

PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 5, 2016

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Mason K. Chock, Chair, Planning Committee, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Līhu'e, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Gary L. Hooser
Honorable Ross Kagawa (*not present at 2:02 p.m.*)
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Excused: Honorable KipuKai Kualii

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

“Bill No. 2634 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING UNITS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS (*Kaua'i County Council, Applicant*),”

which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on September 7, 2016, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on September 15, 2016.

The following communication was received for the record:

1. Roe, Randall, October 3, 2016

The hearing proceeded as follows:

SCOTT K. SATO, Deputy County Clerk: We received one (1) written testimony in opposition and we have no registered speakers.

Committee Chair Chock: Would anyone from the audience like to testify on this item? Mr. Deal.

CHAD DEAL: *Aloha* again. My name is Chad Deal. I am the Interim Government Affairs Director for the Kaua'i Board of Realtors. We do recognize as you also do, that we have an extreme housing shortage here, not only on our island, but throughout the State, the Country, and much of the world. The Kaua'i Board of Realtors feels that this is an initiative which will help extend the

ability to build multiple family housing to our residents, and we support this. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Committee Chair Chock: Thank you. Would anyone else like to testify? Ken.

KEN TAYLOR: Chair and Members of the Council, my name is Ken Taylor. I am opposed to Bill No. 2634 as it is written for a number of reasons. First of all, when I buy a home in a single-family neighborhood, that is what I expect it to be, not an apartment complex or multiple units.

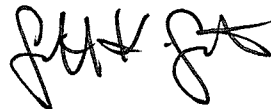
(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Mr. Taylor: This just adds to sprawl. Our planning process here on the island is sprawled enough, but when you start allowing development and second units in every property throughout the island, it is just going to create a much bigger traffic jam and problems over time. I do not think it is well-thought out that you go this route. If you really feel that each community should have a district for multiple units, then that is fine, do so. Keep it tight within the urban area of each development and not sprawled out over all of the countryside. It just does not make any sense. We do not have the moneys to take care of the roads and the activity as it is today, and this is going to add, add, add, and add to the problem considerably over time. I think this is a very bad Bill the way it is written and it should be amended to at least put the development within each tight community rather than spread out over the island. Thank you.

Committee Chair Chock: Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to testify on this item? Would anyone like to testify for a second time? Alright, this concludes the public hearing for Bill No. 2634.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT K. SATO
Deputy County Clerk