

To the Planning Department: <PlanningDepartment@kauai.gov>
Subject: Proposed JME Ventures LLC 164 Apartment Complex in Koloa
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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have lived in Koloa for the past 20 years. We have enjoyed the rural, historical atmosphere of our community and have been saddened to see it becoming more and more commercialized. Now, it is under threat to be completely destroyed if this project is approved.

In addition to the multiple flaws in this proposal, we strongly oppose it for the following reasons.

Koloa is currently zoned "rural R6." It has one narrow 2 lane main road and significant traffic. This will be greatly exacerbated if this project is approved. There is NO infrastructure to support it. Nor do we want there to be. Tourists, the town's economic base, are attracted to Koloa precisely because of its rural nature. Once this is destroyed, they will no longer come and the town will suffer significant economic loss.

Proponents of development often accuse opponents of not wanting others to share what they have. This is completely untrue. What we oppose is the destruction of what we have, in which case, no one will be able to enjoy it.

We recognize the need for additional, affordable housing. The question is: Where should it be?? There are many sites better suited to this type of development than Koloa. We strongly believe that they should be built in areas that already have higher density and NOT in rural areas. We do NOT want our island to become another Honolulu! Our island's future is in your hands. Please do the right thing for us.

PLEASE reconsider withholding approval for this project as well as any similar others the may be submitted in the future.

Thank you,

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