COUNTY OF KAUA'I, PLANNING DEPARTMENT 4444 RICE STREET, LIHUE, KAUAI, HAWAII 96766

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

DATE:

January 12, 2021

TO:

Planning Commission

FROM:

Clerk of the Commission

SUBJECT:

2nd Addition to the Planning Commission 1/12/2021 Agenda

G. HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Continued Public Hearing

- a. Kaua'i County Council
 - 4. Testimony (1/11/21) from Caren Diamond.

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Testimony CD ZA-2021-1 Additional Uses in the Agriculture Zoning District

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Aloha, please distribute attached testimony ZA-2021-1 Additional Uses in the Agriculture Zoning District. Mahalo, Caren Diamond

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County of Kauai Planning Commission c/o County Planning Department 4444 Rice Street, Suite 473 Lihue, HI 96766 January 11, 2021

Re: ZA-2021-1 (Additional Uses in the Agriculture Zoning District)

Aloha Planning Commissioners,

I am in support ZA-2021-1 with the exception of allowing restaurants to be on agriculture lands as an outright permitted use. Please consider deleting the following restaurants and food service from the allowable uses of Agriculture lands.

'Restaurant and food services' means a retail business selling ready-to-eat food and/or beverages for on or off-premise consumption. These include eating establishments where customers are served from a walk-up ordering counter for either on or off-premise consumption ("counter service") and establishments where customers are served food at their tables for on premise consumption ("table service") that may also provide food for take-out, but does not include drive through services, which are separately defined and regulated.

This would be in conflict with sensible farm stand regulations that require the products sold to be produced on the subject property. This would unnecessarily open up Agriculture lands to restaurant use with no associated agricultural use. Please amend this proposed bill by removing restaurant and food services from the allowable uses proposed. If the Commission is inclined to approve this kind of expanded use, please amend to require 90% of the food served must be sourced on the subject farm. Any restaurant or food service establishment use allowed on agriculture lands should be ancillary to the farm use and consistent with the requirements of a Agriculture retail stand.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes,

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