

Aloha e HPPOA and all those present,

My name is Nainoa Rosehill, My 'ohana comes from the 'ili of Mokuhulu in the ahupua'a of Kaimū. But we have been living here on the border of Kea'au and Waikahekahe in so-called HPP now for more than 10 years.

I stand here today as a proxy for the 57 Hawaiian families with ties to Puna, as well as settler homeowners in the area, who gave me permission to speak on their behalf in support of the preservation of Koolauo. I stand here also as 'ōiwi to this land of Puna, with great concern for the indigenous histories of this place.

We, the Native Hawaiian families residing in Waikahekahe (iki and nui), Kea'au, and Maku'u, and community members with generational, subsistent, cultural, and/or professional interest in the Puna district, both native and settler, urge the Board of Directors of the HPPOA to follow through on the initial recommendations made by Paul Rosendahl, PhD in 1985; which were also integrated into the HPP Master Plan as early as 1997; and conduct a formal, ethical, Archaeological Survey on the 31-Acre Waikahekahe Preservation Site- we call upon the board to follow through on the agreement made in May— that the HPPOA will take financial accountability for its ongoing failures.

We strongly support preservation of the 31-acre cultural/archaeological preservation features in Waikahekahe and other locations of HPP. This site, with its multiple contributing features is rare in developed communities (even here in Puna), and can become a place of learning, community stewardship, and of honoring the historic landscape upon which we live—passing a legacy on to future generations. It is my personal belief, that It is an insult to the indigenous peoples of this land, to take steps towards productive action and then to rescind your commitment in favor of prolonging what has already been decades of inaction and deafened ears.

We as a community will support the Preservation of Koolauo for the future generations of all our 'Ohana, to protect Puna and its vast cultural heritage from desecration. We demand now, and will continue to demand moving forward, that the HPPOA commits itself to that same cause.

Maka'u ka hana hewa i ka uka o Puna

transgressions, lies, deceit, do not go unanswered here in Puna.

Mahalo for the opportunity to speak