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Kauai County Planning Commission and Director Dahilig  
General Plan Update  
4444 Rice Street, Lihue, HI 96766

Aloha Planning Commissioners and Planning Director Dahilig

January 24, 2017

RE: Testimony for the General Plan Update.

Aloha Commissioners and Director Dahilig. We are writing regarding your presentation and educational workshop concerning the Departmental Draft of the update, scheduled for January 31, 2017.

Our board unanimously agreed to submit this testimony regarding portions of the plan that directly affect our South Kauai. We support the recently approved South Kauai Form-Based code and South Kauai Community Plan as the guideline for the future of our area. This is a valuable plan to guide the future of development, land and treasures in South Kauai.

We are concerned that the Pa'a and Maha'ulepu ahupua'a are not mentioned in the General Plan. We have a serious concern for this area's future and submit the following highlights of those concerns:

- We believe that both the Pa'a and Maha'ulepu ahupua'a, be clearly defined as sensitive and historically rich areas which are unique to Kauai and must be protected from any activities that would change their character.
- All residential, commercial or any other building should be prohibited and limited to that proposed on the South Kauai Community Plan.
- Agricultural activities should be limited to common Horticultural production, natural in nature and exclude algae. They are all classified as "Prime" or "other Important" agricultural lands on the South Kauai Community Plan.
- Animal husbandry should be banned from these areas, particularly large scale, high density activity such as the proposed Dairy Farm currently being scrutinized by the community.
- As climate changes occur, return resort and other coastline development to its original, natural state.
- Our concerns for the above generally include environmental impacts such as
  - Contamination to the deep wells which provide our drinking water
  - Surface water contamination leaching into the deep water source
  - Surface water contamination of the shoreline and reef system.
  - Erosion contamination of the shoreline and reef system
  - Social and Economic impacts of chemical usage, odors, dust, and other impacts associated with high volume agriculture and land development.

- Preservation of Kauai most special places where residents and visitors may enjoy the history and heritage of these places going back 100s of years in the present and million years of geological artifacts.
- Preservation of the traditional practices for our host and local culture who have been raised and taught in these areas through many generations.

We urge the Planning Commission to add some language to this General Plan Update which will plan a way for the future protection and scrutiny of these most special and irreplaceable areas of South Kauai.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeri A. Di Pietro".

Jeri Di Pietro, President