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**Agenda Item:** B.1 Section 3.4 | Areas of Change

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CPAC Members,

I strongly urge you to vote against the designation of the North Kihei Mega Mall site for commercial expansion. I also ask that you return the Kihei Mauka area to Open Space and Agricultural designation.

Adding a commercial development and even more residential development to Kihei simply makes no sense for several reasons.

**Reason # 1 - The Kihei area already has plenty of commercial development nearby.**

Within 5 miles south of the Mega Mall area is the Shops at Wailea. Within 10 miles north of

Mega Mall area are both the Maui Mall and the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center. All of these developments are struggling to stay afloat at this time and all of them have many empty store fronts. Do we really need another struggling commercial development in the area?

**Reason #2 - Water supply and drainage issues.**

The Mega Mall area has long been known to have severe drainage issues. Building a commercial property on the site would only enhance those issues and the cost of the project would skyrocket in order to solve those issues.

Also we have been told for many years that there is a water shortage on Maui and in the Kihei area. Does it make any sense to add a large commercial development or residential development that would have major water requirements when we have been told to conserve water for a long time?

**Reason #3 - The charm of Kihei Town is at stake.**

What makes Kihei special is that when you drive down South Kihei Road it is lined with locally owned shops, restaurants and stores. If we Kihei residents desire to go to a "mall store", we can take a short drive to the Shops at Wailea, Target, Walmart or the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center. There is no need nor a desire to have those kinds of stores in Kihei. We must keep the charm of Kihei intact, as that is what makes it unique and special.

**Reason #4 - TRAFFIC!!!**

Kihei has suffered major traffic issues as the high school and roundabout have been under construction for well over a year. Now that traffic is moving much better we want to keep it that way. Adding commercial and even residential developments to this area would certainly bring us back to the days of long, time consuming traffic jams on Pi'ilani Highway and the surrounding streets. Only this time the traffic jams would be permanent. NO ONE WANTS THAT!

In summary, there really are **no worthwhile benefits** to adding a commercial development to North Kihei, only major negatives for the people to have to deal with. We

don't need the retail stores or additional restaurants, we don't want traffic jams, Kihei would lose its identity and there are better uses for our water supply.

Please return the former Mega Mall site to Residential Designation and return the Kihei Mauka area to Open Space and Agricultural designation.

This is what is best for our Town and what we the people want.

regards,

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