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Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

1. In your experience, how prevalent is the issue of squatting and adverse possession?

Well you are playing with a double edge sword. Lot people are homeless and need a place. If they up keep the property and they just need a place to stay. I don't see a problem. But then again it not right. If they have kids even worst. Lot of the owners most likely live out of state and they don't up keep there lot.

2. In what communities and districts do squatting and adverse possession appear most prominent?

I feel puna side has a lot of it going on. Don't get me wrong I live in puna.

3. When you receive notice or a complaint about these situations, what is your normal course of action?

Made be investigate the situation and do what's best for everyone involved. If they are trying hard and really don't get the breaks in life. They might need a helping hand.

4. What kinds of complications have arisen in the past that have prevented a successful resolution of the situation?

Crazy cops and greedy owners or banks. Some of this people do better for the property value then the owners. Just letting grass and junk pile up.

5. For those situations that have been successfully resolved, please describe what happened.

Usually there are some good owners. Let them stay there till they sell.

6. What happens when you contact or try to contact the owner of record?

Why are you asking me! They want to be not known

7. What solutions would you recommend?

Sometimes it seems like they abandon the property. If they seem that way I feel the person who has stayed there and took care of the place should receive title to land. A lot of times the original owners don't pay the land tax.

8. Are there any other comments you would like to make?