

Aloha – I come to you as a Native Hawaiian with part of my 'ohana originating here in Puna—my great, great grandfather Samuel Kauhanehonokawailani Mahoe was born in Ko'ae, Puna. While my Kūpuna took on work that required they leave Puna, the land and wahi pana have remained a part of our 'ohana over the generations; and my ancestors are buried in these lands. Fortunately, there are other 'ohana who have remained on the land and whose voices carry cultural 'ike (knowledge). Over the years we as native people have given up enough, it is time for us to stand strong in protection of our 'āina and wahi pana.

We strongly support the efforts of Lanell Lua Dillard being on the HPP Board and as Chair of the Cultural Preservation Committee. We thank her for all her efforts and leadership.

As cultural practitioners of traditional lei making, kapa making, and the use of natural dyes; we also stress the importance of growing native material on our land and protecting the forests. In addition to the native plants, we are growing fruits and vegetables as a way of helping to feed our family.

On a different subject, because our home in HPP is located on a busy corner of Paradise Drive, a short distance from the Community Fire Station, we witness every day, and sometimes multiple times in one day, the hardworking HPP EMT and Fire crew. They are always being called upon to help others. My family and I want to acknowledge all they do and make sure they are receiving the thanks and support they deserve. Mahalo for all they do for us.

If there is anything we can do to get them additional help. please support their efforts and know how much we appreciate them.

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Aloha mai kākou,

HPPOA 6.21.23 Mtg. 6pm

My name is Kalena Blakemore, I am 'ōiwi, a Native Hawaiian resident of Puna with ancestral roots to this 'āina pre-European contact and colonial occupation. My ten-years as an archaeologist in Cultural Resource Management at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park led me to serve on the Hawaii Island Burial Council representing Puna. I also work for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as the land manager for Wao Kele o Puna Forest Reserve.

I'm here tonight in response to a kāhea (calling) from 'ōiwi community members and the Cultural Preservation Committee, who are concerned about the village site known as "Koolauo" in the ahupua'a of Waikahekahe. Discussion of developing a golf course, shopping center, and a water park name just a few proposed plans that have triggered these concerns.

In 1977, this 'āina was granted to Paradise Hui Hanalike with specific guidance for the grantee regarding development of these parcels. In 1985, Rosendahl, observed significant archaeological remains with potential scientific research and interpretive value. His recommendation was to 1) preserve in place and 2) prepare a comprehensive inventory of the remains present. Nearly 40 years have passed and there has been no Archaeology Inventory Survey.

The AIS is mandatory for the of State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and County permitting before anyone can even begin to entertain such a development in a cultural preserve.

The HPP Community Master Plan (~~2005;section 3.2~~) states, "A community-based planning effort can only be successful if the community is allowed to participate in the implementation of any plan approved by the County." The actions being proposed by HPPOA require your subcommittees to organize and implement public information, news releases, and public information meetings.

My main point for being here tonight is to ask the board to engage in community-based stewardship, to provide a seat at the table for our 'ōiwi voice. I understand the board has at least 8 various subcommittees and directors who are tasked with specific kuleana.

Membership and Title on a HPPOA committee does not grant you authority for sole decision-making processes. If community voice is not allowed, invited, or cultivated for future development and 'āina stewardship...then trust issues, and conflict will arise. This is why I am here tonight. The kāhea is regarding the lack of transparency, trust and potential hidden agendas that leave 'ōiwi community hurt, betrayed and unheard.

My recommendations to the board are:

- to recognize and work with the Waikahekahe Cultural Preservation Committee (WCPC), a community-based organization comprised of Native Hawaiian families with generational ties to Puna, and residents of HPP subdivisions.
- Use the Monthly Newsletter to convey the timeline for the AIS, funding, and details that answer the community concerns. And finally to,
- ~~Utilize an~~ archaeology firm that employs excellent 'ōiwi staff, ASM Affiliates, Nohopapa Hawaii are two-

This ōlelo no'eau from Tutu Pukui speaks to this kāhea and the boards mission:

**He Ali'i ka 'Āina, He kauwā ke kanaka** – *The Land is a Chief; man is its servant.*

We the kanaka serve and steward the land, that is our kuleana! The meaning of Hui Hanalike is to work together as a community.

Mahalo nui ā aloha ahiahi

June 19, 2023

HPPOA Board of Directors:

My name is Karen J. Kelly and I am a homeowner, who has been residing on 31st off of Paradise Dr since 1989. For the past 35 years I have received my mail via the mailbox cluster located between 31st and 30th Avenues on Paradise Drive.

Per your proposed "Mailbox Site Plans", my new pick up site will require me to drive 4.5 miles (roundtrip), six days per week, to retrieve my mail. As a Senior citizen, who is accustomed to just walking around the corner to pick up my mail, your new locations are an extreme inconvenience to me and many HPP Seniors, especially those without cars who have to walk to get their mail. This is especially true for all of those residents who live in the upper sections of HPP.

In 2018 the USPS Approved an Alternative Plan which allows the Clusters to remain where they currently are, but pushes them further back into the easement. This would allow for more Boxes to these locations and, at the same time, would allay many of the current safety concerns. Additionally, more Cluster Boxes could be installed in the lower part of HPP to accommodate for the increase of resident population.

Finally, I am Opposed to spending \$650,000 of our Road Maintenance Fees to pay for the relocation of HPP Mailbox Clusters. Especially when the Deed Restrictions of the four, 20 acre lots, Does Not allow for mailbox site use. The Deed specifies Land Usage on the 20 acre parcels to be restricted for only schools, parks

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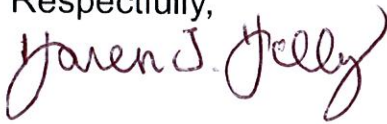


and recreational sites. To try to use the land differently will most assuredly lead to an expensive and time consuming Court battle.

Therefore, I am Opposed to the relocation of our mail Cluster Boxes for the reasons stated above.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



Karen J. Kelly

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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

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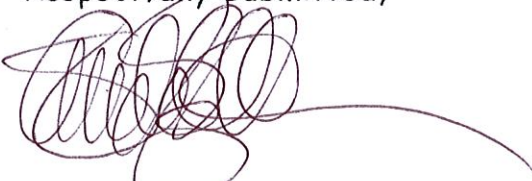
I have recently returned home to Hawaii after being on the Mainland. I chose not to return to O'ahu but rather decided to move to Hawaii Island, and specifically Hawaiian Paradise Park, because I wanted to be in the country rather than the city. I would rather not see the development of a shopping center. It was not the intent of the Watanabes to have that type of development in the Park, certainly not on the scale proposed by the Land Use Committee for the 31-acre controlled by the ownership corp, HPPOA.

It is not clear to me why two (2) committees are in direct conflict with each other regarding the 31-acre parcel. The Cultural Preservation Committee on the other hand is working toward preserving the land. I understand that in 1985 a recommendation was made to the BOD to perform a formal Archaeological Inventory Survey of the parcel. This has not been done in all these years and should be done! It seems to me that these two committee's should be cooperating/ collaborating with each other.

I strongly support the preservation of the 31-acre site for cultural and archaeological preservation reasons. I encourage the HPPOA BOD voting to conduct a formal Archaeological Inventory Survey.

If funding is an issue, then it is my opinion that ARTICLE VIII SECTION 8 (p) of the HPPOA ByLaws be put on the next board meeting agenda and voted for to provide the vehicle to fund a formal Archaeological Inventory Survey under the Cultural Preservation Committee as the overseer of the project.

Respectfully Submitted,



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