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I have been a resident of Mā'alaea for almost 25 years, experiencing the toxic burning at the commercial dump (where the previous cinder cone once stood at the intersection of N. Kīhei Road and Honoapi'ilani Hwy before the gravel was mined) as well as at least two major fires threatening Mā'alaea. It makes no safety sense to put housing in the Pohakea watershed area, the mauka lands. My neighbors and I were under the impression that the County was going to purchase it for conservation.

Please change the zoning so there is no development. The police evacuated the Ma'alaea homes and condos during the last fire. Traffic was at a standstill for quite a while, with one narrow road exiting to one smoky highway. We had several elderly residents (not tourists) who did not evacuate, so some of us stayed to help save them (somehow) if needed. It was a scary time. With more houses and cars across the street, evacuating in this fire-prone area would be a worse nightmare.

Please.

Mahalo,
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