Public Testimony and/or agency comments received by the Planning Department at least **24 hours prior** to the July **11**, 2023, Subdivision Committee Meeting and Planning Commission Meeting regarding the following items:

Subdivision Committee Meeting Notice and Agenda Item:

F.1.a. Subdivision Application No. S-2021-7
5425 Pa'u A Laka, LLC
Proposed 2-lot Consolidation and Resubdivision into 4-lots
TMK: (4)2-8-014:032
Koloa, Kauai

Planning Commission Meeting Notice and Agenda Item:

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From:Laurel Loo <LL@m4law.com>Sent:Monday, July 3, 2023 12:50 PMTo:Planning DepartmentCc:Laurel LooSubject:FW: Kauanoe Letters of SupportAttachments:Letter of Support_Kauanoe O Koloa Signed.pdf

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Patrick M. Gill President PO Box 1341 Aiea, HI 96701 gilldev808@gmail.com (808) 864-9527

Colin P. Thompson V.P. of Construction Meridian Pacific 2360 Kiahuna Plantation Koloa, HI 96756

Subject: Letter of Support for the Kauanoe O Koloa Project

Dear Kauai Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Kauanoe O Koloa project, undertaken by Meridian Pacific. The initiative's commitment to supporting up to 40 union carpenters is commendable, and I believe it will greatly benefit both the local community and the construction industry as a whole, along with fulfilling the housing shortage and the need for public housing.

The Kauanoe O Koloa project represents an excellent opportunity to provide skilled employment for union carpenters, who are highly trained and dedicated professionals. By supporting such a significant number of union carpenters, Meridian Pacific is not only contributing to the growth and development of the construction workforce but also fostering economic stability within the community.

Moreover, the Kauanoe O Koloa project aligns with the principles of sustainable development, as Meridian Pacific has consistently demonstrated its commitment to environmentally friendly practices. This dedication to sustainability ensures that the project will have a positive and lasting impact on both the environment and the local community.

The presence of a strong union workforce is vital to the success of any construction project. Union carpenters bring a wealth of experience, expertise, and professionalism to their work, ensuring high-quality craftsmanship and adherence to safety standards. By employing up to 40 union carpenters, the Kauanoe O Koloa project will undoubtedly benefit from their skills, resulting in a project of exceptional quality.

Additionally, the employment of union carpenters provides stability and security for workers and their families. Through fair wages, benefits, and job protection, union carpenters can enjoy a higher standard of living, access to healthcare, and a secure retirement. This not only boosts the local economy but also creates a sense of pride and well-being within the community.



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In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the Kauanoe O Koloa project and Meridian Pacific's commitment to employing up to 40 union carpenters. Kauai desperately needs housing for the local people and this project will be able to provide the housing they need. This initiative exemplifies the values of sustainability, community development, and skilled labor, which are crucial for the growth and prosperity of our society. I am confident that this project will yield exceptional results and serve as a model for future endeavors.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting union carpenters and investing in our community. I wish you and the entire team at Meridian Pacific great success with the Kauanoe O Koloa project.

Sincerely,

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Patrick M. Gill

From:	Laurel Loo <ll@m4law.com></ll@m4law.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 5, 2023 9:57 AM
То:	Planning Department
Cc:	Kanani Fu; Laurel Loo
Subject:	FW: Letter of support for meridian

Here is a letter of support for Meridian Pacific's July 11 public hearing.

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Tina & Earl Balai

Planning Commission

July 04,2023

Re: Meridian Pacific LTD / Mr Colins Thompson

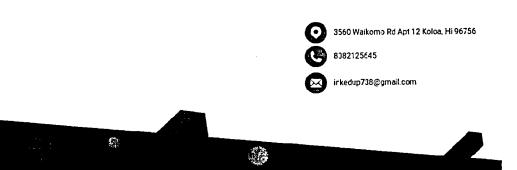
Dear Sir/Mam,

I am writing this letter to show how pleased and blessed my family and I are to have crossed paths with Meridian Pacific / Colins Thompson and team. Mr Thompson is truly a gem of a person hardly found in this competitive world.

Almost a year ago my husband and I stumbled upon very hard times, We lost our home and was homeless sleeping in our car. Finding employment was difficult and we had tried day after day . Things were getting worse so we made a hard decision to move to Austin Texas. A week before the move my husband was helping a friend move into her new apartment while there we chatted with a beautiful women who was also part of the Meridian Team, She patiently listened to our story, then took up the possibility of getting an interview set up with her boss which is Mr Thompson from Meridian Pacific. It was not even an hour later I had received a call for my husband letting him know he had been given a time for interview following morning. My husband showed up on time and with much faith in the process. They had a great interview And in a blink of an eye my husband was Ilired and we were extra blessed when he showed me keys to our new apartment I cried with smiles that were ear to ear. I thought it was all a dream but it wasn't it was very much real.Mr Thompson is not like other Boss's/Landlords. He has showed us so much love and respect and made it clear that he and Meridian cared. I've noticed him work until it was late yet with no complaints still kept a big smile on his face. Not too long after Mr Thompson also gave me a job. Things were going great until one day I got a call from my son who lives here with his two children (my precious grandchildren) and his girlfriend. My son had told me he was losing his home and there was nothing he could do to change that. So we all tried searching for a place for him and babies . I was so worried . The thought of my little ones out in a car in cold brought me to tears . Mr Thompson had heard about what was going on and once again he saved a family from being put out into the ccld. He is a true blessing and a great asset to Meridian Pacific. He is a mentor to me and I really feel lucky to have a boss like him. I Thank Meridian Pacific and Mr Thompson for being sc understanding, patient, kind and supportive to me, my Ohana and everyone else in the organization. A year ago I would of had to left home the place I was born and raised and where my grandchildren resided if it wasn't for the heart felt generosity of Meridian Pacific and Mr Colins Thompson. I will forever be grateful to them. Thank you Planning Commission for this opportunity to express and share how much I value all they have done for me and my Ohana.

Respectfully.

Tina & Earl Balai Inkedup738@gmall.com #808-212-5645



From:	Emma Ishihara <emma.ishihara@gmail.com></emma.ishihara@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 5, 2023 5:13 PM
То:	Planning Department
Subject:	Opposition to Pinkston project at Kiahuna

Aloha,

I hope this email finds you well and you had a wonderful holiday celebration. My name is Emma and I am a lifetime resident of Hawaii.

I am writing in opposition to the condo project by Pinkston at Kiahuna. Please consider the impact this will have to the disadvantaged Native Hawaiian population and deny the project moving forward. Please consider other options to expand affordable housing for people of Native Hawaiian and indigenous communities.

Mahalo for your time, Emma Ishihara. From: Sent: To: Subject: Vanessa Visitacion <vv9@hawaii.edu> Thursday, July 6, 2023 12:13 PM Planning Department Opposition Toward 280 condos at Kiahuna

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Aloha,

My name is Vanessa Visitacion and I am a Native Hawaiian resident on the island of Kauai. I was born and raised on this island of Kauai. I do not want to see development that does not benefit the Native Hawaiian community therefore I do not see a benefit of 280 condos at Kiahuna. I testify against the building of 280 condos at Kiahuna.

Mahalo,

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Vanessa Visitacion, she/her/hers Graduate Assistant | Educational Coach

Na Hokua/Wai'ale'ale/Kipaipai | Kauai Community College - UH 3-1901 Kaumualii Hwy, Lihue, HI 96766 - Campus Center | E: <u>vv9@hawaii.edu</u> | <u>https://cds.coe.hawaii.edu/projects/current/na-hokua/</u> | https://www.kauai.hawaii.edu/waialeale-project



From: Sent: To: Subject: Debi Javar <debijavar@gmail.com> Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:51 PM Planning Department OPPOSE KIAHUNA CONDO

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I totally OPPOSED construction of condos at the Kiahuna. Project. This is not appropriate for our island and culture. Mahalo. From: Sent: To: Subject: Stephanie Iona <s.iona@icloud.com> Thursday, July 6, 2023 4:50 PM Planning Department Meridian Pacific Limited Letter of Support

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Stephanie Iona Waimea, Hawaii Kekaha Agriculture Association 2023

To: Ka'aina Hull, Planning Director

Planning Department, County of Kaua'i

Re: Meridian Pacific Ltd.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony on behalf of our partner and sponsor, Meridian Pacific Ltd, as it relates to community outreach efforts in Hawaii.

Attached to my testimony are "snapshots" of activities Meridian Pacific has generously funded to provide support for our youth, our Kupuna, and organizations on Kauai. As he joined our group of businesses, Gary stepped up during Covid to help Hawaii Food Bank with funding to get food and services to families from St Raphael Church, hotels whose employees were out of work, and families struggling in Anahola and Lihue. He saw an ad I shared where a Fishermen group provided fish to westside communities who enjoy this "protein in their diet", and of course, he immediately told me to extend this gift of fish to Anahola and Lihue donations.

Personally, Gary and Janice Pinkston are no outsiders to Hawaii. For over 40 years they have created business operations in Hawaii that has donated scholarships for students graduating from Waipahu High School, generously donated to the Toys for Tots program, gave school supplies for schools in Pahoa to Kekaha, library books for St Joseph School in Hilo and Kamakani Kauai, Keaukaha baseball league for equipment, Troy Barboza Special Olympics, and the Keiki Surfing Event celebrating Earth Day, and Surfing for children with disabilities. His outreach is heartwarming and appreciated by the hundreds of lives he touches.

Why am I sharing this aspect of his business? Simply, as a farmer, Gary grew up knowing how tough life could be. When he was blessed with successful business ventures, he and Janice felt it was important to "give back" to their neighbors. All in all, they both are kind, giving seniors who want to "make the world a better place".

Meridian Pacific has provided over \$150,000 of support in the last two and a half years to Kauai and Hawaii island organizations. I am proud to be part of having him allow me to share the need from our Kauai community for his consideration to assist.

Should there be any questions regarding my letter, please feel free to contact me.

Email: s.iona@icloud.com Phone: 808-478-5045

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Nalani Iona

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Kekaha Agriculture Association

Community Engagement

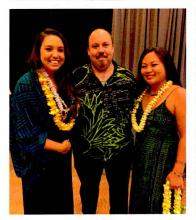


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SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH KAUAI HIGH SCHOOL GYM 9AM TO 11:30AM

Coach Eran Ganot and the UH Men's team is coming to Kaua'i and hostin basketball clinic for young boys and the 6th grade. a yo

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From:shardwick@hawaii.rr.comSent:Thursday, July 6, 2023 10:07 PMTo:Planning DepartmentSubject:Regarding Meridian Pacific Ltd.

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Aloha,

On behalf of E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha, the Kekaha community organization, we, the Board of Directors would like to provide testimony in support of Meridian Pacific Ltd.

Meridian Pacific Ltd. has supported Kekaha and Westside families during Covid-19, the Waimea Valley residents who needed food and supplies after the rock fall, and families in need island wide. We are grateful for their grants to help us bring much needed food and supplies to the westside of Kauai and to the island of Kauai. Without their financial assistance, we would not have been able to provide for Kekaha residents with much needed food as our neighbors were not working when the hotels were closed. When the rock slide happened in Waimea Valley, we were able to quickly provide assistance and bring food and supplies to the families stuck in the valley waiting for the road to be opened. They have been there for for our island, and we thank them and will continue to work alongside them to help our neighbors.

Sincerely,

/s/Katie Hardwick, Secretary E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha

From:	Marj Dente <marj.dente1936@icloud.com></marj.dente1936@icloud.com>
Sent:	Saturday, July 8, 2023 10:21 AM
То:	Planning Department
Subject:	SUBDIVISION APPLICATION NO. 2-2021-7

TO: Kauai County Planning Department SUBJECT: Subdivision Application No. 2-2021-7

Dear Planning Commission Members and Subdivision Committee Members

As a Kauai property owner since 1989, I am requesting that you do not permit an extension of time for a Tentative Subdivision proposal by the applicant Gary Pinkston.

Not only has the time period elapsed for the extension, he has violated every condition required of him. He has been detonating massive explosions for months, disrupting existing burial grounds and moving large amounts of earth. Plus, he has not addressed the issue of documented Protected Species that are known to exist in the area.

While all the explosions were occurring, I recall many Letters to The Garden Island newspaper from residents of the surrounding area documenting and complaining of how their homes were physically shaking with glassware being threatened. Should this blasting be allowed to continue in the future, unchecked by Kauai authorities, might my property in Kapaa, still being occupied by family members, be subject to the same kind of blasting by any of my neighbors?

I would appreciate your considering my issues at any meetings or hearings regarding this situation.

Thank you.

Marj Dente 6335 Waipouli Rd., Unit B, Kapaa, HI 96746

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July 5, 2023

Kauai Planning Commission Mr. Francis Degracia, Chair & Commission Members Kauai County Council Chambers Historic County Building 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201 Lihue, HI 96766

Chair Degracia and Members, Kauai Planning Commission RE: Amendment to Class IVA Zoning Permit, Use Permit & Project Development Use Permit – Meridian Pacific

Aloha! My name is Randall Francisco and I am writing in very strong support of Meridian Pacific's request for the Amendments to the project.

While the company has a proven track record of projects that represent a diverse portfolio, I would like to speak to the usually, quieter aspect of what being a good business person and company should be in being part of and serving the island of Kauai.

What truly make the business-entrepreneurial culture of Kauai very special as I have observed as a leader in the chambers of commerce, non-profit boards of director, community member and in my previous career in education in business-entrepreneurship is a genuine desire to be a true fabric of the locale that a company chooses to engage in business services and opportunities. How does a company achieve this? The first advice I always provided a business was "Profits will eventually come". Thus learn and understand about the socio-economic-cultural needs of the community and become genuinely involved and engaged.

To that end, Meridian Pacific determined that it's engagement plan was to be an open and communitybased-community-centric organization that directs its efforts towards making and creating a positive difference within the local communities, both Kauai and throughout Hawaii. An example of the diversity of engagement by Meridian Pacific was in its participation and partnership throughout Kauai which included providing much needed funds for various food drives during the Covid-Pandemic era, sponsoring community events and fundraisers including non-profits with specific targeted goals and needs. And, as the economy gradually returned to "normal", quietly leading, partnering, and participating in efforts towards helping Kauai and Hawaii regain its foothold towards a re-normalization of post-Covid life.

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Aloha and Selamat Po,

Rachall Juni

Randall Francisco franciscorandall@yahoo.com Small Business & Community Engagement Advocate, Consultant and Volunteer Former Kauai Film Commissioner & Creative Media and Small Business, County of Kauai Former President/CEO, Kauai Chamber of Commerce and Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce Former Director, Kauai Philippine Cultural Center

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Meridian Pacific, LLC 2023/ Big Island

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Sent:	Sunday, July 9, 2023 11:51 PM
То:	Planning Department
Subject:	Subdivision Application No 2-2021-7

To the Planning Commissioners and Subdivision Committee Members,

Re: Mr Gary Pinkston's Subdivision Application

On June 1, 2022 we and approximately 80 other concerned citizens, the majority of them Kanaka Maoli, walked the Hapa Trail to the Kiahuna Homesites Community Association at Milo Hae Loop - Pa'u a Laka St corner. In doing so, we educated ourselves to the destruction developer

Gary Pinkston and his associates were wreaking on nature and the environment in his quest to erect luxury condominiums.

It sickens us to learn Pinkston detonated explosives to smooth out existing Hawaiian burial mounds and crush lava rocks, thereby completely ignoring protection for Blind Cave Spider and Blind Amphipod, two specimens found only on So. shore of our island. Now we learn Pinkston has failed to ask for an extension of time to continue working, an action on his part which by rule must be made no later than one (1) year from his Tentative Subdivision approval date granted August 10, 2021.

We believe Pinkston should be denied the ability to continue. These are culturally sensitive lands. Near the corner of Milo Hae Loop and

Pa`u a Laka Sts, an Archaeological Preserve No Entry sign is posted. It reads...Kiahuna Homesites Community Association Historic sites are protected under state law violation could result in a \$10,000 fine (Chapter 6-E Hawaii Revised Statutes DLNR - SHPD (808) 692-8015

Sharon and Kip Goodwin Kapa`a Homestead July 9, 2023

Planning Department County of Kauai Kaaina Hull, Director

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