the proposed amendment to reclassify portions of the State Land Use District Boundary Map in the Hale'iwa Quadrangle from Agricultural to Urban.

As someone who had to watch my hometown burn to the ground in Lahaina, I can't stress enough the consequences of overdevelopment and land mismanagement. What happened in Lahaina should serve as a warning, not a precedent. Keep agricultural lands agricultural.

Mahalo,

Riley Bond

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ellie Williams	elliewill.876@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:38 AM

Testimony:

This bill is horrible and deeply impacts the north shore. Enough is enough.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chloe Durham	durhamchloe99@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:38 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose of the development		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lily Rogers	lilynanrogers@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:39 AM
Testimony:		
The North Shore is one of the only places left on Oahu without unnecessary greedy development. We should be protecting this area from over development not welcoming it. I stand against the proposed development in the North Shore. Keep the country country.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alexandra Soren	alex.ksoren@gmail.com	96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:40 AM
Testimony:		
I am strongly against further development in Haleiwa.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Reese Henderson	reese.s.henderson@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:40 AM
Testimony:		
As part of the Haleiwa community, I am FIRMLY against building on our precious land.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mili Fukada	milikauai@gmail.com	96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:42 AM
Testimony:		
I oppose to further development in Haleiwa		

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Gus Ralston	deadglass.gr@gmail.com	96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:42 AM
Testimony: Keep wilderness wild. We don’t own the land—the land owns us.		

Name: Noah Baeseman	Email: noahbaeseman@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:42 AM
Testimony: I live right next to where the development is planned to take place and I really don’t think the roads can handle the influx of people it would bring in		

Name: Ashley Stanulis	Email: ashtreetopia@gmail.com	Zip: 96722
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:45 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose any further development on the North Shore of O‘ahu. Our community is already facing the daily impacts of overdevelopment — from traffic congestion and environmental degradation to the erosion of our cultural identity and rural lifestyle.		

Name: Hanna Readman	Email: hanna.readman@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:45 AM
Testimony: The further development of this space will bring harm to the people of this community and the surrounding species and environment. There will be direct harm from construction water runoff from frequent rain and water runoff from future buildings as well as increased vehicle traffic causing oil runoff into the very nearby ocean and into critical local habitat for endangered species. Damaging the environment now WILL without doubt cause strain and decrease in financial gain from the local area. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to protect the land now or there will be no land to profit off of in the future. There will be no more turtles coming to nest, there will be no native bees to pollinate the beautiful landscapes, there will be none of the things that make this place so special if you do not protect it now.		

Name: Vanessa Li	Email: vanessa.li.2002@gmail.com	Zip: 96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:46 AM

Testimony:

The beauty of Hawaii is in our land and in our people. As a 20 year North Shore resident and business owner, development has gone too far already and the place we love has become a place for outside people to profit. In other places of the world where the land and the people are considered sacred, government has imposed rules to keep property and keep business within local hands. The Hawaii government should exist for stewardship only. The community clearly wants the land preserved and this bill only goes to show how far the government will go to make a dollar out of our one precious resource. Make your money the right way. When all the land is gone, all the people are chased away, you have nothing left and the land will remember and will haunt you forever.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Blake Hurst	blakelovehurst@gmail.com	92254
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:46 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community strongly opposes and is firmly against further development in Haleiwa.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ohelo Kekua	ohelo.kekua@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:48 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the proposal to use agriculture land as urban development. It seems the State of Hawaii seems so eager to continue the desecration of our aina and further the support of having outsiders occupy our spaces when Kanaka Oiwi are continuously and actively trying to right the wrongful acts of the greedy business men who illegally overthrew our Queen! Aole development! Return the lands to its rightful heirs, the Kanaka Oiwi! Enough greed already.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Zoe G	zoesgloben@icloud.com	96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:49 AM

Testimony:

There is no need to develop the north shore further more. The community feels it’s unnecessary as there already is an hour long traffic problem. We have town for a reason, keep the country country!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Naomi F	blakesparkle19@gmail.com	96825

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:49 AM

Testimony:

NORTH SHORE DOES NOT NEED ANYMORE DEVELOPMENT. this is the direct exploitation of sacred land that directly impacts the PEOPLE and their homes!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Emma Karpman	emmakarpman@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:50 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill. Leave the country, country!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Harry bernstein	harrybeee@me.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:50 AM

Testimony:

Please do not rezone this land. Traffic is dangerously bad already and creating more home and people coming will just make it worse.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kailey Wilt	kwilt@hawaii.edu	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:52 AM

Testimony:

Hale’iwa does not have the infrastructure to support any large developments, like shopping malls. Nor does the community need such development. Keep the Country Country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karissa Mauro	karissa@ecomermaid.org	96818
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:53 AM

Testimony:

Do not allow this to happen we must protect and preserve Hawaii

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Malina Reuter	malina.reuter@gmail.com	96734

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:53 AM

Testimony:

This development would overall not be beneficial to the Haleiwa residents. It would just attract more tourists and make the one hour traffic they are already sitting in much worse.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lauren Lanza	laurenllanza@gmail.com	96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:54 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country country!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Allie Capello	acapello22@outlook.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:54 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is against this and Haleiwa needs to stay the way it is. Once Haleiwa town is changed, it can never go back!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Elisa Hagan	elisahaganhair@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:54 AM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council Members,

I am writing this testimony in opposition to expanding the urban boundary for the " Backyards" project in Haleiwa. It would greatly change the landscape of our special little town. Our infrastructure is already overburdened and adding potentially 300 new cars and over 600 people will have a devastating effect on our traffic and way of life. I do not believe that ot will provide housing for locals as the projected prices are upwards of $3000/month for a 2/1. Workers with 2 or more children will not move from their larger homes on parts of the island to cram into tiny apartments with no outdoor space. These apartments will be for people that are not part of our community. Please vote no on 37 and help to save Haleiwa from even more overburdening and consumerism.

Mahalo for your time and thoughtful consideration,

Elisa Hagan

Haleiwa Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Josie Popp	josie.popp02@gmail.com	50461
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:55 AM

Testimony:

This is a disgrace

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brycen Vaughs	brycevaughs@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:55 AM

Testimony:

This is not what the north shore country side needs

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ellie Pellettiere	epellettiere@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:55 AM

Testimony:

Please do not let commercial build anymore in Hale'iwa town. Hale'iwa town is going to lose its historic charm and become too developed adding so many infrastructure problems for people living here. Locals are being priced out of their homes. Traffic is already terrible, rent is going to go up even more so than it has since more people moving here. Hale'iwa is changing for the worse if you let this build go through.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Malia Mitchell	kittygrl315@yahoo.com	92508
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:55 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore community is firmly against further development. The land holds history and should be left alone.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kendall Kapsner	kendallkapsner@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:56 AM

Testimony:

No more NS development!!!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vaitiare Marr-Foster	vmarrfoster@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:58 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

We do not need more shopping in the North Shore, we already have more then enough and traffic is horrendous especially during the summer days and winter time.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenna Camara	jenna.nm.camara@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:59 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community opposes this development

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jasmine Shimabuku	jasmine.grace65@yahoo.com	96720
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:59 AM

Testimony:

The North Shore community along with the local people of Hawaii are against building another shopping area in Haleiwa. We do not need more buildings on our beautiful land. Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Angelica Valdez	arvaldez301@gmail.com	96816-7714
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 07:59 AM

Testimony:

The fact the community is opposing this and it is STILL being considered just to make people that do not live here happy. If there is anything that COVID has taught us, its that we need ag land. The reliance in imports is detrimental to us as a community and maintaining our ag lands to produce the food that our people need to survive is more important than a shopping center. The North Shore is a special place and deserves the right to stay that way, not to mention that it does not have the ability to support more tourism nor should it be expected to do so. The aloha that still exists on the North Shore is amazing and I would hate to see it turn into another Waikiki. A shopping center is a waste of resources, is opposed by the community, and is taking away something that is extremely important: FOOD SECURITY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brooke Proctor	brookeaproctor@icloud.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:00 AM

Testimony:

north shore community does not want this

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michelle Manganello	mmangane@my.hpu.edu	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:03 AM

Testimony:

It is enough already. The magic of North Shore is that it remains untouched. We do not need more development. to do this with destroy the magic of the North Shore. We do not need more shops to cater to tourists, there are so many outlets for them to go to on this island.

Listen to the people.

Lawmakers, councilman, senators, representatives, governor... These people work for the people, so they should be listening to the people.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jamie Perreira	jaamieee.p@gmail.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:03 AM

Testimony:

Aloha. We do not need any additional stores/shopping building in Haleiwa. This area is already crowded to begin with. Haleiwa is known for its beachy and country side feel. Please keep it that way. We don't need it to be more crowded and have more traffic. The people of this area and the island do not want more buildings/stores in this area.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rachel Able	guppies00@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:04 AM

Testimony:

This is awful because the land left is very minimal on the island of Oahu. We have become too dependent on external food supply. We need to maintain what little room for agriculture that we have left.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
jax anderson	jaxanderson97@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:04 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this plan. The tsunami recently was already very difficult for everyone to evacuate. putting more building in haleiwa town would make it dangerous for any future evacuations.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Celene Roberts	mcsweenyhawaii@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:08 AM

Testimony:

Andy Anderson is no friend to the North Shore. When he opened the Beach House he blatantly violated regulations and did whatever he liked, proving he cannot be trusted. When you hear ridiculous statements like, ‘it will provide housing for people already living on the north shore’ or my personal favorite, ‘it will provide jobs on the north shore’, just know those are code for shameless greed. I’ve been here 51 years and haven’t been able to work out here since Jerry’s Sweetshop…you live here because it’s ‘country’ not because of its employment opportunities.

We don’t even have sidewalks in Haleiwa! The infrastructure on the north shore is completely inadequate to support our current residents…why would our government officials even consider a project like this?

This is a hard no.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Harleyann Makasobe	harleyann.p.makasobe@gmail.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:09 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Commission,

My name is Harleyann Makasobe, and I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to the proposal to amend the State Land Use District Boundary Map in the Hale‘iwa Quadrangle, which would reclassify agricultural lands to urban use for the purpose of developing a shopping center.

Hale‘iwa is a culturally rich, environmentally sensitive, and historically significant area that should be protected from further urban development. The proposal to urbanize agricultural land goes against the values of sustainable land stewardship and community preservation that many of us hold dear.

These lands are not just open space they are essential to the identity of the North Shore. The transition from agricultural to urban zoning would increase traffic, strain infrastructure, displace local farms, and further threaten the character of Hale'iwa. This is not just a land use issue it's a matter of cultural preservation, environmental integrity, and community wellbeing.

Our community already supports local businesses through the existing small-scale commercial areas in Hale'iwa town. We do not need another shopping center. What we need is to preserve our agricultural lands, protect our open space, and ensure that future generations can enjoy and sustain the unique lifestyle and beauty of the North Shore.

I urge you to reject this amendment and prioritize responsible, community-driven planning that respects both the land and the people who live here.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Corinna Ruffini	corinnaruffini@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:09 AM
Testimony:		
We do not need more development		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Calista Wotton	calista@oaksvbc.com	33483
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:10 AM
Testimony:		
Keep North Shore country!! Already dealing with way too much traffic		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
raquel mccorkle	Raquelmccorkle@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:13 AM
Testimony:		
this would destroy the land I oppose this 100%		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Eric Minihan	kalanisurfs@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:14 AM

Testimony: I oppose all development in these zones to preserve historic Haleiwa town.		
Name: Kameron Lau	Email: kameronasalaulau@yahoo.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:14 AM
Testimony: Strongly oppose this bill, ag land should not be turned into an urban district. Haleiwas infrastructure cannot handle more houses . The traffic is terrible as it is.		
Name: Casey Vanderlaan	Email: caseyvanderlaan@yahoo.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:16 AM
Testimony: I oppose the bill to develop more land into a shopping mall. There are enough places on Oahu that have this option and we do not need to create more traffic and building in this area. Thank you for your time		
Name: Bruna Zaun	Email: bruna.schmitz@yahoo.com	Zip: 90254
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:16 AM
Testimony: Im not in favor		
Name: Marie O'Conell	Email: Mariemiaocon@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:16 AM
Testimony: Hello, On behalf of Haleiwa I ask you to oppose this bill in favor of the whole community. Haleiwa is a special place. No more buildings please! Let the natural land breathe! Haleiwa won't be Haleiwa anymore with these kinds of structures, please listen to the people of Haleiwa. Marie		
Name: marlei mccokle	Email: Marleimarmar22@gmail.com	Zip: 96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:17 AM

Testimony:

i oppose this abomination of a plan

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kelsey Gilliland	kelseysgilliland@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:19 AM

Testimony:

I oppose the rezoning of these Haleiwa lands. The infrastructure, traffic and highways cannot support a development of this kind. The July 29th tsunami evacuations should be a wake up call regarding how density affects public safety. Traffic backups for miles and hours for folks to reach safer high grounds. The addition of hundreds of new units and residents could have devastating consequences.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tamra Tario	tjoy74@icloud.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:19 AM

Testimony:

There is already too many visitors in this area that the locals that live here can’t get anywhere on time. I am a teacher and my students are always late due to traffic if you build more condos it will be worse.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Erin Murphy	erinm892@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:19 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
garett mccorkle	garetturbanlandinc@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:19 AM

Testimony:

this is a very bad idea for the town and its people. i oppose this disturbing plan.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Maci Ige	maciige8@gmail.com	96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:20 AM

Testimony: I oppose building new buildings in Haleiwa. They are the little country left on this overtaken island, and it isn't right.		
Name: Alix Noda	Email: alix.paradisehawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:20 AM
Testimony: There is too much traffic on the north shore, adding additional sprawl will not make it better. Let's keep the country country and not allow more development without the proper planning and infrastructure.		
Name: Sarah James Piedra	Email: piedra@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:20 AM
Testimony: Keep the aina aina! No to development on the North Shore and no to the Gondola		
Name: trevor shrader	Email: Trevortheshrader@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:20 AM
Testimony: i oppose		
Name: Nicole Condon	Email: nicolecondon97@gmail.com	Zip: 91301
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:21 AM
Testimony: Listen to the community and what we are saying!		
Name: Fudge Fajardo	Email: crux_memos.7i@icloud.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:22 AM
Testimony: I oppose		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karly Lepel	karlylepel@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:23 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is FIRMLY against this development. The traffic to get around the north shore is already ridiculous it does not need to get worse. After the recent tsunami scared it has highlighted how much of a problem the traffic is. Keep the country country.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
ZaZ Dahlin	shakazaz@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:24 AM

Testimony:

Adjusting the community growth boundary at this location will not benefit our town or the general welfare of its community. Case and point, last week when we had the tsunami scare. With Hale'iwa being a coastal town with 4,000 residents, we experience over 11,000 cars driving through the 1.5 mile town daily — during tsunami evacuations residents were stuck in gridlock traffic for hours trying to gather personal belongings, 'ohana, pets and trying to get to higher ground. Just imagine if it was a fire like in Lahaina 2 years ago, WE WOULD HAVE LOST HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF LIVES. The infrastructure of our town is a major concern especially when theres proposals for more development. The safety of residents should be a major concern, STOP SUPPORTING PROFITS OVER THE PEOPLE.

This 7.8 acre parcel should remain Agricultural. We all know more and more land in Hawai'i is becoming concrete thus disconnecting our keiki with nature and its way of life. This would be the perfect spot for a community garden or an agricultural park. Imagine a place where community to comes together to plant with intention, and kids come to get connected with 'āina. Keeping AG Land AG would be a step in the right direction for food sovereignty, especially since we live on an island with limited resources thats 90% dependent on imports.

NOW I'm sure many bills that come to City Council Office do NOT get well over 1,000 Opposition Testimonies from community members or well over 1,300 petition signatures on www.change.org/AOLEBACKYARDS

Please listen to the residents of Hale'iwa we DO NOT want this. Please do no rush this process to convert this parcel, lets wait to hear back from the Developer to see if he's willing to sell.

In the meantime, my concerns are

How will the Community and Clean Water Natural Lands Funds benefit from Bill 37(25) if it leads to increased property value?

Its been stated they are willing to purchase this parcel to protect AG land so wouldn't this conversion only make it worth more?

So How can you say YES to Gentrification when we need more preservation over progression?

How can you say YES to GENTRIFICATION, when we need better roads and infrastructure for public safety accommodations especially if and when a nature disaster strikes again.

If you say YES to Bill 37(25) , this GENTRIFICATION will lead to the displacement of long-term lower income residents and an increase in higher property values and rent.

I urge you to truly look into your heart and ask yourself what Legacy will you leave behind for the future generations?

KEEP AG LAND AG OPPOSE BILL 37(25)

Name:	Email:	Zip:
merrick irwin	merr6346@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:25 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this amendment. Converting agricultural land to urban use threatens not only the North Shore's rural character and open space but also reduces long-term food security and undermines environmental stewardship.

Hale'iwa and the surrounding communities already experience infrastructure strain, including traffic congestion, wastewater limitations, and over-tourism. Approving further urban expansion may compound these problems. Preserving agricultural lands and limiting urban sprawl is critical to maintaining the balance between development and sustainability on O'ahu.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lillyana Newton	lillypad1002@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:25 AM

Testimony:

I am completely opposed to this going through, the houses would greatly increase traffic, displace locals who need homes and these would not be affordable for them. Keep the country country !

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nativa Law	nativalaw@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:27 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Nativa, and I am writing today in strong opposition to BILL037(25), which seeks to amend the State Land Use District Boundary Map for Hale'iwa — converting precious agricultural land into urban district land.

Hale'iwa is not just a place on a map — it's a cultural treasure, a sanctuary of natural beauty, and one of the last

strongholds of rural, agricultural life on O'ahu. The proposed bill threatens to shift the balance of this community irreversibly, and in doing so, would prioritize development over sustainability, profit over pono.

Converting agricultural land into urban use may bring short-term economic gains, but it comes at a long-term cost — to our food security, our environment, and our identity as a people rooted in mālama 'āina. This land has fed families for generations. It holds the stories of kūpuna who worked the soil with care and intention. Once it's gone, we cannot get it back.

Urban development in this district also opens the door to traffic congestion, pollution, and displacement. The rural charm and slow pace of Hale'iwa are not just aesthetic — they're part of the spirit of this community. We must be extremely cautious about any changes that invite urban sprawl or alter the character of this sacred area.

I urge you to listen to the voices of those who live here, work this land, and love this place. Protect Hale'iwa for future generations. Say no to BILL037(25). Let us honor our responsibility to be good stewards of the land — not just for today, but for all those who come after us.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

With deep respect,
Nativa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Halle Inouye	halle.inouye@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:29 AM

Testimony:
The community of Haleiwa firmly opposes the development of our land. We would like to keep the country country in order to preserve the deep culture of Haleiwa. Development would destroy our fragile ecosystems and completely obliterate our current way of life.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lilyan Ching	lilyanwaikikiching@gmail.com	96793
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:32 AM

Testimony:
The community (North Shore) doesn't need further development. There's already enough traffic and with new additions like shopping centers, it will only create risk and danger. In the case of a natural disaster or emergency, how is everyone supposed to evacuate to safety if there's too many people on the road. The roads leading to the North Shore isn't and

hasn't been built to support that amount of traffic flow. Keep North Shore the way it is. There's already too much traffic without any new developments. No need more shopping centers already. Already get enough around the island.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carolyn Flacker	carolyn@kokuahawaiifoundation.org	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kokua Hawaii Foundation	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:33 AM

Testimony:

My name is Carolyn Flacker and I serve as the Farm Director at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As the Farm Director of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

In 2019 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation purchased 7 acres of fallow and neglected ag land in the heart of Hale'iwa, less than a quarter mile from the proposed parcel currently looking for a zone change. When we took stewardship of our land, it had been neglected and misused as a junkyard. Today, through dedicated restoration and community efforts, it has become the Kōkua Learning Farm, a beautiful, productive 'āina that includes lo'i kalo, a Hawaiian cultural garden, a fruit orchard, lei garden, and production fields growing fresh produce for our community.

Since 2020 over 7,124 volunteers have spent 16,857 volunteer hours clearing, restoring, weeding and planting and since 2023 over 40,000 pounds of produce has been harvested. Over 2,200 students have come on field trips, including every grade level from Hale'iwa Elementary for the past two years, and over 80 high school youth have participated in 10 semester-long cohorts of the Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program.

This land feeds, educates, and brings people together. The value of agricultural land cannot be measured only in dollars—its contributions to food security, environmental regeneration, cultural connection, and community resilience must be measured too. Please VOTE NO on Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nicole Nagasawa	nagasawanicole@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:33 AM

Testimony:

To preserve the integrity of the historic Haleiwa town I oppose this measure. Additional development, especially that of dense housing, will negatively alter the environment of the country town, not to mention the traffic which is already awful.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Julie Stanisel	jstanisel@yahoo.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:34 AM

Testimony:

I'm not a native Hawaiian or wasn't born and raised here but as a foreigner on this island, I want to do as much as possible to preserve this land and keep it country! Many outsiders have already changed so much. This could be a huge step to show the locals that we hear them and care to preserve this land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sam Knoll	sammknoll94@gmail.com	96815

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:35 AM

Testimony:

North shore is beautiful place known for its community and land. Traffic and tourism is already abundant there so additional shopping centers are NOT needed!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cheyenne Costa	cheyennercosta@icloud.com	90034

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:37 AM

Testimony:

HALEIWA is already so over developed this will add so much more traffic and congestion not to mention the destruction of an already vulnerable land infrastructure. Enough is enough

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Christy Kaolulo	noheakaolulo@yahoo.com	96826

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:37 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Mai

I am writing to oppose this bill. We need to reserve our agricultural land for agriculture and not develop in a historic town Hale'iwa. I was born and raised in Hale'iwa. The increase in tourism over the years have been extremely frustrating to deal with every time I am home. We need to preserve our town and make more space for 'āina to sustain us. Please do not move forward with this bill.

Mahalo for your time.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alex Barcina	xander9244@gmail.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:40 AM
Testimony: As a local of the area I oppose urban development of native land		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rieka Marzouki	rieka.marzouki@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:41 AM
Testimony: No more development. Infrastructure can not handle current situation. Nature and residents neither!		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Victoria Chun	victoriachun1@gmail.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:41 AM
Testimony: For most the North Shore has been a little pocket of escape from the suburban and cities areas. It’s not meant for shopping malls or more buildings.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Iliana Macias	ibilim22@gmail.com	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:42 AM
Testimony: I believe building on Haleiwa would industrialize and gentrify the location. It is important to redirect tourism and provide accessibility but safety for the natural resources.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Katelin Paderan	katelinpaderan@ymail.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:42 AM
Testimony: I don’t support		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Yasmi Remais	remais.yasmin@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:43 AM
Testimony: I oppose this		

Name: Jada Lee	Email: jadakuulei@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:45 AM
Testimony: The North Shore and greater community is greatly against this development.		

Name: Sydney Carlin	Email: sydney.carlin.29@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:45 AM
Testimony: Haleiwa does not need, and cannot handle, more development. The community does not want more - we already sit in hours of traffic everyday just to get home. There are shopping centers all around the island, there doesn't need to be another one in one of the last undeveloped spots of North Shore. If you care about the wellbeing of the 'āina, Kānaka Maoli, and everyone else who has the privilege to enjoy Hawai'i, you would oppose this bill as well. Mahalo for your time, please consider lives over money.		

Name: Samantha Brunker	Email: sammibrunker@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:47 AM
Testimony: This development takes away from the beauty of the North Shore.		

Name: Megan Schnarr	Email: megan_schnarr@outlook.com	Zip: 94582
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:48 AM
Testimony: The north shore community and those who care about the environment from various parts of the globe are concerned and opposed in the development and relocation of agriculture lands. This bill poses a negative environmental impact to both the land and native communities.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:

John Dorrough	jumprush@gmail.com	96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:50 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 37, which would permit the construction of 150 new dwellings on the north shore. This development poses a direct threat to the rural character and natural beauty that define the region. The North Shore is already under increasing pressure from tourism and overdevelopment, and adding such a large-scale housing project will only accelerate environmental degradation, traffic congestion, and strain on local infrastructure. The area lacks the capacity to absorb this kind of growth without long-term consequences to its ecosystem and community identity.

Moreover, this bill sets a dangerous precedent by prioritizing private development interests over the voices of local residents who have consistently opposed large-scale projects that do not align with the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan. The proposed dwellings do not address affordable housing needs for local families but instead risk becoming high-end properties that contribute to gentrification and displacement. We urge our leaders to uphold the community's values and protect one of the last remaining rural coastlines on O'ahu by voting against Bill 37.

Name: Vivien Brazier	Email: vivienb246@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:53 AM

Testimony:

Stop the development in Haleiwa. Keep Hawai'i Country

Name: Danna Usevitch	Email: dannausevitch@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:54 AM

Testimony:

Keep the country country!!!!

Name: Karley-Rose Kau	Email: karleyrosek18@gmail.com	Zip: 89113
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:55 AM

Testimony:

Hale'iwa is a very structured community that doesn't need anymore foot traffic from another shopping area. People need their land and need their space and a shopping center would only create more problems for everyone in the community!!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ashleigh DAmelio	agcracker@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:55 AM

Testimony:

My name is Ashleigh D'Amelio and I serve as a volunteer at Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation in Hale'iwa. I am submitting testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 37, amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Hale'iwa Special District. As caretakers of a thriving 7-acre educational and production farm just down the road, my colleagues and I want to directly challenge the repeated claim that agricultural lands in this area are no longer viable.

In 2019 Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation purchased 7 acres of fallow and neglected ag land in the heart of Hale'iwa, less than a quarter mile from the proposed parcel currently looking for a zone change. When we took stewardship of our land, it had been neglected and misused as a junkyard. Today, through dedicated restoration and community efforts, it has become the Kōkua Learning Farm, a beautiful, productive 'āina that includes lo'i kalo, a Hawaiian cultural garden, a fruit orchard, lei garden, and production fields growing fresh produce for our community.

Since 2020 over 7,124 volunteers have spent 16,857 volunteer hours clearing, restoring, weeding and planting and since 2023 over 40,000 pounds of produce has been harvested. Over 2,200 students have come on field trips, including every grade level from Hale'iwa Elementary for the past two years, and over 80 high school youth have participated in 10 semester-long cohorts of the Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program.

This land feeds, educates, and brings people together. The value of agricultural land cannot be measured only in dollars—its contributions to food security, environmental regeneration, cultural connection, and community resilience must be measured too. Please VOTE NO on Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hannah Schnittger	schnittgerhannah@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 08:57 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Payton Hollenbeck	paytonhollenbeck1@gmail.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:02 AM

Testimony:

I oppose. Keep Hawaiian land in Hawaiian hands. There is no reason for this!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sara Allen	sara.allen@student.chaminade.edu	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:03 AM

Testimony:

The traffic as you all already know is insane in and out of the north shore area 7 days a week. The residents are already struggling to live out there because of the traffic. Many of my lifelong friends from growing up in the community have already had to move. This isn't another Waikiki, this is a small town community rooted in the beliefs of the country lifestyle. If we wanted a fast paced busier hectic life we would move out of the country. This is just another example of greed by people who do not care at all for the actual people of Hawaii who were born and raised in Haleiwa town. We do not want anymore development out here period. There's already too many people. If you cared at all about the actual residents of Hawaii this wouldn't even be an issue.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kelsea Cass	kelseacassandra@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:05 AM

Testimony:

The north shore doesn't need any more development. We are already at max capacity, if not more. Why does it take over an hour to get to Haleiwa from V-land? What about locals who need to get to work? We have to tack on an additional 45 mins to our schedule ONE WAY to account for the traffic caused by tourist? Why are we even considering taking more of our sacred land and turning it into something tailored to the tourist? Pono `ole!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Susanne Vaughn	SMVprops@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:06 AM

Testimony:

Instead of sacrificing irreplaceable agricultural land, l urge the Council to pursue housing solutions on already-urbanized parcels and prioritize community-driven planning that respects Haleiwa's safety, infrastructure limits, and agricultural heritage. How often does rezoning FAVOR ag land? Please reconsider use of this space!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sarah Miller	miller.sarah188@gmail.com	98290
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:07 AM

Testimony: We oppose this bill, save the town!		
Name: Siena Pyzel	Email: sienapyzel@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:10 AM
Testimony: I oppose the proposed amendment that would allow the agricultural land in Haleiwa to be developed. As a life long member of the North Shore community, I've seen Haleiwa cater more and more to the tourism industry than anything that benefits the local people. The appeal of the North is the green spaces and lack of development seen on other parts of the island. The push for tourism on the part of the island that does not have the infrastructure to support it with our small roads and limited housing has created substantial issues with traffic and lack of long term rentals. This feels like a gross lack of consideration for the wishes of the people that are actually living in this community. In light of the recent tsunami warning the over population of the north shore needs to be taken into huge consideration when it comes to access in emergency situations. What do you expect people to do when it regularly takes an hour to drive 8 miles through traffic in an emergency situation when everybody is on the road trying to get to safety? It is irresponsible to look at a community with limited emergency access and go against its people's wishes by allowing more development and more crowds.		
Name: Daniela Armengual	Email: artmengual@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:10 AM
Testimony: north shore community is firmly against this further development!		
Name: Jasmine Villavicencio	Email: jasminemariah02@gmail.com	Zip: 60014
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:12 AM
Testimony: No more development!!!		
Name: Keaka Galanti	Email: keakagalanti23@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:13 AM
Testimony:		

I grew up on the North Shore, I'm born and raised from Kahuku. It's always been country, tourism has gotten worse over the years and adding a new attracting for more tourists will destroy our aina. The north shore is one of the last places on island that's country and we're slowly losing it, passing this bill will make us lose it forever. The north shore is not another tourist spot this is our aina, our home. Don't let more tourists into our home and destroy it more.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Evelyn DeProspero	evee5756@gmail.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:13 AM

Testimony:

Rezoning this parcel agricultural land sets a dangerous precedent, as Hawaii has already lost nearly 24,000 acres of farmland since 1975, largely to urban conversions like this. How would this benefit the greater good!?

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Taylor Pagano	paganot50@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:13 AM

Testimony:

We do not need another shopping center.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Maile Miller	mailecal808@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:15 AM

Testimony:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of another shopping center in our community.

Haleiwa is a unique and treasured town that embodies the spirit of Hawai'i's rural and cultural heritage. Its small-town charm, natural beauty, and strong sense of community are what draw residents and visitors alike. Adding another shopping center would threaten the distinct character of Haleiwa, leading to overdevelopment and a loss of the town's authentic appeal.

Furthermore, increased commercial development would place undue stress on our local infrastructure, including roads, water resources, and public services. Overcrowding and traffic congestion are already concerns in the area, and expanding retail space will only exacerbate these issues, making daily life more difficult for residents and visitors.

Environmental preservation is also a critical concern. Haleiwa's land and coastline are delicate ecosystems that support diverse wildlife and are integral to our cultural practices. The construction and operation of a new shopping center could

lead to habitat destruction, pollution, and increased carbon footprint, undermining efforts to protect our environment.

Economically, our community benefits greatly from small local businesses, farms, and artisans that reflect Haleiwa's unique identity. A large shopping center could threaten these small-scale enterprises by introducing chain stores and big-box retailers, which often displace local entrepreneurs and diminish the local character that makes Haleiwa special.

In conclusion, I urge decision-makers to prioritize the preservation of Haleiwa's cultural, environmental, and community integrity over large-scale commercial development. Protecting our town's character and natural resources for current and future generations is paramount.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nathan Strom	nathan814@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:16 AM

Testimony:

People like and love the way the North Shore is. There is no need for more development. Keep the country, country

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Alegra Gabat	galegra808@yahoo.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:17 AM

Testimony:

Protect the land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Zillayhuma Haider	zillah607@gmail.com	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:19 AM

Testimony:

Constructing a new mall in this area is not beneficial to the locals . It will cause an influx of traffic and tourism in a sacred part of the island that deserves to keep its value . Instead of an hour drive for an 8 mile drive it will be a lot longer . This all for investors to make an extra buck is not fair to the people . There are already many malls on the island .

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Camryn O'Brien	camrynobrien@icloud.com	92677
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:20 AM

Testimony: Please do not build anymore in our country! Let us have a safe space that we call home. Let the tourism come and enjoy the great escape of the south shore & if they wish to have the grandiose experience the south shore is for you. NO MORE BUILDING		
Name: Wendy Snow	Email: wafragale@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:21 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose.		
Name: Pamela Larson	Email: pamela2008afrog@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:21 AM
Testimony: Keep the country, country!		
Name: Sarah Osiecki	Email: sarah.osiecki5@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:22 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill.		
Name: Mahina Akaka	Email: hulahina808@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:23 AM
Testimony: This is unacceptable. Please don’t do this.		
Name: Elizabeth Willis	Email: 2006ellywillis@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:24 AM
Testimony:		

Oahu is a small island, which of is already incredibly overpopulated on top of insane amounts of tourism each year! Haleiwa is even smaller yet still as populated! What was once a small town where locals could surf freely and walk to the store is now an hour in traffic and new development after the other! Please keep what's left of the originality that north shore holds, keep it country, keep it Oahu!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Melia Chatfield	maemaechatfield@gmail.com	96746
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:27 AM

Testimony:

The community is not for this development. Many residents are speaking up and it's time for our government to listen it should always be what's best for the community not your wallets!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
April Plackett	april.figueroa7@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:28 AM

Testimony:

I have opposed every time upon deaf ears. I don't know what else I can say other than to plead with you to not allow this bill to pass. The infrastructure cannot support this, please consider the detriment to the residence, if an emergency took place.

Please consider that the supposed affordable housing will not go to the community but instead to investors.

Please consider the will of the North Shore

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Holly Young	hyoungvt@gmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:30 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Stephen Lloyd	slloyd1@me.com	96926
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:32 AM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill037

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Olivia Gasselsdorfer	oliviagassels@hotmail.com	96766
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:33 AM

Testimony:

I lived Haleiwa five years and the traffic was INSANE to drive a mile to work. Locals are not cared about and should be with this. They do NOT need more shopping? What for tourists? That's laughable,

I can't BELEIVE this is even being considered.

SHAME ON YOU HAWAII GOVERNMENT

Your allowance for money power over land and culture is disgusting.

Name: Lauren Thompson	Email: laurenjosephinet@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:33 AM

Testimony:

What makes Haleiwa special is its small community and local businesses. Further developing what already exists would diminish the magic and charm of this area. We need to appreciate the natural beauty and learn that not all of nature is meant to be a backdrop to capitalist business.

Name: Brennda Gonzaga	Email: brenndagonzaga01@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:35 AM

Testimony:

Keep north shore country in respect of the aina and the community. There is plenty development in town for those looking for that.

Name: Rachael Palompo	Email: aelie33@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:35 AM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill 37 to rezone Haleiwa

Name: Alexandria Moran	Email: alexpepper100@gmail.com	Zip: 92672
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:35 AM

Testimony:

The traffic to get in and out of hale'iwa is already absolutely awful. Development would make it a million times worse for the locals who live here. Preserve the natural beauty of the island!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gretchen Park	gretchenepark@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:36 AM

Testimony:

The north shore community is firmly against this development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Femmie Cabrera	femmiecabrera@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:36 AM

Testimony:

I'm opposing this for all the locals that are already struggling to keep their land. The rail already destroyed so many homes and used so much of our money, we don't need another mall at Haleiwa. So much traffic builds up and this mall is already so unnecessary. If you want to go to the mall go ala moana, pearlridge, kapolei. There's so many options and building one in Haleiwa is a waste of time, money, and land.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Tiffany Schnittger	tschnittger@gmail.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:37 AM

Testimony:

This is a community that I raised my children in and feel very concerned to see such changes being proposed when there are major safety concerns along the highway with all the extra tourists. It's unsafe for everyone, including our keiki and all community members. Until infrastructure can keep people safe, no more development. Additionally, the environmental impacts are highly irresponsible in so many ways. Instead, please help patch roads and keep the traffic more safe without adding to erosion and irreversible, long term damage.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kaitlyn Honda	khonda0913@icloud.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:41 AM

Testimony:

Haleiwa is a historic town and would like to keep it that way. There's no need for extra development as there's already a

ton of traffic from just road construction. It would jam up the place more. Either way, the town is perfect as it is and there's no need to make more building.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Reece Williams	reece-_will@hotmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:41 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill because Haleiwa is already congested enough with what we have.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Julian Miranda	jdmiranda96@yahoo.com	11772
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:44 AM

Testimony:

Traffic on the north shore is terrible as it is. Putting a shopping center in the middle of the country will just make traffic worst and is not fair or right for the north shore's residents.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Angela Melody Young	Alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Cares	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:46 AM

Testimony:

Cares opposes

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Riley Clarke	rileyclarkee@gmail.com	95010
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:47 AM

Testimony:

KEEP THE COUNTRY COUNTRY!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brenna Kamalu	brennakamalu@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:49 AM

Testimony:

The traffic and congestion caused by the one road and high influx from tourists is already damaging to ecosystem and

local neighborhoods. Natives and local people cannot even enjoy their own backyards due to it. The rezoning of this land would be incredibly detrimental and the supposed benefits do not outweigh y the consequences.		
Name: Josephine Esguerra	Email: exo.josie@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:50 AM
Testimony: As a resident of the ahupua'a of Pūpūkea, I can confidently say that the community does NOT need another shopping center. Me and many other residents feel strongly about this. Thank you.		
Name: Jordyn Juniper	Email: juniperjordyn@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:51 AM
Testimony: Keep the country, country. This is disgusting. There's absolutely no need for anymore development, traffic, or influx of people. It's an 8 mile town, leave it alone.		
Name: Angela Melody Young	Email: Alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Cares	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:51 AM
Testimony: Cares comments live. Refer to live testimony.		
Name: Natalie Tiralongo	Email: natalie.tiralongo@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:52 AM
Testimony: I oppose!		
Name: Julian Lazar	Email: julianglazar@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:56 AM
Testimony:		

I’m writing to strongly oppose Bill 37, which seeks to rezone over 7 acres of agricultural land in Hale‘iwa to urban. I was born and raised in Hale‘iwa, and like many in the community, I deeply value its rural character, small-town feel, and the agricultural lands that surround and sustain us.

This development proposal is not aligned with the needs or desires of Hale‘iwa residents. Our town already faces traffic congestion, aging infrastructure, and limited emergency access. Adding a large residential and commercial project would place even more strain on a system that is barely managing current demands. This project is also said to provide "affordable housing". Affordable for who? $2,500, $2,800, and "market value" of likely $3,500+ is NOT affordable for locals that have been part of this community for years. It will not provide more housing for locals; it will only add more congestion and crowding than there already is. This will be extremely detrimental to the people that call this area their home.

The agricultural land targeted for rezoning is not surplus — it is vital. Once this land is converted for urban use, it’s gone for good. Preserving agricultural land means protecting our food security, open space, and the natural landscape that defines our region.

Beyond infrastructure concerns, the cultural and environmental identity of Hale‘iwa is at stake. This is not just about one project — it's about setting a precedent. If we allow this rezoning, what’s to stop future proposals from chipping away at the rural North Shore until there's nothing left of what makes it special?

The testimony from community members has been overwhelmingly opposed to Bill 37. Residents have made it clear that this project does not reflect the will of the people. The idea of “keeping the country country” is more than a slogan — it’s a plea to preserve the heart of Hale‘iwa.

I respectfully urge you to listen to the voices of the community and vote NO on Bill 37.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Eve Parker	eparker8805@gmail.com	96765
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:59 AM

Testimony:
The Haleiwa and north shore community of Oahu strongly oppose this cause. To ignore the voice of the local people for further monetary gain is disgusting. I stand with the north shore community against this development.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lori Rough	lorirough1@gmail.com	96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 6, 2025 @ 09:59 AM

SIERRA CLUB
O‘AHU GROUP

Re: Honolulu City Council Meeting August 6th, 2025 Bill 37 (25)
TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP (HALE‘IWA QUADRANGLE) FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED IN THE HALE‘IWA SPECIAL DISTRICT, HALE‘IWA, OAHU, HAWAI‘I

August 3rd, 2025

Aloha Chair Waters and City Council Members,

We ask you to reverse course and not pass Bill 37. The testimony for all hearings thus far has been overwhelmingly opposed to this District Boundary Amendment, converting 7 acres of land from Agriculture to Urban re-zoning for apartments and commercial. This DBA is contrary to what is needed by the community, indicated by City and State policies relating to agricultural land and planning, and common sense.

Hale‘iwa, a historic community on the North Shore of O‘ahu, is a vibrant small town that thrives on its unique rural charm and respects its plantation legacy. Hale‘iwa is suffering with increased traffic, inadequate infrastructure to handle exploding tourism, and a renewed attempt by developer Andy Anderson to build a large-scale commercial and housing development right in the heart of Hale‘iwa. This project would forever alter the landscape and change the future of the area from Agricultural to Urban. Residents from the North Shore and across O‘ahu who love Hale‘iwa have expressed overwhelming opposition to this project’s adverse impacts on the area’s rural lifestyle, infrastructure, and the preservation of their cultural heritage. Please pay attention to what they have said.

Traffic congestion in Hale‘iwa has worsened substantially over the past ten years, making commute and daily errand times significantly longer and straining the town's infrastructure. Residents are heavily burdened every day by the time, expense, delay, and safety risk of congestion and traffic. Listen to the pleas of hundreds of residents who have written testimony regarding the traffic.

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The proposed project will disrupt the town's character, low density plan, and heritage. Access / easement to this proposed development would be through a narrow 20-foot wide ‘Opae‘ula Lane situated between a 200-year-old Lili‘uokalani Church and Cemetery and a long-time local business. The idea of adding an intersection here is just preposterous.

The developer has proposed that rents start at $2500 for the 8 possible affordable units and up to $3800 for the rest of the “affordable” apartments with the balance at “market.” This level is not affordable for most of the retail workers in Hale‘iwa (which is how the developer is pitching their proposal). Housing will inevitably go to non-residents who can afford to pay more - e.g., military with housing allowances or groups of long-term vacationers who can afford to rent for 6 months or more for surf season. No controls on the housing promises at the land use boundary stage means there cannot be any trust from the community that has been burned so many times by developer promises.

Community knowledge and standing should be honored. In the City Council meetings to date, the resident testimony opposed to Backyards has been overwhelming. Yet the community’s voice has been ignored. Please listen to the people.

Angela Huntemer
Treasurer
Sierra Club O’ahu Group Executive Committee
&
Kahuku Resident

September 19, 2024

Sunset Beach Community Association
P.O. Box 471
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

Franz Kraintz, Branch Chief
Community Planning Branch, Planning Division
Department of Planning andPermitting
City and County of Honolulu
850 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mr. Frainz,

Thank you for sharing the letter regarding the Application for a State Land Use District Boundary Amendment (SLUDBA) of less than 15 acres from State Land Use (SLU) Agricultural District to the SLU Urban District for the Proposed Backyards LLC Mixed-Use Development, Haleiwa, O'ahu, Hawai'i (Tax Map Key 6-2-002 portion.

Please be advised, by vote, that the Sunset Beach Community Association (SBCA) is unanimously opposed to changing any agricultural land to or for urban use. Additionally, the SBCA is very familiar with this developer. The SBCA also cited the following reasons for not wanting any part of this development in Haleiwa:

1. The traffic in Haleiwa Town is already truly horrendous and this will further clog the roads with more cars and plague us with more people on top of the tourists. The town and country are being destroyed.
2. Haleiwa is a historic town, must keep it's identity as historic, and does not need or want another "shopping center."
3. No property representative was/is available to present this project to the Sunset Community Association.
4. The North Shore Neighborhood (NSNB) had an abysmal presentation with misinformation by the agent.
5. The proposal was presented in 2016 with an environmental assessment that was absent in the NSNB presentation.
6. The wastewater system is off-site. Our experience with this developer and wastewater has not been positive.
7. The plan for low rise apartments and townhomes is unacceptable especially in a historic town in the country.

Thank you for sharing our objections with whomever will make this decision.

Sincerely,

Lea E. Albert

Lea E. Albert
Corresponding Secretary
Sunset Beach Community Association

CC: Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Honolulu Council Member Matt Weyer
Katherine Pahinui, Chair North Shore Neighborhood Board
Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Director
The North Shore Chamber of Commerce

Testimony in Strong Opposition to Bill 37

Aloha Chair and Council members,

My name is Katie Metzger, and I am the founder and owner of Hānai Hives, a beekeeping business based on the North Shore of O‘ahu. I am writing in strong and unwavering opposition to Bill 37.

As someone whose livelihood depends on the health and preservation of our agricultural lands, I am absolutely and fundamentally opposed to changing the zoning of these lands from Agricultural to Urban. This proposal is not just a policy decision—it is a threat to our island’s future.

We need every acre of agricultural land if we are ever to become a sustainable and self-reliant island. Once this land is developed, it is lost forever. No amount of regret or mitigation will bring it back. Allowing this precious ‘āina to be paved over is a gigantic step backward and directly undermines our collective efforts toward food security, climate resilience, and community-based agriculture.

As a beekeeper and small business owner, I know firsthand how vital healthy agricultural lands are—not only to our bees and the crops they pollinate, but to the entire food system. My work supports farmers, feeds families, and provides employment in our rural communities. If you vote yes on this bill, you jeopardize all of that.

I urge you to fulfill your responsibility to protect the long-term well-being of our people and place. Do not trade away our future for short-term development gains. Vote **NO** on Bill 37 and stand with the farmers, beekeepers, and community members who are doing the daily work to care for our ‘āina.

Mahalo for your time and for doing the right thing.

Sincerely,
Katherine Metzger
Founder & Owner, Hānai Hives
North Shore, O‘ahu

Protecting Haleʻiwa's Rural Character from Gentrification and Urbanization

As a North Shore resident, I strongly oppose Bill 37 and the proposed State Land Use District Boundary Amendment (SLUDBA). This development endangers the rural essence of historic Haleʻiwa and dismisses the community's overwhelming opposition.

I urge every City Council member to thoroughly review the testimony submitted by NSNB board member Denise Antolini, which provides a detailed and accurate analysis of the reasons to oppose Bill 37. Please find my summarized items below.

Community Opposition and General Welfare
The community's stance against this project is undeniable. Nearly 1,000 testimonies have been submitted in opposition, complemented by a change.org petition with another 1,000 signatures. The North Shore Neighborhood Board, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and community groups stand united in their opposition. The limited support comes solely from paid representatives, not the wider community. This project risks fueling gentrification by introducing high-cost housing and commercial spaces, displacing local families and businesses with developments that cater to wealthier outsiders. Approving this SLUDBA would ignore the community's voice and undermine the general welfare of our region.

No Justifiable Public Need
The proposal does not meet the criteria for a boundary amendment under the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) § 23-1.6.

- **Housing**: The developer's claim of delivering "affordable" housing is deceptive. The proposed affordable units (10-30%) are minimal and likely unaffordable for local residents. Nothing in the bill prevents the developer from shifting to market-rate housing post-approval.

- **Commercial Development**: Haleʻiwa has no need for an additional commercial hub. The applicant's proposal for B-1 zoning to support community-focused businesses lacks credibility, given the Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) weak enforcement of similar zoning elsewhere.

- **Agricultural Preservation**: The real public need is to protect prime agricultural land and bolster food security. This site, formerly used for sugar cultivation, is critical for these goals. The developer's assertion that the land is "unattractive" for agriculture is self-serving and lacks evidence.

Inconsistency with State and County Plans
The SLUDBA conflicts with established policies and plans.
- **State and County Plans**: The Hawaii State Planning Act and the City's General Plan emphasize preserving agricultural land and ensuring food security. Resolution 24-243, passed in December 2024, reaffirmed these priorities by re-establishing the Agricultural Development Task Force to advance farming.

- **North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan (NSSCP)**: The NSSCP prioritizes preserving the region's rural character and explicitly safeguards agricultural lands within the Community Growth Boundary (CGB). This project violates these protections.

Additional Concerns

- **Unenforceable Promises and Stripped Conditions**: The developer's commitments, such as affordable housing quotas, lack reliability and must be embedded as enforceable conditions in the proposed boundary amendment. Concerns about the developer's history of unfulfilled promises and zoning violations underscore the need for enforceable conditions. Furthermore, the City Council's removal of key Planning Commission conditions, including those requiring public engagement, weakens the SLUDBA's accountability. If this decision was based on Office of Council Services advice, the public deserves transparency to assess its validity. The removal of the public engagement condition is particularly concerning, as community opposition has only intensified since the Planning Commission's vote.

- **Outdated Documentation**: The Environmental Assessment (EA) and Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR) are a decade old and fail to address current realities, such as worsened traffic congestion, strained sewer infrastructure, and increased tourism pressures in Haleʻiwa.

- **Irreversible Impact**: Approving this proposed boundary amendment would permanently transform prime agricultural land into dense urban development, forever altering Haleʻiwa's rural identity.

Conclusion

I urge the Council to vote ʻAʻole on Bill 37. Heed the community's voice, uphold our agricultural policies, and safeguard Haleʻiwa's rural character. Rejecting this SLUDBA is critical to preserving our heritage and securing the long-term well-being of our community.

In October 2010, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser published a critical op-ed, "**City should keep, not sell, Haleiwa public parkland**," based on an investigation by the Save Haleiwa Beach Park Coalition. This research revealed that **Andy Anderson**, a former city managing director, while serving as an unpaid transition manager for the Mufi Hannemann administration, gained extensive access to city operations. During this time, he identified city-owned real estate assets. After acquiring adjacent private parcels, Anderson subsequently lobbied the Hannemann administration for the direct sale of public properties to him. The City Ethics Office stated it lacked jurisdiction over Anderson due to his unpaid status, a point that deepened concerns. Evidence from current and former city employees supported these findings, WHICH ultimately fueled the Star-Advertiser's call to protect public parkland.

This historical context is vital for understanding current opposition to **Bill 37 (2025)**. This bill seeks to amend 7.292 acres of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from Agricultural to Urban District, which would enable commercial rezoning within Hale'iwa's Special District. The North Shore community strongly opposes Bill 37 because it **threatens Ag zoned land**, establishing a concerning precedent for converting agricultural land to urban use. It also risks exacerbating parking shortages, lacks suitable easements, and would strain existing infrastructure, including sewage, water, and traffic systems.

Furthermore, **Planning Solutions, Inc**., **a consultant for Andy Anderson**, contends that 'Urban' zoning is equivalent to 'Rural'—a position inconsistent with the philosophy of the current North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan (NSSCP). The North Shore community is concerned that Dawn E. Takeuchi Apuna (Director of DPP) and Franz Kraintz (DPP Community Planning Branch Chief) would consider Jim Hayes' presentation consistent with the NSSCP's spirit, especially since the plan is still under revision. The representations made are perceived as efforts to divert attention and mislead the community.

The Honolulu City Council is being asked to approve a zone change based on justifications that are viewed as questionable, if not inaccurate. The documented history of property development schemes associated with Andy Anderson on the North Shore raises ethical and legal questions. The community also insists that the NSSCP revision process be fully completed before any district boundary or zoning changes are considered. These concerns collectively provide compelling reasons to reject Bill 37 and preserve Hale'iwa's agricultural and cultural heritage. For the North Shore community, the retention of its rural character is the single most important issue.

Therefore, this requires that Bill 37 (2025) be opposed. The North Shore community is deeply troubled by the Department of Planning and Permitting leadership's support for a redistricting action when critical processes remain incomplete or undisclosed. Moreover, the community questions how the zoning committee can endorse a fundamentally flawed plan that undermines the economic rationale for housing while disregarding the compelling testimony of community members.

Below, you will find the *staradvertiser.com* op-ed "City should keep, not sell, Haleiwa public parkland" and the *starbulletin.com* announcement "Mufi Hannemann Administration transition team."(for reference)

https://www.staradvertiser.com/2010/10/12/editorial/island-voices/city-should-keep-not-sell-haleiwa-public-parkland/

City should keep, not sell, Haleiwa public parkland

By Star-Advertiser staff

Oct. 12, 2010

The City and County of Honolulu has taken an abrupt and suspicious 180-degree turn on its position regarding the value of land it strategically acquired for Haleiwa Regional Beach Park.

The Save Haleiwa Beach Park Coalition has been joined by the Oahu chapters of the Sierra Club and the Surfrider Foundation, the Sunset Beach Community Association, Hui O Hee Nalu, Defend Oahu Coalition, Hawaii's Thousand Friends and Life of the Land to support the retention of all important city coastal parklands.

The coalition so far has collected more than 1,500 petitions, and had the support of approximately 300 community members at the North Shore Neighborhood Board meeting on Sept. 28. In three short weeks, there are nearly 2,000 Facebook fans from around the world for "Save Haleiwa Beach Park."

These approximately four acres of parkland, adjacent to Jameson's Restaurant, were acquired by the city via eminent domain more than 40 years ago. It was just one of many parcels the city obtained in the late '60s and early '70s as part of a noble strategy to expand public, beachfront parks into a green belt surrounding our island, while land prices were still reasonable.

In direct contravention of this strategy, the city administration is being asked to sell this oceanfront public parkland in Haleiwa to developer and former co-chairman of Mufi Hannemann's 2004 mayoral transition team, Andy Anderson. Anderson wants to use it to build a hotel.

Anderson first inquired about purchasing Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka in 2006, not in May of 2010, as he likes to tell the public. In response to his initial 2006 inquiry to buy all of Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka, Mr. Anderson received a May 23, 2006, letter from the director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, strongly recommending against the sale of the parcels. City rationale included the fact that the "subject parcels (were) considered to be an integral part of the Haleiwa Regional Park when developed," and, "although as yet undeveloped, it would defeat their purpose to sell these properties." The city further stated that these lands were not "surplus" to their needs.

On May 27, just after purchasing the Jameson's Restaurant property, Anderson, now as the "legal owner" and "an abutting neighbor," sent a letter of intent to the city offering to purchase the parcel next door to the restaurant. In response to Mr. Anderson, internal city correspondence indicates that the city administration has reversed its 2006 opposition to the sale to an astounding approval of the sale, even going as far as to include all four parcels of the Haleiwa Regional Park land in its sale approval.

Contrary to what Anderson would like the public to believe, these parcels are not "remnant" parcels but are highly valuable coastal parkland with at least a third of the property currently being used for parking by beach users and for storage of canoes by a local canoe club.

This could be just the tip of the iceberg. If the city allows this unprecedented sale of our coastal parklands to a private party, then what is to prevent similar sales of other yet-to-be-developed parklands?

Currently the North Shore has other prime coastal land being held for future park expansion to benefit the public, which could also be at risk of being sold off to other private parties if this deal goes through.

The Save Haleiwa Beach Park Coalition strongly supports the protection of these and other valuable parklands, developed or not, as highly valuable public resources.

Rather than sell such lands, the city should provide local organizations with the opportunity to care for and maintain such lands under its Adopt-A-Park program.

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November 14, 2004

Mufi taps team with business emphasis

The mayor-elect names two to lead his search for a staff

Star-Bulletin staff

Mayor-elect Mufi Hannemann announced yesterday that his transition team will be headed by businesspeople D.G. Andy Anderson and Christine Camp Friedman.

Hannemann, who vowed on the campaign trail to run the city's government like a business, has chosen a transition team that reflects that view.

The team oversees the selection process of the mayor's Cabinet and key staff, including 17 department heads. Hannemann said he hopes to make decisions on those positions by mid-December.

How to apply

» Anyone interested in applying for a position with the Hannemann administration should submit a cover letter and resume by Nov. 26 to:

Hannemann Transition Office
City Hall Annex
550 S. King St., 2nd fl.
Honolulu, HI 96813

"I want people who will work hard. I want a Cabinet that will reflect the diversity of Oahu," he said.

Anderson is a self-made millionaire businessman, restaurateur and developer. His political experience includes two terms in the House and

four terms in the Senate representing Windward Oahu. Anderson also served as the city's managing director under Frank Fasi.

In 1968 and 1972, Anderson unsuccessfully ran against Fasi for the mayor's job. Anderson also made three unsuccessful runs for governor.

Hannemann said that Anderson knows business and "the ins and outs of putting together a Cabinet."

The mayor-elect also noted Camp Friedman's strength in business.

Camp Friedman, the current chairwoman of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, is the managing director of Avalon Development Co. LLC, a Honolulu-based real estate development and acquisition consulting firm.

Hannemann said that five search committees will be formed and that each committee will be assigned to fill the needs of three or four city departments. The committees will screen candidates, interview top applicants and recommend three candidates to Hannemann for his consideration.

The heads of the five search committees also reflect Hannemann's business view of running government. They are:

» Paul Yonamine, executive vice president of Asia/Pacific, BearingPoint , which was formerly part of KPMG's consulting arm;
» Joseph Pickard, president of Environet Inc., a Honolulu-based firm that provides civil and environmental engineering services;
» Meredith Ching, vice president of Alexander & Baldwin Inc.;
» Liz Ho, area field services director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;
» Marc Tilker, president and chief executive of Marathon Group LLC, which was formed in 2003 when C. Brewer & Co. divested assets.
Hannemann urged people to apply for positions "even if they didn't vote for me."

August 5, 2025

Re: Bill 37 – Hale‘iwa Backyards SLUDBA

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the ‘A‘ole Backyards Coalition, I am writing to urge you to oppose Bill 37.

1. Please incorporate and refer back to my individual testimonies in the prior meetings/hearings on Bill 37, and to the
2. Over 1200 testimonies that have been submitted in opposition by the North Shore community and O‘ahu residents, and to the
3. 1160 people (as of today) who have signed the Change.org petition in opposition to Bill 37, and to
4. Today‘s community column in the Star-Advertiser (attached), which summarizes the views of ‘A‘ole Backyards Coalition and the many voices of elected and respected leaders in our community.

   Passage of Bill 37 based on the flawed application presented to the Planning Commission and to the City Council without clear conditions now, not later, that ensure satisfaction of the supposed “need” and the other SLUDBA criteria is not legally valid and would be an abuse of discretion.

We respectfully request you vote No on third reading.

Mahalo,

Denise Antolini

Co-coordinator, ‘A‘ole Backyards Coalition

EDITORIAL ISLAND VOICES

Column: No to Bill 37, dubious Haleiwa project

By Kathleen Pahinui, Mike Biechler and Earl Dahlin

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A “Keep It Country” sign is seen June 27 in Sunset Beach, echoing the sentiments of many in Haleiwa and the North Shore opposing Bill 37.






The Star-Advertiser editorial board appears to support the misguided “Haleiwa Backyards” commercial and rental housing development project proposed by developer D.G. “Andy” Anderson (“Housing project solid for Haleiwa,” Our View, July 11). City Council Bill 37 would change the state land use designation for his land from agriculture to urban.

Anderson is a former politician and long-time real estate developer with an uncanny ability to push unwanted development onto our community despite past violations, strong opposition and flawed applications.

This is an ill-conceived monster project – 30,000 sf commercial retail center, 160 rental units (three stories) and 536 parking spaces (some underground), based on a 10-year-old environmental review and outdated traffic analysis — slated for the heart of historic Haleiwa town. This out-of-place and too-dense 7.52-acre project will forever change the rural character of Haleiwa and burden the North Shore with substantially more traffic, waste and congestion.

The Backyards project would never likely result in real “affordable” housing for local residents or the area workforce. If built, the project must meet the minimum city affordable housing requirement of 10% — meaning 16 units would be rented at $2,800 a month and 20% (31 units) would be at $3,800. The remaining 70% or 109 units would be at “market value.” But even these numbers have changed since the presentation at the October 2024 North Shore Neighborhood Board presentation and could continue to change after Bill 37. In February 2024, the developer’s own architect told the community that they were not building affordable housing. How can we believe that the need for truly affordable housing justifies this land use change when it is not even a condition of Bill 37?



We support affordable, workforce, senior and legacy plantation family housing in the right location. We hope the 350-unit “Mill

Camp" development planned for the already-developed sugar mill area of Waialua, which historically hosted more than 300 homes for plantation workers, will be such a beneficial project.

The City Council has been told that passing Bill 37 is not a big deal because it just changes the state land use designation and the developer must come back for a city zoning. Yet, who benefits from Bill 37? Not the public.

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City tax records indicate that Anderson purchased this agricultural-zoned parcel in 2014 for $1.9 million, 20 years after the Joseph P. Leong bypass was built and bisected former sugar cane lands owned by Dole. In 2016, for tax purposes, he "dedicated" it as "vacant agriculture," dropping his tax-assessed value to only $856,200 and has since paid only $7,277 in annual property taxes to the city.

If Bill 37 passes, the potential resale value of his land will likely skyrocket. How does this business tactic align with our state and county policies to promote agriculture and food security?

A July 30 Star-Advertiser editorial-page item ("Haleiwa land-use shift moves forward," Off the News") calls those of us who have testified more than 1,000 times at City Council meetings in the past weeks and the 1,000-plus people who have signed a change.org petition (40% of whom reside outside the North Shore) against Bill 37, the "vocal NIMBY opposition."

If being a NIMBY means fighting to stop a bad project, to protect our town, the North Shore's rural quality of life, the culture and history of Haleiwa, and to "Keep the Country Country!" then we stand proudly together and say 'A'ole Backyards!

The final hearing on Bill 37 is scheduled before the City Council this Wednesday. We urge everyone who loves Haleiwa and the North Shore to contact their Council member to submit testimony for the final hearing and voice your opposition to the bill.

Kathleen Pahinui chairs the North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27; Mike Biechler is president of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce; Earl Dahlin is a Haleiwa resident.

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August 6, 2025

Honolulu City Council
Chair Tommy Waters
Vice Chair Andria Tupola
Council Members

TO AMEND PORTIONS (7.292 ACRES) OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP (HALEIWA QUANDRANGLE) FROM THE AGRICLUTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED IN THE HALEIOWA SPECIAL DISTRICT, HALEIWA, OAHU, HAWAII

Aloha,

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that appropriate planning, management and land use decisions are made that protect the environment, human health and cultural resources and that decision are made in conformity with the law opposes Bill 37 (2025) CD1 and the loss of agricultural land.

Since the 1990s local food production has steadily declined, which may be attributed to several disadvantages including competing uses of agricultural land.

Currently Hawaii is reliant on imports for an estimated 90% of our food and faces high rates of food insecurity that affect access to nutritionally adequate foods. Statewide farm acreage has decreased from 1,380 acres to 1,050 acres.

The 2023 State Data Book notes that on Oahu the median size of a farm is 4 acres. Oahu has 1,002 farms with 746 of them being 1 to 9 acres.

According to USDA 7 acres is ample space for aquaponics, poultry, bees, goats, pigs and diverse crops such as garlic, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, beets,

Locally grown food is more beneficial because it is picked when nutrient levels are highest while imported produce may be picked earlier to withstand shipping, resulting in lower nutrient density.

Local foods are fresher, which can translate to superior taste and nutritional value, promote food safety, and support a community's economy.

While there has been an increase in the number of farms and producers from 2012 to 2017 to approximately 7,000 farms on 1.14 million acres the growth in the number of small farms is only 1,368 farmers, statewide, selling directly to consumers. This shows that there is a need for improvement in *local food production* and *health, nutrition and access*.

In 2014 the City and County of Honolulu joined the State and all counties in signing onto the Hawaii Aloha+Challenge. One of the goals is a statewide commitment for local food production and consumption to *at least double local food production and where 20-30% of food consumed is grown locally by 2030*. When last measured in 2022 local food production and labor and land resources were noted as **needs improvement.**

Another goal is to increase access to labor and land resources to support production, processing, distribution and consumption of local food by 2030. The Aloha+Challenge dashboard notes that local food production has not increased at a pace to meet the 2030 goal.

Hawaii will never become food self-sufficient or reach our goal of 20-30% locally grown food by 2030 if agricultural designated land, no matter the size, continues to be redesignated for other uses.

The Senate
Ka ʻAha Kenekoa

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAIʻI 96813

August 5, 2025

Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

Re: Strong Opposition to Bill 37 (2025) – Rezoning 7.292 Acres in Haleʻiwa from Agricultural to Urban

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

As stated in my initial letter of opposition submitted on June 17, I remain in strong and unwavering opposition to Bill 37 (2025), which proposes to reclassify approximately 7.292 acres of land in Haleʻiwa from the State Agricultural District to the Urban District.

This bill represents yet another unacceptable attempt to sacrifice agricultural land for private development and individual gain. Haleʻiwa is one of the last strongholds of agricultural preservation on Oʻahu—lands that continue to provide for our local families, uphold cultural practices, and maintain the rural character of our region. Rezoning this land threatens all of that. It undermines decades of community efforts to protect these lands and sets a dangerous precedent for future land use decisions across the island.

Let me be clear: I do not support any measure that compromises agricultural land in favor of speculative development. While the bill includes a provision for "affordable housing," we have seen this term misused time and again. If housing is to be developed on reclassified land, it must be 100% truly affordable to local residents—not a fraction, not a vague promise—every unit must serve our local families. Anything less is unacceptable.

This is a critical moment. The decisions we make now will shape the future of our communities. I strongly urge the Council to reject Bill 37 (2025) and stand with the people of Haleʻiwa and the broader North Shore in protecting agricultural lands for generations to come.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.



Senator Brenton Awa
Minority Leader
Senate District 23
Kāneʻohe, Kahaluʻu thru Lāʻie,
Kahuku to Mokulēʻia,
Schofield Barracks, Kunia Camp

Hawai‘i State Capitol, Room 203

I strongly oppose the plan to rezone agriculture zoned land to residential in the Hale'iwa area. Not only is agriculture land needed to sustain the population of Oahu, the infrastructure of the area does not support the addition of 156 units and 30000 square feet of commercial buildings. There is a statement that a waste water treatment facility will be constructed. Where will that waste water go? What will be done to will prevent it from entering the ground water, further polluting the rivers in that area that flow into the ocean. Surfrider's Blue Water Task Force data of the beaches in Hale'iwa has shown high levels of enterococcus throughout the years. An additional source of wastewater will only increase the ocean pollution jeopardizing the appeal for tourist and sickening the local residents.

When a developer says they are building an affordable complex, it usually means affordable to very high income families. Many complexes have been approved under this guise. Are all the units affordable? Where are all these people going to work? Most likely they will be commuting into Honolulu. The traffic in that area is horrific and adding more cars will add to the gridlock and further degrade the quality of life for current residents. If this development is allowed, an emergency such as the recent tsunami, has the possibility of creating traffic congestion such that people will not be able to leave, resulting in many deaths.

A development such as this is better suited to an urban environment and should not be approved in an agriculture zone in an area with insufficient infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Arleen Velasco

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025

Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of Bill 37, CD1 (2025) to amend portions of the state land use district boundary map (Hale'iwa Quadrangle) from the agricultural district to the urban district.

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and esteemed members of the Council:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), representing the 6,000 members of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC) and approximately 250 independent signatory contractors statewide, strongly supports Bill 37, CD1 (2025). This bill proposes to reclassify 7.292 acres in Hale'iwa, O'ahu, from the Agricultural District to the Urban District, enabling the Hale'iwa Backyards LLC project to provide critically needed low- to moderate-income housing in the Hale'iwa Special District.

O'ahu's housing crisis demands immediate action. Bill 37, CD1 aligns with the city's objectives in the Hawai'i State Plan, O'ahu General Plan, and North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan to deliver affordable, accessible housing near schools, services, and employment opportunities. The Hale'iwa Backyards LLC project will allow working families – many employed in nearby retail and commercial sectors – to live closer to their workplaces, reducing commute times and improving quality of life.

This parcel's unique suitability for homebuilding cannot be overlooked. With the best ingress and egress on the entire North Shore, it offers unparalleled access for safe and efficient community integration. If new homes are not built on this strategically located site, where else on the North Shore can we realistically address the housing needs of our residents? The Hale'iwa Backyards LLC project fulfills a critical mandate to provide homes that meet the needs of local families within the communities they call home. A recent University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO) study, Economic Analysis of Proposal to Phase Out TVRs on

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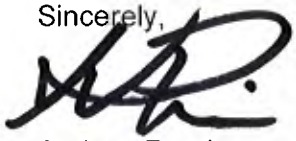
Maui (March 2025), underscores the importance of new housing in creating a "housing ladder." By adding units for low- to moderate-income households, this project will enable residents to move from inadequate or overcrowded living situations into suitable homes, freeing up existing units for others. This ripple effect is vital for addressing O'ahu's housing shortage and fostering economic mobility.

Bill 37 also ensures responsible development. Conditions prohibiting interference with adjacent agricultural operations and requiring compliance with the Hawai'i Right to Farm Act protect nearby farming activities. The mandated update to the Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR), including plans for pedestrian and vehicular circulation, reflects a commitment to safe, well-planned infrastructure.

PRP urges the Honolulu City Council to pass Bill 37, CD1 (2025) to advance equitable housing solutions for O'ahu's residents. This bill is a pragmatic step toward alleviating our housing crisis while supporting sustainable growth in Hale'iwa. If we do not act on this opportunity, we risk leaving families without viable housing options in their own communities.

Mahalo for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Keep the North Shore Country

Honolulu City Council
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2025, 10:00 am

OPPOSE BILL 37 CD1

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Tupola, and members:

Keep the North Shore Country, a Hawaii non-profit corporation, opposes this State Land Use Boundary Amendment because the scale of the proposed Haleiwa Backyards project is far too intense and concentrated for this area.

We strongly disagree with a critical justification presented in CR-258. The Committee Report is erroneous when it states the project satisfies Paragraph B of § 23-1.6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"). To the contrary, the development would aggravate existing problems.

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The Haleiwa Backyards project would put too much commercial space and too many housing units in a highly congested area. The State Land Use Boundary in Haleiwa should not be amended at this time for this project.

Please vote No on Bill 37.

Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

Kathleen M. Pahinui
67-237 Kaui St
Waialua, HI 96791

August 5, 2025

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Council Members:

I am writing to provide some additional information for your consideration. Last night on the news, Mr. Andersen stated that their project would not bring in new residents but would have current residents move to his apartments. This statement raises several questions:

- How can he make such an affirmative statement? Does he already have a list of potential tenants from the community?
- Is he planning to offer the apartments to his employees at the Beach House, particularly those living in Haleiwa and Waialua?
- Is he willing to make this a condition of the boundary change? If he genuinely believes this, he should have no problem with it being a condition.

A financial fact from Hawaii Appleseed, published this July, is worth noting:

- In Hawaii, the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is $2,558. To afford this at no more than 30% of your income (a standard metric), you would need to earn $8,527 per month or $102,323 annually. Working as a sales person in a surf shop will not earn you that type of income.

According to the owner of a popular Haleiwa restaurant, his workers often share a place to afford the rent. He mentioned that they could not afford $2,800 on their own. So, how is this project affordable for the very people Mr. Andersen claims to be building for?

Finally, it has been suggested to the community that this change is no big deal, does not materially advance the project, or change the zoning. It has also been proposed to see if we can use Clean Water and Natural Lands funds to purchase the land (assuming Mr. Andersen even wants to sell). However, this single change will significantly increase the land's value and give him no incentive to sell to the community. He may sell, but to another developer for a much higher price.

Mahalo as always for your time and consideration.

Mālama ʻāina,

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Aloha Kākou Chair Tommy Waters & Council members,

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce hereby submits its testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to BILL 37 (2025) and requests that the Council members oppose the bill for the following reasons:

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce opposes the rezoning of agricultural land in the North Shore area, particularly historically productive land and prime ag land with A & B grade soils, such as the property in question. These lands should be used for agriculture. Development of these lands should be done only where necessary. Not only is this project not necessary, as Haleiwa does not need and the North Shore residents do not want another large commercial shopping center in Haleiwa, the proposed project for which the owner is requesting this reclassification, is likely to have serious negative effects on the community that have not been satisfactorily addressed and mitigated by the developer or the conditions contained in Bill 37.

Most notably, Haleiwa town does not have the infrastructure to support a new large residential development and large commercial shopping center. The small two-lane road through Haleiwa can already barely handle peak hour traffic. We currently have no sidewalks or walkways. There are very limited public parking and restroom facilities. And we have no municipal wastewater treatment facility and the highest density of septic tanks and cesspools on the island. Adding a new, large mixed-use development to Haleiwa town would only exacerbate these problems. The project, as proposed, and the Bill, do not appear to require any off-site improvements to address these impacts.

Past experience demonstrates that, although new developments are causing these impacts and/or exacerbating these pre-existing issues, for their own profit motive, the residents and City are often left to deal with mitigating the negative impacts of developments after-the-fact. In fact, there are two examples related to this developer – Sunset Beach Colony (Velzeyland) and the Haleiwa Beach House, which failed to provide the required beach access and park dedication rights to the City, and failed to comply with Special Management Area laws and wastewater regulations, respectively. The existing infrastructure inadequacies in the area should be resolved *before* another burden is heaped onto our already overburdened infrastructure, which was designed and built for the small rural town that Haleiwa was, not the popular tourist and lifestyle destination that it is now.

Additionally, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce is extremely concerned about the proposed layout and design of the project, which will significantly change the character of the town. Haleiwa is a historic, small town with mixed commercial and residential uses centered around a single main road, with predominantly commercial uses fronting Kamehameha Hwy. as it passes through Haleiwa and residential uses set back and behind those commercial uses. This historical development pattern is a significant part of the character of the town that is recognized and protected by the Haleiwa Special Design District. Despite the absence of sidewalks or walkways through much of Haleiwa, it is a very walkable town and its history, character, and charm are on display for everyone to see as they walk (or drive) through.

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However, the location of the proposed development, i.e. adjacent to the Haleiwa bypass road on a long narrow stretch of agricultural land behind the existing commercial and residential areas of Haleiwa town, will pull people off of the main street, away from the historic district and away from the established and longstanding businesses that are an essential part of the fabric of our community, and into a cookie cutter suburban-type development that is more befitting a master planned community like Mililani or Kapolei than a charming historic small beach town, like Haleiwa.

Finally, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce does not believe it is appropriate to amend the state land use district boundaries to convert this prime agricultural land into urban zoned land for the development of the proposed mixed use residential commercial development because there is simply no benefit to the community. The State land use classification system under HRS Chapter 205 is a primary tool used to protect our valuable agricultural land on the North Shore, prevent over-development and agricultural land speculation of these lands, and maintain the affordability of agricultural land for use for active and actual farming operations. The North Shore's character and history, and residents past and present, are deeply connected to and our identities interconnected with the agricultural land and lifestyle that the North Shore has been so well known for many generations. Even today, three decades after the closure of the Waialua Sugar mill, crop production, ranching, and other bona fide agricultural activity are still an important part of the economy of the North Shore.

These agricultural activities, which are essential to our community, are under constant pressure and existential threats from developers' speculative purchases of agricultural lands with the intention to hold it for future residential and/or commercial development. It is a well-known and well-reported fact that this is a major factor in the unaffordability of agricultural land. Approving the reclassification of this agricultural land, which was bought for the purposes of non-agricultural development and has never been used for agricultural purposes by this owner, would send the wrong signal. It would be an indication to every current and potential developer that our valuable agricultural lands can be purchased and stored at low agricultural tax rates for years or decades while producing nothing in the hopes of future development. These lands must be protected and one of the best ways to do so, is to ensure that agriculturally zoned land is only converted into these more intense residential and commercial uses when it is absolutely necessary. This development is not necessary. It does not benefit the community. It does not mitigate its impacts on areas outside the project or address longstanding issues that will be exacerbated by the intense urban use proposed. It is simply an additional burden on an already burdened system and a community that is already operating at peak tourist capacity. Without clearly defined benefits to the community and a clear demonstration of the necessity of the project, there is no reason to turn this valuable prime agricultural land behind Haleiwa town into a new suburban-type mixed use development.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our position.

With Aloha,
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No to Bill 37, dubious Haleiwa project

By Kathleen Pahinui, Mike Biechler and Earl Dahlin

The Star-Advertiser editorial board appears to support the misguided "Haleiwa Backyards" commercial and rental housing development project proposed by developer D.G. "Andy" Anderson ("Housing project solid for Haleiwa," Our View, July 11). City Council Bill 37 would change the state land use designation for his land from agriculture to urban.

Anderson is a former politician and long-time real estate developer with an uncanny ability to push unwanted development onto our community despite past violations, strong opposition and flawed applications.

This is an ill-conceived monster project – 30,000 sf commercial retail center, 160 rental units (three stories) and 536 parking spaces (some underground), based on a 10-year-old environmental review and outdated traffic analysis — slated for the heart of historic Haleiwa town. This out-ofplace and too-dense 7.52-acre project will forever change the rural character of Haleiwa and burden the North Shore with substantially more traffic, waste and congestion.

The Backyards project would never likely result in real "affordable" housing for local residents or the area workforce. If built, the project must meet the minimum city affordable housing requirement of 10% — meaning 16 units would be rented at $2,800 a month and 20% (31 units) would be at $3,800. The remaining 70% or 109 units would be at "market value." But even these numbers have changed since the presentation at the October 2024 North Shore Neighborhood Board presentation and could continue to change after Bill 37. In February 2024, the developer's own architect told the community that they were not building affordable housing. How can we believe that the need for truly affordable housing justifies this land use change when it is not even a condition of Bill 37?

We support affordable, workforce, senior and legacy plantation family housing in the right location. We hope the 350-unit "Mill Camp" development planned for the already-developed sugar mill area of Waialua, which historically hosted more than 300 homes for plantation workers, will be such a beneficial project.

The City Council has been told that passing Bill 37 is not a big deal because it just changes the state land use designation and the developer must come back for a city zoning. Yet, who benefits from Bill 37? Not the public.

City tax records indicate that Anderson purchased this agricultural- zoned parcel in 2014 for $1.9 million, 20 years after the Joseph P. Leong bypass was built and bisected former sugar

cane lands owned by Dole. In 2016, for tax purposes, he "dedicated" it as "vacant agriculture," dropping his tax-assessed value to only $856,200 and has since paid only $7,277 in annual property taxes to the city.

If Bill 37 passes, the potential resale value of his land will likely skyrocket. How does this business tactic align with our state and county policies to promote agriculture and food security?

A July 30 Star-Advertiser editorial-page item ("Haleiwa land-use shift moves forward," Off the News") calls those of us who have testified more than 1,000 times at City Council meetings in the past weeks and the 1,000-plus people who have signed a change.org petition (40% of whom reside outside the North Shore) against Bill 37, the "vocal NIMBY opposition."

If being a NIMBY means fighting to stop a bad project, to protect our town, the North Shore's rural quality of life, the culture and history of Haleiwa, and to "Keep the Country Country!" then we stand proudly together and say 'A'ole Backyards!

The final hearing on Bill 37 is scheduled before the City Council this Wednesday. We urge everyone who loves Haleiwa and the North Shore to contact their Council member to submit testimony for the final hearing and voice your opposition to the bill.

A "Keep It Country" sign is seen June 27 in Sunset Beach, echoing the sentiments of many in Haleiwa and the North Shore opposing Bill 37. JAMM AQUINO/
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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

August 6, 2025

To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council

Re: In Strong Support of Bill 37 (2025) CD1 - Haleiwa Backyards Workforce Housing Project – Zoning and State Land Use Boundary Amendment

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, representing over 6,000 hardworking men and women across the islands, submits this testimony in strong support of Bill 37 (2025), Committee Draft 1 (CD1), which reclassifies 7.292 acres within the Haleiwa Special District from the State Agricultural District to the Urban District.

This CD1 version of the bill strengthens the original measure by clarifying Council findings, aligning the action with established standards under ROH § 23-1.6, and confirming the land's suitability for low- to moderate-income workforce housing. The findings rightly emphasize the project's contribution to general welfare and its consistency with the Hawai'i State Plan, the O'ahu General Plan, and the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan.

This District Boundary Amendment **does** meet the standards and criteria set forth in **ROH § 23-1.6** – "Standards and criteria. All petitions for boundary amendments shall be reviewed from the perspective of: (1) Contribution to the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the county; (2) Whether a public issue, need, or problem presently exists to serve as a basis for the proposed amendment; and (3) Consistency with the Hawaii State plan and the county general plan. (Sec. 34-1.6, R.O. 1978 (1987 Supp. to 1983 Ed.)) (1990 Code, Ch. 26, Art. 1, § 26- 1.6)"

1. **Contribution to the General Welfare and Prosperity of the People of the County**
    - **Addresses the Housing Crisis**: O'ahu faces a severe shortage of housing, especially for working families. The project provides workforce and gap housing in a high-demand area, allowing local workers to live near their jobs rather than commuting from town or outer islands.

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- **Local Jobs and Economic Activity**: Construction and eventual operation will create jobs, local contracting opportunities, and small business retail spaces—supporting both short- and long-term prosperity.

2. **Public Issue, Need, or Problem**
    - **Lack of Affordable Workforce Housing on the North Shore:** The community has voiced concerns over rising rents, displacement, and a lack of housing for kamaʻāina. This project is a direct response to that documented need.
    - **UHERO & State Acknowledgment**: Reports like UHERO's confirm that regulatory and supply constraints contribute to unaffordable housing. This reclassification opens a logical infill site that could help relieve pressure on housing prices.
    - **Displacement Prevention**: Without new housing options, families are leaving the island or being forced into overcrowded or unstable living conditions. This project offers a locally targeted solution.

3. **Consistency with the Hawaiʻi State Plan and County General Plan**
    - **Smart Growth Inside Growth Boundaries**: The parcel is located *within the Community Growth Boundary* defined in the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, which allows for urban development when designed to support community needs.
    - **State Plan Goals Alignment:** The Hawaiʻi State Plan encourages the provision of affordable housing, reduction of urban sprawl, and utilization of underused lands near existing infrastructure—all of which this project fulfills.
    - **Transit-Oriented and Compact Development:** The project minimizes sprawl by building near existing roads and commercial centers. It avoids new subdivision of open land and instead reuses a transitional infill parcel.

This land is not a thriving agricultural field—it is fallow, surrounded by commercial activity and roadways, and disconnected from any broader food production system. Holding it hostage to a theoretical vision of farming does nothing to address the urgent need for housing on the North Shore.

Unlike other proposals, this project offers a path forward that prioritizes working families—especially local workers who commute hours to reach their jobs in the region. Workforce housing units offer something radical in today's market: stability for working people. This is not about luxury development—it's about giving teachers, police officers, and firefighters a fair shot at living near where they serve.

The opposition has pointed to high rent figures and conceptual plans—but that's precisely the point of the current phase: to set the groundwork so that meaningful affordability commitments and design specifics can be shaped through community engagement and future permitting. To delay or deny even this first step sends a message that local housing is not a real priority.

Opponents of this bill argue the proposed rents are too high. But let's be honest—Hawai'i's housing costs are not the fault of this single project. In fact, UHERO has found that **"regulatory restrictions—ranging from zoning limitations to the discretionary and unpredictable permitting process—add substantial cost and delay to housing development,"** making it harder and more expensive to build even modest homes.[1]

What this bill does is unlock land that is already surrounded by roads, businesses, and development, and put it to use for housing instead of letting it sit fallow under a zoning designation that hasn't resulted in meaningful food production. Hale'iwa Backyards is the only project actively trying to provide long-term workforce housing for local families who are being priced out of the North Shore.

We cannot demand affordable housing and then oppose every effort to create it. If we want prices to come down, we must increase supply—especially in areas where housing is needed most.

The opposition also points to the recent Tsunami Warning that prompted evacuation across all coastal areas and resulted in traffic gridlock.

1. Most of Hawai'i's Coastal Towns Are in Evacuation Zones and Always Have Been

- Over **80% of Hawai'i's population lives within a tsunami evacuation zone**, including major neighborhoods like Waikīkī, Kaka'ako, Downtown Honolulu, Kailua, Hilo, Lahaina, and Wailuku.
- We don't stop building in these areas — instead, we plan and prepare.
- Hale'iwa is a historic coastal town where housing is already deeply embedded within the evacuation zone. The proposed project is **infill**, not sprawl.

2. Risk Is Manageable Through Planning and Modern Design

- Building in the evacuation zone is **not prohibited** — it simply requires **mitigation**:
    - Clear evacuation signage
    - Early warning systems
    - Elevated or reinforced structures (where feasible)
    - Emergency evacuation planning

Footnote:

1. UHERO (University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization), "Measuring the Burden of Housing Regulation in Hawaii" (2024). See: https://uhero.hawaii.edu

- Every urbanized shoreline in Hawai‘i — from Waikīkī to Hanalei — follows these protocols.

3. The Housing Crisis Is an Everyday Emergency

- Tsunamis are rare. Hawai‘i has had only a handful of destructive events in the past century.
- Meanwhile, **families are displaced every day** because of housing unaffordability.
- Delaying or stopping workforce housing because of a **potential event**—without a realistic alternative inland—is ignoring the more pressing disaster: local people being priced out.

4. This Project Is a Smart Location Choice

- The Hale‘iwa Backyards site is:
    - Already inside the **Community Growth Boundary**
    - Surrounded by existing development (businesses, roads, utilities)
    - On land that has already been cleared and disturbed
- If we can’t build modest, workforce housing here—**in the most logical spot in town**—where can we build?

5. Evacuation Plans Can Be Improved — But Housing Shouldn’t Be Held Hostage

- The traffic gridlock from the July 2025 tsunami warning was a **failure of communication and traffic management**, not a reason to halt housing.
- Solutions include:
    - Traffic control plans
    - Tiered evacuation triggers (not blanket evacuations)
    - Better public education about who *actually* needs to evacuate
- We should **fix the system**, not punish working families who need a place to live.

Further, this bill includes safeguards—updated traffic analysis, limits on density, and conditions tied to zoning approval. Rejecting it now prevents us from even considering how to make this project better.

Our testimony also includes 13 residents from Haleiwa and Waialua as well as over 100 members of HRCC who all support this bill and this project.

For the reasons above, we respectfully urge you to pass Bill 37 (2025) CD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Mark Anthony Clemente
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I SUPPORT

* Bill 37 (2025), CD1
* The North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan as it calls for direct future residential development within the Community Growth Boundary, including new apartment districts adjacent to Haleiwa Town where increased densities that address affordability may be desired, subject to community and agency review.
* Providing a mix of housing types and prices to meet the needs of existing residents, including accommodation which are affordable to low- and moderate-income, gap group, and kupuna households.
* The Haleiwa Backyards LLC proposal to implement them.

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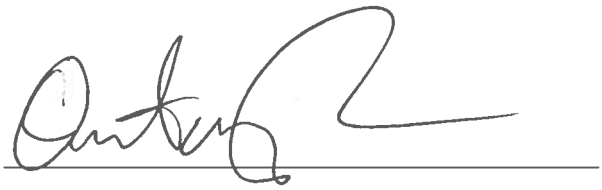
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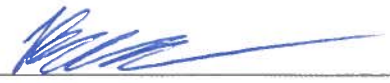
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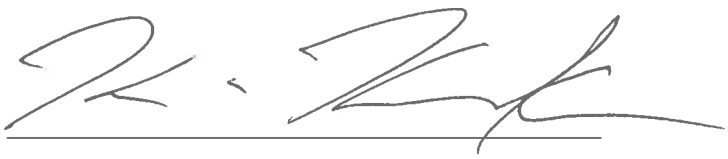
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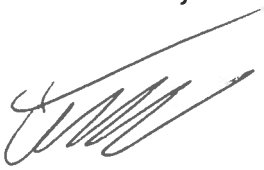
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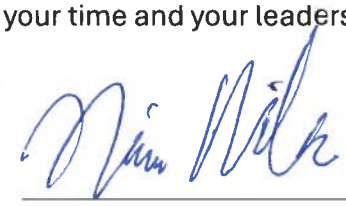
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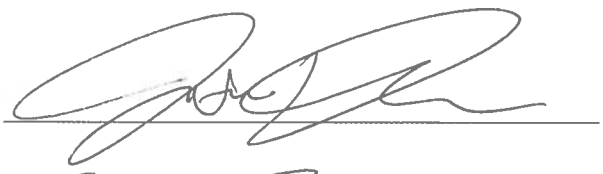
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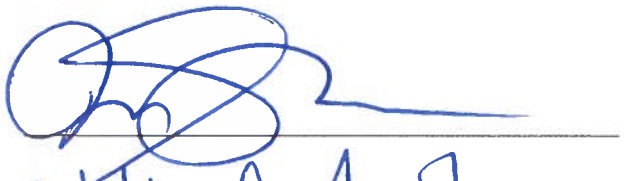
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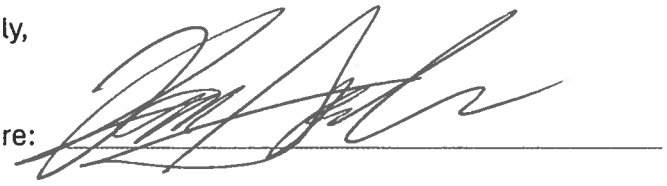
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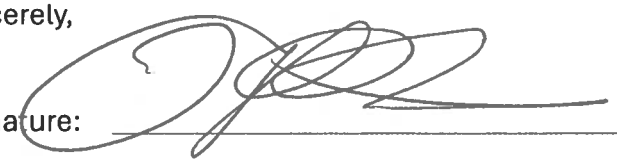
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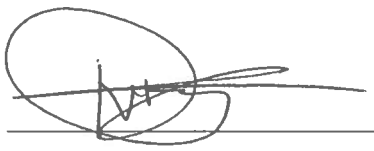
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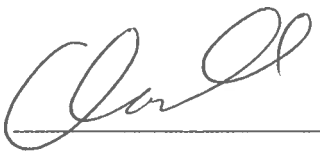
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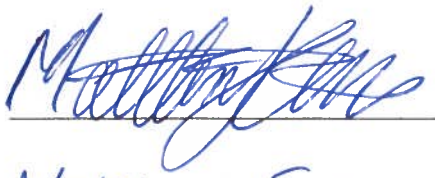
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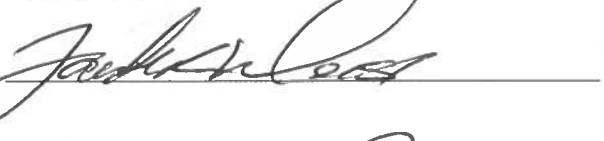
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RE: Bill 37 (2025) — To Amend Portions of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Haleʻiwa Quadrangle) From the Agricultural District to the Urban District for Certain Lands Situated in the Haleʻiwa Special District, Haleʻiwa, Oahu, Hawaiʻi

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the City Council,

My name is Trevor Nagamine, and I am a resident of Mililani. I am also a member of Neighborhood Board No. 25 (Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu); however, I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity, and this testimony does not reflect an official position of Neighborhood Board No. 25. I am writing today in support of Bill 37.

Bill 37 proposes to redesignate a parcel adjacent to Joseph P. Leong Highway in Haleʻiwa from the Agricultural Land Use District to the Urban Land Use District. This is consistent with the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, which places the subject parcel within the Haleʻiwa Community Growth Boundary. This redesignation would allow the parcel to be developed for housing, and will help address the extreme shortage of housing units on Oʻahu.

I respectfully ask that the City Council pass Bill 37. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Mahalo,

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To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
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Re: In Strong Support of Bill 37 (2025) CD1 - Haleiwa Backyards Workforce Housing Project – Zoning and State Land Use Boundary Amendment

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This CD1 version of the bill strengthens the original measure by clarifying Council findings, aligning the action with established standards under ROH § 23-1.6, and confirming the land's suitability for low- to moderate-income workforce housing. The findings rightly emphasize the project's contribution to general welfare and its consistency with the Hawai'i State Plan, the O'ahu General Plan, and the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan.

This District Boundary Amendment **does** meet the standards and criteria set forth in **ROH § 23-1.6** – "Standards and criteria. All petitions for boundary amendments shall be reviewed from the perspective of: (1) Contribution to the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the county; (2) Whether a public issue, need, or problem presently exists to serve as a basis for the proposed amendment; and (3) Consistency with the Hawaii State plan and the county general plan. (Sec. 34-1.6, R.O. 1978 (1987 Supp. to 1983 Ed.)) (1990 Code, Ch. 26, Art. 1, § 26- 1.6)"

1. **Contribution to the General Welfare and Prosperity of the People of the County**
    - **Addresses the Housing Crisis**: O'ahu faces a severe shortage of housing, especially for working families. The project provides workforce and gap housing in a high-demand area, allowing local workers to live near their jobs rather than commuting from town or outer islands.

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- **Local Jobs and Economic Activity**: Construction and eventual operation will create jobs, local contracting opportunities, and small business retail spaces—supporting both short- and long-term prosperity.

2. **Public Issue, Need, or Problem**
    - **Lack of Affordable Workforce Housing on the North Shore:** The community has voiced concerns over rising rents, displacement, and a lack of housing for kamaʻāina. This project is a direct response to that documented need.
    - **UHERO & State Acknowledgment**: Reports like UHERO's confirm that regulatory and supply constraints contribute to unaffordable housing. This reclassification opens a logical infill site that could help relieve pressure on housing prices.
    - **Displacement Prevention**: Without new housing options, families are leaving the island or being forced into overcrowded or unstable living conditions. This project offers a locally targeted solution.

3. **Consistency with the Hawaiʻi State Plan and County General Plan**
    - **Smart Growth Inside Growth Boundaries**: The parcel is located *within the Community Growth Boundary* defined in the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan, which allows for urban development when designed to support community needs.
    - **State Plan Goals Alignment:** The Hawaiʻi State Plan encourages the provision of affordable housing, reduction of urban sprawl, and utilization of underused lands near existing infrastructure—all of which this project fulfills.
    - **Transit-Oriented and Compact Development:** The project minimizes sprawl by building near existing roads and commercial centers. It avoids new subdivision of open land and instead reuses a transitional infill parcel.

This land is not a thriving agricultural field—it is fallow, surrounded by commercial activity and roadways, and disconnected from any broader food production system. Holding it hostage to a theoretical vision of farming does nothing to address the urgent need for housing on the North Shore.

Unlike other proposals, this project offers a path forward that prioritizes working families—especially local workers who commute hours to reach their jobs in the region. Workforce housing units offer something radical in today's market: stability for working people. This is not about luxury development—it's about giving teachers, police officers, and firefighters a fair shot at living near where they serve.

The opposition has pointed to high rent figures and conceptual plans—but that's precisely the point of the current phase: to set the groundwork so that meaningful affordability commitments and design specifics can be shaped through community engagement and future permitting. To delay or deny even this first step sends a message that local housing is not a real priority.

Opponents of this bill argue the proposed rents are too high. But let's be honest—Hawai'i's housing costs are not the fault of this single project. In fact, UHERO has found that **"regulatory restrictions—ranging from zoning limitations to the discretionary and unpredictable permitting process—add substantial cost and delay to housing development,"** making it harder and more expensive to build even modest homes.[1]

What this bill does is unlock land that is already surrounded by roads, businesses, and development, and put it to use for housing instead of letting it sit fallow under a zoning designation that hasn't resulted in meaningful food production. Hale'iwa Backyards is the only project actively trying to provide long-term workforce housing for local families who are being priced out of the North Shore.

We cannot demand affordable housing and then oppose every effort to create it. If we want prices to come down, we must increase supply—especially in areas where housing is needed most.

The opposition also points to the recent Tsunami Warning that prompted evacuation across all coastal areas and resulted in traffic gridlock.

1. Most of Hawai'i's Coastal Towns Are in Evacuation Zones and Always Have Been

- Over **80% of Hawai'i's population lives within a tsunami evacuation zone**, including major neighborhoods like Waikīkī, Kaka'ako, Downtown Honolulu, Kailua, Hilo, Lahaina, and Wailuku.
- We don't stop building in these areas — instead, we plan and prepare.
- Hale'iwa is a historic coastal town where housing is already deeply embedded within the evacuation zone. The proposed project is **infill**, not sprawl.

2. Risk Is Manageable Through Planning and Modern Design

- Building in the evacuation zone is **not prohibited** — it simply requires **mitigation**:
    - Clear evacuation signage
    - Early warning systems
    - Elevated or reinforced structures (where feasible)
    - Emergency evacuation planning

Footnote:

1. UHERO (University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization), "Measuring the Burden of Housing Regulation in Hawaii" (2024). See: https://uhero.hawaii.edu

- Every urbanized shoreline in Hawai‘i — from Waikīkī to Hanalei — follows these protocols.

3. The Housing Crisis Is an Everyday Emergency

- Tsunamis are rare. Hawai‘i has had only a handful of destructive events in the past century.
- Meanwhile, **families are displaced every day** because of housing unaffordability.
- Delaying or stopping workforce housing because of a **potential event**—without a realistic alternative inland—is ignoring the more pressing disaster: local people being priced out.

4. This Project Is a Smart Location Choice

- The Hale‘iwa Backyards site is:
    - Already inside the **Community Growth Boundary**
    - Surrounded by existing development (businesses, roads, utilities)
    - On land that has already been cleared and disturbed
- If we can’t build modest, workforce housing here—**in the most logical spot in town**—where can we build?

5. Evacuation Plans Can Be Improved — But Housing Shouldn’t Be Held Hostage

- The traffic gridlock from the July 2025 tsunami warning was a **failure of communication and traffic management**, not a reason to halt housing.
- Solutions include:
    - Traffic control plans
    - Tiered evacuation triggers (not blanket evacuations)
    - Better public education about who *actually* needs to evacuate
- We should **fix the system**, not punish working families who need a place to live.

Further, this bill includes safeguards—updated traffic analysis, limits on density, and conditions tied to zoning approval. Rejecting it now prevents us from even considering how to make this project better.

Our testimony also includes 13 residents from Haleiwa and Waialua as well as over 100 members of HRCC who all support this bill and this project.

For the reasons above, we respectfully urge you to pass Bill 37 (2025) CD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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I SUPPORT

* Bill 37 (2025), CD1
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* The Haleiwa Backyards LLC proposal to implement them.

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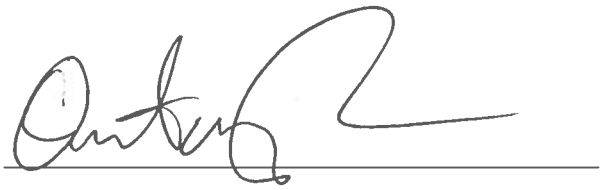
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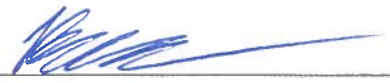
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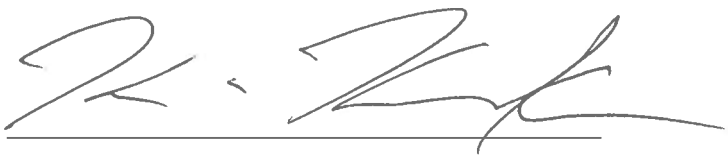
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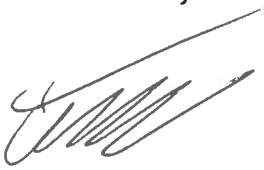
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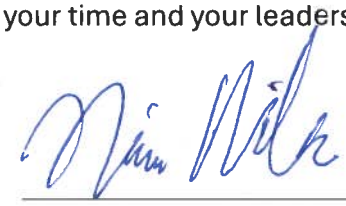
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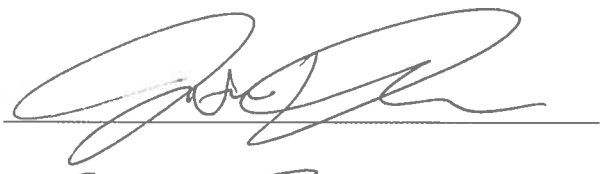
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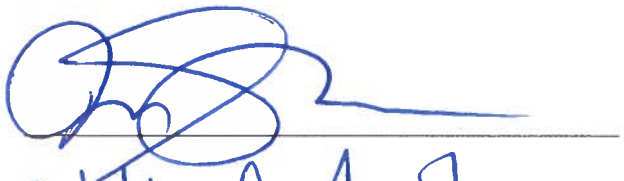
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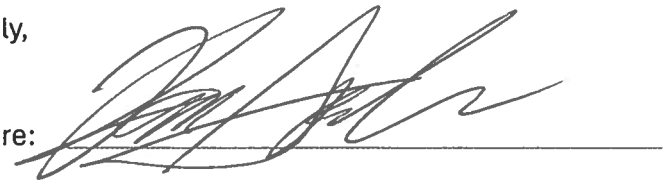
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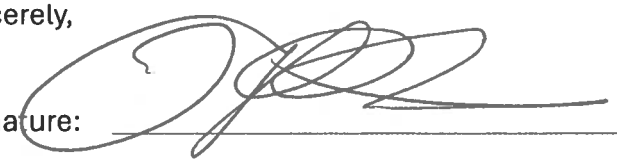
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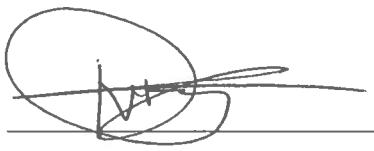
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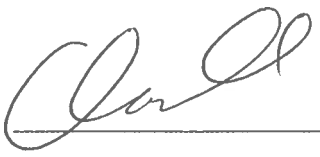
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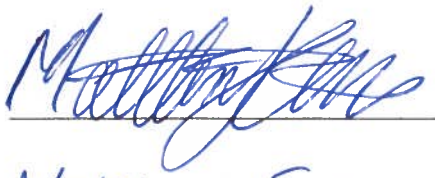
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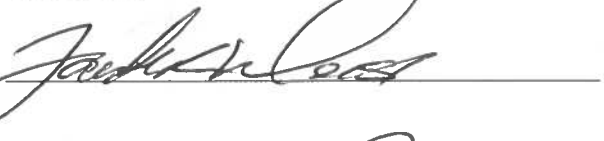
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Bill037 – Opposition Statement

Haleiwa is a small, historic community with limited infrastructure. The narrow roads and the town’s existing layout cannot support additional development without severe consequences. Traffic is already so congested that residents struggle to reach their jobs, schools, and essential services. More development would only worsen these problems, eroding the character of the community and diminishing the quality of life for those who live here.

Thank you,
Erin Murphy
Community member in Haleiwa, HI
59-076 Kahae Rd, Haleiwa, HI 96712

August 6, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee.

My name is Lori Hiratani Rough, I live in Waialua, and I am testifying today in opposition to rezoning the Haleiwa Quadrangle to allow for the development of "Haleiwa Backyards" by developer Andy Anderson.

While I am not opposed to developing low- and middle-income affordable housing for Hawaii residents, I am opposed to changing the rural, agricultural nature of my beloved town of Haleiwa.

I am also opposed to this development due to the increased traffic it will create on the roads that are already overcrowded with cars. On July 29, 2025, when we had to evacuate for the tsunami, it took us three hours to drive from my home to Pearl City! No exaggeration! The North Shore does not have the roads to handle emergency evacuations. Adding more cars will only exacerbate the problem.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Lori Hiratani Rough

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