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Aloha my name is Carol Lee Kamekona and I am submitting my written testimony to you here.

South Maui is rapidly expanding far beyond its ability to support itself. This unpopular project is ill-advised for many reasons:

ROADS: This area suffers from severely limited Infrastructure such as undersized roads, and the "South Maui cul-de-sac" makes for bottlenecks and traffic problems that can also cause emergency access issues.

EMERGENCY ACCESS: There is currently not enough emergency access, in case of wildfires, and other natural disasters. It is almost impossible to evacuate the current population when emergencies happen.

WILDFIRES: The areas above Ohukai Shopping Center have been the sites of repeated wildfires, several this year. One wildfire was in the exact gulch that this proposed development is in.

WATER: There is not enough water in South Maui to support this scale of development. Almost all potable water comes from Wailuku. And is being diverted away from use in that (source) area.

CULTURAL: This site has many cultural artifacts and ancient sites, including heiau that functioned as astronomical observatories.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: Increasing traffic will decrease pedestrian safety in the area, especially at the Kihei High School Roundabout. This area already is considered a pedestrian black spot. With many fatalities and hit-and-run accidents. Piilani Highway needs a pedestrian overpass or underpass to ensure the safety of School Children and the general public.

FLOODING: The area of South Maui just makai from the project site is a flood hazard zone, with frequent flooding causing damage and risk to life and property. developing this area of the catchment will increase stormwater production and increase runoff that the stormwater system cannot handle. This KDMP (Kihei Drainage Master Plan) calls for extensive (65 million dollar) improvements to the existing stormwater infrastructure even for the current levels of development. Adding a large development such as this proposed project would massively overburden the already inadequate stormwater system and would likely put more lives at risk.

POLLUTION: Stormwater runoff and Wastewater production already cause harm to our reefs and nearshore waters, All of Kihe's sewerage flows into the ocean through the porous volcanic pseudo-karst substrate (lava tubes). Sewage harms ocean life degrades water quality and puts the health of the community at risk. Adding a large

project of this size would significantly increase these problems. If we lose our coral reef in South Maui (Kula Kai) we will drastically accelerate the negative impacts of Sea Level Rise and Climate change, such as coastal erosion, flooding, resulting in damage to shoreline property, roadways, and infrastructure.

I also ask that the remaining meetings be televised/streamed for those Community voices who cannot attend in person.

Mahalo nui for allowing me to submit my testimony.

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Sent from my iPhone