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Aloha,

PLEASE DESIGNATE MA'ALAEA MAUKA/POHAKEA AS "OPEN SPACE" (managed for conservation purposes) RATHER THAN "AG". The current AG designation allows the parcel to be subdivided into +/- 20 estates in size from 2 to 50 acres.

The Ma'alaea Mauka/Pohakea lands above the Ma'alaea community are in an extremely windy, dry, fire-prone area, immediately downslope of high voltage power lines. It has burned several times in the recent past. The Hawaii Wildfire Management Association identifies this area as a "hot spot" (see exhibit and link to the report below). It is a poor location for any residential development and critically important for management to prevent not only wildfires but also to control erosion and sedimentation of Ma'alaea Bay. By changing the designation of the parcel to Open Space, it can be specifically managed for fire hazards and erosion while at the same time allowing for agricultural pursuits.

Mahalo,

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