

Aloha, everyone,

My name is Danee McFarr and I live on Ama`u Road in District 5 of HPP. I retired here three years ago, expecting a quiet life in a beautiful community within walking distance of the ocean cliffs, where I go every day. I wouldn't have to deal with a condo board, as I did on Oahu, only a road maintenance organization. Then I learned that the board of this organization is making plans beyond the scope of paving and maintaining roads. They are planning massive "mailbox parks," as they are referred to on the HPPOA website. Not the kind of park you first think of, is it? Not like the one we are still waiting for the County to install—"a large public green area used for recreation." It CAN be called a "park" under another definition: "an area devoted to a specific purpose, such as an industrial park."

Of course, most people who live here want a mailbox and have been waiting a very long time for one. We understand that the postal service will not deliver to individual homes, but they do deliver to roadside cluster boxes. I support a plan that the postal service approved in 2018, to add more roadside cluster boxes to accommodate everyone living here.

This is a quote from:

**Postal Operations Manual (POM)**

**631.441 Delivery Requirements**

*(not read):* CBU's and USPS STD 4C equipment may be approved for use at one or more central delivery points in a residential housing community. The local postal manager must approve the mailbox sites and type of equipment.

*(Following is read):* **Boxes must be safely located so that customers are not required to travel an unreasonable distance to obtain their mail and to provide sufficient access to mailbox locations. Normally, within one block of the residence is appropriate.**

Because there are no proposed mailbox sites between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the highway, and the plan is to move all roadside boxes to four mailbox sites, a majority of lot owners will have to drive further from their homes—up to seven miles roundtrip!

Another major concern is the potential for criminal activity. Each site, on slightly less than one acre, will house more than 2000 boxes. Rows and rows of boxes, with plenty of places for criminals to hide while committing crimes, including mailbox vandalism, assault and robbery. Elderly residents, especially women, who I have spoken to about this, are particularly concerned for their safety.

I strongly advise the board to not proceed with this very unpopular plan and to leave it to HPP homeowners to work with the postal service to come up with a plan—a plan that will serve the needs of the community and which will align with postal service policies regarding reasonable travel distance for their customers to obtain their mail.

Then the board can get back to their first order of business for HPP lot owners, ROADS.

Mahalo.

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