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January 10, 2024

Public testimony received by the Planning Department less than 24 hours prior to the January 9, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

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**From:** Tracy Medeiros <tracymedeiros@medeirosconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2024 6:16 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Subdivision application No. S-2024-6

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Dear Kauai Planning and Commission Members, I am writing as a resident and community member of Kauai County to express my profound opposition to subdivision application No. S-2024-6, proposed for the area extending from Lawai Beach Resort to the harbor. This development raises critical issues that, in my opinion, require immediate and thoughtful consideration.

The foremost concern pertains to the preservation of one of our last local beaches, a cherished space not currently dominated by resorts or short-term housing. This development endangers crucial aspects of our community, namely Kapuna access, local fishing traditions, and safety, exacerbated by the anticipated increase in traffic.

Additionally, the implications of such a development for the long-term well-being of residents are deeply troubling. Potential strains on our local infrastructure, the apparent lack of public consultation, and potential impacts on our cherished local wildlife demand thorough examination. In an era where the need for local housing is paramount, prioritizing developments that serve the interests of residents over external requests from entities like Pinkston and BBCCP is essential.

The apparent absence of transparency and community engagement in the planning process is also a matter of significant concern. To my knowledge, there has been minimal opportunity for public opposition or input thus far. The need for comprehensive public consultation, including more informational public meetings and opportunities for community feedback, is critical.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to consider the following:

1. Extensive Public Consultation.
2. Detailed Environmental Impact Studies.
3. Comprehensive Traffic Assessments.
4. Ensuring Community Access and Use.
5. Prioritization and Better Allocation of Resources towards Local Housing Needs.

While I recognize the necessity of thoughtful development in Kauai, such developments must align with the genuine needs of our community. The current need is not for more resorts but for affordable, long-term housing solutions that enable multi-generational residents to build and own homes. Therefore, I implore you to reconsider the approval of subdivision application No. S-2024-6, considering the substantial long-term impacts on our community and environment.

I appreciate your consideration of these matters and am open to further discussion. I also request to be kept informed about the progress and decisions regarding this application.

Thank you for your time and service to our community. Sincerely, Tracy Medeiros



Tracy Medeiros

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**From:** Kanaloa Jones <kvnjns260@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2024 8:07 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
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Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jones

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**From:** Leilani Josselin <leilanjosselin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2024 8:24 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Kukuiula: subdivision application No. D-2024-6

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To the very few it concerns,

I am NOT in support of the residential selling of Kukuiula Boat Ramp and its adjacent properties. With the current development growth of Poipu area, the plans for this area will be detrimental to the environment including the ocean and land area. As economical gains for both county and private owners are trumping the sustainable growth of the land here. Emergency and residential infrastructure is not ready for this type of growth and I advise reconsideration of the harbor areas that allows a local boating culture to be recognized.

Best Regards,

Leilani Josselin  
4549 Panhihi Road  
Kapaa, HI 96746

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**From:** Mary Rice <maryrmgmt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 5:08 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Cc:** David Rice  
**Subject:** We are OPPOSED to Subdivision application No. S-2024-6

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Please note our OPPOSITION to subdivision application No S-2024-6 and the zoning, approval and /or any and all building of dwellings, residences or structures being proposed in this application or on these lands.

Please note our objection in the official record for this proposed application/project.

Thank you  
David and Mary Rice  
5227 Kainani Place  
Koloa, Hi

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**From:** Lauren Rice <lauren.m.rice@duke.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 5:50 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Opposition to subdivision application No S-2024-6

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Thank you  
Lauren Rice  
5227 Kainani Place  
Koloa, Hi

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**From:** Melissa Tomlinson <mel\_tomlinson@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:46 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Subdivision Application No.-S-2024-6

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Good morning,

I've been made aware today that this application is being reviewed and I wanted to write in opposition to it's progress. Please do not approve this project. I'm not Kānaka. I don't even live in Hawai'i, but I love Hawai'i nei. Since I first visited in 2017, through social media, I have been witness to many of the harmful occurrences that have been ongoing there. This is not what is best for the island of Kaua'i. Please protect Koloa Boat Harbor from greedy developers that are heavily invested in cultural genocide, ecocide, and structural racism i.e. Pinkston/Kukui'ula. Greed is not what will protect the future children of Kaua'i. This space must remain for them! Tourism is going to fail Hawai'i because it's directly linked to the problems humanity is facing. Relying on elitism to forge forward is a losing hand and detrimental to the entire population of the islands, not to mention it is violent to anyone outside its class. Do what is Pono and do not approve this project. Protect the land from harmful developments such as this. I really wish more then anything that the voice of the natives speaking together, the voice of the descendants of that place were adhered to so much more. It's really disgusting to witness how the many councils across the islands do not listen to the history and truth of the islands or if they do somehow it's brushed aside as if inconsequential. They do not hear the land literally speaking through them and instead use force via authoritarianism and false fronts of democracy, this project is approved would be yet an example of just that. The amount witnessing this so many times over has impacted my life and it aches my heart ever more to know just how much I couldn't fathom it's effects unto Kānaka Maoli/O'īwi over decades and decades.

Strongly Opposes pretty sure Kaua'i does too

-exploitation needs to come to an end in all forms

Sincerely,

Melissa Tomlinson  
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Lafayette, CA 94549  
(925) 917-1472

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**From:** marc Esposito <espo7@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:54 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** opposed to any change at kukui ula harbor

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I am writing to express my opposition to the changes proposed at Kukui Ula harbor. This is a great locals area to access the ocean and fishing and kayaking and picnicking at the harbor.

Thank you  
Marc Esposito  
Ohana Sports Medicine

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**From:** haole\_boy\_ben <haole\_boy\_ben@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:10 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Subdivision application No.S-2024-6

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Please stop giving away the land to wealthy people. I build the houses in Kukuiula, I know that they don't even live there. We know kukuiula is an opportunity zone so let's treat it that way. They're just here for the tax dump, they don't care about this island. My son has been fishing and diving there his whole life along with many other locals. Many people fear you are creating a hostility that will not be reversed. Make decisions for people that ACTUALLY LIVE HERE!

Sent from my Galaxy

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**From:** Leiana Alejandro <leiana.alejandro@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:00 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Subdivision application NO. S-2024-6

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I do not approve this in any way. By following through with any of this takes a lot away from the locals and does not contribute to the community in any way. Kukui'ula harbor has been a day where me and my family are able to enjoy our island and ourselves ever since i was a baby and now i get to enjoy it with my children. I believe all the Hawaiian islands should prioritize its locals before anyone else. We are the ones who care about sustaining our islands beauty... not those that are wanting to build and destroy it.

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**From:** Danny Sangenito <danny@pacbuildhawaii.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:04 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Subdivision application No. S-2024-6

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Hello,

I have a strong opposition to Kukui'ula Harbor being taken away from the community and handed over to the "elite" members of Kukui'ula.

This needs to remain part of the Ohana Aina and not another rich tourist attraction.

DANNY SANGENITO  
PROJECT MANAGER, PAC BUILD  
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**From:** Stephanie Iona <s.iona@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:11 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Cc:** Laurel Loo  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meridian Pacific Letter of Support for Planning Commission  
**Attachments:** Meridian Pacific letter of support.pdf

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Thank you for allowing this testimony for this day. Due to a conflict in my schedule I am unable to appear in person and respectfully ask that my letter be provided to the Planning Commissioners in support of S2024-6 Parcel HH subdivision.

With Aloha and Mahalo.

**From:** Stephanie Iona <stephanieiona808@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 9, 2024 at 7:55:45 AM HST  
**To:** s.iona@icloud.com  
**Subject: Meridian Pacific Letter of Support for Planning Commission**

Stephanie Iona

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

To: Ka'aina Hull, Planning Director

Kaua'i County Planning Commissioners

From: Stephanie Iona

Re: Meridian Pacific S-2024-6 Parcel HH Subdivision

Apologize for the late submittal of my testimony of SUPPORT for this measure before the Commission today as it pertains to the subject matter of this subdivision for Meridian Pacific and its partner Kukuiula Development.

Years ago Tom Shigemoto invited many community leaders to the opening of the Kukuiula vision for a residential development that would include amenities for their residents, but also feature a shopping complex with restaurants, retail and health components to service the south shore. Tom shared A&B would be sensitive to the housing component as they reached out to developers that would understand their mission in growing this special residential area with their key benchmarks for a quality lifestyle of its owners, and mindful of their "sense of place" for their growth.

Meridian Pacific is a developer that the present ownership is confident with the goals that were established then, and now ,for the future growth of the South shore and Kauai as a whole will be guaranteed.

Your kind consideration IN SUPPORT of the subdivision process is appreciated.

Stephanie Iona

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**From:** Aston Carbonel <surfwrecks@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:27 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** S-2024-6 opposition

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Aloha,

This is a email of opposition against proposed subdivision application s-2024-6 in kukuiula. My family is multi generational users of the harbor area for boating, fishing and recreation and myself a kanaka to Hawaii nei. This project proposed more development for the wealthy and can be considered as the next Hawaii Kai of Kauai. We don't need and want this type of place on our island and in the area that I was raised. The continued over development of this place with disregard to the cultural and historical significance has surpassed the maximum threshold that our island and people want. Ive heard many stories of the kukuiula club and houses which are popping up left and right disregard cultural significant sites including actions of disturbing iwi Kupuna and the destruction of ancient lava tubes. This project presents numerical issues on the limited natural resources are island has to offer and will severely impact the environment from Mauka to makai. Enough with keeping the locals suppressed with gentrification and catering to foreigners who want to come 3 months out of the year. Enough with putting dirty money into your own pocket for the appeasement of these type of people. It is spoken strong opposition to the further development of kukuiula, continued desecration of cultural and historical places, choosing to approve this project is burying that area for future generations of locals to utilize and enjoy. Ua mau me ea o ka aina I ka Pono, state Moto, the land is perpetuated in righteousness. You as designated officials given the Kuleana and authority on these types of issues Do what's right, don't allow this, we don't want it.

Mahalo  
A carbonel.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kiare Machado <kiiare@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:33 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** subdivision application No.S-2024-6

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Subject: subdivision application No.S-2024-6

My name is Kiare Machado, and I am opposing to building along or Koloa Harbor. I grew up at that beach and my kids are too. We've been going there since I was little and there's not much places left like there. Lots of local gatherings with families and friends, and also aloha shown to visitors who come there to relax too. There's a bunch of businesses that use that dock to do their tours. We have so much being taken away from us already why continue. Kukuiula has enough land to expand away from the ocean, they have half of Kauai coffee why should they look at Koloa harbor as if it's money signs. That's a place to grow with your family, teach fishing/ diving, turtles roam all thru there and watch Keiki explore. I am opposing to any building near our beaches.

Kauai can do better this shouldn't even be a debate.

Kiare Machado

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**From:** Danielle Kennedy <danielle.y.kennedy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 9:32 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Subdivision application no. S-2024-6

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Hello,

This email is to formally state my vehement opposition to this Pinkston/Kukui'ula build. Most of the beaches on the south side are tourist centric and consistently crowded. The harbor is one of the FEW places remaining for local families to gather without the crowds.

Shouldn't the focus be on building more affordable housing and less on taking away even MORE land from the locals?

Danielle Kennedy  
Resident of Kalahaheo