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Mr. Yee,

I am a resident of Kapa'au. I want urge the planning department to eliminate the urban designation for Mahukona. I have camped there with my family, taught my daughter how to fish with a bamboo pole in the bay, and how to ride a bike on the old railroad right of way. I still launch my kayak from the dock and occasionally just go for a swim in the bay. Mahukona is the most convenient safe place to swim in the ocean for the residents of North Kohala. The dock is crowded almost every evening with North Kohala residents who gather to watch the sunset. And Mahukona is historically and culturally significant. Such that it has been on the PONC list for 12 years (Currently #4).

Mahukona is not an appropriate location for a resort development. And does not meet the goals or recommendations of the North Kohala Community Development Plan. Putting the resort there, and without adequate setbacks (1000 to 2,000 meters) will put undue pressure on the reef and near-shore ecosystem already struggling with coral bleaching and warming ocean water.

I'm sure you could tell by the response to your talk story and "post-it" event at the Kohala Courthouse a few weeks ago the community is quite unified in its desire to keep the funky, old style, historical and cultural gem of Mahukona, and have the urban designation removed.

Mahalo,



Attachments: Three Mahukona Photos

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