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**To:** [WPCtestimony](#)  
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Please let this letter serve as my testimony noting a fraction of issues that we currently face due to the “Park” area.  
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Orchid Manor AOA  
355 Kalanianaʻole Street  
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To: Hawaii County Windward Planning Commission  
County of Hawaii Planning Department

My name is Brandon Spencer, my wife and I currently own four of the 89 residential units in Orchid Manor located at 355 Kalanianaʻole Street, #200, Hilo, HI 96720. I am also the president of the Board of Directors for the condo association.

I am writing this letter to illustrate some of the problems that we experience due to the public space located along the water behind our building.

- Homeless will camp in this location since it is hidden from the street and any homes that may complain.
- Drugs are sold and used in this location
- Trash and debris are brought to this location by the homeless creating sanitation issues.
- Potential fire risk from use of open flames by irresponsible people using drugs.
- Law enforcement doesn't patrol or control any activity in this area leading to unsafe and uncomfortable situations for the residents of Orchid manor who are mostly over 70 years old.
- The only area of this "park" that is maintained in anyway has been done so at the expense of orchid Manor for decades.
- The areas that the Homeless have claimed are nests and breeding grounds for rats and feral cats which they feed.
- Orchid Manor has had many issues with stolen or abandoned vehicles in our parking area, vandalism, aggressive altercations with tenants, and police activity due to the vagrants being attracted to the "park".
- Bolstering or expanding a park in this commercial area would not be beneficial to anyone who didn't live in orchid Manor. Since the residents of Orchid manor currently have numerous problems because of this space none of the residents want to see it expanded offering a waterfront highway for homeless, drugs and crime hidden from street view.

- Keaukaha is a beautiful area with plenty of space for all that want to enjoy it adding a strip of park space in this location would simply be a further drain on county resources with NO benefit to Hilo residents or even tourists.

We at Orchid Manor sincerely hope that you consider the importance of our personal comfort and safety in our homes above the convenience of a Homeless Highway in our backyard.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Spencer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Brandon Spencer  
Board President  
Orchid Manor Condo Association